

# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
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Tyler Edwards and Lynette Stanko  
will be bringing us the message  
based on their mission trips.

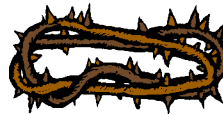
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**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY**  
August 23, 2009  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 Sunday School

## The Ruler



*“Words to measure life”*

### Save these dates:

#### Sunday, August 30 at noon



All-Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall.  
Membership Committee to provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks  
and table service.  
Please bring a covered dish to share!!!

#### Wednesday, September 2

The Chancel Choir will begin its rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

All former members are welcome, and we are encouraging anyone who likes music  
and wants to “try us out” to join us. You don’t need to be a soloist—just one who likes to  
sing!!!



#### Wednesday, September 9



We will begin our children’s groups on Wednesday, September 9. We  
will pick up kids from kindergarten-8th grade at school and bring them to the  
church. The K-4 age group, God’s Kids, will share in a snack, some activity time,  
and then meet as a choir. The middle school group will meet to play handbells,  
then share a snack and a youth activity. Parents should make arrangements to  
pick up their child(ren) promptly at 4:30.



**Robert W. Rueter, Pastor**

**John Davis, Dir. of Music**  
**Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator and Organist**

**Bev Rueter, Dir. Christian Education**  
**Rickie Coulter, Church Custodian**

## Serving this week

(August 23, 2009)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Brenda Gregory
<b>Ushers</b>	Sherry and Bruce Fisher
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Judy Kemper
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Daryle Coleman
<b>Meditation</b>	Rhonda Morgan
<b>Elders</b>	Jan Dearing Henry Dare
<b>Deacons</b>	Nathan Bloyd Jean Edwards Darryl Schrodtt Kim Schrodtt
<b>Counting</b>	Rhonda Morgan Jan Dearing
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Henry Dare Doris Taylor
<b>Preparation</b>	Nancy Cluts
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Mallory Meade
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Wanda Carmack
<b>Nursery</b>	Cydni Bell Carl Fisher

## Serving next week

(August 30, 2009)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jean and Bruce Edwards
<b>Ushers</b>	Marilyn and Gene Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Avery Dean Mackenzie Stockham
<b>Scr Reader</b>	John Harmon
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Mike Grace
<b>Meditation</b>	Henry Dare
<b>Elders</b>	Chuck Taylor Daryle Coleman
<b>Deacons</b>	John Harmon Kandy Wright Amy Smith Mandy Reneau
<b>Counting</b>	Chuck Taylor Mike Grace
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Daryle Coleman Mike Meade
<b>Preparation</b>	Sue Walters
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lauren Snowman
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Membership
<b>Nursery</b>	Lydia Smith Lauren Snowman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Life keeps moving along and so do we here at First Christian! Just to keep you in the know, here are some of the things about this Fall.

The CCC Sunday School Class will have a new home in what used to be the Resource Room in Room 207, and part of the music department will move into the CCC room.

### September 13, 2009

- A new SS Class for young adults
- The K-4 grades will meet together
- The 5-8 grades will meet together
- We have a new curriculum for the YOUTH (grades 9-12) This will be an awesome adventure!
- TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Teachers, please come that day so that we may show you how much we appreciate you and the giving of your time and talent!

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## Great Big

**Thank You** to Kevin and Rhonda Morgan for putting together the GREEEEEEAAAATE time the kids and some adults had at Six Flags in St. Louis in July. If anyone has any other ideas for the youth, please let me know.

*Bev*

## Operation Santa 2009

Operation Santa is an organization started in Peoria that collects Christmas stockings and small travel-size items to send to our troops overseas at Christmas time. Right now, they are one of the biggest collectors for the troops and definitely the biggest in our community. It's definitely a good way to show our troops how much we care!

### **Travel Size, Only!!**

Card or letter of support  
Hot cocoa  
Individual cold drink servings  
Bags of beef jerky  
Instant soup  
Granola bars  
Chewing gum  
Breath mints  
Lip balm  
White or black socks (not dress socks)  
Hand wipes  
Pocket pack of tissues  
Hand sanitizer  
Toothbrush  
Travel size toothpaste  
Dental floss

Please, no soap, chocolate, tea, glass, aerosol, full size, or peanut butter products.

\*\*\*These items need to be dropped off at the church by Thursday, August 27, so that they can be packed and taken to Peoria by our Miracle Day volunteers on Saturday.

**At Graham Hosp.** -210 W. Walnut  
Violet Marshall Delores Spiva

**At Graham Ext.** -210 W. Walnut  
Alan McPherson Dorothy Reneau

**At Heartland:** - 2081 N. Main  
Eunice McCario Jim Paul Hazel  
Swan

**At Prairie View:** 175 Sycamore  
Dottie Stevens Lewistown, 61542

**At Red Oak Estates:** 435 N. 16  
Eleanor Berry Betty Moore  
Norma Pinder

**At Renaissance:** 1675 E. Ash  
Linnie Murphy

**At Sunset:** 129 S. First  
Helen Grose

**At Veterans:** Carl Bushard  
Rm 162, 1707 N. 12, Markword 1,  
Quincy, IL 62301

**Westminster Village:**  
Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams  
2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, IL 61701

### *In the Hospital*

### *In Nursing Facilities*



### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Lucille Bowton; Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bowman; Lori Bremer; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Bobby Burkhead (brother of Johnnie); Benjamin Church (nephew of SueEllen Stephenson); Sam Coffey; Millicent Cox; Marge Danner; Pat Danner, Linda Duchardt; Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Laura Fisher (sister-in-law of Bruce); Dale Goyen (father of Kandy Wright); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Gloria Kaler (sister of Norm Pollitt); Rita King; Cody Krulac; Cindy LaSalle; Freida Lewis; Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Allen Lovell (son-in-law of Johnnie and Ruth Burkhead); Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Inez Morelli; David Mobley (father of SueEllen Stephenson); Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Elaine Ostiguy (daughter of Elgin Cook); Wally Pollitt (brother of Peg McWhorter); Dennis Robinson (son of Irene); John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Eleanor Stenger; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris Svob); Linda Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Marvin White (father of Cindy LaSalle); Margaret Wright



*We extend our sincere sympathy to pat Stanko and family at the death of her mother, Hazel Swan; and to Mike Hasty and family at the sudden death of his son, Tim. We pray for God's care and comfort during these times.*

From **Eunice McCario:** *I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your prayers during my recent hospital stay. I know that your prayers are what served to make me well so quickly. I am now back at Heartland and feeling much better. Thank you all very much, and thank you to Dr. Bernard for all his special care and concern.*

From **Margaret and Paul Wright:** *There are no words to express our gratitude for all you have done. Your prayers, cards, visits, food...most of all you love, have helped us get through this traumatic time. Things are going well at home and we hope to be back in church soon. May God richly bless you all.*

From **Blake Stephenson:** *I would like to first and foremost thank you for the generous scholarship that you have given me. The scholarship has proven to be extremely beneficial in my college career thus far. Regrettably, I was not able to attend the service in which the scholarships were given and I apologize for that. But something that I would like to thank you for is the experience and love the First Christian Church has given me. Coming home from school is not an easy task, in fact I am still readjusting to life in Canton, IL, as compared to my school life in, ironically, Canton, MO. But I know that when I come home I will always have two families to support and love me in any way I need. There is my nuclear family and there is my church family. Having this extra family is so helpful and just makes life easier. I really can't thank you enough for it.*

From **Taylor Soland:** *Thank you so much for the 2009 fall scholarship. It will help me out a lot at school. I will be using it to help with my living expenses. It is always a nice start to the year. I appreciate all the support you have given me over the years. You will forever be in my heart.*

From **Amy Harmon:** *I want to thank the congregation and Scholarship Committee for yet another generous gift in the form of the Fall, 2009 scholarship. I will use it to help purchase my books for the semester. Your support in so many ways has made getting an education so much easier. I am excited about my senior year and especially about assisting in a 4th grade class this fall! Thank you very much!*



# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

## GET ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, .....

Well we have had the summer to regroup and relax. Now comes the time to step up and take on some of the things for the coming year. Of course the major project for this coming year is completing the Interim projects and then having the search committee find a new long-term minister. But first we have to determine where we are and then vision where we want to go in the future, [next five years, ?] so that the leader who will get you there can be found.

Various committees are taking on different projects:

Property has referred to finance some deferred maintenance projects:

Parking Lot, Office remodel, Sound system update, Redoing the walls in the fellowship hall. They are looking at doing these things during this fall and winter.

Education is studying and putting in place some interesting things, new Sunday School classes, and also new materials and ways of studying in other classes.

Membership is ongoing with more monthly programs to gather all of us for fellowship.

Outreach is in the process of allocating the second half of the support to various organizations.

Evangelism is starting to put together things for their new work and approach to attracting those outside of the congregation to our programs and events.

Personnel will be renewing their searches for a Nursery Supervisor and a Youth Director.

Chancel Choir will be having their first rehearsal of the new year on September 2, at 7:00 p.m..

Youth groups and choirs start on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Just a few of the things that will be getting off the mark over the next couple of months. If you would care to help, contact the church and we will refer you to the committee chair.


PASTOR BOB

P.S. Don't forget to pray for all of these activities and the minister that God is preparing for here.

### DAILY BIBLE STUDY 08-19-2009 THROUGH 09-05-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Cor			10:23-11:1	11:2-22	11:23-26	11:27-34
John	12:1-19	12:20-26	12:27-36a	12:36b-43	12:44-50	13:1-11
I Cor	12:1-26	12:27-31	13:1-13	14:1-25	14:26-40	15:1-11

### "Ruler" Schedule



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, September 01, 2009. If you have something you would like us to include in that newsletter, please be sure to have it in the office by Monday morning, August 31.

August	<b>08-09-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 139,245.44
Received	\$ 3,189.04	\$ 139,819.39
August	<b>08-16-09</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 143,596.86
Received	\$ 8,529.00	\$ 148,348.39