

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
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Office hours  
8:00-noon, 1:00-3:30  
Monday-Friday

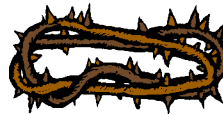
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Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:  
"Is it Healing or something More?"  
Scripture: Psalm 125  
Text: Mark 7:24-37  
James 2:1-10, 14-17

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
September 06, 2009  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 Sunday School

# The Ruler



*"Words to measure life"*

## Sunday School Happenings

September 13, 2009

New SS Classes:

- Young adult (college to 40ish), Rhonda Morgan, teacher, meets in room 205.
- K-4 will meet together in room 210.
- 5-8 will meet together in room 209.

Other changes:

- We have a new curriculum for the YOUTH (9-12 grade).  
This will be an awesome adventure!
- CCC Class, Ron Rupe, teacher, will meet downstairs in room 101.
- Seeking God's Way class, Norm Pollitt, teacher, will meet in room 207.
- God's Kids Choir and New Faith Bells will meet in 213.
- The Chancel Choir will remain in 207.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

*Teachers, please come to worship September 13 so that we may show you how much we appreciate you in the giving of your time and talent.*

**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

(September 06, 2009)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Brenda and Ron Dilts
<b>Ushers</b>	Reba and Jim Burton
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Gregory Joel Harris
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Kara Fitzjarrald
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Rhonda Morgan
<b>Meditation</b>	Paul Wright
<b>Elders</b>	Bill Leitze Bruce Edwards
<b>Deacons</b>	Jan Taylor Dennis Doubet Dee Doubet Sherry Lindzey
<b>Counting</b>	Paul Wright Bill Leitze
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Bruce Edwards Sherry Lindzey
<b>Preparation</b>	Wanda Carmack
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Eric Jarvis
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Sherry and Bruce Fisher
<b>Nursery</b>	Lauren Snowman Cydni Bell

## Serving next week

(September 13, 2009)

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley and Howard Taylor
<b>Ushers</b>	Bonnie and Charlie Harn
<b>Acolytes</b>	Trinity Baldry Hannah Malmgren
<b>Scr Reader</b>	Nathan Bloyd
<b>Ch. Moment</b>	Tracy Snowman
<b>Meditation</b>	Pastor Bob
<b>Elders</b>	Daryle Coleman Chuck Taylor
<b>Deacons</b>	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Howard Dye Sheila Dye
<b>Counting</b>	Rhonda Morgan Alan Coleman
<b>Shut-ins</b>	Chuck Taylor Janet Krulac
<b>Preparation</b>	Sue Walters
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Lauren Snowman
<b>Coffee F'ship</b>	Char VanRossem
<b>Nursery</b>	Carl Fisher Lydia Smith

### A "No Money"

### Stewardship Opportunity

Saturday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m.

This is a time to be good stewards of our church by cleaning the classrooms in preparation for the new and changing classrooms. Many hands make light work!!

*Come one, come all! Join in the fun!*

### Adult Volunteers Needed

Calling all Grandparents, Moms, Dads, singles, or married, we would like you to help in the nursery. The time would be during church and Sunday School. You can have your choice of helping on a regular basis such as once a month on the first or any Sunday or every Sunday for a whole month or ---you fill in the blank. We'll even consider on an as needed basis. This is just another way in which you can serve in the Lord's work. It's a way those of you who don't have children living with you now help those who do or even more selfishly gives you some time to be around children and then let the parents have them the rest of the week! Try it you might like it!!!!

Let either Janet Krulac, Bev Rueter, or Carol at the office know of your desire to help.

### Calling all Ladies!!

### Two Opportunities Coming!

1. Our CWF will begin its meetings on Thursday, September 3 (THIS WEEK). Please come and join us at 1:00, for a special program entitled "Getting to Know You". Our leader will be Vinnie Cufaude, Marilyn Taylor will give the devotion, and hostesses will be Barb Ault and Marilee Casper.

2. On Tuesday, September 29, the Canton Area Church Women will hold a salad luncheon here at First Christian. This is open to ALL WOMEN. Bring a salad to share. Drink and table service will be furnished.

Assisted Living and working women are welcome—come on your lunch hour, and there is no need for you to bring a salad.

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

*In the Hospital*

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

**At Care Center of Abingdon**  
Dottie Stevens 801 W. Martin  
Abingdon, 61410

**At Heartland:** - 2081 N. Main  
Eunice McCario Jim Paul  
Beverly Stuckey


**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 Delores Spiva

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

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



**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**  
Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bow-  
man; 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, 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; Cindy LaSalle; Freida Lewis; Shirley List (aunt of  
Susan Walters); Cody Krulac; 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); John Schleich; Russell Schrodtt; Martha Sepich;  
Eleanor Stenger; Ron Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris  
Svob); Linda Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson  
of Betty Conrad); Marvin White (father of Cindy LaSalle);  
Margaret Wright

*In Nursing  
Facilities*



**“Ruler” Schedule**

The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and  
mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, September 15, 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,  
September 14.

August	08-23-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 147,948.28
Received	\$ 3,713.00	\$ 152,061.39
August	08-30-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 152,299.70

**CPR/FIRST AID CLASS**

Sunday, Sept. 13 from 4-8 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Open to anyone interested  
Sign up in the office



From **Pat Stanko:** *Many thanks for the many cards, memorials and expressions of sympathy John and I received at the passing of my mom. It certainly helps to know so many care.*

From the **CWF Sewing Ladies:** *Thank you so much to the special “angel” who dropped off three lovely lap robes. It was a surprise to find them, and they will be enjoyed by three people who need them.*

From **Lela Landis:** *I want to thank Norm Pollitt, Mike Hasty, Kevin Morgan, Ron Rupe, and Bill Svob for moving me to my new home at East Elm Street Apartments. They were wonderful and I appreciate it very much.*

From **Lynette Stanko:** *Thank you so much for the gift of your scholarship! I am so blessed to have been supported by my church all of these years-the generosity just continues. Economic times are hard, school is expensive, and I thank you for your monetary, as well as spiritual, support. Every semester, your money is put toward my school book fund. It is so helpful!*

From **Cody Krulac:** *First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for the continued support. Having just recently purchased all my books for the upcoming semester, the generous gift from the church is truly a blessing. I would also like to thank everyone for the recent prayers and concerns. All is well and I am back at school and looking forward to a new semester. I look forward to seeing everyone when I make it home.*

# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

As we progress through the transition of the coming months, please, put the following dates on your calendar. September 20<sup>th</sup> and October, 25<sup>th</sup>. These will be opportunities for you to express your opinion of WHERE WE ARE and WHERE YOU THINK GOD IS CALLING THIS CONGREGATION to serve the congregation, community and the world.

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our normal worship time through the Offertory part of the service. Then we will do some group participation followed by a questionnaire that I will be examining and compiling for a report to you. Then we will close with some singing and prayer.

October 25<sup>th</sup> the Rev. Dr. Beth Dobbins will lead our worship service. Then we will have a brunch break for everyone. Following the brunch we will return to the sanctuary for a visioning session. This will be the time to determine where you feel this congregation is being called by God to best serve in the next five to ten years.

These are some of the most important things to be accomplished during this transition. First we will establish who and where we are, right now, not five years ago nor in the future. This is imperative to recognize the base that we have to build upon. Second, we will brainstorm where and what we feel God is calling us to be over the next period of this congregation's life. We do this for several reasons, all ideas are considered, it will give us a purpose for the future and it will give the Search Committee the guidelines for qualifications of your next Senior Pastor.

The only way we can establish who we are and where we are headed is if YOU are there.

In the meantime I would like you to pray that the Spirit of God will inspire you with ideas of where this congregation is being called and pray for the person that is being prepared to be your long term Senior Pastor.

Blessings

Pastor Bob

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY 09-02-2009 THROUGH 09-19-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Cor			13:1-13	14:1-25	14:26-40	15:1-11
John	13:12-20	13:21-30	13:31-35	13:36-38	14:1-7	14:8-14
I Cor	15:12-34	15:35-49	15:50-58	16:1-4	16:5-12	16:13-24

**Happy Timers**

The first meeting of the Happy Timers group for the fall will be on Thursday, September 17, at noon in Fellowship hall.

The menu will consist of pulled pork BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, deviled eggs, and cupcakes.

Our program will be Steve Endsley. You may remember his visit last year as he showed us how he made dulcimers. This month he returns to actually present a program of music on the dulcimers.

There is a clip-board circulating on Sundays for you to sign up—or call the office at 647-1363 and ask Carol to add your name to the list!!