

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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Pastor Bob Rueter will be preaching on:

"Where are we?"

Scripture: Psalm 1

Text: Mark 9:30-37

James 3:13-4:3; 7-8a

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

September 20, 2009

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

Don't forget the Canton Friendship Festival Parade!!

When: Saturday morning, September 19

What: Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, our church bus is in the parade—members are riding and walking, passing out bottles of water and church brochures.

Who: Any of our First Christian Family and friends

Where: Check the Canton Daily Ledger for the parade route—meet us at the bus at our designated spot. You can arrange to be picked up afterward at the fairgrounds or at HyVee.

Also: Wear a red shirt!!

Blood Drive Here

On Tuesday, September 22, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., there will be a blood drive here at the church.

If you are a donor or would like to be, call the church at 647-1363 or the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at (800) 747-5401, extension 119 for an appointment within those hours.



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 20, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Sheila and Howard Dye
Ushers	Char and Dick VanRossem
Acolytes	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
Scr Reader	Dick VanRossem
Ch. Moment	Connie Reed
Meditation	Bruce Edwards
Elders	Mike Walters Don Heller
Deacons	Wanda Carmack Denise Carmack Chuck Jarvis Don Taylor
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Kevin Dearing Mike Walters
Shut-ins	Don Heller Doris Taylor
Preparation	Nancy Cluts
Jr. Deacon	Lydia Smith
Coffee F'ship	Barb Ault
Nursery	Cydni Bell Carl Fisher

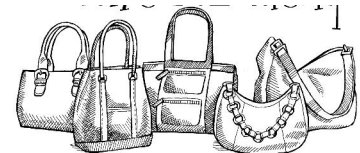
Serving next week

(September 27, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Connie and Don Heller
Ushers	Nancy and Bud Cluts
Acolytes	Avery Dean Mackenzie Stockham
Scr Reader	Mindi Perez
Ch. Moment	Jean Edwards
Meditation	Jan Dearing
Elders	Henry Dare Rhonda Morgan
Deacons	Mindi Perez Darryl Schrodt Kim Schrodt Jennifer Miller
Music	God's Kids
Counting	Jan Dearing Mike Grace
Shut-ins	Rhonda Morgan Mike Meade
Preparation	Judy Kemper
Jr. Deacon	Mallory Meade
Coffee F'ship	Doris Taylor
Nursery	Lydia Smith Lauren Snowman

Calling all Ladies!!

Please join us!!



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.

CPR Training Scheduled

On Sunday, October 04, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., there will be a CPR training session here at the church. All nursery workers should plan to attend.

Adults wishing to volunteer are also encouraged to come!



We extend our sincere sympathy to Doris Svob and family at the death of her niece, **Rhonda Tipton**, following a very long illness.

At Graham Hosp. -210 W. Walnut
Violet Marshall

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

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, 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); Dennis Robinson; John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Eleanor Stenger;



From Mike and Marty Hasty:

Thank you so very much for your prayers, love and support after the death of our son/stepson, Tim. Thank you to all who brought delicious food to our home and the paper products to serve the food on. Thank you for the cards, calls and those who stopped by with hugs. A very special thank you, also, to the ladies who prepared the great meal for us after the Memorial Service. We are so blessed to be part of this church family. God Bless you all.

From Clint Coleman: *I want to thank the committee and the church for the scholarship I was given. It really helps out a lot with my expenses. I appreciate all the support the church gives me.*

From Lisa Grace: *Thank you all so much for your continued support and generosity. This whole seminary education thing is pretty expensive, and the scholarship that I receive helps to defray that immensely. You are all constantly in my heart and in my prayers, and I know that I am yours. It warms my spirit knowing that I have such a wonderful congregation with me in every step of my journey. Thank you so much!*

September	09-06-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 156,651.12
Received	\$ 5,126.00	\$ 161,847.39
September	09-13-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 161,002.54
Received	\$ 3,387.00	\$ 165,234.39

“Ruler” Schedule



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, September 29, 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 28.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

To begin the task of discovering a new identity, think back to an occasion of Jesus praying alone.

His disciples draw near and Jesus asks them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

The disciples set forth an array of answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, an ancient prophet from the past. Jesus probes for the personal response.

"But who do you say that I am?" he asks.

And Peter, boldly and clearly, proclaims, "The Messiah of God".

In so many ways the world is asking the church today, "Who do you say that you are?" The interim time is an ideal time to boldly consider what your answer to this question to be.

Linda Lea Snyder, *Temporary Shepherds*, chapter 7, pg. 75

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 09-16-2009 THROUGH 10-03-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Cor			15:50-58	16:1-4	16:5-12	16:13-24
John	14:15-24	14:25-31	15:1-11	15:12-17	15:18-27	16:1-4a
2 Cor	1:1-7	1:8-11	1:12—2:4	2:5-11	2:14-17	3:1-6

Cell Phone vs. Bible

Did you ever wonder what would happen
if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think; "Where are my priorities?"