

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
215 West Elm Street
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Pastor Bob will be preaching on:

"Feed my Sheep"

Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14

Text: John 21:1-19

Office hours
8:00-noon, 1:00-3:30
Monday-Friday

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

April 18, 2010

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

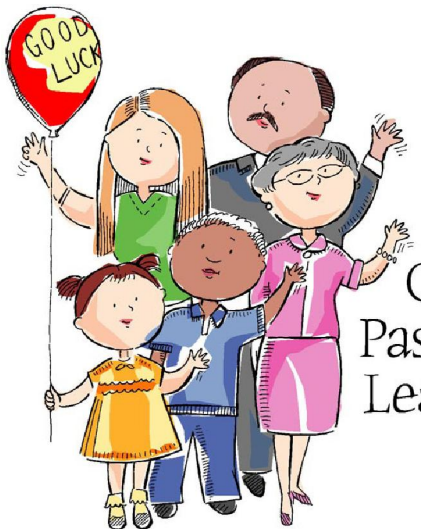
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

Farewell to Pastor Bob and Bev



Sunday, April 25, 2010 will be Pastor Bob and Bev's last Sunday with us. Following our 9:00 Worship Service, there will be a farewell reception in Fellowship Hall for them.

We will be sharing in a cake made by Suzanne Freeman, along with some other special things that have been planned.

Please plan on coming so that we can show our appreciation for everything that they have done while they were here, and then we will send them off to retirement in California with our best wishes!



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

(April 18, 2010)

9:00 a.m.

Greeters	Lori and Kevin Coleman
Ushers	Sherry Lindzey Mandy Reneau
Acolytes	Trinity Baldry Mackenzie Stockham
Scr. Reader	Zack Perez
Ch. Moment	Daryle Coleman
Meditation	Mike Walters
Elders	Jan Dearing Daryle Coleman
Deacons	Bill Kemper Judy Kemper Howard Dye Sheila Dye
Music	God's Kids
Counting	Mike Walters Kevin Dearing
Shut-ins	Daryle Coleman Doris Taylor
Preparation	Nancy Cluts
Jr. Deacon	Lydia Smith
Coffee F'ship	Sherry Lindzey
Nursery	Carl Fisher Lauren Snowman

Serving next week

(April 25, 2010)

9:00 a.m.

Greeters	Char and Dick VanRossem
Ushers	Jan and Chuck Taylor
Acolytes	Hannah Malmgren Joel Harris
Scr. Reader	Diane Schrodt
Ch. Moment	Kevin Dearing
Meditation	Pastor Bob
Elders	Rhonda Morgan Kevin Dearing
Deacons	Wanda Carmack Denise Carmack Chuck Jarvis Don Taylor
Music	Chancel Choir
Counting	Rhonda Morgan Jan Dearing
Shut-ins	Jan Dearing Mike Meade
Preparation	Judy Kemper
Jr. Deacon	Mallory Meade
Coffee F'ship	Nancy Cluts
Nursery	Cydni Bell Lydia Smith

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Monday morning, April 26, 2010.

Our shut in ministry is in need of some help!

With our newly revamped sound system, we are making DVDs of our worship services to take to our shut ins. The quality is much better than the old tapes, and our shut ins can see everything that is going on during the service.

We currently have 2 portable DVD players and one soft side carrying case. The DVD players run around \$90.00 and the case about \$20. If you, your family, your Sunday School Class or other group would like to help out in this way, please make your donation with a note on it indicating "shut-in ministry". Your contributions will enable us to purchase more equipment for our shut ins to use!

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Happy Timers

April	04-04-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,149.15	\$ 72,008.10
Received	\$ 7,315.00	\$ 64,949.95
April	04-11-10	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 5,149.15	\$ 77,157.25
Received	\$ 4,788.16	\$ 69,738.11

Happy Timers will meet this Thursday, April 15, at noon. The menu will consist of ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, and cupcakes. The program will be presented by Leon Grubor and Mark Bixler from WBYS.

This month, instead of paying for your meal, you are asked to bring \$4.00 worth of food for the food pantry.

WORDS FROM WILL

I continue to be blessed by the staff and congregation of our church. As Bob and Bev begin their journey into retirement I want to thank them for the support and guidance they have given us in their time as our intern pastors. Bev has pushed me to grow in my faith and become more confident in my abilities to lead. I wish them both the best in whatever God calls them to next in their lives.

YOUTH UPDATE



Several of the youth and I have been meeting for bible study on a weekly basis. In addition on March 21 a small group of us went bowling and enjoyed some pizza. Looking into the future I hope to bring the youth on an afternoon mission trip to a local food pantry. What I would ask of the congregation and youth is that you start bringing in canned goods so that we can fill the van with food and bring it with us when we visit the pantry.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 14: 10:30 A.M. Bible study followed by late breakfast in town

Sunday April 21: 10:30 A.M. Bible study

Sunday April 28: 10:30 A.M. Bible study

Date YTBD: Mission day to food pantry

GOD CALLS US TO REACH OUT AND INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND CHURCH AND BE ACTIVE IN THEIR FAITH. ANY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WHO ARE OUT OF THE LOOP, LET THEM KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AND INVITE THEM TO COME TO OUR SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY.

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

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

At Clayberg Nursing Center
Violet Marshall 625 E. Monroe
Cuba, 61427

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

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

At Renaissance: 1675 E. Ash
Linnie Murphy

At Sunset: 129 S. First
Dorothy Eskridge
Helen Grose
Delores Spiva

At Veterans: Carl Bushard
#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

Others with special needs:

Steve Anthony (brother of Jean Edwards); Cody Armstrong (nephew of Marty Hasty, in Afghanistan until June); Ron Bankes; Laurie Bankroff (niece of Marge Danner); Brett Beam; Millicent Cox; Mary Cox Fidler; Judy Lawrence (sister of Mark Reneau); Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Elaine Ostiguy (daughter of Elgin Cook); Ron Parrish; Bev Rueter; Marilyn Rupe; Ron Rupe; Becky Russell (friend of Kandy Wright); Martha Sepich (sister of Mark Reneau); Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Sarah Wright (friend of Paula Crawford)

Please note: *In an effort to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. At that time, they will be removed unless you have called the office to ask that a name remain on the list. Thanks for your help!!*



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER



*We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Lucille Bowton** at her death on April 1. A memorial service was conducted on Friday, May 9.*



From Phil and Kris Dare: *Thank you to the CWF sewing ladies for the lovely quilt that you worked together to make for Isaac. The horse and sheep fabric is adorable! We have been overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness of so many!*

Next CWF Meeting



The next meeting of the CWF will be Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. for a Spring Breakfast.

Betty Conrad has the devotion, and our hostesses will be Marilyn Taylor and Marty Hasty.

Our Special program will be "Show and Tell Wedding Memories".

We are asking that you participate by sharing a wedding story or item with us at that time. This should be great fun! See you there!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Two weeks and counting. Getting closer to retirement. My last official act that is scheduled is April 25th. That will be the final worship service where we dissolve the covenant that we made on the first Sunday that I was here. Following the service is a reception during coffee hour for Bev and I, as I've been told.

Ministerial ethics call for the following procedure. I will turn in my key to the building during the worship service on the 25th. Will take my robe, stole, etc. when I leave the building that Sunday. All of my other materials will have been removed at a previous time.

Unless there is a funeral or emergency that last week of April, I will be at the parsonage. We are scheduled to pack on the 26th, load on the 27th, and leave on the 28th. This will put us in 8412 Jimson Ave., California City, CA 93505 on about the 3rd of May.

Ethics call for me to stay out of my successors hair for one year after I leave. This means that I will not come back and do any services. It also means I will not discuss church business with anyone. I will answer questions to the chairperson on things that happened while I was doing the Interim Ministry. So if you call to get my opinion on something, it will have to be golf, weather or fishing.

You have made tremendous strides over the last 21 months. It is my belief that most of the grief over my predecessor is now history. Committees are once again functioning.

Your Personnel Committee hired a new choir director, youth director, and custodian. Each of these people is a strong addition and great performer in their field.

You have looked at who you were, by examining your church history. You have looked at who you are with surveys and meetings, and have held planning sessions on where you want to go in the future.

You have brought yourselves into the 21st century with an up-to-date computer and printing system. You have refurbished the parking lot and updated the sound system in the sanctuary. You are in the process of updating the office and fellowship hall.

Also through a very successful Stewardship program sponsored by the Finance Committee, you had the first year of a balanced budget in over fifteen years during 2009.

Enough already. Just remember the Spirit of God calls you each day to do something special.

Blessings
Pastor Bob

Would you like to help?

A group of volunteers are willing to do some upgrading and renewal of the foyer garden. We are interested in any donations of the following:

- Pottery/Ceramic pots (large and small)
- Baskets
- Plastic Pots
- Plant Stands



If you have any of these goods you are willing to donate, please bring them to the furnace room across from the office.

If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

—Pat Stanko

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 04-15-2010 THROUGH 05-01-2010

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HEB			11:4-22	11:23-40	12:1-13	12:14-29
LUKE	12:35-48	12:49-53	12:54-56	12:57-59	13:1-5	13:6-9
HEB	13:1-16	13:17-25	JAS 1:1-8	1:9-16	1:17-18	1:19-27