



From the Pastor's Pencil

On November 27, we'll join with all Americans in celebrating our Thanksgiving holiday. This national day of gratitude has been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863, but the first Thanksgiving celebration was actually held in the Plymouth Colony of Massachusetts in 1621. The colonists gave thanks to God for helping them to survive their first winter in the New World. The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days and provided enough food for 53 Pilgrims and 90 of their Native American neighbors.

We all have a lot to be thankful for: our families and friends, food and shelter, our community, our nation, and our church.

We have so many things to be thankful for at First Christian Church that I couldn't list them all in 100 newsletters, but here are just a few that come to mind today: the way the sunlight shines into our Sanctuary through the stained glass windows; Sunday School classes; Wednesdays on Madison; Bible study; our craft and bake sale; T-Ball; the Richardsons for keeping our ball field mowed; our Christian Travelers; Signs of Worship; Worship in Motion; our Helping Hands sewing group; our Elders Shepherding Ministry; our Children's Ministries; our Youth Group; our favorite sports team—the Hoodlum Alley Claybusters; our talented Choir; Joyce's dedication to our email prayer chain; our CWF Circles and retreats; our new Praise Band; fellowship meals; our dedicated committee chairpersons and hardworking committees; our Trustees, Elders, and Deacons; our Nursery volunteers; our dedicated staff: Anne, Barbara, Brandon, and MJ; the generous financial support from our members and visitors; and, of course, our weekly worship and celebration of the Lord's Supper!

These are just some of the many blessings of First Christian Church that we are grateful for this Thanksgiving. This month is also Stewardship Month at FCC. If you are grateful for the blessings you give and receive here, I hope you will be as generous as possible in your pledges of finances, time, and talents for next year. Your church needs all the support you can provide!

Above all, let's remember to give thanks to God for creating this beautiful and bountiful world, for giving us our lives and our loved ones, and for sending His Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins and to teach us how to live as joyful, grateful, dedicated Christians.

Happy Thanksgiving to us all!

Glad to be your pastor, FCC— **Rev. Tom** 931-224-3658 (cell)



October Budget Corner

General Budget needed per month	\$23,860.25
General Budget received in October	\$15,653.60
Building Accounts received in October	\$40.00

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery is provided during the Worship Service for our infants through four year olds. Barbara Thompson is our wonderful and dedicated Nursery staff person!

- November 2 Kay Young
- November 9 Amy Philpott
- November 16 Andi Harwell
- November 23 Kathy Harwell
- November 30 Mitzi Crick

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Each month, children (3 years old through 5th grade) are invited to come to the Children's wing for a time of worship, prayer and Bible Exploration following the Children's Moment. Each of the Sundays will focus around the story used in Worship and Wonder on the first Sunday of the month. The schedule will be:

- November 2** Worship and Wonder "David' the Shepherd Boy"
- November 9** Children's Worship and more
- November 16** Children's Worship and more
- November 23** Children's Worship and more
- November 30** Worship and Wonder: Preparing for Advent



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: WHOSE COOKING!

Saturday, November 8, 2014
5:00-8:30 pm.

Parent's drop your children, ages 4 years old through fifth grade, off at the church so you can do whatever while your children are preparing their meal with our guest cooks: some of youth from church. Games and free time follow.

Meal: Finger foods which will include chicken tenders, ham and cheese sandwiches and other favorites of the youth. RSVP by Wednesday, November 5.

13TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU!

A big note of appreciation to all who served in this great ministry from bringing food, to helping with set up and clean up and providing trunks! Special thank you to the Outreach and Membership Committee members. What a beautiful sight to see folks serving together for our guests. Yes, there was fewer guests this year, but they were very appreciative of all that we provided. The extra food went to the Homeless Shelter and Blessing Boxes the youth prepare each month. We could not of done it without you ! Praise God for your willingness to serve the Lord and our church!



GOOD SAMARITAN



Thank you to all who brought cans of corn & beans in last month for Good Samaritan. We, at First Christian Church, along with our Youth, will continue to provide much needed food to Good Sam. The November

Food Focus is cereal and crackers...let's continue to load the shelf to overflowing!

WEDNESDAY ON MADISON

We continue our Wednesday on Madison Bible Study on Wednesday evening sat 6 o'clock. The class will meet nine times, running through December 17, the Wednesday before Christmas Sunday. (We'll take the evening off on November 26, the day before Thanksgiving.)

Rev. Tom is leading the class's study and discussion on the *Gospel According to Luke*. We'll begin each class by listening to some music, sharing our prayer requests, and praying together.

Prayer and Bible study are central to the life a church! We hope to see you in the Cross & Chalice room at FCC!

CHILDREN: 4 year olds through 5th Grade 6:00-7:00 pm
Time of exploring God's Word, playing and sharing.
Meet MJ In Room 4 for Children's Time together on November 5, 12 & 19.

WORSHIP IN MOTION meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Call Shana Pitts or Amy Philpott for more information. We welcome new members! No dance skills required.

Nursery will be provided.

YOUTH NEWS

Nov. 1	MTSU game. Time TBA
Nov. 2	NO YOUTH GROUP
Nov. 9	Youth Group 5:00-7:00 pm
Nov. 16	Youth Group 5:00-7:00 pm
Nov. 22	Church Wide Game Day
Nov. 23	Youth Group 5:00-7:00 pm
Nov. 25	3:30 pm Sky High. Cost TBA
Nov. 30	NO YOUTH GROUP

BABY JESUS VISITS



Where is Baby Jesus? Once again, Baby Jesus will journey through the congregation beginning Sunday, November 30th during our morning Worship Service.

Members of the congregation will host Baby Jesus for 24 hours during Advent before delivering Baby Jesus to another household. The host member will choose the next household to receive Baby Jesus.

Each household is encouraged to record their thoughts, feelings and experiences in a journal that goes with Baby Jesus.

Our hope is for Baby Jesus to visit many homes and not only homes with children.

A list will be provided with previous years hosts.

Whoever has Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve will bring Baby Jesus to our Christmas Eve service.

Please call Mary Jane Heuer if you have any questions and to let her know where Baby Jesus is spending the night. 615-542-4094 or email her at maryjanefcc@bellsouth.net.

CHURCHWIDE ADVENT FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 16, 2014

3:00-5:00 pm

Come prepare for Advent by joining each other. Offerings include making crafts for yourself, making food mixes for the Blessing Boxes, and Prayer Stations.



Mostly important just come and be with each other even if you don't want to make anything. Let's prepare for Christ's birth together.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday, November 2 before going to bed and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives

all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

Outreach and Christian Education Committees encourage you to either prepare at least one shoebox of average size or bring in as many of the following gift suggestions to the church no later than Sunday, November 16 so we can assemble them and get them to the drop off location on Monday.

The three ages groups are 2-4 year olds, 5-9 year olds and 10-14 year olds.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS: Complete list on the table just as you enter Gathering Area on right.

- **Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace, such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.
- **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- **Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- **Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.
- **A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back to you.

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

A donation of \$7 would be appreciate to assist Samaritan's Purse in transporting and delivering the boxes into the hands of the children. Make checks payable to: Samaritan's Purse, note "OCC" on the memo line and place the check inside the box on top.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Our annual Bake and Craft sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies AND Gentlemen, please be planning your food and craft donations! There will be an "Attic Treasures" booth again this year. We will need items in good condition to fill this booth. Complimentary coffee and goodies will be served at 8:30 am prior to the sale. We will also have a table set up for the sale of our cookbooks. CWF will host the event. Proceeds will go to local outreach projects. All church members are invited to participate. Please bring baked goods, Attic Treasures and crafts to the church Friday evening between 4:00 and 7:00 pm or between 7:00 & 8:00 am Saturday morning.



CHOIR STEW AND CORNBREAD FUNDRAISER

First Christian Church's Sanctuary Choir will be hosting its annual Stew and Cornbread Fundraiser luncheon Sunday, November 9, following Worship. The cost is \$6 per person or \$18 per family. Donations are greatly appreciated! Please plan to join us and enjoy a time of fellowship with our FCC church family and sample the great varieties of soups & stews prepared by our wonderful cooks in the choir of FCC church And as always, feel free to invite friends and neighbors!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, November 23, at 6 pm. Rev. Peter J.

Whalen will preach the sermon. Please make plans to attend this community service sponsored by the Bedford County Ministerial Association.



Disciples Women (CWF)

The Women's Group next meeting will be November 11.

Beginning at 9:30 am with Helping Hands

11:00 am Fellowship

11:30 am Light lunch - provided

12:00 pm Program:

Also, a reminder, the **Bake Sale will be November 8**, 9 am - noon. Everyone's help will be needed.

Men's Group (CMF)

The Men's Group will have a breakfast meeting on November 9, at 7:30 am.

Board Meets

The Board will meet Sunday, November 16 at 5:30 pm.

Elders Meet

The Elders will meet Sunday, November 16, at 8:00 am.

Circles Meet

Circle I - Tuesday, November 18, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor.

Circle III - Tuesday, November 18, at 6:00 pm.

Circle IV - TBA

Prayer Concerns of the Church

In Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

Celebration Way

Alpha Philpott

Carriage House Inn

Rose Marie Clark

Melba Henry

Mary Lynn Prince

Christian Care Center

Mildred Bobo

Glenn Oaks

Albert Smithson

At Home

Leeland Arnold

Wilma Beam

Linda Carden

Charlie Coffey

Mai Coffey

Sandy Craig

Terry Craig

Brenda Hancock

Buddy & Virginia Ann

Haynes

Miles McCullough

Bo Melson

Curtis Morton

Susan Price

We Mourn the Loss of Earlene Stallings (Ruby Taylor's sister) and Naomi Frost Brandon Miller (Janie Bartlette's sister)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Sue Arnold

Charles & Mary Baker

Charles & Karen Sue McDonald

Buddy & Ellen Taylor

In Memory of Naomi Miller

Rose Marie Clark

In Memory of Earlene Stallings


Connie Brown

Rose Marie Clark



November 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						1 8:30 am Boat Cruise in Chattanooga
2 Daylight Savings Ends-Turn clocks BACK	3	4	5 6 pm Bible Study Worship in Motion 7:15 pm Choir	6 9:30 am CBS	7 4-7 pm drop of baked goods for Bake Sale	8 9 am Bake Sale 5 pm Parents Night Out
9 11:15 am Choir Soup & Cornbread Fundraiser 5 pm Youth Group	10	11 Veterans Day 9:30 am Helping Hands 11 am CWF	12 6 pm W.O.M. Bible Study Worship in Motion Children with MJ 7:15 pm Choir	13 9:30 am CBS	14	15
16 8 am Elders meet 5:30 pm Board meets 3 pm Advent Fellowship 5 pm Youth	17	18 2 pm Circle I meets 6 pm Circle III meets	19 6 pm Bible Study Worship in Motion Children with MJ 7:15 pm Choir	20 9:30 am CBS	21	22 Church-wide Game Day
23 11:15 am Staff Meets 5 pm Youth Group	24	25 3:30 pm Youth-Sky High	26 6 pm Bible Study Worship in Motion Children with MJ 7:15 pm Choir	27 OFFICE CLOSED 	28	29
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happy birthday
wishing you
love
happiness
peace

November Birthdays

- 3 David Boggs
Josh Philpott
- 4 Jennifer Vannatta-Hall
- 6 Scott Hall
Deby Richardson
- 9 Kayleigh Caldwell
- 12 Miriam Pietkiewicz
- 13 Kasie Caldwell

- Tabitha Lewis
- 16 Dani Grace Pitts
Kathryn Pitts
- 22 Patrick Bell
- 25 Ricky Davis
Bill Pietkiewicz
- 26 Ruth Cartwright
Carrie Beth
(McDonald) Catron
Shanna Simmons

- 27 Karen Sue
McDonald
Hilda Smith
- 30 Lynn Hulan

November Elders

- Terry Craig
- Rhonda Reed

November Deacons

- Hilda Smith
- Becky Thompson
- David Williams
- Theresa Williams