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Remarks from Paul

Hello everyone! What a great start to a new year at First Christian Church! You may have noticed there are several new faces on Sunday morning, particularly in the second service. This is great to see, and we hope to see more as the year progresses.

A new 12 week video series Bible Study "Recovering Redemption" will begin Sunday, March 1st in the Discovery Sunday School Class and Tuesday, March 3rd for the Community Bible Study at noon. The author and speaker of the video series is Matt Chandler, the teaching pastor at The Village Church in the Dallas/Fort-Worth area. There are people out there who are starving and looking for answers but have come up short. This is where Matt comes in with this study. He will show us how Christ changes everything. I truly believe in what Christ can do and I am looking forward to this new series! Please consider joining us.

Sunday School starts at 9:30 am each week with a fellowship time where free coffee and donuts are available from 9-9:30 am in Campbell Hall.

The valet service is going great! If you have not taken advantage of this free service, why not try it out and let the guys serve you? The valets appreciate the support and kind words from everyone. It has definitely been a positive move and we thank you for your support!

Have a blessed day!

Paul



Barb Wisner, our Chancel Choir Director, is looking for a few extra voices to join them with Easter music. This commitment would only consist of 4 Wednesday night practices at 6:15 pm starting on March 11th. They will sing on Palm Sunday, March 29 and Easter Sunday, April 5th during the 8:30 am service.

Please contact Barb if you have any questions at 234-2640.

Board Splinters

The February Board meeting was opened in prayer by Dolo Wishard with chairman Tim Buford presiding over the meeting.

Informational Reports

Deaconesses: they served 1 funeral dinner in January

Sr. Minister: 15 area ministers are attending a pastor's lunch each month, second service attendance is growing, the new Marriage 101 class is going well, and for Easter the sermon series will be on "Worship the King."

Elementary Minister: Mid-Week Outlet is going well and continuing the 8 week series on Missions, changed the structure on Sunday morning Outlet and looking at possible VBS curriculums.

Evangelism: discussed possible advertisement on the new Christian Radio Station 92.9, possible new member dinner, going to advertise the church at a Car Show at Peterson Park in May, and working on ideas for the "Acts of God" movie

Christian Ed: approved the purchase of a ladies Bible Study, 23 went to Winter Jam, Youth sponsoring the Sweetheart Dinner on February 21st and they still are needing donations of food

Stewardship: 2015 is starting out well in regards to contributions

Trustees: the church received a nice Memorial Donation and are looking into replacing one computer for the office

New Business

The Trustees will monthly monitor the checking account balance to see what, if any monies need to be invested at Wells Fargo. The Search Committee made a motion to hire Tyronza Stinson as the new Youth Pastor, the motion passed.

Pastor Steve closed the meeting in prayer.

Men's Breakfast



All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 7th at 7

am. The meal and Bible Study are held in Campbell Hall. This is a great time of fellowship and study.

Pecans

The Deaconesses still have bags of pecans (halves and pieces) left. Each 1 pound bag cost \$10. On Sundays see Barb Wisner or stop by the office during the week if you want to purchase a bag or two.

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of Ruth Daugherty (86) who passed away on

February 8th at the Mattoon Healthcare Center.

Thank You Note

From the many years of being in the congregation and observing the ministry I know you are called upon to try to assemble facts and make some sense of a person's life in a short amount of time. You did a wonderful job of doing just that for my Mom's Eulogy. I remember the laughter as well as the tears. The kindness the church has shown my family will not be forgotten. Again, thank you so much for your ministry and your church's ministry during a sad time.

Sincerely,

Lynne and Tim Andres
(family of Nancy Bates)

March Birthdays

- 1 Craig Whitley
- 2 Robin Myers
- 4 Harold Easton, Michael Davis
- 5 Teresa Stuttle, Beau Scott
- 6 Candy Tate
- 7 Doris Webb
- 9 Lois Carlyle, Evelyn Washburn
- 11 Lisa Ballinger, Amber Eident
- 12 Cheryl Ballinger, Roger Freeman
- 14 Bill Daily, Neil Wofford
- 15 Kenton Albin
- 16 Andrew Edersheim
- 17 Don Inman, Deb McNeely, Charlotte Castle
- 18 Brad Bergstrom, Kelly Armer, Sharon Tull
- 19 M.J. Brand
- 21 Brian Ingram
- 26 Joyce Camfield
- 27 Reece Newlin, Glenda Wright
- 29 Carolyn Sego



March Anniversaries

- 1 Max and Arlene Betty
- 20 Mike and Mona Bays
- 21 Gene and Norma Himes
Rob and Kathy Newlin
- 23 Russell and Louise Wiley
- 27 Brian and Heather Hinton



Serving Communion

Sunday, February 22

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson
10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Randy Albin, Jeff Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard, Neil Wofford

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Gerry Englund, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Keith Summers, Randy Pierce
10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), Kyle Carter, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior

Church Life

Saturday, February 21

Sweetheart Dinner sponsored by FROG and ROCK Students
 6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, February 22

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
 2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center
 5 pm FROG/6 pm Mixer/7 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, February 23

10 am Staff Meeting
 6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

Noon Community Bible Study
 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, February 25

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
 6:15 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Saturday, February 28

9-10 am Smart Choice Food Distribution
 6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 5 pm FROG/6 pm Mixer/7 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, March 2

10 am Staff Meeting
 5 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

Noon Community Bible Study
 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, March 4

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
 5:15 pm Bell Choir in the Sanctuary
 6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
 6:15 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 7

7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
 6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$212,747.94

Church Attendance

Feb. 8th: Traditional: 122, Contemporary: 87 = 209
 Feb. 15th: Traditional: 105, Contemporary: 88 = 193

Return Service Requested

Senior Pastor: Pastor Steven Hayes
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