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## From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Church Family,

Hi everyone!

What a great weekend we all had at church. I know that many of you were shut in your homes surrounded by snow and ice and were not able to attend this this weekend; we missed you and hope to see you soon.

We enjoyed the bells and the singing in the 1<sup>st</sup> service and I would especially like to complement our 2<sup>nd</sup> service worship team. Such great music and enthusiasm! You are awesome! I'm anticipating and expecting a great year at FCC this year. 2016 has had it challenges and through it all we are unified and spiritually and financially strong.

We have planned three great services for you and guests you could invite. Would you invite a guest?

Christmas Eve Candlelight at 7:00pm; Christmas Day combined service at 9:30am; and New Year's Day a combined service at 9:30am.

My Message for Christmas Day is titled, "Something Better Than Religion" and New Year's Day is "Body Building — Members of One Another."

Merry Christmas to You All & a Blessed New Year!

May God Enlarge His Territory through FCC  
We Are the First Christian Church,  
*Pastor Steve*



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Offering to help church members in need. We collected \$2,192!!

## Thank You Note

Pastor Steve and my dear friends at First Christian Church,

I am so thankful that you still think of me and bring me the communion every Sunday. God Bless you, I look forward to every Sunday.

*Verokina Burk*



## 2017 Offering Envelopes

The 2017 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex. You might notice your envelope number has changed. It was time to reorganize the numbers so we didn't waste boxes. If you don't see a box for yourself and you want one, please contact Robin in the office.



### CHRISTMAS SEASON

December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 pm
December 25	Christmas Day One Service, 9:30 am
January 1	New Year's Day One Service, 9:30 am

## De-Decorate

The Worship Committee and anyone who would like to help take down the Christmas Decorations is welcome to do so on Friday, January 6th at 5pm. BWV will be provided for the helpers.



## Small Group

If you would like to learn personal evangelism we have a small group for you. The pilot class is for 12 people and there are 7 slots left. The class will be held on Friday evenings from 6-7:30 pm at the Hayes' home running from January 6th-February 3rd. They will study the book "Just Walk Across the Room" written by Bill Hybels. If you are interested in this class call Pastor Steve at 294-1700.

## Bible 101 Class



Pastor Steve will be starting a new Bible 101 Class starting January 8th for eight weeks. There are 16 slots available and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Campbell Hall. A study Bible is required and if you do not have one, one will be provided. The class will meet as a Sunday School Class at 9:30 am in the Bible 101 room across from the water fountain on the second floor of the education building.



Building Fund balance:  
\$254,114.54

## Sympathy



We extend our deepest sympathy to Brian Ingram and family on the passing of his father, Rob, on December 19th.

- 1 Louise Wiley
- 5 Ronald Kerans
- 9 Wilma Newlin
- 10 Charlie Adams, Lincoln Scott
- 11 Steve Hayes
- 13 Conlan Armer
- 16 Nick Maninfior
- 17 Logun Ault
- 18 Dan Cunningham
- 19 Raelyne Lane
- 21 Nathan Morgan
- 26 Maxine Arthur
- 27 Bill Landrus, Lane Wofford
- 30 Carol Englund, John Armstrong



**January Anniversaries**

- 30 Roger and Stephany Rives

**Church Life**

**Saturday, December 24**

7 pm Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 25**

9:30 am One Worship Service

**Monday, December 26**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 27**

7 am Prayer Time

**Wednesday, December 28**

No "Crafts Are Us" Group

No Bell Choir, Chancel Choir or Praise Team Practice

No Mid-Week Outlet Program

**Sunday, January 1**

9:30 am One Worship Service

**Monday, January 2**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 3**

7 am Prayer Time

**Wednesday, January 4**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

7 pm Praise Team Practice

**Friday, January 6**

5 pm Take Down Christmas Decorations

**Saturday, January 7**

7 am Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, January 8**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

5 pm FROG and ROCK Group Meeting



**Board Splinters**

The December Board Meeting was held on the 12th and Steve Morgan opened the meeting with prayer.

Elders: Steve Huckaba reported that they will meet again on February 4th at 8:30 am and Steve Huckaba will be chairman and Mike Brand vice-chairman of the Elders.

Deaconesses: they served one funeral dinner and made \$1,000 from the Cookie Walk, 2017 officers: Nancy Huckaba, chairman; Dolo Wishard, vice; Jan Booker, secretary and Sally Dickerson, treasurer.

Senior Pastor: starting small groups soon.

Associate Pastor: the F/R Christmas party will be on the 18th, they will go to the SkyZone in Springfield on December 30th and will start a new small group on January 12 at Common Grounds.

Elementary Pastor: Mid-Week number are good (20-24 kids) and there will be no Mid-Week on December 21 and 28.

Worship: they will de-decorate on January 6th at 4 pm.

Outreach: a donation was given to a child in need.

Personnel: got through the evaluations and did not meet in November.

Trustees: looking into a security system, energy supplier and replacing the window in the Bride's room.

Seniors Pastor: visited many in the hospital.

New Business: Board Officers: Tim Buford (chair), Mike Brand (vice), Mona Lee Healy (secretary), Robin Myers (treasurer), Richard Eident (assistant treasurer); Ministers' Housing Allowance approved; Richard Eident to fill a 1 year unexpired term as Elder; approved the 2017 Holiday Office Closings; approved Kathy Randolph as a Deaconess for a 3 year term; and approved Richard and Joy Eident to the Local Outreach Committee.

**Serving Communion**

**Sunday, December 25**

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Bud Miller

**Sunday, January 1**

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Gene Swearingen

**Church Attendance**

December 11: Traditional: 104, Contemporary: 64 = 168  
 December 18: Traditional: 65, Contemporary: 50 = 115