

OVER AT THE CHURCH

There's a lot of memories we hold dear
Times of joy, times of laughter, times we shed a tear
Over at the church.

Our "girls" baptized and married there,
Lessons of love, and living, and how to care, they got
Over at the church.

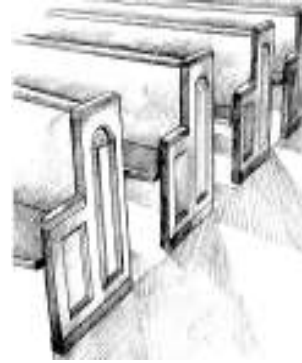
One special day our son took the walk
"Down in front" to commit his life
We hope to this same spot someday

he will bring that certain girl to be his wife
Over at the church

We learned to love, and to have concern,
best of all we learned not to hate
Our life has been made stronger and sweeter,
our minds made clearer and straight
Over at the church

Here a chunk of our life spent worrying, working,
praying, planning ahead
The times spent, the years, the friends,
we are convinced "That God isn't dead"
Over at the church

May there never be an answer makes us feel more glad
Than when they ask, "Where's Mom? Where's Dad?",
and they say
"Over at the church." -Mark Williams



Thank You!
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Mere words cannot
thank all of you
enough who donated
to the Christmas
Giving Tree Project.

Beyond the many gifts donated to
eight families, this year we re-
ceived a total of \$567.96!

The following is a break down of
expenses:

- \$136.00 – eight Share Food units
- 81.96 – eight hams from Aldi
- 50.00 – gift card
- \$300.00 – given to Churches in
Mission for additional needy families

I wish each and every one of you
could see the expressions of joy,
feel their hugs and hear their
words of appreciation.

Thank you for your wonderful
generosity.



The First Word

A Ministry of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 525 N. Indiana St., Mooresville, IN 46158 317-831-2777

Walk in Faith with Pastor Kelly

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a
spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with
one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ."

This prayer given by the Apostle Paul is also my prayer for the
Church. Not only for our congregation, but for the Church as a
whole. Reflective of Jesus' prayer in John 17, Paul understands that the
strength of the Church is decided by her unity.

How will we be a united church in this coming year? How can we reflect
to the whole Church what it means to dwell in unity by the way we work
together as a congregation?

Unity is one of the admirable qualities of First Christian Church. Credit it
to our Disciple heritage, we have always seen ourselves as one piece in
the bigger picture of the Body of Christ. It's important that we continue
to grow in our own unity as a congregation so that we may glorify God
and build up the Body of Christ.

While I was in South Carolina, I put my rental car key in a side pocket on
my camera bag and then headed to the beach to take pictures. I walked
the four (or so) mile stretch of beach and took several pictures. Flowers,
trees, birds, little sea creatures and so on. After a couple of hours, I de-
cided I should go back to my cottage and get cleaned up to go into town
to buy groceries. I got back to the cottage and reached for the key; it
was gone! It had fallen out of the camera bag along the beach some-
where. Fifty elementary school children who were there for an environ-
mental class, the staff at St. Christophers and me combed the beach for
the better part of the rest of the day and no one found the key. We
thought we would go back out after supper to look, but the tide had
come in while we were eating and the key was gone. Who knows when
or where it will wash back up. I had to call the rental company and they
had to tow the car I had (computerized entry) bring another car to me
the next day and all at a hefty price tag! It was a terribly expensive les-
son on key keeping.

I thought about the unity of the church as I searched for that key. Unity
is something that we cannot recover if we let it go. It could take months,
even years, if we ever let ourselves lose that gift. Let us glorify God and
honor His Son by continuing to dwell together in unity!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Kelly



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First Christian Church 525 N. Indiana St. Mooresville, IN 46158

Sunday Morning Schedule: Sunday School 9:00 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m.
Kelly F. Carter, Pastor

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mind for this new and exciting relationship between the adults and children & youth of the church.

Children's Church Volunteers

If you have signed up to volunteer for Children's Church or if you are interested in knowing more please attend this informational meeting January 25 at 7pm. We will introduce the new curriculum and sign up for months to teach. If you are familiar with the curriculum we have used in the past we are continuing with the same publisher but we have a new set to start through. This curriculum is very easy to follow and easy to plan for.

Important Children & Youth Dates

- January 10 CYF meets 6-7:30pm
- January 17 CYF meets 6-7:30pm
- January 24 CYF going to the movie "To Save a LIFE"
Time and price TBA *Please bring your friends!*
- January 31 Youth Sunday
CYF meets 6-7:30pm

**Please see Amy or Ginger for JYF dates for January!*

New Book Club

Wednesday January 13th @ 6pm

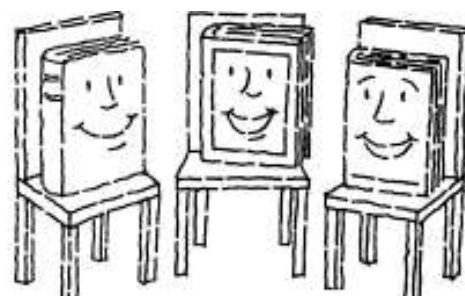
Do you love to read? When you read a good book do you want to talk about it with someone else? Well then we have found the place for you! We will be discussing the novel *The Shack* by William P. Young.

Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his *Great Sadness*, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.

Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

The book is currently available on Amazon.com for \$6, but it's also available at most stores that sell books too. It would make a great Christmas gift!! Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!! Any questions, see Tammy Olmstead or Amy Kollmeyer.



Attention all mentors!

We need all adults who have been contacted about being mentors to attend this very important meeting January 11 at 7pm. This will kick off the program and explain to you a little more about what we have in



Scrapbook Night

It's time to drag out all of those pictures out of drawers and shoe boxes and get them in albums. We will be hosting a scrapbooking night at the church on Wednesday, Dec. 30th from 5:30 – 8:30. We will have hardware available to use (punches, scissors, rubber stamps, etc.), but you will need to bring your own software (paper, stickers, etc.). If you have tools to share, please bring those as well!! Everyone is welcome from the experienced scrapbooker who has completed several albums to the beginner and everyone in between. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, see Tammy Olmstead or Amy Kollmeyer.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY NOTES

Thanks to all of you who have signed up for Membership Ministries for this coming new year. We invite and welcome any others who wish to be a part of this group to join us.

One purpose of Membership Ministries is to help in ways that uplift, strengthen, unite and encourage each other as a church family. We are always looking for ideas and would welcome yours.

Our first meeting will be in February. Following the meeting, we hope to schedule a fun workshop for making "note cards". The scrapbook workshop, which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 30, should help give us some creative ideas and know how!

In November, we sent care packages and notes to 6 college students and 2 servicemen. Thanks to Christian Cafe young people, who baked cookies and wrote wonderful notes.

Margaret McGuire
Virginia Boles

Dear Friends of our beloved Church,

Thank you for the memories and love extended to our family during this sad time. Our dad will be missed. Love from all of us.

The families of the Eubanks, Plunketts, Workmans & Williams



Dear friends, The final Sunday's dinner was a real feast & representative of the great fellowship I experienced at First Christian Church. Thank you also for the memento of appreciation noting our four months together. Wishing you an enjoyable and blessed Advent-Christmas season.

In Christian love,
Roger Heimer

LAUGHS FOR LIFE
A night of comedy with Tim Hawkins to benefit the Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Central Indiana, Inc.

Friday, February 26, 2010 at Greenwood Christian Church Show begins at 7:30 PM.

General Admission Tickets:
\$20 per person or \$18 per person (group of 6 or more)
Platinum Tickets: \$35 per person includes:
Dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse, keynote speakers, special seating in the auditorium, meet and greet with Tim and free childcare.

For more information or to order tickets go to www.greenwoodchristian.com.

For more information about Tim Hawkins go to www.timhawkins.net.

Meals on Wheels
January 5 - McDaniel
January 12 - Bailey & Bray
January 19 - McGuire
January 26 - Wukitsch

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

Lori Van Hoy,
Mildred May,
Wanda Potts,
and
Olive Ann Johnson

Sunday, November 29
Sunday School Attendance 52
Offering \$31.00
Worship Attendance 109
Offering \$1,925.43

Sunday, December 6
Sunday School Attendance 51
Offering \$48.35
Worship Attendance 122
Offering \$5,772.00

Sunday, December 13
Sunday School Attendance 45
Offering \$24.00
Worship Attendance 107
Offering \$1,994.50

Sunday, December 20
Sunday School Attendance 51
Offering \$26.10
Worship Attendance 103
Offering \$5,262.10

Thanksgiving Special Offering
\$35.00

Breakfast with Santa
\$171.00

Victorian Christmas
\$279.18

Christmas Special Offering
\$198.00

Therefore, if anyone is in **CHRIST** anyone he is a new **CREATION** the old has gone, the new has **COME!**
2 Corinthians 5:17

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULES

- Communion Preparer**
Mark Bailey
- Deacons**
Dave Kollmeyer
Susan Allison
Marisa S. & Bekah W.
Kayla Storie
- Greeter**
Mark Bailey
1st Sunday - Tony May
- Communion to Homebound**
TBA
- Children's Church**
Amy Kollmeyer

Jan. 3 - Worship Leader
David Shirar

Elders
TBA

Jan. 10 - Worship Leader
Martha Saucerman

Elders
TBA

Jan. 17 - Worship Leader
Marisa Sims

Elders
TBA

Jan. 24 - Worship Leader
Beth Hensley

Elders
TBA

Jan. 31 - Worship Leader
Susan McGuire

Elders
TBA