



First Christian Church

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Chalice Communicator

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Roger Byrd
Dave Lombard
Matt Lyons
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Martin Schaefer
Guy Stone
Cliff Thompson

Can you believe it has been 6 months that we've been in shared ministry? It is said, "Time flies when you're having fun!" I once saw a church sign that said, "Time flies, so you might as well have fun!"

In my first sermon, I stated some expectations I have of you. I'd like to remind you of those expectations on occasion. These are not arbitrary expectations, but markers of the Christian life committed to one's faith journey. All of these practices help you grow in your faith. That's why these practices are important.

My expectations are that:

- 1) you will regularly attend worship;
- 2) you will engage in spiritual practices;
- 3) you will give in proportion to your income;
- 4) you will participate in fellowship with your church family; and
- 5) you will serve others.

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School – 9:15
Young Adult and Children's
Sunday School – 9:45
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM
10/19 Outreach Mtg. 2pm
11/01 Esther/ Rebekah 1 PM
11/12 Congregation Retreat 10:30
Congregation Lunch 12:00
11/13 Sarah Circle 7 PM
11/20 Elder Mtg. 7 PM
11/27 Board Mtg. 7PM

I am hesitant to evaluate a church's "success" based on attendance and giving. I believe the church should be concerned with the commitment members have to their faith; however, signs of that commitment are attendance, fellowship, and giving. So, it is concerning when attendance and giving fall off. Both have fallen off since July. My concern is it is easy to get out of the habit of coming to church and hard to get back in the habit.

I recognize that you've been on vacation, have had surgery, have been in the hospital, have been visiting family, and other activities that prevent you from being in attendance every Sunday. I do hope you will make every effort to be here on Sundays you are not away. You are missed when you're not here. Our fellowship is not complete without you. And, being in worship and fellowship with your brothers and sisters is good for your spirit.

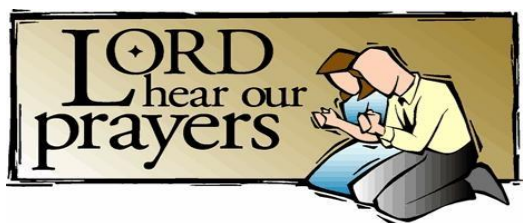
Hope to see you Sunday,

Pastor T

STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
10/15/17	67	\$2,126.00
10/08/17	55	\$1,795.00
10/01/17	50	\$2,613.00
09/24/17	63	\$1410.30
Reconciliation		\$205.00
Memorial Foundation		\$25.00





Prayer List:

Health: Ken Amburgey, Peggy Burgess, Alayne Caudill, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Briana Cuellar, Chuck Deaton, Maryjo Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Troy French, Barbara Gray, Bruce Henderson, Sara Hoelle, Diane Kinkade, Harry Little, Ron Marcum, Nancy Milton, Esther Saxbury, Betty Stacy, Betty Vaughn.

Our Home-Bound: Edna Bartlett, Pauline Ginter, Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt.

Others: Caregivers, children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for John and Judy Andrews for the loss of Judy's lifelong friend, Kitty Dillon-Day. Prayers for Kitty's family would also be appreciated.

Frances Hollan asked that we keep Ivis Caudill in our prayers. He has an appointment Monday for the approval process for a liver transplant.

Prayers for Dale and Barbara Ingram as they were recently involved in an automobile accident.

Ivis requested prayers for his neighbor, Helen, as she has been diagnosed with cancer.

We celebrate the return of Ivis Caudill, Janice Kash, and Nancy Milton to our worship service Sunday.

Guy Stone shared the joy in that he and Jackie's son, Jonathan Stone will be married to Torri Glunt this weekend.

Please remember Pauline Ginter as she celebrates her 94th birthday on October 19th.

OUTREACH

Last month we shared a suggestion made by Heather Lyons regarding accepting donations in order to send gift cards to Disciple Members in the Houston area. Pastor Tracy provided clergy contact information to enable us to proceed with this outreach activity. We were able to provide support to our brothers and sisters who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the horrendous floods that followed. Our congregation, once again, was very generous with our giving and we were able to purchase \$530 worth of gift cards to be distributed to the most needy as they began to cleanup and rebuild. We appreciate Rev. Peggy Edge, Area Minister for Coastal Plains Area, for assisting us and conveying our message that we continue to hold the victims of these disasters in our prayers and in our hearts. Through your support, we were able to send help, hope and our love. Thank you!

As is our tradition, the Outreach Team will soon be meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming holidays. We will share our plans through announcements on Sunday mornings and in the upcoming newsletters. Watch for our display table in the narthex prior to Thanksgiving.

Linda Poynter and Sharon Amburgey, Outreach Co-chairs

CWF NEWS

CWF sponsored a Health kit collection the past 2 weeks and on Sunday we put together all of the items into 40 kits. We also had a light luncheon after church. Thanks to everyone who participated in this project. The kits will be shipped this week to Church World Service. CWF is also beginning to put together a yearbook this fall.

If you have any changes to make to your information as far as address and phone number, please let Linda Poynter or Crystal Watson know.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Family Fun Fest. We had a bit of bad luck in the weather department and needed to relocate into the fellowship hall for the evening. We really needed the rain though. In addition to our church family, we had 7 visitors that evening who saw our event on the church's Facebook page. Everyone in attendance still had a good time and there were plenty of laughs, games, crafts and food to share. We have s'mores ingredients left over. Keep your ears open for a last minute opportunity to have a fun night with S'mores and fireworks.

Membership Committee

Karen Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS, TYLER!

One of the many benefits of worshipping with our congregation is that we get to see our young people grow and mature. We have worshipped with their families and shared good times throughout the years. We are blessed with all of the youth in our congregation and want to congratulate one exceptional young man who was inducted into the Monroe High School National Honor Society this week. To all who know him, this is not a surprise and the honor goes to Tyler Hendricks. Congrats, Tyler, your church family is very proud of you!



ZOO TRIP

We are planning a group trip to the Cincinnati Zoo on Saturday, November 11th! So bring a sweater and a friend and we'll see lions, tigers, and bears and if we're lucky, a super adorable baby hippo! A picnic lunch will be provided. If we get 15 people, we get the group rate of \$9.00 for kids and seniors and \$13.25 for adults. (Compared to regular price of \$13.00 for kids and seniors and \$19.00 for adults.) Contact Heather Lyons with your RSVP at (513) 571-8427 or e-mail lyonsden@rocketmail.com

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATES-OCTOBER, 2017

We will begin posting projects in the newsletter that the property committee need to tackle. If you have an interest in some of these, be it with your hands or your cash, let Larry Steele or Cliff Thompson know. All help is greatly appreciated! I would like to thank all of the mowers who continue to do a wonderful job of keeping the grounds neat and crisp. It does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Some of the projects around our place are:

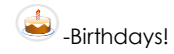
- New fencing around the dumpster – *Thank you to Tim Hendricks for getting a material list together for pricing this project.*
- Stripping and waxing the fellowship hall. Contact Tim Hendricks to help with this.
- Painting in the fellowship hall
- Pressure washing the garage
- Garage clean out and organization
- Getting the Steeple cleaned – Do you know anyone who does this?
- Painting the light pole in the parking lot
- Replacing ceiling tiles throughout the building
- Repairing screens
- Removing wax from the sanctuary carpet
- Cleaning the Narthex carpeting

If any of these projects fit your skill level or you would like assist financially, let Larry or myself know.

Thanks,
Cliff Thompson & Larry Steele
Property Co-Chairs



October/November, 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		October 17	18 Sarah Elder Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	19 Peggy Cain Pauline Ginter Outreach Mtg. 2:00	20	21 Wanda Deaton
22	23 ELDER & BOARD MTG. 7 PM	24	25 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	26	27	28
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5 All Saints' Sunday	6	7	8 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00	9	10	11 Cincinnati Zoo Trip
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