

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

SUNDAY SERVICE
February 23, 2020

Sermon
"What Fruit Are You?"
Rev. Sue Knipp

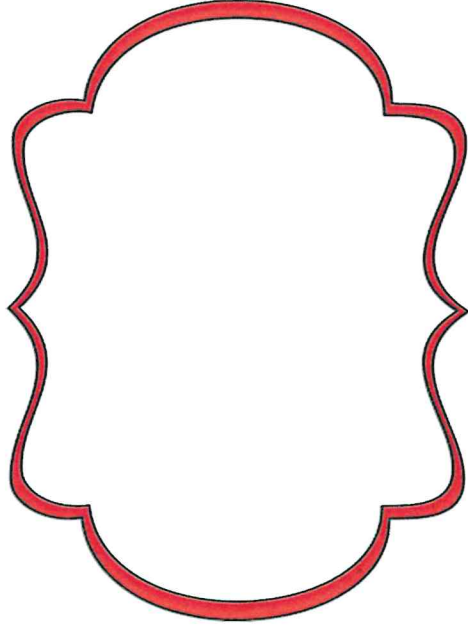
Scripture: Matt. 7:15-20

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 2/9/20 -89
2/16/20 - 69

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First Christian Church



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our four church members who were baptized on February 9th. Those baptized were **Wilbur Brown, Barry Haggard, Gracee Haggard, and Devan Swift.**

If you have been thinking about being baptized, but missed the February 9th date, you have another opportunity to be baptized on **April 19, 2020**. Pastors' classes will begin on March 29th (10:30 AM) for anyone interested. Please let the pastors or the office know.

LOST & FOUND



Please check our **Lost and Found Box** in the hallway by the office door. It continues to grow. We have eye glasses, keys, books, jewelry, umbrellas, and other miscellaneous items. There was also a gift found in the sanctuary. If this item is yours,

please come to the office to identify and retrieve it. Anything not claimed by March 1 will be disposed of.

One week without prayer makes one weak!

SERVING IN MARCH



God's Work
Our Hands

Deacons: Gary Bellessa, Lizzie Irelan, Lillian Foshee
Shari Ross, Larry Boewe, Marilyn Bellessa

Custodial Deacon: Melvin Hocking

Elder on Call: Janice Alka

Sanctuary Straightener: Mary Burkitt

Acolytes: Luke Hipsher & Keagan Lathrop

Counters: Gayle Conrady & Shari Ross

Communion Preparers: Doris Deputy & Esther Calverley

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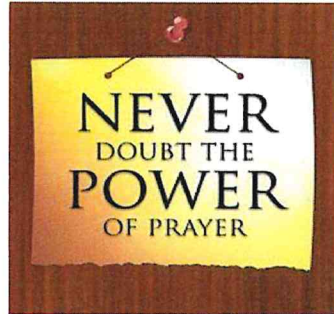
OFFERING - February 9, 2020	
General	\$3,075.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	23.00
Blessing Basket	2.00
Brown Bag Buddies	100.00
WADI	50.00
Youth	28.17
TOTAL:	\$ 3,286.17

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OFFERING - February 16, 2020	
General	\$1,615.00
Sunday School	7.00
Week of Compassion	175.00
Fellowship Time (CCF)	27.70
World Outreach	8.00
TOTAL:	\$1,832.70

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Several individuals from the church have either had surgery or are facing surgery. Please keep everyone in your prayers for a good report and a rapid recovery.



***** DON'T FORGET THAT THE TIME CHANGE IS COMING UP NEXT MONTH. BE READY TO "SPRING FORWARD" ON MARCH 8, 2020. *****



Kevin Pixley, Ron DeFoor, Emily Ewald, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Elaine Spencer, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Mary Peterson, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Fred Xanders, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Harold Mobley, Jaxson Malcolm, Sean Crawford, Connie Mayhue, Rosanna Peterson, Etta Rosignol, Malvin Kepley, Blake Strine, Leslie Bone, Verlin Snow, Brad Thompson, **Max Irelan, Ralph & Jean Raber, Rev. Mike Bever,** and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women, and natural disaster victims.

***The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list, you must have the list.**

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ONLY ONE LIFE
*"Only one life... so soon it will pass,
 Only what's done for Christ will last!
 Only one chance to do His Will,
 So live for Jesus all your days,
 It's the only life that pays,
 When you recall...
 You have but ONE LIFE!"*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being...
 Psalm 146: 1-2

*****The next Church Board Meeting, will be March 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM.*****

WE NEED YOU...

The FCC Choir is **still** looking for new members to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord”. If you are interested in joining this fine group, please let Choir Director, Gary Hargett, know.





Ash Wednesday

Pancake Supper and Service

Our Pancake Supper will be Wed., Feb. 26, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be followed by our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend. Why not invite a guest to join you for the meal and service.



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Upcoming Youth Activities

- April 6 **No Youth Group**
- May 13 Tentative last day of Youth Group for summer
- June 29-July 3 Mission Trip to Memphis, TN

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We would like to welcome Ben Ross and Jon Mayhue as our two newest Elders at First Christian Church. These men have graciously agreed to serve in this very important position. Welcome, gentlemen and thank you. In fact, we would like to thank All Elders for serving the FCC congregation in this capacity. May the Lord richly bless each one of you!

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Regional Minister's Moment

An open letter to all of us in the Christian

Church in Illinois and Wisconsin by Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea Parker

Our mission; To connect and empower Disciples congregations for life-changing and life-giving ministries in our evolving world.

Dear Church,

Perspective is the theme of the Sabbatical journey I will be on from Feb. 16-May 10. The theme was inspired by a book "Perspective: Calm Within the Storm" by Robert J. Wicks, PhD.

This is a description of the book: "For generations, classic wisdom literature has taught that a healthy perspective can replenish our thirst for a meaningful and rewarding life. From its inception clinical psychology has followed suit, revealing that how we see ourselves and the world is more important than what we see or have---in essence, that a healthy perspective is tantamount to possessing the psychological "pearl of great price." . . . "Perspective teaches us to see ourselves more completely and will inspire us to become the calm within the storm, better able to enjoy our experiences, maintain balance in our professional and personal lives, and reach out to others without being pulled down in the process."

This sabbath time is a personal journey with a desire to look into ways to help our leaders find life-giving/life-changing perspective regarding the times in which we live. It can make all the difference to health, well-being, and a "meaningful and rewarding life." I am already collecting stories to share with you. I will be writing and creating a few more videos---I hope you liked my first one for the New Year. Al and I will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand---to see the southern cross---the view from down under. We will bring your prayers for the healing of the earth, and the hearts of those who have been touched by loss and grief...

It makes a difference how we look at things. For example, when in a time of any great transition. One way to look at the change happening, is to see the end of a way of life--- that which gave us meaning is being lost. We naturally grieve, and often in our sense of powerlessness can strike out in anger, blame or try to hold on to what no longer serves. Another way through is to choose to wonder about what new things may be emerging, to turn to faith that there is meaning even in this moment; to begin to look where the new light is peeking through anew....

We do this, because we want to be a radically welcoming Region of connected Disciples congregations, radiating the Creator's love, continuing Christ's mission, and following the Spirit's call. (Vision 2018)





BIRTHDAYS

1	Ricki Hays	18	Lori Roberts
2	Kim Baker Elizabeth Fiero Linda Gill	19	Mike Hays Aaron Sigler
3	Stacey Swift	21	Don Marx Linda Chenoweth
6	Kristyn Grimwood	22	Jon Mayhue
7	Fred Xanders	23	Emma Rose Wolf
8	Sara Storckman	24	Rhiannon Anderson
11	Rebecca Nelson	26	Janet Payne
13	Elliott Gill Keagan Lathrop Kim More	27	Lisa Benedict
15	Cameron Smith	29	Sharon Mobley





**March
Anniversaries**

14 Bill & Joan Hackler

March 2020



Senior Group - Each Wed. 10 AM – 2 PM
 CCF – Each Wed. 3:30-5:00 PM
 Choir – Each Sunday 8:40 AM
 Senior Exercise - M, W, TH 9-9:45 AM
 CYF/Chi Rho – Each Wed. 5 – 6:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fellowship Time	2 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	3 Counseling	4 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	5 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Christian Action Mtg. 5:30 PM BBB bagging 4:30 pm	6 World Day of Prayer	7 
8 TIME CHANGE SPRING FORWARD Holly Brook Service @ 3:00 PM	9 Evangelism Mtg. 5:00 PM World Outreach Mtg. 5:30 PM	10 Counseling Anxiety Group 7-8:30 PM	11 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Property Mtg. 5:00 PM	12 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	13	14
15 Fellowship Time	16 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Worship Mtg. 6:00 PM	17 Counseling  Stewardship Mtg. 6:30 PM	18 Exercise 9-9:45 AM CHURCH BOARD MTG. 7:00 PM	19 Exercise 9-9:45 AM COOKIE DAY	20	21 Betty Compton Funeral Shorts Funeral Home at 11:00 AM
22	23 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	24 Counseling NO Grief Support Group	25 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	26 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	27	28
29 1st Pastors' Class 10:30 AM (for those wishing to be baptized) Potluck Dinner 11:30AM CCF Special Offering	30 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	31 Counseling	