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Monthly Newsletter of
First Christian Church of Wayne City
December 2017

Upcoming Events

- 12/1 6:30pm Men's meeting
@ Steve Griswold's
- 12/3 12noon C&C Meeting
@ Steve and Rhonda G.
3pm Leadership Meeting
5pm Christmas Play Practice
- 12/7 6pm Ladies of Grace Meeting
Christmas at Tammy F's
- 12/9 7pm Wayne City Matters
WC Christmas Parade
- 12/17 5pm Cowboy Dinner
6:30pm For Unto Y'All
- 12/18 College & Career Conference
- 12/20 Christmas Caroling in the
Wayne City Community
- 12/24 9:30am Sunday School
10:30 am Christmas Eve Service
High Attendance day (150 goal)
No Evening Service
- 12/31 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30am New Year's Eve Service



Saddle up for a rootin' bootin' good time!

Round up your posse and come enjoy a Cowboy Dinner with all the fixings on Dec. 17th at 5pm and then join us as we present "For Unto Y'All" A Cowboy Christmas at 6:30pm.

From the days of the Old West comes this version of the ageless story of Jesus birth! Join us for this presentation of the wonderful Christmas Story with a western spin.

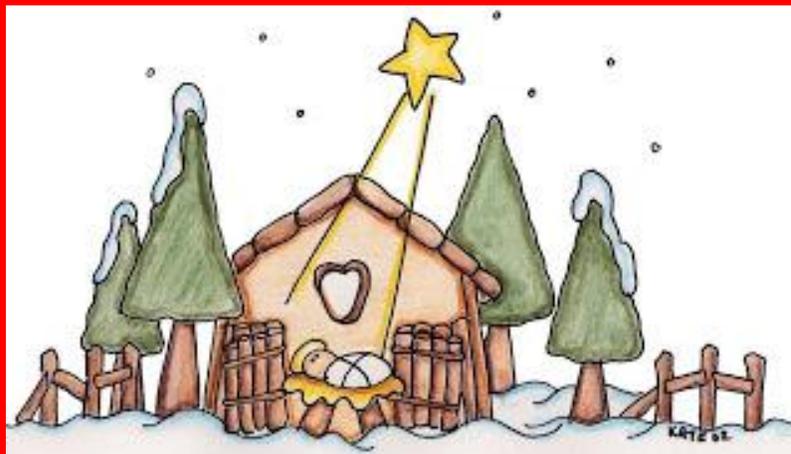
Cowboy Dinner tickets are available for purchase for \$5.00 per person. Contact Rachel, Marcie, Charlene or Becky to purchase tickets.

Christmas Caroling

Come join us on December 20th as we Christmas carol to our community of Wayne City. Help us spread the Hope and Joy of Jesus to All who can hear!! We will meet at Fccwc 6pm and after caroling we will then enjoy refreshments at JT's!

Jesus: The Reason for the Season

It seems impossible that it's already December! If you're like me, you're probably wondering where has the time went? Christmas time is upon us! It's one of my favorite times of year! The lights, the music, the movies, the family gathered around, the traditions we have created as a family. Most importantly though, this is the season that we celebrate the coming of our Lord. He came here to earth to show us how to live. He came to save us from our sins. He did that by showing us only through Jesus can we live a holy life. Let's take time this Christmas season to make sure we model for our family and friends the love of Jesus. Let's set aside a time to slow down and be intentional about modeling Jesus for those close to us, especially our children and grandchildren. Be intentional this Christmas about showing them what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ Jesus. Take them Christmas caroling in the community, bake cookies for your neighbor, pay for someone's meal or offer to help someone with a task that they are struggling to complete. Finally, Jesus came so we would know He understands what it means to be human. He knows what it is to be tempted. Jesus came so He would understand our hardships, fears and our life situations. Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet he did not sin." Jesus left His throne in heaven to come to earth and be tempted so we would know He understands us: He understands our weaknesses, fears, doubts and temptations. It's because of this we know we can go before Him and He will help us. We know He will understand our situation. This I pray for all of us, that we celebrate Christmas and remember just what Jesus did for us when He was born in that manger 2000+ years ago! Christ is come! I pray that you see Christ's birth as the act of love it was, and allow it to shape your life!



A Stocking for Jesus

We celebrate each Christmas
Jesus Christ's great birth,
We remember the gift He is to us
and that our souls have worth.

Let us watch all through the season
for gifts to Jesus we would give;
we'll put them in His stocking
and know that He still lives.



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December Birthday's &
Anniversaries

12-2 Ben Caldwell

12-8 Kyson Seymour

12-11 Jerry Cisne

12-13 Amanda Seymour

12-24 George and Doris Smith (55 yrs)

12-30 Sherry Locey

Nursery Schedule for December

December 3rd- Jayla P. & Austin S

December 10th - Bethany B.

December 17th - Rita S.

December 24th - Barb G.

December 31st - Shawntell D.

If you are not able to work on the
day you are scheduled, please
contact Bethany and let her know
ASAP at 618-599-1439. Thank you!

Faith makes all things possible

Hope makes all things work

Love makes all things beautiful,

*May you have all three this Christmas
and through the New Year!*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From First Christian Church and Staff!!

From the desk of the Pastor

Merry Christmas!

This month will be filled with many activities and events. Our church is at the forefront of what is happening in our community. We are greatly involved in local outreach projects and we finished "The Christmas Code" giveaway to over 500 residents!

We will host "For Unto Y'all" Christmas Play and Dinner on December 17th. Do not miss the live performance of the play! The cast has worked so hard on learning lines, designing the backdrop, and spent hours rehearsing for that special service!

Our college and career group is going to attend a special conference at Lake Sallateeska in Pinckneyville on December 18-20. They will be led by Matt Griswold and Jon McDonald on the topic "facing our giants". Pray that they will be challenged and continue to learn how to stay strong in their faith!

We have a special attendance goal this month of having over 150 on December 24th! This is Christmas Sunday and if we all try hard to get our family, friends, and neighbors to come and worship with us, God will use this service to minister to us all!

On December 31st I will be bringing a message that I feel speaks to the growth and strength of our church. The title of the sermon that day will be "Never look back" as we finish the 150 days of prayer we move into the 2018 year of outreach and evangelism of seeing 50 people come to Christ and over \$50,000 given to the Jubilee Building Fund!

Thank you for all your prayers and support this year as we transitioned ourselves into the **Leading Church** God has chosen us to be!

Growing together,

Bro. Steve

