

First Church of Christ

206 W. Church Street

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:30AM

Jr/Sr High Youth Activities.....6:00PM

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Dates to Remember:

March 30
6:30PM Walk Through

April 03
12:00PM Youth Ministry meeting

April 06
6:30PM Walk Through

April 08 CAMP WORK DAY

April 09 CAMP WORK DAY
9:00-11:00AM Food Bank Open

April 10
4:30PM Missions Ministry meeting

April 13
4:00PM First Care Ministry meeting
6:30PM Walk Through
7:15PM Worship Ministry meeting

April 16
8:00AM Bldg & Grnds Mnstry Work Day
10:00AM Women’s Ministry-college boxes

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Facts and Figures:

03-20-11 General Fund \$2042.39

03-20-11 Missions \$1375.31

03-20-11 Roof \$ 50.00

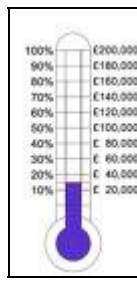
03-27-11 General Fund \$2968.18

03-27-11 Missions \$1272.08

03-27-11 Roof \$ 50.00

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Total:



Roof

\$44,105.10



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Render What is Due

Aaaahhhh! The sun is starting to shine more, the days are getting noticeably longer, I am seeing flowers springing forth and it turns my thoughts as the month of April starts tooooo.....TAX DEADLINE.

I know that not everyone gets a tax refund check from our government for the previous year; I also know that of those who do get a check, the amount can range from very little to very significant. The question arises then as to what to do with any money you may get as a tax refund.

In 2008 our government sent out checks to a large portion of Americans as a part of an economic stimulus package. Shortly before those checks were sent out Sony ran an advertisement that said, “Turn your 1040 into a Sony 1080p.” The advertisement went on to suggest that Americans use their tax stimulus check to buy a new Sony TV. I’m sure, still today, that Sony would suggest that a new large flat screen TV and a Blu-Ray disc player would be a great purchase with any refund money you might get, and Apple would suggest you buy an iPhone 4 or an iPad. I recently saw an advertisement on TV from Lowes that offered to the masses that they put their tax return money onto a Lowes gift card and in return they would add 10% of that amount to the card, purposely by the way, insuring that the money will get spent in their store. So many companies that would gladly show you ways to spend your money, however, like most Americans you probably don’t need any help in figuring out what to spend any extra money on. You probably already have a list of things in mind that you would like to be able to put money toward if you have it. On April 15th of 2008, *USA Today* had an article about how people were going to spend the stimulus checks they were going to receive in 2008. What they found was that nearly half of those surveyed (47%) said they planned to use their rebate checks to pay down debt. About a third (32%) said they intended to save the money, and only 21% said they would spend the money. I have to wonder if those numbers changed once the people got the money in their hands. I wonder the same thing today, if good intentions fall to the wayside on what a tax refund will be used for once the money hits the palm of our hands.

For most folks, paying down debt or increasing our savings may be a great place to put money they receive, but before that money slips quickly thru your fingers, I would like to offer one important and valuable suggestion. If you are one who gets a refund check after paying your taxes, consider giving some of this money to the local church or a mission work. Throughout history, God has asked His people to give the first fruits, the first of the crop, to God. Before **we** decide how **we** want to spend or invest the money we receive, let us honor God with our finances. We need to give back to God from **ALL** that we prosper.

Prov. 14:15 says, “*The naïve believes everything, but the prudent man considers his steps.*” I pray that we do not allow advertising or a whim to decide how we spend our money. Instead, may we give prayerful consideration about how we handle the money God entrusts to us!

In His service,
Doug



Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, April 3rd immediately after AM Worship Service.



CJV Believe Conference

The Junior High Students are going to Reardon Auditorium at Anderson University April 15th and 16th. Speaker will be Kurt Johnston from Saddleback Church in California. Cost is \$25 for registration plus 2 meals. Need registration & medical release forms turned in by Sunday, April 3rd. Don't forget to invite your friends! Any questions, please call David and Katrina Norris.

Home Fellowship

With the many activities surrounding Resurrection Sunday, Home Fellowship Bible Study will not be meeting in the month of April. In May, please look for new information on dates and times for Home Fellowship Bible Study to resume and to gather once again for fellowship and study.

Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Helen Gesell; Heather Good; Jerry Harris; Johna Yandl

Our Missionaries including:

I.D.E.S.

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Bob Bretzinger-Sandy Thornburg's brother
Pamela Cole-Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law
Janice Dill-Bob Thornburg's sister

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Pine Knoll:

Mary Norris

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier
Alice Hartley

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

These names and concerns have been reported or up-dated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.

Western Buckeye

Service Camp

Work Days at Camp Christian are scheduled for Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th. If you can help, please see Chuck Glunt. Also, if you have a child going to camp this summer, the camp dates are posted on bulletin board.



Food Bank

The Lynn Community Food Bank will be open on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00AM till 11:00AM. If you would like to help, just show up and they will be happy to have you there! Donations of food and clothing are accepted anytime.

Staten Island, New York

Tim and Annette Wilson have asked First Church to join them again this year on the mission trip to New York. Trip is scheduled for July 13th through July 23rd. If interested in going, please see Cindy Williams.

Shoe Boxes

We are needing a list of college students and their addresses, so we can send "care packages" that the Women's Ministry will be putting together. The ladies are still accepting donations of items for college boxes through Sunday, April 10th. Also, needing shoe boxes to put the items in. Thank You!



Coming Up

- Building and Grounds Ministry "Work Day" Saturday, April 16th Time will be 8AM –12noon.
- Women's Ministry to prepare care packages for college students on Saturday, April 16th at 10AM.

Good Friday

A Community Good Friday Service is being held April 22nd at the school at 7:00PM.