



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

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

Evening Study & Youth Activities....6:00PM

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Reading during Worship?

The apostle John began his gospel by reminding us that in the beginning, before God created the universe, the Word already was. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything was created through Him, and nothing was created without the Word. The apostle also declared that the Word became a man and lived with us. We saw His greatness, the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father... and the Word was filled with grace and truth. (see John 1:1-3, 14)

With this understanding, the Worship Ministry team would like to remind the church family of the effort exercised each week to prepare for our weekly gathering to worship our Lord and Savior. Of course, the Worship ministry continually and critically examines our worship, looking for ways to ensure that we do so in a biblically proper way with the results that God desires.

As a result, the Worship Ministry team concluded that the changes made in recent years have produced a much deeper focus by the church family in relationship to the ways that we worship our Lord. In turn, that focus has added to our appreciation for the grace that God has given us through Christ and for the opportunities to share the Gospel that we have seized along the way in our worship of Him.

In addition, the Worship Ministry team concluded, after some study, that we should revisit the foundational base of our worship. In other words, how do we decide what theme or scripture to use for worship each week?

Facts and Figures:

11-13-11	General Fund	\$1774.15
11-13-11	Maintenance	\$ 50.00
11-13-11	Missions	\$ 760.35



11-20-11	General Fund	\$2276.40
11-20-11	Benevolence Fund	\$ 50.00
11-20-11	Missions	\$ 975.60

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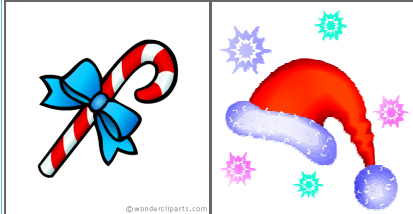
Do we have a master plan or purpose in mind as we select those themes and scriptures?... or do we find them haphazardly or by “divine accident?” We quickly realized that we needed to locate a better, more biblically based solution to this important issue.

As a result of our search, we found a well established resource, previously used by several churches for many years, that pre-selects readings of scripture based on a biblically planned purpose. The primary purpose of this source helps churches to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ during the times spent in corporate worship each week. When we heard about this, we took a closer look. After further study, the Worship Ministry team decided to adopt this plan for assisting with the preparation of our worship together each week.

This Sunday, November 27, we will begin using this scripture reading plan. This plan uses the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke as its foundation. Over the course of the next three (3) years, we will read the life of Christ three (3) times in basic chronological sequence, using all of the scripture contained in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. On occasion, we will also read some passages from John’s gospel, as well. In addition, we will also use pre-selected portions of the Psalms each week.

Finally, our chosen resource also selects texts from other books of the Old Testament and the letters found in the New Testament, which we could incorporate into our time of worship each week. These additional readings, as time and other factors permit on occasion, will supplement and add depth to our understanding of each week’s selected focal passage from the life of Christ, as recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Worship Ministry team understands the value of the times when we come together to worship our Lord and Savior each week. God has given each of us that time to publicly declare the worth of His Son to the world. Therefore, we cannot imagine any better tool or method to use during those times than the Word of God... specifically, the Gospel of His only Son, Jesus! In fact, using His Word, His Gospel, will help ensure that our public worship and our personal lives will be transformed as we hear it, again and again... because, unlike the words of men, only His Word gives us the strong foundation for our lives that cannot be shaken or destroyed!

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
November 23 6:30PMWalk Through	December 03 9:30AM . . Hanging of the Greens
November 24 THANKSGIVING	December 04 12:00PM Youth Ministry 6:00PM . . "Journey to Christmas"
November 27 6:00PM"Journey to Christmas" DVD reality series of the Nativity	December 07 6:30PM Walk Through
November 30 6:30PMWalk Through	
December 03 9AM-11AM Food Pantry OPEN	

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Journey to Christmas

Starting November 27th at FCC we will begin a DVD reality series on Sunday evenings entitled "Journey to Christmas". This is a four part series—4 episodes in 4 Sunday nights.

Travel to Israel with five people... a Messianic Jew, a First Nations woman (Native American), a poet, a Christian radio personality, and an agnostic lawyer... as they discover the first Christmas as it really happened and what it means for us now.

Begins Sunday, November 27th at 6:00PM and then for the next three Sundays after that leading up to Christmas. Please bring your children—we have a special treat for them during their Youth Activities each Sunday night—brand new VeggieTales film "The Little Drummer Boy" and others!

Christmas Stockings

We will begin to collect "stocking stuffers" for our shut-ins. Some suggested items may be: slipper socks, kleenex, lotion, sugar-free candies, brush, comb, etc.



Food Pantry for Randolph County



Our local food pantry, which is currently housed at the Lynn Friends church, will be open on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00AM till 11:00AM. If anyone can help unload the truck the day before, Friday, December 2nd at approximately 2:30PM, it would be a big help. Donations of food accepted anytime.

Need help Saturday morning too!

Youth Ministry

Next Youth Ministry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th, immediately following AM Worship Service.

Ladies Christmas Dinner



The FCC ladies will meet at Carver's in Richmond on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00PM. All ladies are invited. Come and enjoy the fellowship and food! If you would like to come, please sign sheet on bulletin board so we can have a count to give to Carver's.

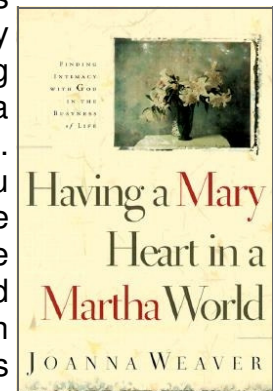
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Leadership Meeting

There will be a Leadership meeting Monday, December 19th at 7:00PM. Devotions will be lead by Mike Alka, pages 227—241. This will finish out the book "Simple Church", and the men will be preparing to start on another study.

Women's Ministry

The First Church of Christ ladies will be starting a new Bible study in January. Tammerrie is taking orders for the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". Cost is \$9 and is due when you order. The ladies will meet once a month this winter and study one chapter at a time. If you would like to order a book, please sign sheet on bulletin board. Join us and be a part of our study group!



Prayer Concerns

Home (Health Concerns):

Connie Hartman (Doug's mom); Glen Morton

Our Missionaries:

I.D.E.S.

Home (Cancer):

Trinity Buck— classmate of Olivia Thurston (3rd Grade)
Pamela Cole— Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier
Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

Please continue to keep Jerry Harris & Family in prayer concerning the loss of his brother, Ed Harris.

These names and concerns have been reported or updated 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.

In Deepest Sympathy

The church family would like to extend our condolences to Johna Yandl and Family in the loss of her mother, Betty Clark. Our love and prayers are with you.

Servant Spotlight *by Rebecca Glunt*

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).” This is the favorite verse from Jesse Yandl. He stated that he heard the verse in VBS and it caught onto him and has stayed with him over the years.

Jesse is the 18 year old son of Terry and Johna Yandl and brother of Eric Yandl. As a senior at Northeastern High School, he will be graduating in May 2012. Upon graduation, he plans on going into the Marines learning how to be a traveling medic or to go to Ivy Tech in a medical related field. While at Northeastern he has ran track for three years and has been in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for two years.

When he is not in school, Jesse helps his dad in his lawn mowing business; mowing lawns and landscaping, and has been doing this since he was 13 years old. In the church he has served by playing the drums for worship services. Since Jesse had never played the drums before, he started listening to Christian music to better learn how to play the music for services. Jesse has played the drums for the Servin' the Son Saturday this last summer as well. Other ways in which Jesse serves is by helping his mom with Kidzone at times, assisting with teaching and music time. In the past, Jesse also led a group through to the various stations during VBS, as well as setting up activities for outside play for VBS.

One thing that you may not know about Jesse is that he played the trumpet from 5th-9th grade. He told this writer, “I love music.” The piano is his favorite instrument. Jesse is planning on beginning piano lessons soon and would eventually like to play the piano for church services.

Even though Jesse is young, this writer believes he is setting a good example regarding a desire to serve in the church. A verse that comes to mind is from I Timothy 4:12, which states, “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”