

The Christian Caller
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 Sunday school: 9:00 AM.
 Worship 10:30 AM.
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 Office hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:30 PM.
 Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

December 19 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital: Neal Bernauer

Local Concerns: Marilyn Compton, Lucine Reed,

Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Howard Svaty, Louise Kelsey,

Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb,

Bob Compton, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Diane

Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Doris Regan,

Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George

Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise

Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle,

Imogene Walton, Wauneta Shaver

Our extended family: Carol Turner, Janice Spohn

Barrows, Judy Lambert, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward,

Debbie Sunthimer, Brenda Firr, Sharon Heien, Myla

Farwell, Linda Schneider, Chuck Baker, Maxine

Wilson, Mary Teresa Cooper, Calvin Howard, New

Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, Raymond Reutlinger,

Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody

Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies,

Tye Libberman, Brenda Lockhart and our

uniformed men and women serving our country at

home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims.

Please call the church office (378-4118) with

information or updates related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

Serving in the Military : Griffin Voorhies- Marines



Happy Birthday!

Dec. 22 – Barb Vaughn

Dec. 25 – Jesus our Savior

Dec. 26 - Doris Claiborne



Happy Anniversary!

Dec. 24 – Marvin & Mardina Gregory
 (56 Years)

Thank you



Thank you to those who donated money for poinsettias to decorate for Christmas. Donors included Marilyn Pryor in Memory of Max and Kara Pryor, Phyllis Leckey in memory of Bob Leckey, and others who were anonymous.

Thank you

To First Christian church and the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

What a wonderful thing to do! The Prayer Shawl is greatly appreciated and definitely will be used.

There is so much power in prayer and we have personally witnessed it. We are so grateful to you and everyone in our wonderful community. Where else but small town America would so many pray!

Financial Report

Sunday	General Offering
Dec. 09	\$ 1438.31
Dec. 23	\$ 2206.10

We went to Joplin yesterday and the neurosurgeon removed the back brace and released Lee. Progress one day at a time!

Joyce & Lee Bracken



Called to Serve Dec. - Jan

Sunday, December 23

Table Elders: Todd Harrelson & Darin Vaughn
Home Communion: Mary Compton
Deacons: Jess Reed & Ray Barger
Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue
Greeter: Tina Thomas
Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Jess Reed
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Lay leader: Claudia Marr

Sunday, December 30

Table Elders: DeAnna Vaughn & Mary Compton
Home Communion: Mike Jeffers
Deacons: Jess Reed & Ron Black
Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue
Greeter: Doris Claiborne
Usher: Louise Kelsey AV. Cary Hutton
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Lay leader: Jess Reed

Sunday, January 06

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers
Home Communion: Mike Jeffers
Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black
Deaconesses: Liz North, Reannon Hickey, Amber Riggle
Greeter: Cleda Robinson
Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Nancy Burns
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Lay leader: Mike Jeffers



A Message from Pastor Shue



I hope each of you have gotten your Christmas shopping done or almost done by now. I would like to thank each of you who helped with the Christmas baskets project this year.

There are many parts to this very important event. It all starts with the planning that takes place several months ahead of time. The next phase is collecting the five or so items from members of our congregation. Nancy Burns and I are busy trying to find items we need for the baskets on sale from the different grocery stores though out the area. All of us try to stretch the church dollars as far as we can. Charlotte Svaty is busy getting the list from various organizations that know of people who have a need. She coordinates with others so there are no duplicates. She also gets a list to G & W of items that we know we will need to buy making sure they are ordered on time and we will have the money to pay for them. The Christmas dinner planning is going on at the same time. The church could not help as many families as we do if it was not for the generosity of the ladies at the Christian Thrift Shop. The third Saturday of December we pack fifty or so boxes and start the task of delivering them. This is a whole team effort. However, the two ladies who make it truly happen are Nancy Burns and Charlotte Svaty. Thank you both.

I hope each of you have a very special Christmas this year. If your Christmas is not the best one you have ever had you have no one to blame but yourself. Remember you are the only one who can make yourself happy or sad.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



Christmas Food Baskets

A total of fifty food baskets were delivered Saturday, December 15th. Thank you to all who helped put them together and deliver them.

Community Christmas Dinner



Community Christmas Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 25th at Noon. Please call the church office 378-4118 for a reservation. Reservations need to be made no later than December 20th. Dine –in, carry out, or delivery is available. In the event I am away from my desk and cannot take your reservation, please leave your name and number and I will call you back as soon as possible. Sometimes messages left on the answering machine are not clear so I prefer to call you back and confirm your reservation. If you do not hear from me the same day you may need to call back. This way we ensure we do not miss any one. You may also call Charlotte Svaty (378-3238).



SWEET LITTLE STRANGER

That sweet little stranger
Who laid in a manger,
Was God, come to set people free.

This child pure and lovely
Came down from above,
He your Savior so wants to be.

Far from Bethlehem's city
Comes a man of great pity
For sinners like you and me.

When this Christmas is behind us,
May His Spirit remind us
Of His cruel death on a tree.

By the blood that ran down
As He wore a rude crown
We now God's children can be.

Though no one could earn
The forgiveness we yearn,
By Faith the dear Gift is free.

If you don't know Him today
Will you fall down and pray
And let Him take all your sins away.

That sweet little stranger
Who was laid in a manger
Was God, sent to set us all free.

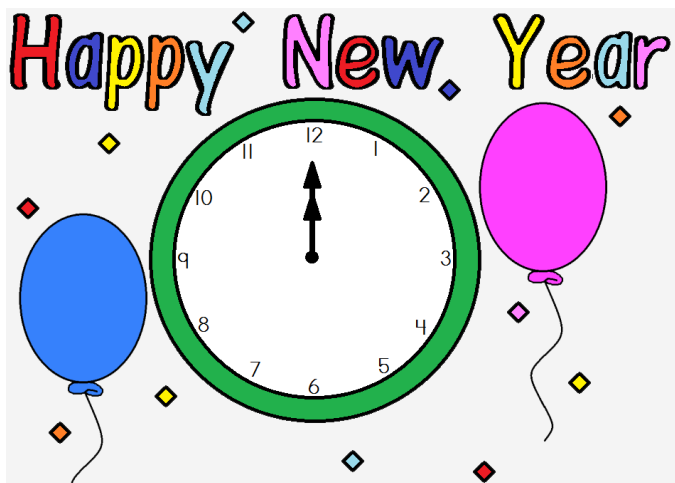
~Pastor Tom Savage



Christmas
Eve
Worship

Candle Light Service
December 24, 2018
7:00 P.M.

*Merry
Christmas*



A Prayer for the New Year

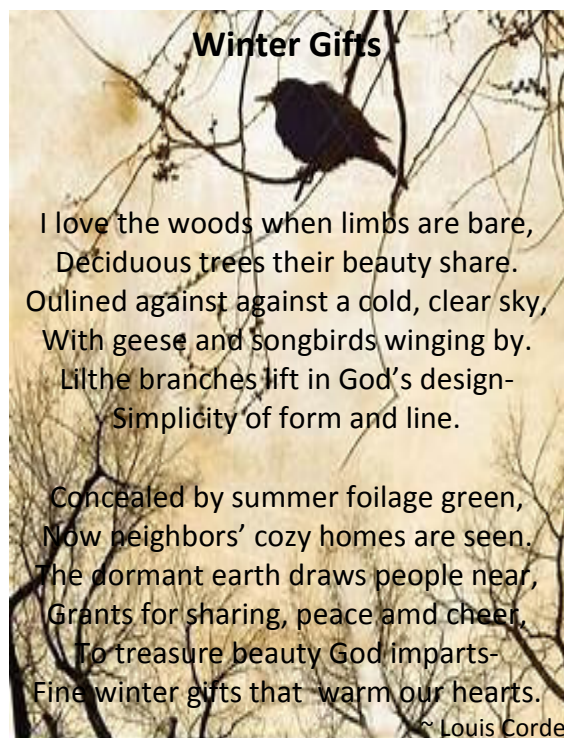
*Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring;
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing.
I do not ask to understand
The way thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know thy guiding voice,
To talk with Thee each day
Dear Master, Make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And then the year I now begin
A happy year will be
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.*

~Author Unknown



When A New Day dawns there speaks a voice, for those who have ears to hear...proclaiming, "Here is a fresh, unspoiled opportunity! Here is a clean page of the book; and even though some of the earlier pages have been marred by smudges and mistakes which shame you bitterly to think of them, here is this page, untouched and spotless,

waiting for the narrative you will write on it today. All the past is finished and forgiven. Behold I make all things new."



Winter Gifts

I love the woods when limbs are bare,
Deciduous trees their beauty share.
Outlined against a cold, clear sky,
With geese and songbirds winging by.
Like the branches lift in God's design-
Simplicity of form and line.

Concealed by summer foliage green,
Now neighbors' cozy homes are seen.
The dormant earth draws people near,
Grants for sharing, peace and cheer,
To treasure beauty God imparts-
Fine winter gifts that warm our hearts.

~ Louis Corder



On Our Calendar

- Dec. 19- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
- Dec. 21 -10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group
- Dec. 24 -7:00 Candle Light Service
- Dec. 25 – ***Merry Christmas!***
- Dec. 26 - 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. – No Choir Practice
- Dec. 28 - 10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
- Jan. 01 – ***Happy New Year***
- Jan. 02 –9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

New Caller

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