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### **Our Mission Statement**

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

# **February 13 Caller**



# Prayer Concerns

## In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Anita Smith, Marilyn Compton, Clara & David McCluskey, Rex & Tina Thomas Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Howard Svaty, Louise Kelsey, Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn DeCou, Lois McBride, Diane Carver, Linda Shue, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Margaret Shinkle, Imogene Walton

<u>Our extended family</u>: Janice Spohn Barrows, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward, Debbie Sunthimer, Brenda Firr, Sharon Heien, Myla Farwell, Chuck Baker, Maxine Wilson, Charles Kennedy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims as well as shooting victims.

<u>Please call the church office (378-4118) with information or updates</u> related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

<u>Serving in the Military</u>: Griffin Voorhies- Marines

#### **Financial Report**

Sunday	General Offering
Jan. 20	\$2209.00
Jan. 27	\$1583.33
Feb. 03	\$2786.15
Feb. 10	\$1455.30



# **Happy Birthday!**

Feb. 13 - Logan Vaughn

Feb. 17 - Kris Surber

Feb. 19 - Cheryl Rice

Feb. 20 - Clifford Pryor

Feb. 22 – David McCluskey

Feb. 24 - Carol Boyer

Darlene Parker

Feb. 25 – Kyler Pryor Joe Siegele



# **Happy Anniversary!**

Feb. 14 - Terry & Claudia Marr (48 Years)



The family of Betty Lu Compton wants to thank our Christian church family for the prayers, and the fabulous dinner served to us before her service. You all are awesome and we appreciate and love you.

# Ben & Marilyn and Bob & Mary Compton

**Notice** – Leaders Class parties will now be held on the third Thursdays of the month instead of the Fourth.

**CWF** – is planning Hearts in March. The meeting will be March  $6^{th}$  at 7:00 p.m.



## Called to Serve - Feb. - Mar.

## Sunday, February 17

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory and Merlyn Ramsey

Home Communion: Carl Thornton

Deacons: Don Vaughn and Neal Bernauer Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue

Greeter: Carol Bernauer

Usher: Marilyn Compton AV. Jess Reed

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Sandy Besinger

### Sunday, February 24

Table Elders: Carol Bearnauer & Ed Viers

Home Communion: Nancy Rogers

Deacons: Zac Ramsey & Susan Voorhies Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue

Greeter: Claudia Marr

Usher: Ron Black AV. Cary Hutton Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Jess Reed

#### Sunday, March 03

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers and Darin Vaughn

Home Communion: Marvin Gregory Deacons: Ray Barger & Cary Hutton

Deaconesses: Pat Hilyard & Becky Ramsey

**Greeter: Tina Thomas** 

Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Jess Reed



Pastor Claude Shue, Board Chairman, Mike Jeffers, and members of the First Christian Church would like to thank Chad Wickham for his most generous gifts of a large flat screen television and a new DVD player. We will definitely put them to good use.

God bless you and thank you again.

# A Message from Pastor Shue



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I hope this letter finds all safe and warm. This past week we got our first real taste of winter. I'm sure like most of you I don't mind a little snow, but it's the ice and sleet that I don't care for. Unfortunately it doesn't

matter what I like, the weather is going to happen just the way Mother Nature wants it to.

The group that went to Santa Emilia, Nicaragua this February just got back. The Mission Trip was a great success. They have already started on the water project that we are helping with. There was a line of people over half a mile long many with some type of digging instruments. These people will dig the trench to place the PVC pipe in so they can have a water faucet in their front yards. It is as close as most of these villagers will come to having running water in their houses. Remember last Sunday when I talked about counting our blessings in this great nation that we are blessed to live in? Most of us take so many things for granted in our daily lives. I would like for each of us to take a minute and say a quick prayer to the Creator God for allowing us to be born here in the United States of America and second for allowing us to be part of a wonderful small town like Fredonia, Kansas. We are truly blessed.

Mary and I will be going to Camp Tawakoni this coming Saturday, February 16, 2019 for the Camp Gala Auction. This is the only real fundraiser that we do each year for Camp Tawakoni. The money we raise is used to make improvements on the Camp grounds as well to add new buildings. The Camping program itself is so very important to our Region and to the young people of our Region as they go on their Faith journeys.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude Shue

### **God's Valentine Gift**

God's Valentine gift of love to us Was not a bunch of flowers; It wasn't candy, or a book To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man, So he could freely give His sacrificial love for us, So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and Instruction, good and trueTo love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior too.

So as we give our Valentines, Let's thank our Lord and King; The reason we have love to give Is that He gave Everything ~Joanna Fuchs

#### The Love of God

The love of God is an ocean, And no line can sound its depths. It is a sky of unknown dimensions, And no flying machine Can reach its heights. It is a continent of unexplored Distance, and no tape can Measure its length. It is a width of unsurpassed Country, and no survey can Find its boundary. It is a mine of wealth, and no Delving of man can estimate or Exhaust its riches. It is a pole of attraction, which No explorer can disscover, and The love of God is a forest of Beauty, and no botinist can find And describe its variety and glory.

~Reflections

## Marriage

The marriage tie should not be a slip-knot.
Love is the flower, marriage is the fruit.
Marriage is like a new house; it takes time and
Some cracks before it settles down on its firm
Foundation.

A happy marriage is where both mates think they Got better than they deserved.

A good marriage requires determination to be Married for good.

A happy wife sometimes has the best husband, But more often than not makes the best of the Husband she has.

Marriage teaches you loyalty, tolerance, Understanding, patience and many other things You don't learn being single.

A true marriage is a source of many blessings And happiness to each other.

# **Living Valentine**

To see a couple hand-in hand,
Considerate and sweet,
Lost in a glow that's all their own
Makes hearts pick up a beat.
What matters if the wind may blow
And bring the winter's chill?
Or if snow drifts the country lanes,
Ice sparkles on the sills?
No frozen earth or icy stream
Can be too deep and wide,
Or bring a gloom into a room
If hrearts are warm inside.

#### Love

Love is an attitude, love is a prayer,
For a soul in sorrow, a heart in dispair.
Love is good wishes for the gain of another,
Love suffers long with the fault of a brother.
Love giveth water to a cup that's run dry.
Love reaches as low, as it can reach high.
Seeks not her own at the expense of another.
Love reaches God when it reaches our brother.



# Washington, Lincoln, and Prayer

General George Washington at Valley Forge praying for his bivouaced continental troops; men discouraged, sick, wounded, hungry, and cold facing unsurmountable odds, was more contempory than General Howe who did not pray for his men who were well housed, well fed, and well equiped. In prayer Washington was touching the ultimate strategist-God, who held the future of the infant nation, America, in His divine purpose.

President Lincoln in Washington, D.C., while his nation was involved in a bloody civil war, was the most contempory man of his day as he talked with God. Because God the all-sufficient, omnipotent, sovereign was, and is, more concerned about slavery and the welfare of this nation than any political and military stategists of either the North or South could ever be.

When men pray unselfishly, God can work His will. Where God's will is being done is the most contemporary place on earth.

#### **Abraham Lincoln**

Down through the endless ages,
Came a soul from others apartEncased in a body of awkward apperance;
But in a true heavenly- made heart.
He was born in a hewed log cabin,
Grew up simple and plain;
This life on earth a sacrifice,
To remove from liberty a stain.

No pen gave him due credit-No words the good of his mind; But his love is forever burning, In the hearts of all human kind. The world now bows to his honor, And hails the emancipator's name; Columbia is proud of his memory, He lives in everlasting fame.

His life of bitter sorrow, Hard work and saddened tears, He made happy millions of humans, And will for future years.

O, Father hear us in heaven!

May his reward increase ten fold!

To repay for the great good he did us,

While his day on earth lies cold.

His life is a lesson for the living,
Shows democracy is strength and sand,
That a good mind no matter how humble,
Can spread peace and love o'er the land.
"In God we trust"— our nation allOur reward was grand and kind,
For we'll always live and never fall,
By following this wonderful mind!

Hospital Bazar and chicken noodle dinner scheduled here for Feb. 15 was canceled and will be held sometime in March at the Catholic Hall.

## **On Our Calendar**

Feb. 13- 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 8:00 p.m. – Church Board Meeting

Feb. 15 -10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group

Feb. 16 – 7:00 a.m. Men's fellowship breakfast

Feb.18-10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Exercise Group

Feb. 19– 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Homeless Matters 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth

Feb. 20 - 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

Feb. 21 – 6:00 p.m. Leaders Class Party

Feb. 22 - 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group

Feb. 25 - 10:00 - 11:00 Exercise Group

Feb. 26 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Homeless Matters 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth

Feb. 27 –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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