

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.

January16 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital: David McCluskey

Condolences to the families of: Sharon Blaker and Helen Barker

Local Concerns: Marilyn Compton, Clara McCluskey

Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Howard Svaty, Louise Kelsey, Barbara Neill, Martina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, 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

Financial Report

Sunday	General Offering
Jan. 06	\$ 4464.38
Jan. 13	\$ 3251.70



Happy Birthday!

Jan. 16 – Carl Thornton*

Helen Eisele*

Jan. 18 – Aiden Harrelson

Jan. 19 – Phyllis Leckey

Jan. 25 – George Chapman



Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 25 – David & Clara McCluskey
 (55 years)

Jeff & Terry Williams
 (24 years)

Thank you

Dear Christian Church Friends,

We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness and Generosity.

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas dinner!

*Wilson County Sheriff, Deputies,
 Jail staff, Dispatch, and Inmates*



Called to Serve – Jan. – Feb.

Sunday, January 20

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory
Home Communion: Carl Thornton
Deacons: Jess Reed & Ron Black
Deaconesses: Liz North, Reannon Hickey, Amber Riggle
Greeter: Claudia Marr
Usher: Ron Black AV. Jess Reed
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Lay leader: Cary Hutton

Sunday, January 27

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers and Ed Viers
Home Communion: Nancy Rogers
Deacons: Cary Hutton and Mary Shue
Deaconesses: Liz North, Reannon Hickey, Amber Riggle
Greeter: Tina Thomas
Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Cary Hutton
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Lay leader: Todd Harrelson

Sunday, February 03

Table Elders: Carl Thornton and David Rogers
Home Communion: Mike Jeffers
Deacons: Jess Reed & Ron Black
Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue
Greeter: Doris Claiborne
Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Nancy Burns
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Lay leader: Claudia Marr

There will be a service scheduled January 21 at 11:00 a.m. for Helen Goff Barker, Michelle Reed's grandmother.
Apologies for getting the name wrong, I was given incorrect information.

A Message from Pastor Shue



I hope each of you is doing your best to keep warm! It is also my hope that each of you is enjoying this New Year. I truly believe that there is no better time to make major changes in our lives than this time of year. We have

just experienced the time of year that we recognize as the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus. We are now waiting on the Season of Lent to start. The time of year that shows we are Christians. This is the time of year that shows we understand the sacrifices made for us both by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Creator God. Hopefully, this is the time of year we can and will look at ourselves and see the changes that we need to make in our own lives. I believe far too often we think we can see other people's issues so clearly, but refuse to recognize issues in our own lives.

This past week has been a busy time in our church. I would like to thank everybody who has helped with these events. It really takes the whole church to make things work correctly. We are truly blessed as a church family to have so many people who are willing and able to help on such short notice.

The yearly Camp Gala Auction is coming right up. This year it was moved to February 16, 2019. Mary and I will be going to it again this year as always, I hope several of you will join us. This is the main fund raiser for Camp Tawakoni each year. The money raised goes toward improvements on the camp grounds. One of the major projects that we are now working on is getting the funds together so we can build another cabin for campers.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude

Thank you

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the Christmas Basket. This helped our family have a wonderful Christmas Dinner. May the Lord bless you all.

Mickey & Carol Harmon

Thank you

I am sending a check to help with the cost of me and my brother's meal on Christmas day. It was a very delicious meal and a great relief to us.

Your kindness means the world to us. Thank you so much!

John Whitehead

Thank you

Sorry this is slow in coming, but life keeps happening.

Our church successfully completed Christmas activities in outreach to those in our community with needs. Fifty food baskets were delivered with the many donations of food from our congregation. Thank You!

Each year on this special day, our Christmas Dinner touches more people who come to share the meal together or volunteer to help in the preparations, serving, and clean up. This year we served more than 250 meals including at church, carry out and delivery. Thank you to those that made delicious pies, cakes, and salads. They were outstanding! Thank you for the vegetables that finished the traditional dinner of ham and turkey with all the trimmings. To all of you who volunteered to share their time and energies, thank you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Charlotte Svaty

A New Beginning

Sometimes as we journey the highway of life,
And moments of joy cross our path
Let's remember the Source, the Giver of gifts,
So the beauty of His giving will last.

For sometimes in blindness we sort of abuse,
The good that we find 'long the way
Thus making the journey a little bit rough,
By the things that we do and say.

But each day's a new blessing and another new chance,
To correct all the errors we've sown,
And the blessing to start all over again
And to know that much better we've grown.

~Chris Hambernard

One Year to Live

If I had but one year to live
One year to help, one year to give
One year to love, one year to bless
One year better things to stress;
One year to sing, one year to smile
To brighten earth a little while,
One year to sing my Master's praise
One year to fill with work my days;
One year to strive for a reward
When I should stand before my Lord,
I think that I would spend each day
In just the very selfsame way;
That I do now, from afar
The call may come to cross the bar,
At anytime, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.
So if I have one year to give
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow-creature when in need;
'Tis one with me-I take no heed
But try to live each day he sends
To serve my garacious Master

~ Selected

Soups On-

Sunday, January 20th, after church. Hope you will join us for good food and fellowship.

Quit Supposin'

Don't start your day by supposin'
That trouble is just ahead.
It's better to stop supposin'
And start with a prayer instead.
And make it a payer of Thanksgiving
For the wonderful things God has wrought,
Like the beautiful sunrise and sunset,
God's gifts that are free and not bought.
For what is the use of supposin'
The dire things that could happen to you
And worry about some misfortune
That seldom if ever comes true?
But instead of just supposin'
Step forward to meet each new day
Secure in the knowledge God's near you
To lead you each step of the way.
For supposin' the worst things will happen
Only helps make them come true.
And you darken bright happy moments
That the dear Lord has given you.
So if you desire to be happy
And get rid of the misery of dread
Just give up supposin' the worst things
And look for the best things instead.

~Author Unknown

Life Is too Short

Often we allow ourselves to be upset by small things we should despise and forget. Perhaps some man we helped has proved to be ungrateful, some woman we believe to be a friend has spoken ill of us, or some regard we thought we deserved has been denied us. We feel such disappointments so strongly that we can no longer work or sleep. But isn't that absurd? Here we are on this earth, with only a few more decades to live, and we lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that in a year's time will be forgotten by us and everybody else.

No, let us devote life to worthwhile actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings. Life is too short to be little.

In God We Trust

The path we travel is narrow and long, beset with many dangers. Each day we must ask that the Almighty God will set and keep His protecting hand over us so that we may pass on to those who come after us the heritage of a free people, secure in their God-given rights and full control of a government dedicated to the preservation of those rights. Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life... thus the Founding Fathers saw it; and thus, with God's help, it will continue to be.

~Author Unknown



On Our Calendar

- Jan. 16- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
1:30 – Thrift Shop Advisory Board meeting
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
- Jan. 18 -10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group
- Jan. 19 – 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Jan. 21 – 11:00 Service and dinner for Helen Goff Barker
- Jan. 22 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Homeless Matters
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth
- Jan. 23 - 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
- Jan 25 - 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group
- Jan. 28 - 10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
- Jan. 29 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Homeless Matters
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth
- Jan. 30 –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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