

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.

January 31 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Ed Viers, Marilyn Compton, Marvin Gregory, Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Butch Cox, Linda Blevins

Continuing Concerns: Howard Svaty, Ollie Black, Julie Lawson & family, Bob Compton, Alvin Robinson, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton, 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,

Our extended family: Clayton Linville, New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, John Relph, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfro, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All the hurricane 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 with ties to this congregation are: Griffin Voorhies- Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Jan. 21	64	\$ 3386.38
Jan. 28	70	\$ 1311.50



Happy Birthday!

Feb. 02 – Wayne Sircoulomb
 Feb. 06 – Terry Williams
 Feb. 07 – Tyler Vaughn
 Feb. 12 – Nancy Rogers*
 Feb. 13 – Logan Vaughn

If your name is missing from the anniversary/ birthday list, or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.



To the Prayer Shawl Ministry,
 Thank you for the lovely shawl-such pretty colors and it feels so soft. Thank you for all the prayers.

May God continue to bless you.

Love,

Betty Johnson



Fellowship Soup Luncheon -February 11th, noon, Fellowship Hall.

Three varieties of soup will be offered: chicken taco, bean, and chili along with desserts and salads. Join us and enjoy!



Called to Serve February

Sunday, February 04

Table Elders: Carl Thornton and David Rogers

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Carol Bernauer

Usher: Claudia Marr AV. Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Mike Jeffers

Sunday, February 11

Table Elders: Nancy Rogers & Todd Harrelson

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Don Vaughn & Susan Voorhies

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Joe Shue

Usher: Carol Bernauer AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Ed Viers

Sunday, February 18

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey

Home Communion: De Anna Vaughn

Deacons: Ron Smith & Ron Black

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Ollie Black

Usher: Ron Black AV. Merlyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Merlyn Ramsey



To All of You at First Christian Church,

Thank you for the wonderful food basket and gift certificate from G & W foods. We really appreciate your kindness. What a great gift!

Bless all of you,

The Taylors



First Christian Church Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I want to personally thank you for the Prayer Shawl you made and gave to me. I think about all of you every time I use it.

Thank you for your ministry in sharing with others. The medication I'm taking now seems to be working. I really feel good and seem to be doing well. I'm praising God as I walk through this valley and thank you immensely for your Prayers!

May God richly bless you,

Danny Simms



Ladies,

I am so sorry it has taken me so long to let you know how much I appreciated the Prayer Shawl. It was a real life saver in the hospital! It is so beautiful and warm. I will always cherish it.

Thank you again!

Mary Dill

Love One Another

...when it hurts

...when you are victimized

...when you want to run and hide

...when you figure the battle is lost and over

...when your instinct is to lash out

...when your desire is to pretend things are okay

...when you feel everyone but yourself is at fault

Love one another because Christ forgave you and

continues to do so despite the pain and hurt we

cause Him. Love is the answer not hatred, not

bitterness, or avoidance. Love is the extension of

God's grace and mercy to us. We must extend that

to each other.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

~Trevor Gi



A Message from Pastor Shue

I am writing this piece for the newsletter a little early so there is something in this week's newsletter from me. By the time you read this Steve and I will almost be finished with our week long trip to Santa Emilia, Nicaragua. I am looking forward to seeing many old friends in the village, but at the same time making some new ones as well. Getting to see the children and seeing how they mature is so very special. Of course if it were not for the compassion and generosity of this church I would be unable to go each year. I would also like to give a special thank you to the Ladies of The Thrift Shop Advisory Board for all of their financial support since I was called to this church. I am sure we will have some interesting stories to share with you once we get back.

There seems to be a lot of sickness going around our community right now. It was really nice to see several of our church family back in their usual places this past Sunday, but with that are several who are still not feeling like their old selves. I hope each of you who are a little under the weather will quickly get to feeling better soon. Those who are homebound please let us know if you need anything or if there is anything we can do for you.

The Season of Lent begins February 14th. I hope each of you are as excited about Lent as I am. Please those of you who have children and grandchildren take the time to share what Resurrection Sunday and the forty days of Lent are all about. This is why we are followers of Jesus Christ. The end event is why we believe what we believe as Christians.

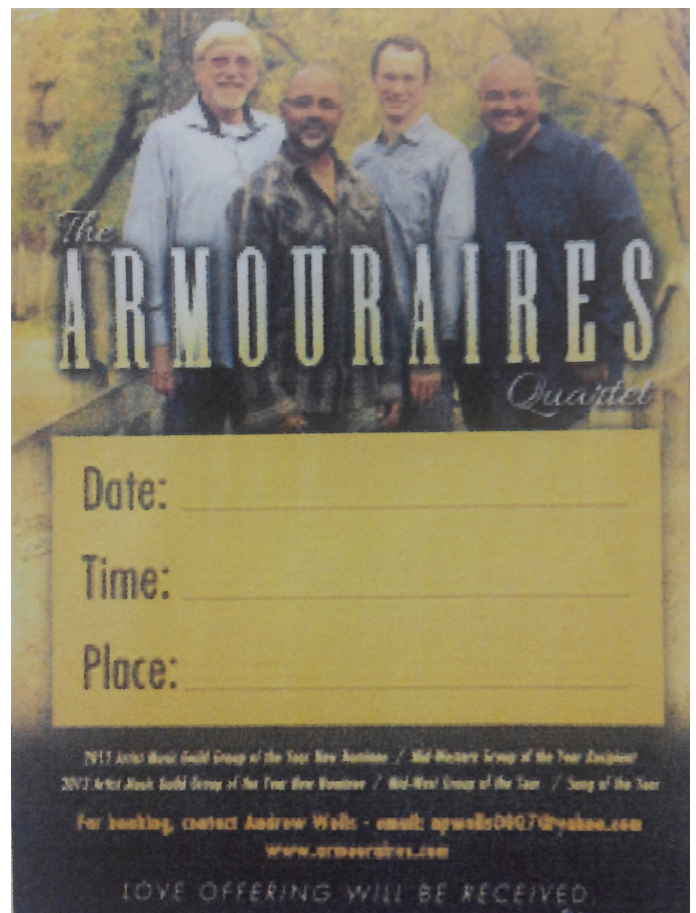
I hope you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

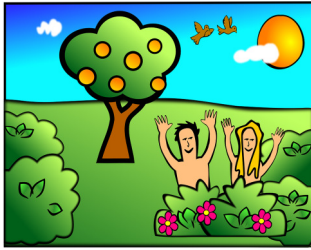
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Fredonia Regional Hospital Auxiliary Bazar and Chicken Noodle Dinner will be Friday, February 16th. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. for the Bazar which will have handmade items and the meal will serve from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



The ARMOURAIRES Quartet will once again be here on **Saturday, February the 17th**. The concert starts at 6:00 p.m. and *a light supper is planned at 5:00 p.m.* A free will offering will be taken for them. Plan to attend and delight in some good Southern Gospel Music.



Adam and Eve

Versus



Perfect Love ~by Brooke Keith

As children, we all dream about happily ever after. We pine away waiting for the knight on the white horse or daydream about love that is never anything less than perfect. When you think of perfect love...who do you think of? While most of you probably said Cinderella and Prince Charming; when I think of perfect love, my thoughts turn to Adam and Eve.

Kind of a bad choice for "perfect love" you might say; but Adam and Eve, while known for the single worst mistake in history, were still the first couple ever made for each other in the literal and spiritual sense. God made Eve especially for Adam. She was made for him and from him. Their relationship was God's handiwork and despite the whole apple thing, they created quite a life together.

Just like many love stories today, I have never turned a pumpkin into a carriage and my husband has never trotted in on a white horse to save me from a wicked queen. However, I have turned lemons into lemonade many days and my husband makes the cutest neigh when he gives the kids piggy back rides around the front lawn. We bicker from time to time. We don't go dancing on Friday nights and I don't wake up every morning to breakfast in bed. He snores. I nag. He likes to watch Sports Center and I like Lifetime. We too are far from perfect, but we love each other perfectly.

God created our marriage in his perfect manner, in His perfect way...as only He can do.

God tells us in 1 John 4:12, "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." So even though Adam and Eve were the epitome of imperfection, and Adam probably forgot to take out the trash and Eve probably forgot to wash his fig leaf, their imperfection was made perfect in their love for one another. No matter how flawed they were, their marriage was created in perfect love because the Master created it and He dwelt within their midst.

Don't stress over living up to the fairytale. Your love story no matter how simple or elaborate, was designed by God. He perfected it. He wrote it. He illustrated it and signed his name on your copy. He's the author and the finisher. (Hebrews 12:2)

Happily ever after doesn't always come with ball gowns and white horses. Most of the time it is sweat pants and minivans. That's okay, because it comes from God, and therefore is perfect none the less. "And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect." 1 John 4:17



On Our Calendar

Jan. 31- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir
Feb. 01 – 7:00 p. m. - CWF/church
Feb. 04 – 1:30 p.m. Morningstar Worship
Feb. 05 - 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors
Feb. 06- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
Feb. 07 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Feb. 11 – Noon, Fellowship Soup Luncheon
Feb. 12- 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors
Feb. 13– 2:00 -4:00 Homeless Matters
Feb. 14– 9:00 Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
8:00 p.m. church board meeting
New Caller

*Articles for the Caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.

