



THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
307 W. Jackson, Mexico, Mo. 65265
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Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, January 8, 2023:

(Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 15, 2023:

(Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sunday: January 8, 2023

Elders: Sharon Slater and Warren Nordwald

Deacons: Team 2

Jean Stephens, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Alan Street, Connie Street. Jr. Deacons; Tessa Higgins, Jessica Stephens

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Heather McBride

Liturgist: Ed Stephens

Sunday: January 15, 2023

Elders: Kathy Spires and Lori Osbourn

Deacons: Team 3

Doug Thomas, Melaney Higgins, LeeAnn Paladin, Cody Sims, Pat Thomas. Jr Deacons; Alex Paladin, Ty Sims

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Heather McBride

Liturgist: Doug Thomas

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Encouragement for a New Year

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua centuries ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement.

A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged."

What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

Pastor Zane

I wanted to take some space to thank all of you for the cards and Christmas presents that you sent to our family. We truly are appreciative to each of you and feel blessed to serve a loving congregation.

We are looking forward to a great 2023 with all of you

Pastor Zane, Kim, Isaac and Ian

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Kids 4 Christ (K-5th Grade) 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Bell Choir 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
All Together Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade) @ FCC 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
General Board Meeting Following Service
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16, 2023

Trustees' Meeting 5:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JANUARY 3, 2023:

Total income year to date: \$15,285; Total expenses year to date: \$405;
Income vs expenses: \$14,880; Budget needs Weekly: \$4,574
Average weekly income: \$7,643



Minta Wilson

Ruth Chaney
Jack and Joyce

Betty Potts

Ruth Chaney
Carroll and Jane Curry
Jack and Joyce Davis
John and Jennifer Dick
Loyd and Karen Dodd
Mexico Heating Co Inc
Barbara Stuart
Charles and Colleen Vanlandingham

Ed Hines

Charles and Cecilia Coven
Jack and Joyce Davis
Cindy Heil and family:
Nephew: James (Amy) Heil
Niece: Alison Vaughan
Donna Peak (S)
Roy and Linda Seale
Dorothy Snell

(S) indicates Scholarship

Members We Haven't Seen In Awhile:

Harry Fowler's birthday is on January 14th. Let's do a card shower to let him know we are thinking about him.

Harry Fowler
2605 Randy St.,
Mexico, MO 65265



Bright Spots!

All Together Youth Ministry begins again for High School students on January 8th at First Presbyterian Church from 7:30-9pm.
All Together Youth Ministry begins again for all students in 6th-12th grade on January 11th at First Christian Church from 6-7:30pm. (Kids 4 Christ also begins that

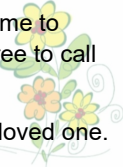
Sara Bright



2023 Stewardship envelopes are now available in the Narthex for you to pick up. They are alphabetized by last name.

The 2023 Flower Calendar is now available for sign up at the back of the church. We have Blossoms and Blooms here in town with the capability to deliver on Saturday. You are also welcome to bring in flowers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

It is a wonderful way to honor, remember, or celebrate a loved one.



For the month of January, our Outreach Committee will collecting hand sanitizer and Kleenex. Please lend a helping hand to keep our community healthy. Collections will be donated to local recipients like the Help Center, Our Safe Place, the Room at the Inn, the Senior Center and the Agape House.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to all for the blessings, cards and warm wishes for my wedding. There are a lot of members from First Christian who made it very special. I am sincerely humbled to each and everyone of you.



Shellonda Jahn



The next General Board Meeting will be held January 15th, immediately following worship.

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