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THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
307 W. Jackson, Mexico, Mo. 65265
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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **Philippians 4:6***

Prayer On The Square

Communities can come together. We see it when there are reasons to celebrate and times to mourn. We see it when we are excited and concerned for our kids, economy and health. They can also come together to have impact on the attitudes of the community.

A Godly attitude has more reason to celebrate and feels security in times of trouble. That is why the Ministerial Alliance wants to make a practice of gathering once a month for 15 minutes of prayer as a community. We invite you to join us on the square (in front of the courthouse) the last Wednesday of every month at 12:10. A different pastor from the community will lead the time each month. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Zane

Prayer on the Square

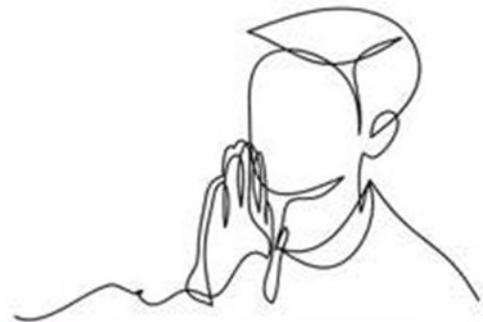
12:10 PM
**Last Wednesday of
each Month**

**OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE
MEXICO, MO**

**Sponsored by the
Mexico, MO Ministerial Alliance**

Sign up for email reminders:
ministerialalliancemexico@gmail.com

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text@mexicomn to the number 81010



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22, 2023	
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	
Kids 4 Christ (K-5 Grade) @ FPC	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 29, 2023	
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	
Kids 4 Christ (K-5 Grade) @ FPC	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, February 5, 2023	
<i>Children Worship</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like your 2022 record of giving, please email or call Shellonda at the church office.

smannfcc77@gmail.com or 573-581-4628

Memorials & Gifts

Ed Hines

Bill and Annette Azdell (S)
Sandy Black
Donald and Beverly Borgeson
Terry and Diana Henage
Tom and Karen Hoer
James and Sharon Kropf
Christine Mank
Walter and Susan Paden
Brian and Suzanne Pursifull
Terry and Christine Sells
Mike and Kathy Sims
Howard and Carla Tanzey
Ron and Connie Whittaker

Betty Potts

Bill and Annette Azdell (S)
Sandy Black
Cherie Bledsoe-Sutton
Elise Cox
James and Lisa Cox (Cox Farms)
Grandma's Country Music:
Grandma, Jack, Rusty, Chuck,
Tex, Johnny, Sheila
Karen Harvey
Delmar and Patsy Kissiar
James and Sharon Kropf

Minta Wilson

Howard and Carla Tanzey

S) indicates Scholarship fund

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Please take a moment to remember the family of Betty Potts. She passed away on December 23, 2022 at James River Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Springfield.

Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday cards and messages on Facebook. I had a fun day and evening celebrating my first birthday at the Terrace. I appreciate all of you helping me to have a GREAT day.

Sincerely,
Janet Potts



Offering
Envelopes

2022 Stewardship envelopes are now available in the Narthex for you to pick up. They are alphabetized by last name.

Stewardship Committee

If you are not using the stewardship envelopes please let us know.

As of January 18, 2023

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,574
Year to Date Expenses: \$5,084

Average Weekly Income: \$5,938
Income vs Expenses: \$18,668

Year to Date Income: \$23,752





Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, February 22, 2023:

(Third Sunday after the Epiphany)

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;
Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, February 29, 2023:

(Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany)

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12



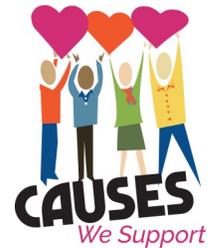
All Together Youth Ministries is back! We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year but we are excited to get back together. We hope all High School students will join us on Sundays from 7:30-9pm at First Presbyterian Church and all Middle School and High School students will join us at First Christian Church on Wednesday's from 6-7:30pm.

There will be a Youth Fundraiser meal at First Presbyterian Church on February 9th. We hope you will join us for a wonderful meal and support the Youth Mission trip for this summer.

Looking ahead... there will be a Youth Spring Retreat March 4-5 at Camp Jo-Ota. More information coming soon.

For the month of January, our Outreach Committee will be collecting hand sanitizer and Kleenex. Please lend a helping hand to help 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 help!



FEBRUARY Birthdays

2/2	Linda Moody	2/15	Ruth Gritton
2/2	Paul Moody	2/19	Payton Bledsoe
2/5	Barbara Pickering	2/20	Barbara Robinson
2/6	Carol Elder	2/23	John Precht
2/11	Landon Wilson	2/24	Ella Kay Higgins
2/12	Samuel Bunge	2/27	Sandy Black

"Yoga" with Janie

Start the New Year out right and join us for Senior Chair Yoga Classes from 9am - 10am every Tuesday and Thursday morning in Fellowship Hall. Our class instructor is Janie Maxwell. Yoga is a great way to improve mobility and balance with gentle exercise, also good fun and fellowship. We would love to see more men and women from our congregation.

Questions: Call Barb Robinson



The 2023 Flower Calendar is now available for sign up at the back of the church. This is a wonderful way to honor, remember, or celebrate a loved one. We have Blossoms and Blooms here in town with the capability to deliver on Saturday. You are also welcome to bring in flowers or donate to memorial or scholarship funds in lieu of flowers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

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The next General Board Meeting will be held February 19th, immediately following worship.

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Sunday: January 22, 2023

Elders: Randy Owings and Ed Stephens

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Jim Medley, Sherry Medley, Kathy Peak. Jr. Deacons; Emma Higgins, Piper Higgins

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Heather McBride

Liturgist: Stephanie Owings

Sunday: January 29, 2023

Elders: Lori Osbourn and Kathy Spires

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: Aubrey Bunge