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Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.
Psalm 108:5



May 2012

First Christian Church Newsletter



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Serving This Month

Elders

Todd Peak, Jack Dale

Alternates

Allen Anderson, Jim Arnold

Deacons/Ushers (u)

Rick Kerns (u), Tony Legard (u),
Don Mann (u), Jim Sisk,
Graham Anderson, Bill Faust

Junior Deacon

Jared Robinson

Deaconesses

Judy Johnson, Dee Ross

If you cannot serve during your scheduled month, please contact another server to see about switching with you.

If you know of a shut-in desiring communion be taken to them, please call Judy Johnson at 276-608-2086, or Alice Legard at 276-608-2153.

GRADUATES

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college, please let Dee Ross know as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to give us a write-up of their accomplishments, etc, please send to Margie, or give to Judy Johnson, for newsletter by May 24, 2012.



to our church family
Deborah Keith
(Joined 4/15/2012)

We're so happy you have joined us!

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS

Sunday, May 20, immediately following the morning worship service, there will be a "luncheon" for those that have been attending our worship services for the last year.



Bingo for our neighbors will be held Mon., April 30, at 6:30 pm. We need snacks, drinks, prizes, and volunteers to help work. This is a great opportunity to reach out and love our community. Please let Susan know if you can bring some snacks so that we make sure that we have enough food for about 40-50 people.

*If you have never helped with bingo, please join us.
You will be blessed!!!*



Workers for March

Date	Pre-K (ages 3-5)	(K-6)
6th	Teresa Barker Grayson Peak	Diane Faust Bill Faust
13th	Shtanya Peak Koty Peak	Whitley Dale Jon Grunstra
20th	Dottie Corey Morgan Henkel	Susie Branson Kari Henkel
27th	Sara Knight Paul Knight	Tammy Henkel Ethan Henkel



Just want to let everyone know that Sandy is doing well, and to say thank you to everyone for the phone calls, the prayers, and especially for being there for us. You are all very special to us.

Bascom, Jean, and Sandy

What a wonderful church family!! We want to thank the church for the huge fruit basket (delivered to us by Dee and Martin). We felt the prayers for Ralph, and praise God for hearing and answering them. Cards and phone calls mean so much to an ailing person and thanks for all of them. There's still some healing to come, and we know God will provide that, too. We love all of you and thanks for loving us so much.

May God bless everyone,
Ralph and Francis

Ev's Echos

Who Cares?

How many times have you heard this question in one form or another? Or even said it? Our entire world is surrounded with people who are living in a fast forward mode that there isn't time for anyone but themselves. If you aren't already narcissistic it could easily happen. A narcissist is someone self-consumed . . . it's all about them.

Remember the old acrostic Jesus

Others

You . . . ?

Sadly, it seems that has fallen by the wayside!

I want to reassure you of a simple yet profound truth . . . there is One who truly cares for and about you! Regardless of where you are in life — fancy free with the innocence of childhood, a teenager aloof to reality, young adults still out for fun yet in roles of responsibility, middle-ager's who are beginning to see both sides of life through different eyes, older middle-ager's beginning to see nearer the end of the book, or perhaps you are in a crisis time of life wondering "What is going on? God where are you?" — the challenges are many and varied.

God's word has promised that He NEVER changes nor never will! His word promises He will ALWAYS be faithful even when we are faithless, and His word tells us He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7) . . . Casting ALL your care upon Him because He careth for you!!!!

Okay, I tried hard, I really did, but I can't resist sharing the words of an old chorus we sang in my church many years ago. If you think worship songs are new, no, they're not, we've sung choruses for years and you've heard words to some you've never in your life heard. So here it is:

He careth for you, He careth for you
Through sunshine or shadows
He careth for you.

I love you!
Evelyn

Children and Youth Programs and Events



VBS
July 9-13

VBS will be held July 9-13th this year. Our theme is Sunrise National Park. We are very excited as we look forward to another great year of VBS. If anyone is interested in helping, we are always on the lookout for volunteers who are excited about our children and what God is doing in their lives. Please contact Teresa

Barker at 276-669-3882 or cousinsNcrafts@hotmail.com.

We also want to remind folks of our Sunday school ministry held every Sunday morning starting at 10. There are classes available for children ages 3 and up. Come and learn more about God's Word as we grow together in Christ.

Finally, I wanted to put in a big THANK YOU to those who gave and participated in our Walk for Christian Simpson. Because of your generous support—as well as those from the local area—we were able to raise over \$1000 for the Simpson family.

Thank you again!!
Teresa Barker

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Calendar of Events for FCC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 May Day 	2 7:00 – Adult Bible Study and Children's Ministries	3	4	5
6 9:45 – Sunday School 10:45 – Worship Service Family Night – no evening service	7	8	9 7:00 – Adult Bible Study and Children's Ministries	10	11  Meals on Wheels Help us "deliver smiles"	12
13  9:45 – Sunday School 10:45 – Worship Service 6:00 – Bible Study 7:00 – Choir Practice	14 1:00 – Food Pantry 7:00 – Board Meeting	15	16 7:00 – Adult Bible Study and Children's Ministries	17	18	19
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Margie is in the church office from 8:30-12:30, Tuesday thru Thursday.

Please have items for June's newsletter to Margie, Pastor Herb, or Judy by May 24th.

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New Baby! Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jason & Becca Stout on the birth of Willow Rleigh Makani Stout born March 23, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 20" in length. Proud grandparents are Eric & Leslie Stout.

Would you like more from God's word? You can have it!

Sunday School Classes:

- Adult S.S. Classes:

Ms Evelyn's Class

9:45 am – fellowship and prayer time

10:00-10:30 am – teaching

Pastor Herb's Class

10:00-10:30 am

Both classes are mixed ages with different teaching styles and materials. Nursery is available during Sunday school, if needed.

- Children's S.S. Classes – teachers: Jen Redmond and Wilma Arnold
- Youth S.S. Class – teacher: Adam Barker

Sunday Morning Worship Services: 10:45 am - filled with ministry

Sunday Evenings: bible study – 6:00 pm - presently a study from God's word on Prayer for our Country

Wednesday Evenings: – adult bible study, kid's classes (K-6), and youth

Ladies . . . would you be interested in another Bible study at a specified time? I have the availability of one of the new Beth Moore studies, or one called Secrets of the Vine by Bruce Wilkinson based on John 15. Give me your input or put a "Yes, Ladies Bible Study" on a note and place in the offering. Usually a Bible study of this type is 6-8 weeks.

*So, there you have it . . .
lots of good options to dig deeper into God's word!*



On the Second Monday of each month we provide volunteers for the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry. We need more volunteers for this ministry. If you can help, please let Pastor Herb know ASAP!