

September 1, 2009

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.



## From the Minister's desk

On August 30 and 23, the Sunday morning sermons included information on our changing society and the rapidly changing world in which we live. On the 23rd, as the sermon began we watched the video, "Did You Know? 3.0?" I first saw this video at conference in Louisville early in August and it pretty much confirmed what I sense about our world: it is changing rapidly and that the balances of power, influence and population have shifted.

We watched this together on the 23rd, and it is clear that the video was a challenge to many folks as it contained information about our world that most church folks have not considered or do not know. The video is important inasmuch as it challenges our ways of thinking about the world and how we respond as "church" in the 21st century.

As we move ahead with our building project, it is my hope - as expressed in the sermons on the 23rd and 30th - that we will engage in considerable dialogue on how best to respond to our 21st century world. Allen Roxburgh (he's English and "burgh" in England and Scotland is pronounced as "boro"), who led the conference I attended in Louisville, operates on an important theological premise: "If the spirit of God is among the people of God, where do we find the answers to the issue facing the church - the people of God?" The answer, of course, is "Among the people of God." Hence communion and dialogue are important for in that dialogue we find the presence of God. The other question that Allen asked is this: "What is God up to?" A good question for us to keep in our thoughts: What is God up to First Christian Church in Berea? Or, as I prefer to phrase it, "What is God calling us to do in Berea, at the beginning of the 21st century?" It is in our prayerful consideration, it is in listening for God's voice, and it is listening to each other that we will discern the answer to that question. What is God calling you to do, here in Berea in 2009?

Ed

### Elders' Prayer

Please join the Elders in prayer during our time of transition, offering this prayer each day: *Lord, help us continue to listen, that we might be obedient to your guidance, building in one accord, serving you and glorifying your name.*

### Financial Report

July

Pledges & Receipts	12,299.41
Budget Requirements	14,450.08
Under Budget	2,150.67

Please remember our general fund and our building fund.

*Please remember that good stewardship is important.*

### Please pray for ...

Ernie Murray  
Vickie Simmons  
Steve Taulbee  
Laura Crawford  
Peggy Kelly  
James VanWinkle  
Leona Blackburn  
Anglin Family  
Nora Thompson  
George Harrison  
Charles Hughes  
Laura & Larry Combs  
The Family of Debbie Carpenter  
The Family of Donald Pennington  
The Family of Ida Cass

### Building Committee Update:

The Building Committee has resumed regular its regular, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm meeting schedule. Jan Gill will head a subcommittee to plan colors and associated esthetic issues concerning the interior of the new building. Other members of the committee are looking into lighting, sound system and are making preparations that will help construction move ahead.

### Notes From the Trustees:

As you watch the new building take shape, please remember your pledges.

### Note From the Treasurer

Please remember to note on your checks where you would like your offering to go (Building Fund, General Fund, Capital Campaign).

### Personnel Committee:

If you know someone interested in filling the Youth Director position please let Ed or anyone on the Personnel Committee know. The Personnel Committee consists of: Linda Wagers, Gwynne Griffith, Ken Perman, Robert Hughes, Ron Pierce, Jerry Workman

### September Birthdays

Donna Pierce	September 2
Matthew Kelley	September 3
Tony Burich	September 4
Jack C. Engle	September 5
Brian Madden	September 5
Sandy Osborne	September 5
Meghan Smith	September 5
Linda Coyle	September 6
Olivia Wagoner	September 6
Michelle Couch	September 7
Riley Osborne	September 9
Jessica Engle	September 10
Brittany Steffey	September 15
Savannah Blair	September 16
Kennedy Gordon	September 16
Mable Coyle	September 17

Kate Gilbert	September 17
Cy Winkenhofer	September 17
Sharon Sapienza	September 18
Barbara James	September 20
Debbie Borders	September 21
Frances Epling	September 22
John Gilbert	September 22
Clifton Scully	September 22
David Boggs	September 23
Steve Pennington	September 24
Lee Keith	September 26
Daniel Gilbert	September 28
Thomas Minton	September 28
Jacob Neeley	September 28
Becky Renzenbrink	September 28
Lynn Hymer	September 30

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the lovely flowers and visits to Aunt Ida during her time of being homebound and her stay at the Terrace.

*Linda Jennings (Family of Ida Cass)*

Thank you so much for providing back to school supplies & clothing for students at Silver Creek & Shannon Johnson Elementary Schools. As always your generosity is overflowing. We appreciate your continued support of our center.

*Lisa Gay & Janice Easterling  
(The South Madison Family Resource Center)*

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Pat Hensley and to Ruth Ann Nicholson, who transferred their membership to First Christian during August. Both Pat and Ruth have been a part of our congregation for quite a while and it is good have them officially as members of our church!

New Women's Group

Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm will be the first meeting of the New Women's Group. All interested women are invited to attend and become members of this new group. During this initial meeting, Ed will give a short history of the church. Come one come all.

Promotion Sunday

*Promotion Sunday for Sunday School classes will be Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.*

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals will resume Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm.

Fall Planning

As we plan for the Fall, if there is an interesting program you would like to see presented on Wednesday nights, contact Ed with any information and/or ideas.

Have You Moved?

Have you moved or changed your mailing address? Please take a moment to fill out a NEW Congregational Update Form to let the office change your info. The Postal Service charges us .50 (fifty cents) for every forwarding and/or return.

Bus Key Missing

We are short a key to the church bus. If you've driven the bus some time in the past several months, please check your keys to see if you left it on your keyring. We would be glad to have it back in the church office.

Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

In order to continue the smooth flow of office operations, please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:

*Weekly Bulletin: Wednesday by 12:00*

*Monthly Newsletter: 12:00 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of*

*Each Month*

It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office. Thank you for your help in these matters.

T-Shirt & Golf Shirts

T-shirts & Golf shirts, with the First Christian logo, orders are now being taken. Order forms & shirt samples are on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Check it out & order yours today.

The Quilt

Jimmy Lou Jackson won the quilt raffle. She has decided to "re-raffle" the quilt to continue raising money for the Building Fund. See Jimmy Lou for your new tickets.