

September 1, 2011

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



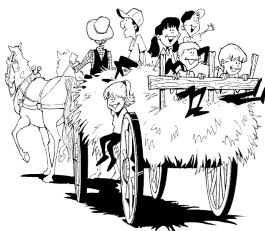
## From the Minister's desk

This past Sunday morning we had a delightful celebration on the first anniversary of new building. I'm very grateful to everyone who helped with organizing and contributing to the continental breakfast, to the musicians and to everyone who was present on the occasion.

During Sunday's sermon, I offered these thoughts: "The challenge for every generation is to look at our genes, so to speak, to look at the stuff we're made of and to ask whether we have the courage, the commitment, the faith in God through Jesus Christ to carry on the work of our forebears. The answer from our generation is a resounding 'yes.'

For over 115 years on this spot, through lean times and lush times, easy times and tough times, word, water, bread and cup have been used to build people up in the faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. In our increasingly secular and postmodern world, those are blessings we dare not take for granted. And those are blessings that we dare not set aside. God has built us on the proper foundation. We have built this house on faith and God has blessed us with the proper building materials. May we take those materials, and keep building!"

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### Annual Hay Ride

The Annual Hayride will be on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Claytor Residence. Hot dogs, hamburgers and buns will be provided. Everyone should bring their own chairs and a dish to share. We will also have S'more fixins. For your musical entertainment the String Band will be playing. There will be games also. Folks should come rain or shine.

The address is 1971 Old US Hwy 25 North. We are located on Old Hwy 25 (3376) just south of Herndon Lane in Serenity Acres. We are the first house on the left on Serenity Way. For people coming North on Old Hwy 25 we are about 1.5 miles north of Silver Creek School.

### Spiritual Renewal

The Spiritual Renewal service is set for Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. This year the format is a little different. There will be "dinner on the grounds" after the 10:40 service. This will be a combination "Pot Luck" items and Lee's Famous Recipe Fried chicken will be purchased. At 1:00 pm there will be an hour of music and celebration in the Sanctuary.

In order to purchase the chicken, we need to know how many people plan to attend the dinner. Please take a moment to fill out the form, available in the Narthex, and place it in the Spiritual Renewal basket in the narthex by Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Please pray for ...

Ernie Murray  
Vickie Simmons  
Steve Taulbee  
Laura Crawford  
Peggy Kelly  
Pat Hensley  
Ozella Gilbert  
Charles Hughes  
Wanda Moreland  
Dick Howser  
Linda Coyle  
Ronald Pennington  
Maureen Stoy  
Geneva Held  
Sgt. James Hopkins

### 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).

### Financial Note

Monthly loan payment:	\$6,632.72
General budget needs each month:	\$16,687.33

Please remember that our operational expenses have increased significantly with the opening of the new building.

*Please remember that good stewardship is important.*

### Meetings This Month

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7:00 pm – *Discipleship Team*

Thursday, Sept. 8th, 7:00 pm – *Administrative Team*

Monday, Sept. 12, 7:00 pm – *Nurture Team*

### DWSOS

The DWSOS will meet Sept. 22nd (Thurs.) to watch a DVD (2<sup>nd</sup> in series) & plan "Trunk or Treat".



### October Birthdays

Derek Hicks	October 1
Whitney Moreland	October 1
Mike Berry	October 2
Toby Coyle	October 2
Diane Patton	October 2
Maurice Davidson	October 6
Donna Simmons	October 6
Cameron Wagers	October 7
Ronald Pennington	October 8
Larry Blair	October 9
Linda Wagers	October 10
Jay Simmons	October 10
Samantha Santoroski	October 12
Bill Slone	October 18
Judy Halstead	October 19
Stephanie Heiser	October 21
Mary Pierce	October 28
Peggy Kelly	October 29
Judy Reeder	October 29
Tess McLin	October 29
Judy Gabbard	October 31
Tom Reeder	October 31

### Youth News

Youth Yard Sale – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Multi Purpose Area. Sign Sheets for working, Set Up & Tear Down are in the Narthex. Goods may be brought to the church on or before Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. CYF – “Extreme Couponing” continues. Please bring in all coupons and place in the box for coupons.

### Wednesday Family Night

Wednesday Family Night will resume on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, the third Wednesday, with a “Pot Luck” at 5:30 pm. The program will center around “Ice Breaker” games.

This year we will follow a new format for Wednesday Family Night and it will be as follows:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wed.**- “Pot Luck” Meal & fellowship and/or team meetings

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.** – Meal & Structured Fellowship Activity

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.** – “Pot Luck” Meal & Program

**4<sup>th</sup> Wed.** – Meal & Board Games

### “Friend” Us

Our church now has a Facebook page. Look up First Christian Church Berea & “Like” us.

### Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please contact the office. The cost of flowers has increased since we last provided this service. The cost now is \$40.00, you may bring money for flowers to the office or place it in the offering tray **CLEARLY** marked “FLOWERS”.

### Thank You

Youth Group

Thank you for your donation of \$266.00 to the Salvation Army LemonAid Days. Your hard work and commitment to helping others will allow us to provide assistance for homeless children in our shelter.

*Major Steven Ashcraft & Townsend Miller  
Salvation Army*

### Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

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.