

November Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

01– Finley Asbury
 02– Phil Perkins
 04– Ramona Green
 Ryan King
 06– Butch Ash
 07– Jim Dryer
 Eveleth Hill
 Julie Hoffelmeyer
 08– Daniel McGraw
 11– Randy Quinn
 12– Channing Coslet
 Robert Crawford
 13– Karl Caldwell
 Kaitlin Clemons
 14– Jeanne LaRue

16– Melanie Dowell
 17– Carrie Goulet
 Marcia Phillips
 19– Liam McCord
 20– Jeff Swinger
 21– Sharon Martinez
 22– Tanner Clemens
 Amy Clemons
 Cole Igo
 23– Jennifer Marquess
 24– Leroy Wise
 26– Kendalyn Jolliff
 Doug Kueker
 27– Anniston Clark
 Jeff Coslet

Anniversaries

01– Blaine & Tiffany Thornton
 03– George & Michelle Porter
 07– Mark & Dianne Harvey
 24– Jack & Micki Uhrig
 28– Mike & Keri James
 30– Ken & Virginia Bryant



FROM THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Technology Committee is seeking a volunteer to create the slides that accompany our 10:30 Sunday service. We hope to have a team of three (or more!) volunteers that rotate creating and advancing the slide show at our 10:30 service. The only skill you need is the ability to create a slide show using PowerPoint, Google Slides, or any other program, and the availability to project and advance the slide show you create every third Sunday. Other pertinent information:

- We are a flexible team, trading Sundays to accommodate each others' schedules.
- Hope sends Sunday's bulletin out via email on Friday afternoons, and a template for the slide show will be available for use, if desired.
- We would also like to have a few volunteers who could advance the slides when a committee member can make the slide show but cannot be at church on Sunday to project and advance the slides.
- Please contact Ginger McGraw or Haley Holmes or the FCC office if you are interested or have questions.



So many opportunities to share our gifts happen at this time of year, and it can get confusing as to who, what, when & where! We hope this chart helps fill in the needs oh “how-tos” to make it easier to participate in the projects going on at FCC. Thank you for any consideration you give to these projects!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES

PROJECT	NEED	DUE BY	HOW TO
Frozen Meal & Soup Prep (to sell @ Eats, Sweets and Treats	Groceries and cooks	Groceries @ FCC by Nov. 6; Meal prep Nov 9 @ 1:00	Sign up with Ginger for needed grocery donations; work w/others for a couple of hours to make 100's of meals
Chili & Soup Supper	Workers and Desserts & meats	Supper is Dec 6, Set-up is Dec 3	Please sign up on the posters in the Parlor so we can plan. Pies and other desserts are needed.
Eats, Sweets and Treats Sale	Goodies of all kinds— sweets, snacks, meats, meals, etc. to sell	Accompanies our Chili Supper on Dec 6	Sign up on posters in the Parlor. Make your family favorites & bring them to the Fellowship Hall during the day on Dec 6
Holiday Project	Dessert mixes— cake, brownies, cookies, etc.	Bring to FCC office or Sunroom by Dec 7	We will take them to MCC to be given to families in need at the Holiday Project so all can have a Christmas Dinner.
Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings	Thanksgiving offering to seminaries & DOC colleges; Christmas offering to church camps & conferences	Thanksgiving offering Nov 16 & 23 Christmas offering Dec 14 & 21	Special envelopes will be available on the bulletin/communion cup tables, or write special offering on the memo line of our check
Mitten Tree	Mittens, gloves, hats, socks, underwear, etc.	Nov 30-Jan 2	Clothespin items to the tree in the parlor, or take them to the Church office. All donations given to children in local schools.
Community Food Pantry	Food & hygiene items	All year	Place you donations in the large wooden box inside the parking lot doors.
Little Food Pantry	Donate food, or become a “Pantry Pastor” to keep it stocked	All year	Place non-perishable food in the box on the NE corner of the parking lot/ & or contribute \$\$ for the Pantry Pastors to buy food.

If you would like to help with delivering Meals on Wheels, contact the office or contact Ken Bryant.

The Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant has been such an important part of First Christian Church's tradition, and many in our community have such fond memories of kicking off the season with this retelling of the Christmas story. It takes a lot of people to make the Pageant happen. Would you be willing to help? Here are some ways to contribute to the success of this event:

- Help prepare the costumes – ironing, organizing, etc. Contact Carolyn Buck or Kathryn Jones.
- Be in the cast (Angels are especially needed.)– Contact Lindsey Parton, Tiffany Thornton, or Makenzie Thomason.
- Supervise and cue the offstage cast. – Contact Lindsey, Tiffany, or Makenzie.
- Hang Pageant flyers in businesses around town. – Contact Ginger McGraw or the office.

Practices for the Pageant will be:

- Nov 12: 5:30 Directors
- Nov 17: 6:00 Cast, directors, & backstage help; costumes handed out
- Nov 19: 6:00 Cast, choir, directors, & backstage help
- Nov 23: 6:00 Cast, choir, directors, & backstage help
- Nov 30: Everyone; 3:00 Practice, pizza, costumes; 6:00 Pageant

Tid-Bits...



You are cordially invited to the Church Ladies' Luncheon on November 6th. We will gather at Perkins in Sedalia for a time of food and fellowship. If you would like to carpool, a group will be leaving from the church at 10:30 a.m.

The next CWF Circle meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 10:00 a.m., hosted by Kay Wise. Carpooling will be available from the church, with departure at 9:30 a.m.



We're looking for friendly faces to join our welcoming team. As a volunteer greeter, your smile will be the first thing visitors see, helping everyone feel at home. You'll also help guide people and share information about the programs offered during our service. If you're ready to share your warmth, please sign up in the church parlor.



**Executive Board
will meet on
November 12th
at 5:00
followed by our
General Board
meeting**



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From the Pastor...

Among the many silly things with which I have plagued myself are prayers with unintended consequences. I have spoken of these in sermons on several occasions.

I have told of my grade school crush on Sally and the prayer to marry her. I saw this Sally some years later and thanked God that that prayer was not answered. She was about the opposite of what a Pastor's wife needs to be.

It turned out many years later that I did marry Sally, but not the original. My prayer was answered first by a "wait" and then a "Yes".

During the time I was studying toward being a pastor, I always prayed every night (and other times as well). One night I foolishly asked to know the sorrow in heaven for one lost soul.

I felt so much sorrow and being weighed down with grief that I felt as if I was sinking into the floor. Not so foolishly, I asked to know the joy of even one soul saved. The joy was indescribable.

I avoided asking for patience. I can imagine what that prayer likely would have caused. That prayer would probably have me being forced to have patience in even more situations.

But, as for foolishness, recently I asked to be mindful of the needs of others. This was a nice prayer suit-

able for every Christian to ask. However, the volume of response has been staggering.

One lady asking for help has been living in a neighbor's back yard. She is very down and out over things she has no control over. I have been made aware of four extra folks that have had to begin going to the food pantry. The government shut down has many individuals on edge due to just not knowing what to expect. The number of calls for assistance has increased from one to three a week to one to three every day.

Some needs require little help and some seem to be insurmountable. Good things do happen as one needy person has found work.

I know God has a hand in helping and I know FCC will do it's part.

My prayers for all of us is for Peace. The peace that Jesus gives as we minister to the needs of which we know.

Peace,
Rev. Randal



Join us November 23rd for our Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans and corn on the menu! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.