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JANUARY 2010



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy and love are given to Irene and Benton Boyd upon the death of Irene's brother, Russell Gautier. Russell died on December 15. A funeral service for Russell was held on December 18 at the Kendall Funeral Home in Pembroke, with burial in the Gautier Cemetery on Fletchers Mt. near Narrows.

We pray for God to richly bless Irene and Benton and all members of their family with His peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.



A donation to the Memorial Fund in honor of Beulah Johnson and Mary Dillon has been made by CWF Group 3.

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown has been made by the Intermont Group.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the fruit basket you sent me for Thanksgiving and for Christmas also. I have enjoyed them very much.

I hope all of you had a lovely holiday and I pray "God will give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." (Psalms 20:4)

Love to you all,
Elizabeth Morris



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for your cards, phone calls, flowers, and prayers during my recovery from my accident.

A special thank you to Hollie and Dennis.

The Lord has truly blessed me during this time and I am so thankful for my church family.

May God bless each of you,
Donna Dunn

SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, NEEDS A BLANKET

Imagine for a moment the weather outside is less than desirable – rain and freezing rain and sleet and snow are covering everything. The wind is blowing hard. You look outside and see a car sliding sideways down the street. You are so glad you are inside. You go to a couch or a chair, sit down, and cover up with a nice warm blanket. Let the wind blow and the snow fall – you are warm and cozy.



Now try to imagine the blanket is the only covering you have. You have no home, so you sleep under a tree or in a doorway, or some other place less than desirable. The wind blows, the rain falls, but you are glad to have your blanket.

On the second, third, and fourth Sundays of January, the Christian Women's Fellowship will be promoting Blanket Sundays. For only \$5.00 we can purchase a warm blanket for someone who may not even have a home.

In 2009 we gave \$1,200, which purchased 240 blankets. Let's try to top that amount this year.

Please give generously as we reach out in the name of Jesus to help people in need. Special offering envelopes will be provided for your gifts of love.

USED BOOKS NEEDED

The Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley are collecting used books (hard back and paper back) as a fundraiser. If you have some books to donate, please bring them to the church during the month of January and place them in the box in the narthex. If you need books picked up, contact Dennis.

ATTENTION CHURCH OFFICERS

On Sunday, January 10, 2010 an installation service is planned for all church officers. If you serve as an elder, a deacon, a deaconess, a junior deacon, a junior deaconess, a trustee, a board officer, or department chairman, please plan to attend this special service.

A reminder to all elders, deacons, deaconesses and junior deacons and deaconesses: part of your responsibility as an officer of the church is to be on the official board. The official board meets on the second Wednesday in the months of January, April, July, and October at 7:00 PM. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

We are grateful for all who serve the Lord in our church.

HOW CHURCH GROWTH OCCURS

- 6% just walk in and join on the own.
- 10% join because the church has a good program for children, youth, and adults
- 6% join because the church has a good pastor
- 3% join because of some special and unique need
- 2% join because of the general visitation by the pastor
- 7% join because of a good church school
- 1% join because of a special crusade, such as a revival
- 65% join because they are invited by friends, relatives, or other church members!

-- Lakeside Wesleyan Church



Epiphany Begins
January 6. This is the
celebration of the visit
of the Magi to see
Jesus.

**UPDATED BIBLE
READINGS**



1	Genesis 1 – 3 ; Matthew 1
2	Genesis 4 – 6 ; Matthew 2
3	Genesis 7 – 9 ; Matthew 3
4	Genesis 10 – 12 ; Matthew 4
5	Genesis 13 – 15 ; Matthew 5:1-26
6	Genesis 16 – 17 ; Matthew 5:27-48
7	Genesis 18 – 19 ; Matthew 6:1-18
8	Genesis 20 – 22 ; Matthew 6:19-34
9	Genesis 23 – 24 ; Matthew 7
10	Genesis 25 – 26 ; Matthew 8:1-17
11	Genesis 27 – 28 ; Matthew 8:18-34
12	Genesis 29 – 30 ; Matthew 9:1-17
13	Genesis 31 – 32 ; Matthew 9:18-38
14	Genesis 33 – 35 ; Matthew 10:1-20
15	Genesis 36 – 38 ; Matthew 10:21-42
16	Genesis 39 – 40 ; Matthew 11
17	Genesis 41 – 42 ; Matthew 12:1-23
18	Genesis 43 – 45 ; Matthew 12:24-50
19	Genesis 46 – 48 ; Matthew 13:1-30
20	Genesis 49 – 50 ; Matthew 13:31-58
21	Exodus 1 – 3 ; Matthew 14:1-21
22	Exodus 4 – 6 ; Matthew 14:22-36
23	Exodus 7 – 8 ; Matthew 15:1-20
24	Exodus 9 – 11 ; Matthew 15:21-39
25	Exodus 12 – 13 ; Matthew 16
26	Exodus 14 – 15 ; Matthew 17
27	Exodus 16 – 18 ; Matthew 18:1-20
28	Exodus 19 – 20 ; Matthew 18:21-35
29	Exodus 21 – 22 ; Matthew 19
30	Exodus 23 – 24 ; Matthew 20:1-16
31	Exodus 25 – 26 ; Matthew 20:17-34

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
CALENDAR**

Below is the Count Your Blessings calendar for the ladies of the CWF to use as a guide for contributing to the blessings boxes.

This is a good idea for all of us to use this calendar in order to recognize and to share our blessings with others.

January 2010

- 1 - .15 if you celebrated New Year's day
- 2 - .10 if you took Christmas decorations down
- 3 - .05 if you wore a coat
- 4 - .03 for every storm door in your house
- 5 - .05 if you read a magazine
- 6 - .10 if you read the newspaper
- 7 - .02 for each button on clothes worn
- 8 - .05 if you are glad it is Friday
- 9 - .10 if you didn't go out today
- 10 - .10 if you went to church
- 11 - .05 for each TV in your house
- 12 - .02 for each pair of slacks you own
- 13 - .05 if you cooked today
- 14 - .10 if you skipped breakfast
- 15 - .10 if you ate out
- 16 - .05 if you watched a movie
- 17 - .05 if you sang in church
- 18 - .10 if you observed Martin Luther King day
- 19 - .05 for each zipper in the clothes you wore
- 20 - .02 for each plant in your house
- 21 - .10 for each computer in your house
- 22 - .15 if you have a rocking chair
- 23 - .10 if you got up after 8 AM
- 24 - .05 if you took communion
- 25 - .10 if you did laundry
- 26 - .05 for each bed in your house
- 27 - .02 for each step in your house
- 28 - .05 02 for each DVD you own
- 29 - .01 for each CD you own
- 30 - .05 if you own a printer
- 31 - .10 if you watched church TV

**SAVE YOUR
ALUMINUM CAN
POP TABS**

The Youth Department invites you to join them in helping support the Ronald McDonald house in Roanoke. It is very simple to do!

All you have to do is remove the pop tabs on aluminum cans and bring them to the church. There will be a special container for collecting them in the narthex.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

If we have inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) on Saturday night and/or Sunday morning, the chairman of the official board, Greg Lee, and the minister, Dennis Martin, will determine if it is safe to have services. If they determine there will be no services, the prayer chain will be activated and announcements will be placed on TV channels 7 and 10. You may also call Greg and Dennis.

HISTORY CLASS OFFERED

One of the things we as human beings like to know is where we came from. Genealogical studies are very popular.

When I look at my family tree I am no longer surprised I turned out the way I did.

As Christians and members of First Christian Church, Narrows, we need to be reminded where we came from. Dennis has heard many comments the last couple of years pertaining to the fact several members do not know about the history of the total Christian Church and particularly the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Starting on Sunday, January 17, Dennis will start classes on church history. The class will be in the fellowship hall and will meet from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. If anyone needs transportation to the church, contact Dennis.

Please plan to attend the classes.

As I write this article, we are two days away from a brand new year. Many people make resolutions to do a lot of different things in the new year: lose weight, exercise more, visit more, love more, and more, and more, and more.



I ask you to seriously consider your commitment to God and our church in this new year. If you call yourself a Christian, then that means you are a follower of Jesus, our Christ. If you follow Jesus, then you are to do what Jesus taught us all. You are required to "put God's kingdom first." Jesus did that with His life and we are to do the same thing.

What kind of commitment are you willing to have with Christ and God?

I remind you: your commitment to God here on earth determines where you will spend eternity.

I hope to see all of you in Sunday School and worship as we gather to work on our commitment to God.

Peace and love to all, Dennis

DISTRICT 2 DISCIPLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING



Our men's fellowship will host the District 2 Disciples Men's Fellowship on Saturday, January 16, 2009, at 4 P.M.

Special guests will include: Ray Gyder, regional associate for men's ministry; Louise Wade, member of First Christian Church, Pulaski, and author of a book about her daughter, Melody, who attends special camp; Janice Martin, former director of special camp.

The ladies of our church will provide a meal for a donation of at least \$7.00.

We will meet at 4 PM in the sanctuary for worship and business and then eat at 5 PM.

All men of the church are invited to attend and invite some friends.

SERVING IN JANUARY 2010

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute and contact Dennis Martin at 726-2111 so he will be aware of who is serving.

<u>ELDERS</u> Tom Johnson Nancy Millirons George Caldwell, alternate	<u>DEACONS</u> Jim Tabor* Greg Lee Darlene Payne Lou Ward * denotes chairperson of groups	<u>DEACONESSES</u> 3rd Jean Johnson * 10th Cindy Light 17th Jennifer Crawford 24th Katrina Lucas 31st Chris Trent
<u>JUNIOR DEACON</u> Caleb Johnston <u>LOCK BUILDING</u> Tom Johnson	<u>GREETERS</u> 3rd Ann Patterson 10th Jerry Broyles 17th Greg Lee 24th Tom Spangler 31st Leona Martin	<u>NURSERY</u> 3rd Chris Trent 10th Katrina Lucas 17th Jennifer Crawford 24th Paula Lee 31st Tom/Phyllis Spangler
<u>ACOLYTES</u> 3rd Tyler Woffter 10th Madison Green 17th Chase Blaker 24th Hunter Ferguson 31st Chad Blaker	<u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u> 3rd Dennis Martin 10th Nancy Martin 17th Nancy Martin 24th Nancy Martin 31st Michelle Robertson	<u>READ SCRIPTURE</u> 3rd Donna Dunn 10th Kevin White 17th Nancy Millirons 24th Jean Johnson 31st Nancy Martin

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

3	India Bryan	19	Tom Johnson
12	Justin Wright	29	Rachel Palmer
13	Amber Lee Wendy Atkins	30	Chelsea Davis
14	Slater Ferguson	31	Paula Lee Wendell Millirons
18	Ethan Lucas		Tyler Woffter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 7:00 PM Choir Practice EPIPHANY	7 7:00 PM Christian Education Department Meeting	8	9
10 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service, Church Officer Installation	11	12 11:45 AM District II Ministers, Narrows 12:30 PM CWF Group 2, To Be Announced 7:00 PM CWF Group 3, Church	13 7:00 PM Official Board Meeting	14 11:45 AM Giles County Ministerial Association, First Christian, Narrows	15	16 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM District II Men's Meeting, First Christian Church, Narrows
17 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Church History Class, Fellowship Hall	18	19	20 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21	22	23 8:00 AM Elder's Breakfast, Church
24 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Church History Class, Fellowship Hall	25 12:00 PM Newsletter Articles Due In Church Office 12:00 PM Sunshine Group, First United Methodist Church, Narrows	26	27 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28	29	30
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