



# THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

February 19, 2010

## Movie Night

"Fireproof"

Sunday, February 21

6:00 p.m.



Popcorn, Drinks and Childcare Provided!



## Birthday Dinner

The annual Birthday Dinner will be held Sunday, February 28, at noon in Fellowship Hall. You are all encouraged to attend, so we can celebrate everyone's birthday. You are asked to bring a covered dish and table service. Birthday cakes will be provided.

## Sunday School Book Class

Just a reminder that we are starting the book "The Blue Zones" by Dan Buettner in our Sunday School Class. Several people are purchasing this book this week, so the plan is to just discuss the preface next Sunday the 21st.

*Vine Street Christian Church in Arthur, IL will be hosting a community reception for their pastor, Rev. Mike Johnson, on Sunday, March 14, 2:00-5:00 pm at the high school with the program beginning at 2:30pm. Rev. Johnson is retiring as Pastor of the church in March. If you have any memories or pictures of Rev. Johnson that you would like to share, please call Jim Yoder at 217-273-3761.*



Marian Crawford's family would like to thank everyone for their cards, food, prayers, stories about mom and kindness during this time of sadness for our family. We would also like to thank Pastor Becky for her support. A special thanks to Cheri Rich for taking the time to visit with mom and for taking her all those special treats she so enjoyed. Our gratitude goes to the Funeral Dinner Team for the wonderful meal they prepared for us. We are truly blessed to have First Christian Church as our church family.

The Crawford, Typer and Walker families

Thank you for all the calls, cards and prayers when we lost Brittany. Thanks so much for the dinner that you provided after the service. We really appreciated it.

The family of Brittany Murphy

THANK YOU

A special "thank you" to our church family for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits to both Norm and I.

It means more to us than you will ever know for being such a caring church family.

Joyce & Norm Abderhalden

Thanks to my loving First Christian Church family for the comfort and support I received during the lengthy illness and subsequent death of my dear friend Jack Mischo on Christmas day. The prayers, calls, kind words and cards were precious to me and a great source of strength when it was most needed.

Nancy Gill

Remember in Prayer

- Pat Burcham
- Bob Leisner
- Bill & Bev Alwerdt
- Bill Cochroan
- Connie Lance
- Bill Kidwell
- Don Bragg
- Wayne Gillenwater
- Arlon Long
- Jim Bales
- Jean Scott
- Bernie Casteel
- Charles Chumbley
- Sox Sutton
- Marti Gott
- Jack Sparrow
- James Havius
- Randy Jent
- Bruce Thomsen
- Dale Maycroft
- Marion Best
- Mary Bragg
- Carl Erickson
- Jennifer Calandrilla
- Craig Fleener
- Sean Little

Dear PSST,

Thank you so much for the "camo" prayer shawl. It is truly appreciated. It's so nice to have tangible proof of all the prayers and support during such a difficult time.

Sincerely,

Janis Typer



Thank you so much for Paul's Prayer Shawl, he was very touched with tears in his eyes. He believes he is one of the forgotten ones. I try each week to convince him that's not true. He wants to come so bad. Remember us both in your prayers. Thank you again the shawl is beautiful.

Paul & Kathryn Hutchcraft

The family of Freeman "Doc" Martin

Our military serving our country



# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Property Meeting</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Articles for the</i> <i>newsletter are due</i>	2 <i>God Sightings</i> 9:00 a.m. <i>Christian Ed</i> 6:30 p.m.	3 <i>Choir</i> <i>Practice</i> 7:00 p.m.	4 <i>Elder's</i> <i>Meeting</i> 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:15 a.m. <i>S. School</i>	8	9 <i>God Sightings</i> 9:00 a.m. <i>SCORE Meeting</i> 3:00 p.m.	10 <i>Choir</i> <i>Practice</i> 7:00 p.m.	11 <i>Headstart</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>PSST</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Board Reports Due</i>	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:15 a.m. <i>S. School</i>	15 <i>Adah/Naomi</i> 1:30 p.m. <i>Articles for the</i> <i>newsletter are due</i>	16 <i>God Sightings</i> 9:00 a.m.	17 <i>Choir/Practice</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Board Meeting</i> 8:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:15 a.m. <i>S. School</i>	22	23 <i>God Sightings</i> 9:00 a.m.	24 <i>Choir</i> <i>Practice</i> 7:00 p.m.	25 <i>PSST</i> 6:30 p.m.	26	27
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*March Bible Readings*

- 1 Matthew 6:1-18
- 2 Luke 11:1-13
- 3 Luke 18:1-14
- 4 Psalm 32
- 5 Psalm 33
- 6 Psalm 34
- 7 Numbers 14:1-25
- 8 1 Samuel 2:1-11
- 9 2 Samuel 22:1-25
- 10 2 Samuel 22:26-51
- 11 1 Kings 3:1-15
- 12 1 Kings 8:1-21
- 13 1 Kings 8:22-53
- 14 1 Kings 8:54-66
- 15 Ezra 9:1-17
- 16 Nehemiah 1:1-11
- 17 Nehemiah 8:1-18
- 18 Nehemiah 9:1-14
- 19 Nehemiah 9:15-37
- 20 Esther 4:1-17
- 21 Job 42:1-17
- 22 Daniel 9:1-19
- 23 Jonah 2:1-10
- 24 Habakkuk 1:1-17
- 25 Habakkuk 2:1-20
- 26 Habakkuk 3:1-19
- 27 Psalm 86
- 28 Luke 19:28-48
- 29 Luke 20:1-18
- 30 Luke 20:19-47
- 31 Luke 22:1-38

*March Anniversaries*

- 1 Jim & Kim Warren  
Dave & Sharon Walker
- 8 Stephen & Candy Monroe
- 11 Bill & Evelyn Kidwell
- 20 Sam & Donna Ashinhurst



**March Serving Schedule**

**Elders**

Richard Burcham  
Nancy Burcham

**Deacons**

Carol Glazebrook, Checker  
Nancy Gill  
Jerry Calandrilla  
Jane Geiling  
Brad Burcham  
Diana Stenger  
Susan Elder, Alt.  
Susie Webb, Alt.

**Communion Prep**

Theresa Poland

**Serve Shut-ins**

Richard & Nancy Burcham  
Cheri Rich  
Carol Glazebrook  
Jane Geiling  
Brad Burcham

**Worship Leaders**

Mar 7  
Mar 14  
Mar 21  
Mar 28

**Greeters**

Mar 7  
Mar 14  
Mar 21  
Mar 28  
  
Luella Hughes

**Flowers**

Mar 7  
Mar 14  
Mar 21  
Mar 28  
  
Tom & Nancy Parks

*March Birthdays*

- 1 Sarah Leonard  
Chance Typer  
Amanda Voegal
- 2 Amanda Farley  
Fairy Vadakin
- 3 Melissa Bone  
Larry Crowder  
Don Cruitt
- 4 Walker Byers  
Tyler Mossman
- 5 Ashley Dudley
- 7 Mike Booker  
Carolyn Horsman
- 8 Melissa Dolan  
Paul Hutchcraft  
Linda Sutton
- 10 Melba Bales  
Don Typer
- 11 Alison England  
Jessica Thompson
- 12 Norm Abderhalden  
Fern McKown
- 13 Tate Fultz
- 16 Doug Burcham  
Lauren Dust
- 18 Colleen Harchous  
Mary Ann Wiley
- 20 Colton Ray  
Scott Reedy
- 21 Bob Daily  
Hayden Elzy  
Stephanie Yoder
- 22 John Booker
- 23 Luke Byers  
Hannah Elzy
- 24 Lynnae Robinson
- 25 Rose Crane  
Tracy Harchous
- 26 Donna Shafer
- 29 Casey McClain  
Djuana Neal
- 30 Jamie Florey  
Justin Florey
- 31 Josh Cole



## Attendance Report

**“We count people-because people count!”**

Feb 7 Worship Service.....	131
Feb 14 Worship Service.....	132

## Stewardship Report

Feb 7 Offering.....	\$6,732.00
Feb 14 Offering.....	\$3,883.00
Weekly Budget for 2010.....	\$4,319.00

### FCC Donates to Haiti

During our January 31 collection, First Christian Church raised \$729 to support the residents of Haiti. We selected Samaritan's Purse to disburse the funds, as they have an established presence as natural disaster response teams, and some of you might know this as the group through which we donate to Operation Christmas Child. For more information about the response needs through or to make a donation to Samaritan's Purse, go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>.

Thank you all for your support!  
World Outreach Team



## Messages and Scriptures

Feb 21—First Sunday of Lent— “How to Stay Focused Long Enough to Get There”—  
Judges 17:6, Ruth 1:15-16 & John 10:14-16

Feb 28—Second Sunday of Lent— “Be Careful What You Ask For...”—1 Samuel 8:6-9 &  
Romans 12:2

Mar 7—Third Sunday of Lent— “Triumph Turns to Trouble”—2 Samuel 5:12, 12:7-10 &  
Psalm 51:10-12

Mar 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent— “Disobedience Breeds Division”—  
1 Kings 9:1-8 & Ephesians 2:1-5

Mar 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent— “Father, Forgive Them....”—2 Kings 17:13-15 &  
Luke 23:32-34

Visit our website at [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org) for a highlights from our Sunday Worship Services and pictures from church events.

## Community Calendar

Leading The Simple Church  
Elders’ and Church Leaders’ Conference  
February 20, 2010

2010 National Men’s Equipping Conferences  
Springfield, IL—March 13  
Shiloh, IL—May 1

“Living In Unity”  
Christian Women’s Conference  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

See office bulletin board for more information.



## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Morning Worship

10:15 AM Church School

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Pastor's Cell Phone 217-273-9766

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1:00— 4:00

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### Becky's By-Line

The search is on! Sunday, February 21 marks the first Sunday in Lent. The Lenten Season is a time for searching – searching one's heart to see what separates us from God and searching our lives to see what pulls us away from God. These two searches are intimately related. For often what pulls us away from God are the same events/feelings/activities which eventually become embedded in our hearts. It then takes serious surgery to become more like Christ Jesus...spiritual by-pass surgery.

Spiritual by-pass surgery opens the pathways to God and, once again, the love flows freely. But over time these paths subsequently become clogged with anger or fear or overindulgence or – well, there are countless ways to describe the condition, but simply, it is sin. Lent is a time of repentance, of saying to God, "I'm sorry, and I want to change my diet so I don't encounter this condition again." It is turning those areas of struggle over to the only One who can help. However, we cannot correct this eternal-life threatening condition without Jesus. Only

he can open the pathways and regenerate the love in our depleted hearts.

Lent is about recognizing the condition, acknowledging the One who corrects the condition, and taking proactive measures. Then comes the best part: celebrating the successful surgery. That's what Easter is all about.

Serving Christ together,

Rebecca S. Ingram, Pastor