

*Be exalted, O God, above the
highest heavens. May your
glory shine over all the earth.*

Psalms 108:5

FEBRUARY

2014

SERVING THIS MONTH

ELDERS

Jack Dale, Todd Peak

ELDER ALTERNATES

Mick Arnold, George Walden

DEACONS/USHERS

Jared Robinson (D/U), Jim Sisk (D/U),
Paul Knight (D), Tony Legard (D)

*(An usher needs to be responsible for
locking foyer door after service starts.)*

JUNIOR DEACON

Koty Peak

DEACONESSES/JR DEACONESSES

Catherine Felix, Gina Robinson

*If you cannot serve during your scheduled
month, please contact another server
to see about switching with you.*

*If you know of a shut-in desiring
communion be taken to them, please
call Jean Brannon at 276-669-7311.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S CLASS

We still have class for our children who are 1st-5th grades. We would love to add to our numbers. Ms. Evelyn teaches this class. We realize this is a school night, therefore, we are finished with our lesson by 8 o'clock so your children will be ready to leave as soon as the Adult Bible Study is over. Please join us!

HELP NEEDED

We are in the process of cleaning the nursery and need help replacing the worn out toys and books that are being discarded. If you need to make room for your children's new Christmas toys, please consider donating the used toys to the church nursery.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 10 • 7pm • Bethany Hall

VALENTINE DINNER

Wednesday, February 19 • 6:30pm • Bethany Hall



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YOU ARE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

I have a project going, one of which I haven't done in a long time . . . a jigsaw puzzle. Now that I have "extra" time for some fun stuff a puzzle seemed appealing. I have accomplished the first big task of getting it "framed in." It was coming together fairly well until two pieces came up missing so, back to the pile(s) set aside to look for two pieces with a flat edge. I think we have some jigsaw puzzle junkies out there who know what I mean. I searched through my carefully sorted stacks a couple of times and finally, piece one . . . just one more to find. Yep, I started my search again, going through the same sorted stacks and there it was. The framework is now ready.

I looked at my unfinished project while looking at the box lid seeing what the outcome is to be. It made me think of the body of Christ—the church. This time I went to my Bible to search for a piece that so fit my puzzle. Romans 12:4 & 5 (NCV) . . .

(4) Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses.

(5) In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body.

Recently our Sunday hymn was, *I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God*, which later we learned was one of our dear Jim Arnold's favorites. How do you feel, and respond, to the message of that song?

Are you one of the pieces in the pile that isn't in the puzzle yet? Are you that one piece that dropped on the floor in a hiding place hoping you won't be found? Are you the one last piece that would finally finish the puzzle?

As with my jigsaw puzzle, when it is finished it will be pretty but until it is finished there are many empty spots.

The body of Christ is a beautiful picture and the scripture I referred to talks about the importance of each part of the body. First Christian Church is beautiful and when each piece is in its place we can stand back and say, "Wow!"

Now, I realize a jigsaw puzzle is taken apart, put back in the box and in a jumble again; it was only beautiful for a time. The body of Christ, when the pieces are put together, begins to do its work, a work of great value that will last through all eternity.

The portion in Romans ends by saying we are built on a foundation, that foundation is Jesus Christ, the most important stone in the building and the whole building is joined together in Christ. He makes it grow and become a holy temple to the Lord.

Yes, you are a piece of the puzzle that **HE** is putting together . . . PLEASE don't be a missing piece!

Evelyn



JAMES S. "JIM" ARNOLD, our dear friend and member of First Christian Church since June 3, 1973, went to be with our Lord and Savior January 21, 2014. He was a Trustee and Elder Emeritus. Mr. Arnold is survived by his wife of 66 years, Daphne Arnold; son, Mick Arnold and wife, Wilma Arnold; daughter, Beverly Hayes and husband, Eddie Hayes; grandson, Mickey Arnold, Jr.; and great-grandson, Aaron Arnold. The funeral service was conducted at First Christian Church, January 24, 2014; with Pastor Herb Peak and Reverend John Thrasher officiating. Mr. Arnold will be missed by his family and many, many friends.

THOMAS A. "TOMMY" JOHNSON passed away January 21, 2014. Mr. Johnson was a friend of many at First Christian Church where he had been attending church.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

MEALS ON WHEELS

This year our Meals on Wheels day is Valentine's Day. Come and help us show the love of Jesus to these precious people who need our help. We need drivers. Come to the church around 11am if you can help.

FOOD PANTRY

Psalm 146:7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Let's be His hand extended to the hungry on Monday February 10th from 1-4pm. Join us!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church No evening services.	3	4	5 7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	6	7	8
9 9:45 – Sunday School 10:15 – Newcomers Coffee 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church No evening services.	10 1:00-4:00 – Food Pantry 7:00 – Board Meeting	11 10:30 – Ladies Time-Out 6:30 – Ladies Time-Out	12 7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	13	14  10:00 – Meals on Wheels	15
16 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church No evening services.	17	18 	19 6:30 – Valentine Dinner 	20	21	22
23 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church No evening services.	24	25	26 7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	27	28	

Margie is in the church office from 8:30-12:30, Tuesday thru Thursday.

Please have items for March's newsletter to Margie, Pastor Herb, or Judy by February 19th.



LADIES BARTER OUTING

We are working on another date for a Barter outing. The ladies who were able to go with us last time to the Barter had such a great time they have asked we do it again. As soon as we get more information we'll let you know, so BE WATCHING!

LADIES TUESDAY TIME-OUT

On Tuesday, February 11th,
I invite you to meet with me for a "time-out!"
I find that time-outs can be of great value.

There will be two "time-out" times: 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. At this point we will meet at the church in the Seekers Sunday School classroom. This will be a time of fellowship around God's word and together in prayer. There may even be a snack involved. 😊

Our theme for this first TUESDAY TIME-OUT will be "A Heart to Know Him" based on Jeremiah 24:7. I desire for us to want to know Him and to grow in Him.

In addition to "time out" together I will be available during the day on this Tuesday, Feb. 11th if any of you ladies would like to meet with me, one on one, to talk or pray about any personal concerns. You can see me at church to set a time if this is something that would be helpful to you. Of course, I hope you know I am available any time you need me!

I look forward to seeing you Tuesday, February 11th at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm, whichever time works best for you.

