

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Return Service Requested

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Muscle Movers--10am	3	4
5 Choir Practice @ 9:30am Adult and Kids Sunday School@10am Worship @ 11:00am Victorian Square @ 2pm	6 Muscle Movers--10am	7	8 WNL 5:30-7:00 Fun Club @ 11:30 in Fellowship Hall	9 Muscle Movers--10am	10	11
12 Choir Practice @ 9:30am Calendar Meeting with church leaders @ 9:00am in the fellowship hall Board Meeting @ 12:00 noon Adult and Kids Sunday Schoo@10am Worship @ 11:00am FCC to host Family Promise Family	13 Muscle Movers @ 10am FCC Hosting Family Promise Cassandra Dothard Soccer Team Chili Supper at RMS	14 FCC Hosting Family Promise	15 No WNL FCC Hosting Family Promise	16 Muscle Movers--10am FCC Hosting Family Promise	17 FCC Hosting Family Promise	18 FCC Hosting Family Promise
19 Choir Practice @ 9:30am Adult and Kids Sunday Schoo@10am Worship @ 11:00am Family Promise Family departs MLK Joint Service @ Brickyard Christian Church @ 3:00	20 Muscle Movers--10am	23	24	25 Muscle Movers--10am	26	27
28 Choir Practice @ 9:30am Adult and Kids Sunday School@10am Worship @ 11:00am	29 Muscle Movers--10am	30	31			

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JANUARY 2020

Sunday School:

10:00am

Worship: 11:00am



January Birthdays

Amanda Miranda - 1/5
Phil Beckner - 1/5
Jacob Sander - 1/6
Phil Roberts - 1/9
Melba Hutcherson - 1/14
Braden Dothard - 1/15
Jeanne Stone - 1/17
Dick Whiteman - 1/23
Annette Doering - 1/29
Harriet Whiteman - 1/31
Sheila Brady - 1/31



Attendance for December 2019

December 1 - 100
December 8 - 79
December 15 - 128
December 22 - 96
December 29 - 57
Average - 92



January is here! I don't know about you but I get a tired of the diet and health club advertisements on tv. I don't do resolutions anymore, I'm of the opinion we should try to better ourselves each and every day. I've also spent years being dissatisfied with my body. As of late, I'm making a concerted effort to love myself just as I am, just as God created me to be.

All of these thoughts led me to church membership. We are blessed by so many newer members, visitors and friends since I have come to FCC. Some have officially joined the church, and others haven't. Joining the church might be a step you consider taking in your faith walk this year.

Reasons church membership at First Christian Church is better than a gym membership!

- It's easy to join!** You don't have to buy any special clothes; you don't have a to schedule a tour of the facility and you don't have to fill out a bunch of paperwork (Although we would like your contact information). According to our Constitution and By-Laws Of FCC: "Anyone seeking membership shall normally confess his or her faith according to the historic Disciple standard, which is based on Matthew 16:15: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Baptism is required for members as follows: anyone who has received Christian baptism in any form (immersion, sprinkling, or pouring) shall not be required to repeat his or her baptism..."
- The invitation is extended each week,** not just in January at resolution time! Each week during the "Hymn of Commitment" anyone who wishes to join the church can come forward and confirm their faith and become a member of the church. If you have never been a member of a church or been baptized then you can make an initial profession of faith (see above) and we will schedule a time for your baptism. You can also join by transferring your membership from another church. A third option is to become an "affiliate member" which means you are a member of another church somewhere, but also a member of First Christian.
- We won't debit your account automatically!** Sometimes when you sign up for a gym membership and stop going, you still get the membership fee deducted from your account each month for the length of time you've committed to. Although we encourage giving to the church, the amount is totally up to you and given at will! As a part of their Christian spiritual practice, many of our members strive to give a tithe, which is 10% of one's income (there is biblical precedence for tithing). Again, no giving is required, and it is completely up to you!
- We need you and you need us!** One of my favorite authors, Anne Lamott was asked why she dragged her son to church each week. "He needs to be with the people that love God back." We all need to be with others who love God. We were created for community. We (First Christian Church) need you, we need your gifts, your ideas, your personality and your spiritual experience. You need us, your community, for worship, Bible Study, fellowship (we really like to eat together) and service opportunities. We live out our faith together! Your gym mates might not notice if you are gone for weeks at a time- we will!
- You get to vote!** Members help determine the future of FCC. We meet a couple of times a year as a congregation to make big decisions like budget and approval of new officers. As a member- you help us make decisions. We need your wisdom.

If you have questions about membership, please come by and see me or call me. We would love to make you an "official member" of First Christian Church. Also, I'm not discouraging gym membership, if that's the way you keep healthy then please continue! But please know if you aren't already, we would love to have you as a member of FCC.

Pastor Sunny

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS FOR 2020

Happy New Year! Pre-Thanksgiving through the Christmas season is a very busy time. We realize that not everyone had a chance to turn in their "Estimate of Giving" Card. If you haven't already turned one in- it is not too late. Cards will be available in the narthex this Sunday!

For all of 2019, First Christian Church total member contributions were \$2,000 more than we expended. However, we failed to spend about \$26,000 that the 2019 Budget planned because contributions were under budget by that amount. Further, as of now, our Estimates of Giving from only 23 giving units for 2020 represent only 34.4% of planned budget expenditures this year as approved by the Congregation on 12/1/2019. This is far short of our targets to get at least twice as many giving units with Estimates of Giving reaching 75% of planned budget expenses. For the last 3 years, our budget has not increased expenses and we are trying to control costs everywhere possible. Our church thrives on its vigorous programs for our community and each other. But we must get congregational commitments to fund them or begin to curtail such programs. It takes all of us and here's how: If your unit isn't already tithing (10% of your annual income) and hasn't already submitted its Estimate of Giving, *please*:

1. See what you can do;
2. Complete and sign a copy of the estimate of giving card (available in the narthex); and
3. Send it to the church office or offering plate **before January 26**.

Thanks very much for getting this year off to a better start to put our church in shape to continue to be that vital force for our community and all of us. We can do this—and we should!

Please give any questions or suggestions to Dick Whiteman whitemanr@bellsouth.net or 865-201-5852

Your Stewardship Committee and Trustees

Community Service honoring the faith legacy of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Martin Luther King Day is Monday, January 20th and once again FCC will be worshipping with the folks of Speights Chapel AME Zion, and Brickyard Community Church. This service will be on Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 pm at the Brickyard Community Church (formally First Baptist of Lenior).

Thought for the Month...

EPIPHANIES TAKE TIME

“Elby”



The Fun Club is a group for everyone, (men AND women) who enjoy sharing fun social events and outings together. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 11:30am in the fellowship hall . Bring your favorite covered dish to share! We hope to see YOU there!!



Need an Update on your giving? If you would like an update on your annual giving feel free to contact our Financial Manager, Fran Long. She can print out a report for you. Fran can be reached at Emergftl911@aol.com or you may call her at 354-9687.

Elders and Deacons January 2020:

Elders: Bread: Michael Ann Begley Wine: Sheila Lemons
Deacons: Table: Tibby Snipes, Kathy Snipes
Narthex: Isaiah Snipes, Thressa Anderson

Communion Preparation

January 2020

Joan Woodall

We also need volunteers for cleaning after communion.

January 5 - need volunteer
January 12 - need volunteer
January 19 - need volunteer
January 26 - need volunteer

Children's Time for January 2020

January 5 - Ed Bilbrey
January 12 - need volunteer
January 19 - need volunteer
January 26 - need volunteer

Worship Leaders Serving in

January 2020:

January 5 - David Ridings
January 12 - Marsha Berry
January 19 - need volunteer
January 26 - need volunteer

CHURCH FINANCES

November 29, 2019 - December 29, 2019

GENERAL FUND INCOME

December 1 5,270.00
December 8 1,289.05
December 15 2,259.75
December 22 2,248.75
December 29 2,843.00

Total Sunday \$13,910.55

Total Office \$670.00

Total G/F \$14,580.55

Needed Monthly \$15,569.08

DEPOSTIED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT

(DESIGNATED)

(UN-DESIGNATED)

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,592.87

Special Funds G/F **In/Out

ELC**	\$995.00
WNL**	
Pumpkin Sales Youth	100.00
Poinsettia	196.00
Family Promise	230.00
Christmas Gifts	<u>655.00</u>
Total	\$2,136.00

PERMANENT FUND	
SUSTAINABILITY	1,000.00
MUSIC	
MEMORIALS	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$1,050.00

TOTAL ALL MONEY RECEIVED \$17,766.00

Memorials

In Memory of Polk Cooley by Russell & Roberta Simmons
In Memory of U.C. "Buddy" Fulmer