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DECEMBER 2014

Sunday School:

10am

Worship: 11am

**Thought for
the Month:**

"It is what it is..."

*But it will
become what
you make it"*

**Attendance for
November 2014**

November 2 - 122

November 9 - 102

November 16 - 115

November 23 - 138

November 30 - 102

Annual Church Christmas Party

The Church Christmas Party is a special tradition in our congregation. The night begins with a "variety show" of sorts. We are looking for the silly and the serious -- as folks share their talents with the congregation. Dancing, singing, skits, etc! The children and youth will also be performing a Nativity scene. The party is on Sunday the 21st at 6pm. If you have something you or a group would like to perform, please let Janice Mitchell know by Tuesday the 16th. (Call her at 217-520-1462 or email mjanm77707@aol.com).

After the show we will all move to the Fellowship Hall for snacks and will receive our Christmas Treat bags. The Christmas Treat bags is a tradition that goes back to the Great Depression. The contents of the bag has never changed. There will also be a visit from Santa and his elf for the kids! You won't want to miss! Invite a friend to this special night of celebration!

If you'd like to bring an appetizer or snack for the party, please talk with Abby White or Tracie Graham (Abby - 399-4673 or Tracie 805-5271, traciesophiegraham@yahoo.com)

Attention all Members!

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on the 7th to approve the ministry budget & the new leaders for the 2015 year. These meetings are open to all to attend and all members of the congregation are encouraged to stick around to vote.

Opportunities to Serve...

We will hand out hot cocoa & cookies on Monday the 8th during the Rockwood Christmas Parade at 7pm. We need helping hands to come help serve and set up. We also need donations of cookies and hot cocoa (in non individual packs).

You can bring the donations to the Church office or leave in the entryway.

Special thanks to all who have taken an Angel to buy gifts for from the Rockwood Housing Authority. Just remember that the gifts need to be wrapped and labeled with your angel's number on it & brought to Church by Wednesday the 3rd or at the Rockwood Housing Authority by the 5th.

Volunteers needed to help assemble the Rockwood Ministerial Association's Christmas baskets. Over 200 baskets will be given out to families in our community. All volunteers please arrive at the Church Fellowship Hall at 6pm on Friday the 20th. Volunteers are also needed to help with the distribution of baskets from 8am to 1pm on Saturday the 21st.

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Muscle Movers-10am Kids Cafe: 4:30-6:30	2	3 Choir~6:00 Handbells 7:30 Wednesday Night Live begins! 5:30-7pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm	4 Muscle Movers-10am	5 Deadline to have all Angel Tree gifts to Housing Authority	6
7 2pm Victorian Square Worship Congregational Meeting after worship. Chili Luncheon Fundraiser	8 Muscle Movers-10am Kids Cafe: 4:30-6:30 7pm: Rockwood Christmas Parade	9	10 Choir~6:00 Handbells 7:30 Wednesday Night Live begins! 5:30-7pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm	11 Muscle Movers-10am	12	13
14 9am Executive Committee Meeting 3pm Choir & Handbell Christmas Concert 6:30 pm: Elders 7pm: Board Meeting	15 Kids Cafe: 4:30 Muscle Movers-10am	16	17 Choir~6:30 Handbells 7:30 WNL 5:30-7pm Narcotics Anon 7:30pm	18 Muscle Movers-10am	19 RMA Christmas Basket Assembly 6pm (in fellowship hall)	20 8am - 1pm RMA Christmas Basket Pick up
21 6pm: Church Family Christmas Show & Party 10am Children & Youth and their families breakfast	22 Muscle Movers-10am Kids Cafe: 4:30-6:30	23	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service & Soup Supper at 6pm (Office Closed)	25 Merry Christmas (Office Closed)	26	27
28	29 Muscle Movers-10am Kids Cafe: 4:30-6:30	30	31 Choir~6:00 Handbells 7:30 No Wednesday Night Live Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm			

December Birthdays

Dec 3 - Cassandra Dothard

Dec 6 - Zayvias Cofer

Dec 7 - Steve Howard

Dec 11 - Michael Giles

Dec 11 - Rose Tagliere

Dec 11 - Tracie Graham

Dec 12 - Julia Clark

Dec 12 - Ron Berry

Dec 15 - Lexie Woodall

Dec 16 - Triston Sander

Dec 18 - Sam Kirkham

Dec 19 - Janice Hayes

Dec 21 - Michael Ann Begley

Dec 23 - Olivia Tagliere

Dec 24 - Jenny Hembree

Dec 27 - Alex Jones

Dec 28 - Judy Giles

Dec 31 - Laura Booth

Special Happenings in December!

Sunday December 7th there will be a Chili Luncheon Fundraiser after worship given by the Christian Women's Fellowship. The cost to eat is \$5 & there will also be other baked goodies for sale.

Sunday, December 14th at 3pm in the sanctuary there will be a concert that features music of the Season. Everyone is welcome to hear the Choral and Hand bell music!

Sunday, December 21st a special Dance Ensemble from "Arts in Motion" studios will be dancing during worship. At 6pm that evening will be our annual Church Christmas Party. You won't want to miss this special show followed by our Christmas treats and a visit from Santa and his elf!

Sunday, December 24th at 6pm is our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Come hear the stories of our faith as we prepare for Christ's birth! After worship everyone is invited for soup in the fellowship hall.

Children & Youth

After Thanksgiving we will begin working on our Nativity Scene drama that will be performed at the Church Christmas party on December 21st. If you want to be a part of it -- then we need you to be at Wednesday Night Live each Wednesday in December. It's going to be a great night!

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to welcome Kathy, Tibby & Isaiah Snipes into the life of our community through their profession of faith made on November 9th. Welcome Snipes Family!

CHURCH FINANCES

October 27, 2014 - November 30, 2014

GENERAL FUND INCOME

November 2	4,258.00
November 9	1,809.00
November 16	1,153.00
November 23	2,275.55
November 30	1,851.00
Total Sunday	11,326.55

Total Office	1,250.00
Total G/F	12,576.55

DEPOSITED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT (DESIGNATED)

(UN-DESIGNATED)

Total All Money Received \$15,425.05

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,270.04

Special Funds G/F **In/Out	
WNL	250.00
Flowers	25.00
Pumpkin Patch	994.50-44.00
Christmas Treats	250.00
TBD	1,000.00
Poinsettia's	<u>78.00</u>
Total	2,553.50

Roof	75.00
Organ	25.00
Memorial	<u>195.00</u>
Total	295.00

Worship Leaders Serving in December:

Dec 7 - Mike Albertson Dec 14 - Ron Berry

Dec 21 - Laura Booth Dec 28 - Fran Long

Communion Preparation: Joan Woodall

Elders: Nell Bilbrey, Wayne Honeycutt, Eddie Bilbrey

Deacons: Mark Foster, Abby White, April Montgomery, Michael Ann Begley

Table: Mark Foster, Abby White

Narthex: April Montgomery, Michael Ann Begley

Dear Friends,

Just take one look at the calendar and you will see – it looks busy. There is lots happening around here in December. If you take a moment to read the events in the newsletter you will see that we have all kinds of special activities and opportunities for you to attend. Everything from the Rockwood Christmas parade, volunteering to help assemble Christmas baskets of food for the hungry, a church party with a nativity scene, candles at Christmas Eve and MORE.

During this month there will be opportunities for you to hear special music of the Season. We will have events that will invite you to laugh and smile, and to eat more than your share of special goodies. There are lots of ways that we are going to recognize the joy of Christmas. We even have Santa and his elf ready to make a special trip for the kids. We really have LOTS happening!

In the midst of all these wonderful events and opportunities, this is a place where you can come and be filled. On Sunday mornings I hope you will come to worship and find rest and renewal. If your “cup” feels empty. Come here. If this Christmas is going to be especially hard – I want you to come and hear again the stories of our faith. If your heartache is great. If your life seems like a total mess – this is the time to come and remember Immanuel, God with us. Come and remember that you are not alone. Come and remember the one who meets you in the midst of your life.

O Come, O Come, Immanuel....O Come, O Come, Immanuel.

Glad to be in ministry with you!

Peace,

Kara

Memorials...

In Memory of Jack & Brian Giles
By: Judy Giles

Memorial for Dan Cooley

In Memory of Betty Jarvis
By: B. J. Kirkham
Larry & Kathy Cisson
Ron & Marsha Berry
Ed & Nell Bilbrey

Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone is welcome to buy a Christmas Poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone they love. The cost for a poinsettia is \$13 and they will be placed in the sanctuary on December 21st and you are invited to take them home with you after the Christmas Eve service. To buy a poinsettia, you may simply fill out an insert that will be in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate. Or call the church office (865) 354-1753 or email fccrock@bellsouth.net. Checks can be made out to First Christian Church. Please let us know by Tuesday the 16th at 2pm.