

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

December 19, 2018

- ★The goal for our Christmas offering is \$2,000 for CIW ministry.
- ★Please sign your greetings and see the others on our Congregational Christmas card.
- ★December 23 we will have regular 8 & 10 AM worship with New Member Recognitions.
- ★Our evening service of “Carols, Communion, and Candlelight” will be at 7:00 PM, Sunday, Dec. 24. Parent-Child Dedications available.
- ★Use the invitations to invite others to worship!
- ★Pick up your Offering Envelopes in the hallway!
- ★Rick & Kim Ward suffered a house fire early Sat. morning and lost everything. They will have to start over and will need some help. If you have items, call Grace Ward at (217) 264-4360; if you would like to help financially, you can designate a gift through FCC.
- ★Our final Sunday with Rev. Mike and Peg, will be Dec. 30, services at 8 & 10 with visiting time at 9:00.
- ★Jan. 6 will be a Combined Service at 9:00 AM with Dedication of Leaders, new theme, guest speaker, Karl Marshall and Scott Woolridge visiting.
 - Dixon Retirement Dinner, for those who are signed up, will be at 11:30 AM, at the KC Hall, doors open at 11:15 & parking assistance will be available at the main door for those who *need* it.
 - Open Reception will follow from 2-4 PM.
- ★Youth Group: 6-7:30pm; 6th through 12th 2018 ends Wed., 12/19; 2019 starts Wed., 1/9
 - Jr + High // Frenzy: Dec 28-29 @ 7pm-6am, Mid-Winter Jan 26-27 - High // Ski Trip Jan 18-21
 - Youth Sunday: Feb 3 @ 10am only
- ★Ordination service for Pastor John Snidle will be at his home church in Olney on Monday, Dec. 31.
- ♥Thank you to FCC, we truly appreciate the support of our Giving Tree project. All tags were filled and presents delivered. Thank you again! - Circle of Light
- ♥Thanks to all for the prayers & cards for John & I. It means so much to have such a loving church family. We take so much for granted. You all have a blessed Christmas and healthy New Year. - Pat & John Hittle
- ♥Thank you for the Love Offering! - Staff & Committee
- ★Pray for Paris - Wenz School & your own local focus.
- ★Tornado report from Taylorville (DOC) church: 36 houses destroyed; 65-70 severely damaged; 17 church members affected/6 displaced; church building is fine; Week of Compassion monies being sent.
- ★2019 Serving Schedules will be mailed as received.
- ★The last day for end-of-year giving is Dec. 31.
- ★Program committees will meet Sunday, Jan. 20, at 2:00 PM. Names needed by this Fri., Dec. 21!
- ★Church offices will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.
- ★Next newsletter will be Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your Church Staff





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COME WORSHIP WITH US

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM ~ WORSHIP 10:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT First Christian Church's mission is to grow disciples who are:

"Believing in Christ,

Behaving as Christ,

Becoming like Christ"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ATTENDANCE

We count because you count!

Dec. 16: 8:00 - 53 10:00 - 121 Nursery - 3

TOTAL WORSHIP = 177

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTAL = 56

OFFERING TOTALS

December 16, 2018

General Fund	\$5,691.25
Envelopes	1.00
Sunday School	23.00
Love Offering	710.00
God's Gang	100.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
Emergency Fund	70.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Dixon Retirement Gift	275.00
Bell Choir Fund	50.00
Paris Ministerial Fellowship	50.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	120.00
Christmas Offering	236.00
Church Bus Fund	50.00
Building Fund	1,955.00
TOTAL	\$9,481.25

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 23, 2018 continued...

SOUND/PROJECTION: Joe/Evie Gill

SCRIPTURES: Luke 1:26-35, Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON: "Dear God," Is Christmas More Important

Than Easter? by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 24, 2018 - 7:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADER: Doug Hasler

BREAD ELDER: Chris Milam

DEACONESS: Janean Gilliland

PROJECTION/SOUND: Tony Peel

SCRIPTURES: John 3:16-18, 17:20-23, 20:31

SERMON: "Dear God," What Do You Want For Christmas?

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 30, 2018

8:00 AM: ELDER: Daryl Bridwell

DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman

PIANIST: Pete Templeton

9:00 AM: Visiting Time

10:00 AM: GREETERS: TBA

ACOLYTES: Sophie Young, Taylor Shewey

WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Kennedy

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

DEACONS: Team 3, Jacob Thomas, Capt.

JR DEACONS: Team #3, Jaydin Seeley, Capt.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Dan Smittkamp

NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jenelle Adams

SOUND SYSTEM/PROJECTION: John Chittick/Tony Peel

SCRIPTURES: Acts 20:17-35

SERMON: "Exit Right" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 23, 2018

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Mary Helen Hamilton

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS: Sue Elliott/Jim & Sue B.

ACOLYTES: Sammy Milam, Ethan Smittkamp

WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Terry

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Capt.

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Lainey Ogle, Capt.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor John Snidle

NURSERY HELPER: Brooklyn Ward

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

DEC. USHERS: Dean S., Ron S., Steve C.