

A Church for Today

The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Good News

... from First Christian Church
of Sherwood

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Meet FCC's Pastoral Candidate

Please join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m. for an opportunity to meet our pastoral candidate, Julie Wallace. Julie will lead us in a brief devotional followed by a question and answer time. Then we will gather in Chalice Hall for fellowship and refreshments where you will have the opportunity to visit with Julie and meet her family. Please continue to be in prayer as our congregation seeks to follow God's will for our next pastor.

Congregational



We will have a congregational vote immediately following each Worship service on Sunday, March 14, regarding the recommendation to hire Dr. Julie Wallace to be FCC's Senior Minister.

As outlined in FCC's Constitution, "Voting privileges shall be accorded to all who are active members, thirteen years old, or older." "A member shall be considered 'active' if the member is in attendance at Sunday morning worship at least three times in the past three months."



It's that time of year when the nominating committee begins its work of securing the slate of church officers for 2010-2011. This year's committee includes Tink Dedman, Linda Mikesell, Georgia Pounders, Kathy Reline and Kim Scott. We've already begun our work, but we need your help! Please take the time to fill out a nominating form. These forms give you the opportunity to tell us where you would like to serve in the coming year as well as nominating others for service. Every form that's turned in will be read by the committee and every recommendation considered. There is a yellow box located in the narthex and one in Chalice Hall for you to place your completed forms in. You may also pick up blank forms there as well. If you would like to complete the form that's attached to this newsletter and return it by email, please do so and return it to Georgia at g.pounders@comcast.net Please be a part of this vital process in the life of our church by turning in your completed forms no later than Sunday, March 21. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

Thank you! The Nominating Committee



So many wonderful things have happened over the past 10 months. Lives have been touched in powerful ways. The needs of hundreds of people have been met through our providing food, housing, materials and especially hope. We have moved a long ways toward identifying what it is we feel like God is calling us to do now. There are many things to celebrate and feel great about!

One of the important things for congregations and individuals to do is to look forward to where we are going. I was reminded of that recently when I was walking down a sidewalk, talking to someone who was walking behind me, and I ran smack dab into a sign pole. Looking forward is vital if we want to move ahead in a way that avoids “poles”.

I believe that God has amazing things in the future of FCC, Sherwood. You are a people with many talents and a passion for making a difference in the world. If we offer ourselves for God’s use then many of the dreams and desires expressed over the past months. What are those dreams? Here are the 4 goals set out in the congregational listening conferences last year:

1. **A place of Safety and Accountability**
2. **A place of Connection** – with our faith, with each other and with our community
3. **A place of Purpose/Vision**
4. **A place of Growth in the Faith**

Steve

Board Notes:

Sunday, February 21, the FCC Board met and some of the things discussed were:

Voted to recommend issuing a call to Dr. Julie Wallace to be our Senior Minister.

Appointed a nominating committee to select a slate of leaders for 2010-2011

Approved changing insurance provider as of March 1, 2010

Announced the Youth Mission Trip will be to the Osage Reservation in Oklahoma in July.

If you would like to find out more about these items, or what the Board did please contact a Board member.

Weekly Attendance

February 7:	9 a.m. Worship: 103 Pancake Breakfast 11 a.m. Service: 42
February 14:	9 a.m. Worship: 64 Sunday School: 23 11 a.m. Service: 37
February 21:	9 a.m. Worship: 61 Sunday School: 18 11 a.m. Service: 45
February 28:	9 a.m. Worship: 68 Sunday Brunch 11 a.m. Service: 45

Did you greet these visitors?

Feb 7: Boy Scout Troop 770, Andru Watkins, Tracy Norman, Ally Dupree, Alex Salvador, Susan Fanning, Karen Autrey

Feb. 14: Karen Autrey, Tracy Norman, Megan & Scott Hairston, Alex Salvador, Haleigh & Hannah Figley, Ally & Thomas Dupree, Susan Fanning

Feb. 21: Kathy Churchill, Alex Salvador, Doug, Ally & Thomas Dupree, Hannah Figley, Burton Family, Rod Fanning, Adian & Lilly Fanning, Tracy Norman, Scott & Megan Hairston

Feb. 28: Martin & Nancy Tulley, Karen Autrey, Ally & Thomas Dupree, Roger VanderLugt, Adian & Lilly Fanning, Aaron West, Donna Riley, Lori Smart

March CWF and CMF Meetings

The Christian Women and Men's Fellowship Groups invite all the men and women of the church to attend their monthly potluck supper and meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. in Chalice Hall.

The evening hosts will provide the main dish, and you are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, fruit or dessert to complement the meal.

Kroger Card Update

To date we have 25 individuals and/or families using Kroger Gift Cards which are assigned to our church. Those users have contributed \$1,235.72 above and beyond their normal giving to First Christian, because

Kroger remits 5% of the total amount they spend on groceries and gasoline to the church.



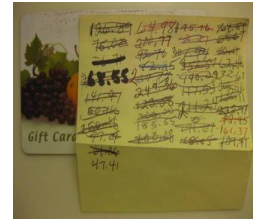
Some Kroger Gift Card users don't keep track of the amount on their card, they just load the card every so often and when it zeros out, they load it again. Some users have devised routines for keeping track of the amount on their card which is always printed on your Kroger receipt.



Kim Ferguson always tucks the previous receipt in her wallet right behind her card. By looking at the previous receipt,

she knows her balance and whether or not she needs to reload her card.

Shari Coote sticks a Postit Note on her card and always writes the new card balance on the Postit Note and scratching out the old balance before putting her card back in her wallet.



Of course, it's not how you keep track of your balance that counts. Using your card for groceries and gasoline is what counts. Think of using a Kroger Gift Card that's registered to our church as another half-tithe! If you aren't using a Kroger Gift Card, but you do shop at Kroger and would like to give it a try, you can get a card from Joy in the church office.

Stewardship Report

February 7:	\$2,955.30
February 14:	\$3,191.30
February 21:	\$2,186.00
February 28:	\$3,182.50
YTD Offering:	\$23,183.64
YTD Expenses:	\$19,167.67
YTD Budgeted Offerings:	\$23,427.00

Chalice Hall 2010

YTD Gifts:	\$4,172.50
YTD Payments:	\$4,726.00



Upward Basketball

Upward Basketball season is over and I'd like to extend a personal "Thank You" to everyone who gave of their time and opened their hearts to help with this great outreach! A heart-felt thanks to all who continued to keep Upward, players, coaches, officials and facilities in prayer helping to guide the program through another successful year of reaching out to children and their families! ~Joy

*Annual CWF
Project to begin in
March*



Each year First Christian Church takes an active role in a very important ministry by reaching out to young mothers and their newborn babies at UAMS through donations of baby blankets, t-shirts, gowns and diapers.

Some mothers do not have clothes or blankets to wrap their baby in to take them home from the hospital. You can help wrap these precious babies in love and warmth provided by FCC of Sherwood by making a donation to this special ministry.

Please place your baby items in the basket located in the Narthex and Chalice Hall. We will collect items through March then deliver them to UAMS.

We are called to pray...

Military men, women and families, Brad Neaves, Derrick Coleman, Mike Bolton, Michael Washington, Jimmie's nephew Kyle, Darius Counts, Jared Riethbaum, Matt Dedman, Crystal Anders, Adam Kangieser, FCC of Sherwood, the search committee and our board, Jeannie Smith and mother, Lynley & Steve Summers, John Siebert, Hazel Roberts, Brent, Nolan, Nina Ferguson & Sabrina, Bill & Carolyn Hale, Mary & Mike Walker, Susie Gillihan, Shirley Jones, Barbara Owens, the Hutsell Family, unspoken, Willie Cullins, Robert Smith, Aileen Silliman, Zoe Goss, Preston Wallis & family, Mary Magby, Frank Ludwig, Junne Jackson, Sharon Pennell, Garry Ripka, Laura Cook, Lisa Smith, son Landon and family, Rose McCabe and family, Lori McCaleb, Karen Cornwell, Katherine Mayers (Peggy's sister-in-law), Holly Jones, Gabriel, Robin Koch and family, Susan Fanning's sponsor child and family in Haiti



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

The Food Pantry will be collecting baby food for the month of March. Baby cereals, jar food, graduates foods, all types of baby food will be welcomed. We haven't been able to obtain any for a while. The Food Pantry can always use Sweet & Low and Splenda for diabetic guests. Please remember the Food Pantry when you are shopping and put these items on your shopping list then bring it with you to Church anytime during the month and place your gift in the basket located in the Narthex.

Thanks so much!



I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits, food and prayers during my surgery and recovery, they all meant to much to me. A special thank you to Pastor Steve for all his visits and calls. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family!

Kathy Reline

In sincere appreciation of your dedication and service to today's youth, Boy Scout Troop 770 and Cub Scout Pack 255 would like to extend a sincere thank you to FCC for serving as our Charter Organization and allowing the Scouts to meet in the Church facilities each week!!

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Where Love is a way of Life

There is still time to join the FCC adult volleyball team, anyone interested should come to practices on Friday nights in Chalice Hall at 6:30 p.m. We still have spots on the team, or just come and practice with the team.



The Tournament is on the calendar for April 16 – 18. There will be a meeting for those interested in helping with the Tournament in the youth room during brunch on March 28. If you have questions about the Volleyball Tournament or want to sign up, please call the church office or contact Philip Cullins at philip0616@hotmail.com

Jesus Is Able

He is able to save. Hebrews 7:25.

He is able to keep you from falling.
Jude 24.

He is able to help those who are tempted.
I Corinthians 10:13.

He is able to do for us more than we ask
or think. Ephesians 3:20.

He is able to make all grace abound.
2 Corinthians 9:8.