

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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DISPOSITION OF HERITAGE ITEMS

As the pending sale of the Heritage building approaches, plans are being made to dispose of the remaining items in the building downtown. Are you aware of any specific items of sentimental or historical value you think the church should try to keep? If so, describe the item(s) on cards available in the Alcove and return it to the office before December 20.

FCC ANNUAL MEETING/ELDER ELECTION

First Christian Church will hold its Annual Meeting and Elder Elections beginning at 8:00 a.m., today, December 6, with voting at all services. According to our by-laws, you must be a member of FCC, 18 years of age or older, be present at the meeting to vote, with no voting by proxy allowed.

Elder Candidates:

Bob Barney, Steve Brink, Dick Leeper, Todd Pettepier, Geoffrey Sommerville, Aric Yochum

Current Elders to be affirmed:

Stan Beckner, Ron Dickinson, Larry Royce, Tom Umphreys, Mark Welch

Please complete and place in the offering plate/basket.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

On Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m., Room 005, Dave Erickson and Jerry Hopkins will lead a class called "Discover." Discover is for people who are interested in learning more about First Christian Church's beliefs, mission and ministries. Come and connect with our pastors and others who want to discover more about FCC.

Please fill out this tear-off portion and place it in the offering plate/basket so we can be prepared for you.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

LITTLE BETHLEHEM THIS WEEKEND

Start a family tradition, gather up the family and go back in time to experience God's greatest gift to us, the birth of Jesus Christ.

POINSETTIA TREES

Today, Sunday, December 6, will be your last chance to order poinsettias for our poinsettia trees. These are beautiful additions to our Christmas celebration and have become an annual tradition at First Christian. The names of those honored by the contribution of poinsettias will be in the December 20 *Connection*. The cost is \$7.25 each.

LOVE AND CARE MINISTRY AND WOMEN BY DESIGN PROJECT

For December, we will collect canned goods and staples for Christmas baskets. Monetary donations may be given to help purchase any of these articles. Please place your donations in the Alcove.

If you know of someone who needs a basket, please contact Jack and Jean Provines, 328-2074. FCC distributes baskets on a referral basis.

PANCAKE MAN IS COMING!

Please join us for pancakes as the Pancake Man entertains you on Sunday, December 13, in the Student Center, Room 102. He will serve from 9:00 to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

QUICK NOTES

- WINTER COATS in good condition or lightly used will be collected through today, Sunday, December 6, in the Alcove.
- LUNCH BUNCH meets tomorrow, Monday, December 7, 11:30 a.m., at Cracker Barrel. Call Sharyl Osborne, 545-3102, for details.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



Matt Beckner—Children's Ministries, mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org
Sarah Kaelin—Early Childhood Ministries, skaelin@firstchristiancb.org



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for the 2009 Children's Christmas Program, tonight, Sunday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

Attention all Early Childhood and Children's Ministry (birth-fifth grade) workers! We would like to thank you for your service. You're invited to join us at **Star Cinema** for a special viewing of the newest Disney movie, *The Princess and the Frog*, this **Saturday, December 12** (opening weekend), **9:30 a.m.** As a volunteer the cost of your ticket is covered and you can bring any additional member of your immediate family for \$2/person (child or adult). Contact Sarah Kaelin for more information. Please **RSVP** by e-mail to skaelin@firstchristiancb.org or call **712-355-2647**.



TEACHER NEEDED

Teaching opportunity available for grades 1-5, 10:30 a.m., beginning Sunday, January 3. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to lead this exciting class. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Matt Beckner at 328-2606 or mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org

STUDENT BODY A SAVIOR IS BORN

The celebration of Jesus' birth is officially underway. How will you celebrate? Why do you celebrate?

There are a number of questions that come up when we enter into conversations about the birth of Jesus. Is Jesus really God in the flesh? Why did God choose to show Himself in this way? Why was Jesus born into a Jewish family in Bethlehem?

Interested? Join the conversation about the 'good news' of Jesus' birth at Student Body this Wednesday.
[middle school 6:00 p.m. / high school 7:30 p.m.]

SENIOR ADULTS

Jean Provines—Senior Adult Ministries, jprovines@firstchristiancb.org

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, December 10, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Room 114. This two-hour video is designed to help individuals and families through the special kind of grief they suffer during the holidays. We invite you to come and let us pray for you and help you through this season.

COME SEE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

The FCC senior adults decorated the courtyards at Risen Son so the nursing home residents could see Christmas lights from their rooms. (You will need to go inside the building to view the lights in the courtyards.) The lights are on every evening from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, "SANTA'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPE"

Our December service project will be helping the nursing home residents at Risen Son go "Christmas shopping." Meet at the south nursing station (B-hall), at 8:45 a.m., to help set up the "store." Many residents need help, so we need volunteers who will push wheelchairs or assist those with canes. Please wear your Christmas sweaters and sweatshirts or something bright red. Santa hats will be provided and lunch will be provided at 12:15 p.m.



Wireless assisted-listening devices are available at the sound booth.

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Jo Turcott - JE
Greta Spencer - JE
Reese Morrison - Children's

CONGRATULATIONS

To Christopher Kreikemeier and Alicia Fricke on their wedding, November 21.

DECEMBER PRAYER CHAIN

Several people have made themselves available this month to pray with you about your specific prayer requests. To start the prayer chain, please contact the first name on the list and share your request.

Sally Smith	545-3325
Cecil/Marilyn Nichols	323-1688
Dick/Cheri Dickinson	322-2160
Michael/Deb Foote	981-4743

Would you like to join these and other prayer warriors? You would be on a rotation to serve about every nine months and, in case of a catastrophic emergency, everyone would be called to pray. God answers prayers and He is listening at any time you talk with Him. Please call the office, 328-2606, and offer your time to pray.