



First Christian Church

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Love Your Enemies

February 23, 2025
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #98 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship - from Psalm 37

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

People: Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord and He will do this.

People: The Lord will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

ALL: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath. Do not fret. The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, look with favor upon your congregation gathered here in this place to worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Open your wisdom to us. Guide us by your Holy Spirit to follow you today and all of our days. Teach us your ways and your will for us. Be with us and for us as we navigate our place in our community and even the wider world. Thank you for your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray all things in his name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #107 – Amazing Grace

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Larry & Betty Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Jerry & Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood		

Love for Enemies

27 “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; **28** bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. **29** If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. **30** Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. **31** Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33** If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. **35** Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38** give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Scripture Readings - Luke 6: 27 – 38 (NRSV)

Sermon - *Love Your Enemies* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #108 - Rock of Ages

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Closing Song - #117 - A Shelter In The Time Of Storm

*Benediction

Leader: Go into the world to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, February 26th

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, March 2nd

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Announcements:

Beginning Balance As Of 2-16-25	5156.38
Expenses/Payroll	2059.86
Weekly Offering	1365.00
Difference	+ \$694.86
Ending Balance	4461.52

Week of February 16th - Attendance: 28 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 0, YouTube: 10 Approx. Views: 15-43

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. There is not a volunteer for the meal. If you would be interested in volunteering, please call the office or see Helen or Betty after worship.

Thank you!

Youth Group Meal Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2025. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

Hope Community is hosting Ladies Day: March 1st. It is a day of encouragement and refreshment for all ladies out of high school in our area. Brunch will be served at 10:30 and a program of fun, music and inspiration to follow at 11:30. Jill Kohlhagen is a full time Christian lady who specializes in being a wife, mom, friend and hospice chaplain. She has an incredible testimony of God's guidance and grace to share on this day. Miriam Rust, another wonderful Christian lady, will serve as your hostess for the day. She will add another friendly face and warm welcome to the day. Tickets for the event are free, but tickets will be required to attend. Please reserve your place at Hope Community at 219-866-5665 or hopecommunity08@gmail.com. Reservations are first come first serve with a limit of 80 people. See flier in narthex.

JCEA Pork Chop or Chicken Dinner: is Sunday, March 16th at Jasper County Fair Grounds. Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Carry out are available. Sponsored by: Jasper County Fair Association. Profits to benefit Jasper County Fair. Dinner by Remington Poultry & Catering. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Flier in narthex.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule:

- 3/05 — Church of the Nazarene
- 3/12 — St. Augustine Church
- 3/19 — First Christian Church
- 3/26 — Brushwood
- 4/2 — St. Luke's
- 4/9 — Trinity UMC
- 4/16 —

February Birthdays

- 1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman
- 2 - David Lintner
- 5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith, Sarah Sutton
- 6 - Cole Dunlap
- 7 - Brandon Roberts
- 9 - Kolton Ploughe
- 10 - Katie Saylor
- 11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith
- 13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey
- 14 - Rhonda Murphy
- 19 - Matt Phillips
- 21 - Bailey Craig
- 23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly
- 28 - Dinah Todd



Happy Birthday



February Anniversaries



NONE

