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"Our mission is to love God, to love others, and to lead others to Jesus Christ."

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FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Gerald Deskins, Paul Corbin
Captain

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Blake Robinson02/17-02/23
- Ernie Rogers02/24-03/01
- Tom Thompson03/02-03/08

DEACONS

- Bruce Chaney • Jane Robinson
- Taylor Chaney • Josh VanHoose

GREETERS

- Daryl Ratliff/Taylor Wells 02/17
- Daryl Ratliff/Taylor Wells 02/24

Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of the Week.

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

FEBRUARY	3	10	17	24
Sunday School	35	40		
Worship Total	90	80		

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

UNBUDGETED OUTREACH	\$	105.00
ENDOWMENT FUND		675.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		126.00
GENERAL FUND		
Needed	\$	25,494.00
Received		33,630.10

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

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As I write this article Bonita and I are still yet a week away from being able to move into our new house. It has taken a lot longer to get to this point than I thought, but that's because my expectations were not very realistic. What I do realize is that it would have taken a lot longer to get to this point had not many of you come over and volunteered your services. Church members have removed wall paper, scraped and painted walls, hauled off trash, moved books, cleaned floors, and many other helpful tasks. A heartfelt word of thanks goes to all of you who have helped us get ready to move We truly couldn't have done it without you! This whole experience of moving reminds me of how things work in a church. Churches often want to accomplish their goals as quickly as possible. They may even set dates only to realize later that they have been unrealistic in doing so. Some things just take longer than we would like and we must learn to be patient. I am also reminded through this moving ordeal that things definitely move faster and go smoother when people chip in and work together. No church can move forward or make progress unless lots of people use the gifts God has given them for this purpose. Working side by side with one another we can accomplish so much more as a church and do so more quickly. It is my prayer that in the year to come we will all strive to use the gifts God has given us for the good of the church and the kingdom of God and that we will use these gifts hand in hand with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We still may not get to where we want to go as fast as we'd like but it's only by all of us working together that we have any chance of moving forward at all. I intend to do my part. Will you?

Dr. Chuck Summers



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

This Saturday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m. is Family Game Night. The church will provide food and drinks, but we ask everyone to bring a **chocolate** dessert. Please bring any games you would like to play. The church will have ping pong, foosball, "Dance, Dance Revolution." If you can come, please call the church office (437-4527) by Friday.

New Small Group Study Planned

The pastor is planning to begin a new small group study the beginning of March. The study will be based on John Ortberg's book, The Life You've Always Wanted. Here's an excerpt from the back of the book: "What does true spiritual life look like? What keeps you from living such a life? What can you do to pursue it? If you're tired of the status quo—if you suspect that there's more to Christianity than what you've experienced—John Ortberg points to a road of transformation and spiritual vigor that anyone can take. One that leads to "The Life You've Always Wanted." The new study will last thirteen weeks and all participants will need a copy of the book. All those who are interested in being a part of this exciting and helpful study are encouraged to attend an introductory meeting Sunday, February 24, at 4:00 p.m. Chuck will describe the contents of the study at this time and allow the group to choose which day of the week and time they desire to meet. Book orders will also be made at this time. For more information, contact Chuck..

PRAYER VIGIL

Our annual 24-hour prayer vigil will be Thursday, March 13 starting at 6:00 a.m. This has been a very spiritually enriching and uplifting event for past participants. Please consider signing up for a thirty minute time slot. A sign up sheet will soon be available.



Our Prayer List is updated weekly and published separately. It is available in the worship bulletin on Sunday. Please contact the church office to add a name to the list, or use the tear-off portion and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. We will maintain

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Beginning March 2, 2008, the price for a flower arrangement for the Sunday Worship will increase to \$20.00. The 2008 flower chart is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please sign up to provide flowers for an available Sunday. You will be billed by Levi's Floral.

PROPERTY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are aware of any needed repairs or other problems with church property, please call or email Ertel Whitt, Jr. (Office 432-4127, email-whittengr@setel.com), and/or Terry Trimble (Cell 794-9187, email-terry@ekywater.com).

RELAY FOR LIFE

Randy Johnson invites the church to join him in forming a team for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." If you would like to participate in this May 2008 event, please call Randy at 218-3915 (work) or 794-1153 (cell). If you would like to donate to this cause through the church, please make your check payable to First Christian Church, and show "Relay for Life" in the memo section of your check..

Church Calendar - February/March

February 16	6:00 PM	Family Game Night
February 17	12:15 PM	Wk of Comp. Lunch
February 20	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
February 20	3:30 PM	Skating Party
February 24	4:00 PM	New Study Group
March 2	11:00 AM	Pre-School Sings
March 7		World Day of Prayer
March 13	6:00 AM	24-Hour Prayer Vigil
March 20	7:00 PM	Maunday Thursday Service.
March 22		Easter Egg Hunt