

AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Paul Corbin, Captain • Jim Brown

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Bob VanHoose 08/17 - 08/23
- Jim Brown 08/24 - 08/30
- Paul Corbin 08/31 - 09/06
- Gerald Deskins 09/07- 09/13
- Wilma Deskins 09/14- 09/20

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for AUGUST


- Barb Adams • Randy Roberts
- Helen Brown • Ashley Byers

GREETERS

- Barb Adams & Carli Deskins 08/17
- Daryl Ratliff & Charles Prater 08/24
- Robin & Taylor Wells 08/31

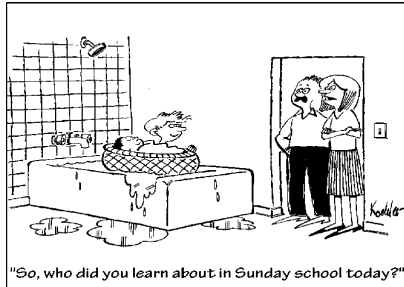
Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of the Week.

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

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| August | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Sunday | 32 | 33 |  | | |
| Worship Total | 99 | 96 | | | |

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

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| GENERAL FUND | | |
| Needed as of August 10 | | \$ 132,301.55 |
| Received as of August 10 | | \$ 131,941.72 |



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Pastor's Corner

Some time ago I watched a video featuring Joseph Stowell, longtime president of the Moody Bible Institute. In the program Stowell raised a very interesting question. He asked if we were living to be blessed or living to bless. Which would it be for you? Are you living to be blessed? Or living to bless others? I fear that far too many people today live to be blessed. They want their lives to be blessed, which typically means they desire health, happiness and material gain. These people even pray on a regular basis that God will bless their life. This may be the approach of the majority but it is not the approach modeled for us by Jesus. Nor is it the approach that will produce a truly significant life. A genuine Christian approach to life is purposely to live one's life so that it will prove to be a blessing to others. If we choose this "path less taken" our prayer will not be "O God, bless me;" it will be "Heavenly Father, make me a blessing." A song I have heard sung in church all of my life is called "Make Me a Blessing." The chorus to this hymn says, **"Make me a blessing, make me a blessing, out of my life may Jesus shine; make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray, make me a blessing to someone today."** Something tells me that if we made this our prayer each and every morning, instead of "O God, bless me today," that we would experience the "blessed" life like never before. Would you be willing to give it a try?

Dr. Chuck Summers



Organ Concert

The Worship Committee invites everyone to attend a concert on Sunday, August 17, 2008, beginning at 3:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Dena Gibson, Pete Wolford, Melanie and Jason Potter have been planning this program for several weeks and it will be a wonderful opportunity to... "Praise God in His sanctuary..... Praise Him with stringed instruments & (organ)...."

It was August 21, 1983 when a dedication Concert was held here at First Christian Church. The Rodgers Westminister organ was given to First Christian Church in memory of Ballard and Ella Weddington by their daughters, Hattie Thompson, Edith Cassady, and Faye Ramsey. The Tadashi piano was given in memory of Ruth Ann Scott by the Chancel Choir and many friends.

This concert will feature selections for the organ and the piano with the talents of Dena Gibson, Melanie Potter, Jason Potter and Pete Wolford. A reception will follow the program in the fellowship hall, so plan to attend this concert as we "Make a joyful noise to the Lord...."

Prayer for Special Needs

The Elders of our church are offering prayer for members with special needs the third Sunday of each month following the morning service. They will meet in the Pastor's Office and offer intercessory prayer for all those desiring it. The third Sunday this month is **August 17**. Please feel free to take advantage of this wonderful ministry provided by our elders.



Gabby Oldendick will be baptized Sunday Morning, August 17. This will be an important day for Gabby and for our church. Please remember Gabby in your prayers and plan to be here on the 17th to support her.

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon Planned for August 26

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The senior adults will have a dinner at the church at noon on Tuesday, August 26. This month we will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. All of our senior adults are encouraged to attend. Those planning to participate are asked to sign up at the bulletin board across from the kitchen or call the church office. If anyone would be willing to fix slaw, a dessert, or bring potato chips, please call Chuck.



Meals on Wheels is August 18 – August 22. Please sign up for this ministry by calling Dana Batten at 433-9001 or the church office at 437-4527. You may also sign up at the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Interested in a Small Group Study?

There will be a meeting for all those interested in participating in a small group study this fall Sunday afternoon, August 17, at 5:00. At this meeting we will discuss options for possible studies and what the best meeting times would be. Small group studies provide wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. Please consider being part of a group this fall and plan to join us for our organizational meeting on August 17.

There will be a Back to School Bash for grades Preschool - 6th grade on Saturday, August 16 from 1 to 4 PM.

All children are encouraged to attend and bring a friend for a time of games, inflatables, and more.



Back to School Bash
August 16, 2008
1 - 4 PM



YEAH..... It's time to begin our Wednesday's Wonderful Worship and I hope you'll attend. We will resume on Wednesday, August 20 after school from 3:15 - 4:30 for grades K—6th. Please let the school know your child will be riding the church bus on Wednesday's. If you have any question, please contact Laura Kegan or call the church office.

A Note to Our Shut-ins

Each week the church is videotaping our Sunday morning services. If you would like a DVD of the service please contact the church office. If you do not have a DVD player the church has two portable devices that may be borrowed. Also, if you are not currently receiving home communion from our Elders and would like to, please let us know.

Dates to Remember

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| August 16 | Back to School Bash | 1-4:00 pm |
| August 17 | Gabby Oldendick's Baptism | During Service |
| August 17 | Special Elder Prayer (In Pastor's Office) | After Service |
| August 17 | Organ Concert | 3:00 pm |
| August 17 | Small Group Study Meeting | 5:00 pm |
| August 18—22 | Meals on Wheels | |
| August 20 | Wednesday's Wonderful Worship Resumes | 3:15 pm |
| August 20 | Stewardship Committee Meeting | 5:00 pm |
| August 25 | Elder's Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| September 1 | Office Closed for Labor Day | |
| September 14 | Board Meeting | 5:00 pm |
| September 29 | Elder's Meeting | 7:30 pm |