

SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Tom Thompson, Captain
- Randy Roberts

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Gerald Deskins . . . . . 09/13 - 09/19
- Wilma Deskins . . . . . 09/20 - 09/26
- Thelmer McClanahan . . . . . 09/27 - 10/03
- Randy Roberts . . . . . 10/04 - 10/10
- Blake Robinson . . . . . 10/11 - 10/17

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for September

- Oscar Thompson
- Cathy Bartley
- April VanHoose
- Gerald Deskins

GREETERS

- Oldendick Family 9/20
- Bonita Summers & Gail Trimble 9/27
- Gene & Phyllis Sturgill 10/04
- Cathy Bartley & Patty Sowards 10/11
- The Musgrave Family 10/18

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

September	6	13	20	27
Sunday School	31			
Worship Total	76			



2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of September 6	\$ 162,270.00
Received as of September 6	\$ 169,564.26



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I recently finished reading a new book by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn called Disciples: Reclaiming Our Identity, Reforming Our Practice. It was a thought provoking read. In one chapter the authors lament that many Disciples of Christ members today fail to take discipleship seriously. Read carefully what they say: *"Thus, to many church members the call to self-denial, to prophetic ministry, to waging peace rather than war, to unrelenting forgiveness often sounds like political partisanship rather than Christian discipleship. What this tells us is that it is easy enough to believe in Jesus. It takes some effort, but not a lot, to profess Jesus as Savior and Lord, be baptized, and become a member of the church. It is much more effort-full to make this decision a first step in a life-long journey of learning how to live the Christian life in the modern world, or as our founders put it, being a community of people who live under the Lordship of Christ. Traveling the distance between who we are when we enter the church and what we begin to become as a follower of Jesus requires commitment to change. Remaining the same is not an option for anyone serious about discipleship."* The authors go on to talk about how change can be unsettling for us and that we too often resist it. They then conclude, *"This is ironic for Disciples, because we began as a change movement in American Christianity. Our history suggests that Disciples congregations ought to be models for change."* Hopefully we are a church that truly seeks God's will for us congregationally and individually. Hopefully we are a congregation that realizes that "remaining the same is not an option for anyone serious about discipleship." Yes, when we are asked to change it can be unsettling, but when it is God calling us to change we must trust that He knows best and obediently follow the path He has laid out for us. I would like to think that we are "Disciples" in more than just name...  
 Dr. Chuck Summers

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

If you have a copy of our current church pictorial directory you know that it is very out of date. We are now in the process of putting together a new directory and we want all of you who consider First Christian Church to be your church to participate. We have elected to do the directory ourselves. What does that mean?



It means we will be taking the pictures and you will not be asked to buy any. It means we will be able to offer more sitting times with the hope that we can have a far more inclusive directory this time. It means your sitting time will be briefer as we will only be looking for a single good image of you or your family for the directory. We have everything we need to do a professional looking directory. We will begin taking pictures Saturday, September 19. We will photograph from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be repeated the following two Saturdays, September 26 and October 3. Other sitting times may also be added. Please call the church office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. We will be scheduling sittings in fifteen minute intervals. Eventually we will have a beautiful, up to date, printed directory available for a small fee and may also be able to post the directory online at our church's website. For more information, see Chuck.

## Youth Sunday Set for September 27



Youth Sunday has been scheduled for September 27. During the service the youth and children of the church will lead the service. They will be sharing testimonies, singing, performing skits, and assisting with various other worship functions. You will not want to miss this very special service. As a part of the service we will be able to witness the baptism of two of our sixth-graders, Chloe and Theo Oldendick.

## THANKS, COOKIE BRIGADE!

We have received some very nice thank you notes from folks who have received cookies and brownies from our Cookie Brigade. These can be found on the bulletin board across from the church kitchen. Take time to check them out the next time you're at the church.



## "MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD"

The chancel choir will begin working on their Christmas music the first week of October. Melanie and the choir would like to offer a special invitation to anyone in the church who might not currently be singing in the choir but who would like to participate in the Christmas cantata, to join them at this time. No musical training is required, just a love for the Lord and a willingness to sing. Singing in the choir is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and help our church. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of the choir at this time.



## SINGLE ADULTS MINISTRY



Some of our members have expressed interest in starting a Singles' Ministry at the church. This would simply offer those who are single or "single again" an opportunity to get together each month for some fun activity like going bowling, to a movie or concert, out to eat, or some other activity. If this is something you might be interested in please see or call the pastor or e-mail him at [fccppastor@setel.com](mailto:fccppastor@setel.com).

## NEW MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The church has recently purchased a color laser printer. This has enabled us to begin printing some nice color documents that should prove useful. We have created a one page introduction to First Christian Church that we hope you will make use of. Take a few of these with you and pass them on to those who may be looking for a church. We have also produced a color bookmark with a picture of "The Window" and an explanation of its symbolism. These are available in the church narthex.



Welcome  
Our New  
Member

We would like to take this time to introduce to you our new church family member:

**THEO OLDENDICK**

