

AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Thelmer McClanahan, Captain
- Paul Corbin

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Randy Roberts 08/15 - 08/21
- Blake Robinson 08/22 - 08/28
- Gene Sturgill 08/29 - 09/04

SERVING DEACONS/ ELDERS for AUGUST

- Blake Robinson
- Jane Robinson
- Charlie Byers
- April VanHoose

GREETERS

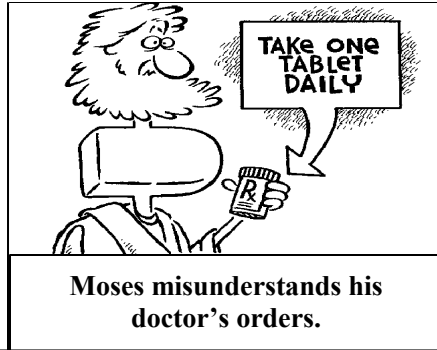
- Steve Huffman & Charles Prater 08/15
- Charlie Byers Family 08/22
- Roger & Marcia Davis 08/29

2010 ATTENDANCE REPORT

July/August	11	18	25	1	8
Sunday School	43	N/A	28	36	
Worship Total	107	N/A	85	79	85

2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of July 25th	\$ 139,944.31
Received as of July 25th	\$ 126,724.75



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I consider Jim Wallis to be one of the true prophetic voices in America. As president and CEO of Sojourners, and through his many books and lectures, Jim challenges people to take seriously God's call to do justice and practice righteousness. Presently I am reading his newest book, Rediscovering Values On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street: A Moral Compass for the New Economy. Discussing our country's current economic crisis Wallis says *"Lying beneath the economic measures of the market is a moral deficit that is increasingly apparent and a growing hunger to recover former values. To make sure we do not simply repeat the mistakes of the past that led to this crisis, our economic recession must also be answered with a moral recovery."* At the end of one of his chapters he offers this summary: *"When enough is never enough and greed is good, our lives are in constant tension. There are always more toys to buy, more stuff to accumulate, and much more to worry about. The more we accumulate, the greater our fear and concern that it might all be lost. When we learn to be satisfied with what we have, when we let enough be enough, there is a satisfaction that creates time and space for other priorities in our lives like family, friends, and even—God. Just as the old maxim 'Greed is good' needs to be replaced by the new/old virtue of 'Enough is enough,' we also need to find a replacement for 'It's all about me.' The alternative is: 'We're in it together.'"* As a prophetic voice Wallis' words need to be both heard and heeded. What do you think?

Dr. Chuck Summers

CHURCH: The Wednesday Night Place to Be



When I was growing up my church made a special effort to declare that church is “the Wednesday night place to be.” I’d like for you to come to think of it in these terms as well. We have made the decision to keep Wednesday’s Wonderful Worship at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. (There will be no afternoon session this fall.) The youth will also continue to meet at 6:00 p.m. By doing this we will be able to have something for all age groups on Wednesday nights. If parents need transportation for their kids to and from the church, please contact the church office. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities for Christian education the church provides on Wednesday evenings. It truly can make a difference in your life. There really is no better place to be on Wednesday nights than church. We hope to see you there!



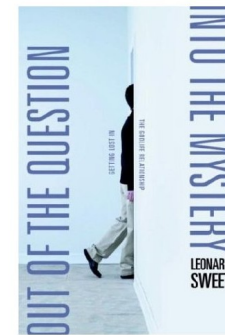
Book of Hosea Study Begins August 18

The pastor will begin a new study on the Book of Hosea Wednesday night, August 18, at 6:00 in the sanctuary. The message of Hosea is both a shocking and inspirational one. When’s the last time you heard God tell a minister to go marry a prostitute? That’s precisely what God told Hosea to do. The story of Hosea and his family becomes a parable of God’s relationship with His family, the Israelites. There are many lessons for us all to learn from this ancient book. Come join us on Wednesday nights, starting August 18, as we study the Book of Hosea.

Our church has made a commitment to partner with other churches in our community to participate in an Apostles’ Build for Habitat for Humanity in September. This commitment will involve a contribution of at least \$4,000 and supplying workers to help with the build. We already have approximately \$2,000 on hand for this project. The Mission Team has scheduled a dinner after church on August 22 to help raise the remaining amount. The dinner will be free but we ask everyone to come prepared that Sunday to make a generous contribution to the Habitat for Humanity Apostles’ Build. Watch for more information about the dinner in your next newsletter.



The senior adults will have a potluck dinner on Thursday, August 26, at the church beginning at noon. The church will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Those attending are requested to bring a vegetable dish and/or dessert. Following the meal Chuck will be showing some pictures from his recent trip to the Pacific Northwest. All senior adults are encouraged to attend.



This fall Chuck will be leading a small group study on Sunday evenings based on Leonard Sweet’s book, *Out of the Questions... Into the Mystery*. The premise of this book is that God made us for relationship, for up-close engagement, and that God wants to be known, not just known about. Sweet says “Faith is not simply a decision that is made or a commitment that is promised... Rather, faith is a new life we practice. And that life is practiced in the context of relationship.” This new study will begin September 12. All those planning to participate should let Chuck know as soon as possible so books can be ordered.

There are many privileges that come with being a member of the First Christian Church. There are also a number of responsibilities. One of the responsibilities we all share is supporting the church financially.



This support is mandated by Scripture and is also a practical necessity. A number of studies reveal that American Christians are not very faithful when it comes to stewardship. One study indicated that 30 to 50% of congregants give little or nothing to their churches. Another study indicates that only 5% of adults tithe (give 10% of their income to the church). Nationally, the average church member actually gives less than 4% of their income to the church. One can only imagine how much more churches could do for the kingdom of God if their members gave as they are supposed to. Considering all that God has done for us and blessed us with, one can only wonder why we don’t give more.