

The Christian Visitor November 2020



We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.

Our Life Together in November



Baptism Sunday November 1st

We will have a special service on Sunday, November 1st where the youth who have been participating in the Faith Foundations Class will be baptized during the morning worship. To best allow everyone the opportunity to worship that morning, there will be two separate worship services. There will be a normal service at 8:30am for those who are high-risk or wish to avoid a potential crowd. The Baptism Service will occur at our usual worship time of 10:15am. **Sunday School will not meet at all that morning.** A video of the baptisms will be shown in church and online the following Sunday for those who are unable to attend the Baptism Service.



Thanksgiving Sunday November 22nd Procession of Giving

On Sunday, November 22nd we will recognize Thanksgiving and have our annual procession of giving. This year there will be no procession during the worship service itself. Instead, there will be a designated area to place items brought in before or after the service. We will be working this year to provide local families with a Thanksgiving meal. A specific list of items needed will be provided in the coming weeks.

Hanging of the Greens November 29th

Following worship on November 29th, we will be decorating the church for the Advent Season. Please come join us as we prepare the church for the beginning of Advent!

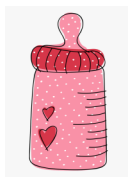


Join us for a baby shower honoring

Elizabeth & Pastor Mat



Sunday, November 22, 2020
Following Church Service



Elizabeth & Pastor Mat will be in the circle drive from 11:00-11:15 for those who would rather drive thru to visit with them. Otherwise please join us in the fellowship hall.

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 pm.



Note Time Change

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Set clocks back by Sunday morning,
November 1st

Elders Meeting

The Elders will meet on Sunday, November 15th immediately following worship.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

Church Family,

November is upon us. This is a time for thanksgiving and humility. I want to encourage us to walk in thanksgiving and humility by sharing a story.

I have participated with other region pastors in an online coaching seminar for the last five weeks. I want to assure you that we are BLESSED to be in Gibson City.

Each Church's county and/or city has placed additional restrictions on gatherings in addition to the restrictions placed by the state.

While our high school has shut down for two weeks due to the virus, I am reminded that MANY communities never opened. We are blessed to be in Gibson where our cases have remained relatively low. For that, we are THANKFUL! For that, we are HUMBLE!

November is a great month for us to shift to serving others because we are thankful and humble. We will have two service opportunities this month. One will be a new "Adopt-a-sidewalk" program (details coming soon)! The other will be a procession of giving on November 22nd. For this year's procession, we will be sponsoring local families for their Thanksgiving meal. If you have any families in mind, please reach out to me. We want to serve the people closest to us. Please submit recommendations ASAP as we will be finalizing by the end of next week.

I am excited to be serving with all of you this month. Our last sermons series was heavy to say the least, but moving forward we can now take what we learned about Jesus' expectations of the church and put it into practice. Love you all!

Pastor Mat

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Chet Goodrich, who passed away on Saturday, October 10th. A memorial service is being planned for May.

Small Groups

Family in Faith

Family in Faith small group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the church. Meeting dates for this month: November 5th & 19th.

Fellowship Small Group

Fellowship small group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the church. Meeting dates for this month: November 12th

DWM

The Disciple Women's Group meets at 7:00pm on the third Tuesday of each month. These brief gatherings provide a casual atmosphere for the women in the church to study and encourage each other in faith and family. Next meeting: November 17th at the church

Men's Fellowship

The men's group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00am. Next meeting: November 19th

Seekers

The Seekers Adult Sunday School class provides an option for those with busy schedules to meet in a small group on Sunday mornings. Meeting dates for this month: November 18th

Hustlers

The Hustlers Group meets on the last Sunday of each month at 7:00pm at the church. Next meeting: November 29th

Thank You!!

On behalf of DWM, I would like to express thanks for your contributions to our "silent giving" project. If you would still like to donate, you may leave the donation in the basket located on the table in the narthex or mail it to First Christian Church c/o DWM Treasurer, Carol Hutchcraft. DWM would not be able to support projects locally and internationally without your support. Again, we say THANK YOU.

Office Hours:
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November 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Baptism Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 10:15 AM Worship	2	3	4 6:00 PM Rise	5 6:00 PM Family in Faith	6	7
8	10:15 AM Worship 5:00 PM High School Ministry	9	10 6:30 PM Church Board	11 6:00 PM Rise	12 6:00 PM Fellowship	13	14
15	9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Elders Meeting 5:00 PM High School Ministry	16	17 7:00 PM DWM	18 6:00 PM Rise	19 8:00 AM Men's Group 6:00 PM Family in Faith	20	21
22	10:15 AM Worship 11:00 AM Baby Shower 5:00 PM High School Ministry	23	24	25 6:00 PM Rise	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27	28
29	1st Sunday Advent 10:15 AM Worship 5:00 PM High School Ministry 7:00 PM Hustlers	30					

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
*November 2020***

- 9 Kate Kristensen
Colin Kristensen
14 Katy Neal
17 Ryan Iverson
18 Sharon Higgins
19 Matt and Pat Provin '94
21 Lane Elder
22 Tinley McClure
23 Emily Elder
30 Joe and Tara Mouser '85
Keegan Wayne DeWall



Sunday School

We offer Sunday school classes for grades pre-k, 1st-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, and adults beginning at 9:15am on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. **Not meeting November 1st**

Rise Youth Group

Our Rise Middle School Youth Group meets each Wednesday at 6:00pm outside, weather permitting, with prepackaged snacks and a short lesson.

High School Ministry

Our High School Ministry meets each Sunday at 5:00pm in the youth room with prepackaged snacks and social distancing. **Not meeting November 1st**

Pastor - Mat Bowen
Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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