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December 14, 2020

The Ministers and Staff of First Christian Church would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Spirit-filled Holiday Season! John, Kevin, Jared, Lance, Amanda, Lynn and Sylvia

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

- **Christmas Stockings** - The staff of FCC wants to give you and your family a special gift to celebrate Christmas Eve this year! We miss seeing you, so we want to deliver your gift to your front porch! PLEASE LET US KNOW BY DEC. 18th if you would like for us to deliver yours. We plan to make the deliveries on Sunday, Dec. 20th. If you don't want yours delivered, you can come to the church and pick one up from December 21st-24th from 9 am -Noon.
- **Christmas Greetings** - We need your help to make **Christmas Eve** memorable. We are asking you to record yourself giving a Christmas Greeting which we will add to the online service. If you need help recording this, we will send a crew to record your video for you.
- **Christmas Card Exchange** - The boxes for Christmas cards will be available now until Christmas in the foyer Monday-Thursday from 9:00-noon. If you have Christmas cards for church members, feel free to stop by during those times. If you want, you can make a donation to the Shepherd's Fund in lieu of postage. Note: Please file the cards you bring under the recipient's last name initial. Boxes will remain until January 1.
- **Staff Christmas Bonus** – Each year, the congregation gives to our ministers and staff a monetary bonus for their hard work at the church. This year has been especially difficult trying to produce online programs for adults and kids, plus keeping up with everyone. Please consider giving some extra funds to our staff this year! You may mail your gift to the church, drop it by the office weekday mornings, or give it to an elder. Thank you!
- **Angel Tree** - You can make monetary donations to the church for this purpose and it will be passed on to the Salvation Army. Please designate on your donation "Angel Tree."
- Thank you to those who donated gifts for **Middle School** children (like Angel Tree). Several gifts have not yet been returned to the church. Please have them here before Thursday, December 17, when they are scheduled to be delivered.
- A big **THANK YOU** to those who rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart this year. You were very much appreciated!!!

The boxed FCC **giving envelopes** for 2021 are available on the counter off the Main Foyer. If you wish to give in this way, please check your name off the list and take your box (or sign your name for an unmarked box).

Deepest FCC Sympathy to these who have passed away recently...

- *The Yarger family on the passing of Gene Yarger, on December 7.*
- *Family and friends of Pam Gale who passed away on December 8.*
- *Family and friends of Helen Haderer who died December 11.*

***Thank you** for the outpouring of love that has been extended to our family during this difficult time. It has all meant so much. Thank you also to the church for the beautiful poinsettia plant that was sent to us. We appreciate it all. --The Gene Yarger families*

PRAYER LIST –

****Ongoing health problems** – Mike Haptonstall, Ginger Howe, Keith Johnston, Linda Homer, Brenda Muckey, Rodney Harrell, Barb Dykema, Karen German, Joni Olson, LeRoy Knox, Gary Icenogle, Shannon Martin, Kelly Neirnyck, Robin Burwell, Judy Hand, Keith Reiff, Becky Mann Johnson, Duane Johnston

****Cancer** – Rick Ford, Kathi Sheets, Jack Swearingen, Grayce Cox, Teri Albertson, Dennis Reside, Everly Stoner

****Nursing Homes - (Kewanee Care) - Jayne Forbis (Royal Oaks) - Judy Huggins; (Hillcrest) - Cindy Clark, Naida VandenDooren - (Betty's Garden) – Reva Steffen, Sandy Jones**

****Courtyard Village - Rex McCormick**

****Missions** - Please see our website for a complete listing of international and local missions we support.

****Serving our country** - Zach Hardy, Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Worstell, Matt Elbus (Iraq), Thaddeus Blanks, Andy Moseley, Jarrett Davis, Collin White, Brandon Rohrig, Caleb Franklin, Isaac Frank (HI), Ryan Peed, Arrick Juarez (Iraq), Collin Johnson

Prayer Ministry...

****Pray for our church** at a regular time each day!

****Prayer Chain** - Please call Shirley Brokaw (309-883-1677) or Sylvia Giese (853-2617) with requests. Note: If the request is for someone other than you, please obtain their permission before putting the need on the chain. Requests will be called out from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

OFFERING	December 6, 2020
General (received)	5,893.00
(needed)	8,309.00
Year-to-date (given)	322,961.00
Budget to date	407,141.00
Capital Campaign	175.00
Mission Fund	125.00
Thanksgiving Offering	85.00
Earl Dean Memorial	80.00
Angel Tree	100.00
Women's Ministry	10.00

Note: No in-person youth group in December.
No Ladies' Bible study in December.

Snow Removal -

12/14-12/20 – Jason and Alex Peed
12/21-12/27 – Joe Rohrig and Brad Dyer