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December 2, 2024

From John... The Blessings of Long Lines

The other day I found myself in a long, slow-moving line at a local business. I found myself annoyed and frustrated by the delay. As I reflected on my emotions, I thought back to decades ago, going out shopping on Black Friday with my mom and brother, waiting outside in freezing weather crazy early in the morning and how surprisingly fun that experience actually was. Why did I find that objectively more uncomfortable experience fun, while my recent experience was irritating?

When I went shopping with my family growing up, I had no plans, I was just along for the ride. I simply enjoyed the experience. In the more recent situation, I had places to be and things to do, and the long line was delaying what I wanted.

Often, frustration happens when something disrupts our own desires. James says, "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it." (James 4:1-2b). What would have happened had I sought what God might want from me in that moment, instead of my own selfishness? Perhaps I could have started a conversation with the people around me about Jesus or spent the time thanking God for the blessings He has given me. When you find yourself upset or frustrated this week, ask yourself how God might be using this moment to shape you into who He wants you to be.

Bible Reading: December 2-8, Psalm-48, Matthew 1-6 -- On the App, click "Study" at bottom of page, then click "Plan." Reading schedules can also be picked up in the office.

Outreach Moment

Brian Giese

This season may be the most wonderful time of the year to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Jesus was not born in Caesar's palace in Rome or Herod's palace in Galilee, but Jesus was born a King! He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords! This may be old news to us, yet there are millions in America who have never understood this. Please pray that God will give you someone this month to tell what Jesus has done for you and what he can do for them

We rejoiced Sunday morning as Katie Meyer came forward and was baptized into Christ! (December 1st)

Women's Christmas Dinner - Join us for our annual Women's Christmas Dinner, **Friday, December 6, 2024**, at **6pm**. Enjoy fellowship, a meal, and entertainment. Let Jackie Reside know if you can come so we know how much food to prepare.

Kewanee Community Chorus- Sunday, December 8, 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m. at Henry County Senior Citizen Center.

Sunday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. at Galva Congregational Church.

The Angel Tree Tags may be taken from the railing in front of the gym beginning the week of November 18. These gifts are due back to the church by **Sunday, December 8**. They need to be unwrapped with the UPC code marked off. Take a tag (or tags) and sign your name by the corresponding number. Be sure to have the tag affixed to the gifts when you return them. Thank you for helping give kids a great Christmas!

Hats, Scarves and Mittens are being collected again this year for the children who need them at Irving School (2nd & 3rd graders). Please place your donations in the box in the foyer for that purpose from now until January. They will be delivered after Christmas vacation.

OFFERING **November 24, 2024**

General (received)	8,687.00
(needed)	7,933.00
Year-to-date (given)	312,601.00
Budget to date	372,851.00
Capital Campaign Drive	410.00
Mission Fund	300.00
Thanksgiving Offering	705.00
Next Generation for Christ	108.00

SERVING **December 8, 2024**

Nursery – 1st – Katie VanWassenhove



SS – Lisa Yarger

2nd – Maria Dazley

Snow Removal December 9-15



Gary Krahn

Ken Krueger

Prayer Room – 1st – Dan & Amy Bryan



2nd – Mariellen Davis

THIS WEEK

Sunday. . .

First Service, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Second Service, 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Monday— Leadership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - After School Program, 3:00 p.m.

Volleyball - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.,

Bible Studies, 6:00 p.m.

(John's class will not meet.)

Next Gen Bible study 7:30 p.m.

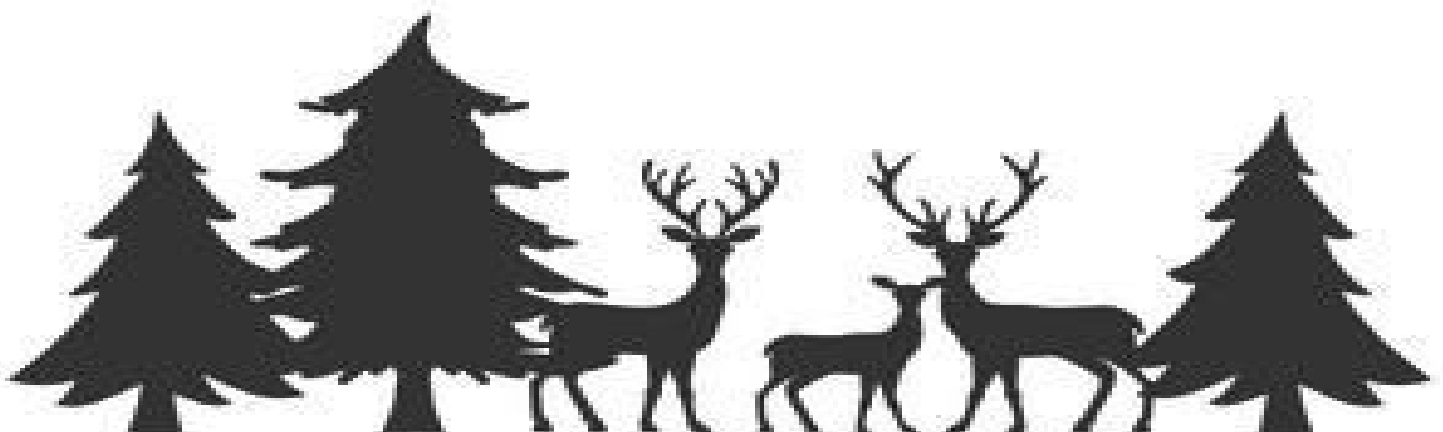
Friday — Women's Christmas Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday — Community Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE **November 24, 2024**

1 st service	65
2 nd Service	152
Total	217





PRAYER LIST –

****NOTE:** As John spoke at the Annual Meeting, we are going to start updating the Prayer List on a monthly basis. We will be removing names unless they are called in monthly with an update and/or asked to remain on the list for another month. Please call Kris Rose (church Secretary) 309-853-4298. Please submit your requests for December.

****Ongoing problems** – Michael Haptonstall, Ginger Howe, Keith & Sharon Johnston, Linda Homer, Barb Dykema, Our Nation, Barb Wagner, Brenda Muckey, Gretchen Peed, Doug Yarger, Jessica Dazley, Chloe Gruszecka, Pat Lyle, Jessica Petty, Leo Raymond, Carol Gutschlag

****Cancer** – Rick Ford, Joey Sommer, Peggy Smock, Roger Harrell, Sharon Johnston

****Upcoming Surgeries** –Sue Rose

****Nursing Homes - (Hillcrest)** Cindy Clark – **(Kewanee Care)** Mary Popejoy — **(Jacksonville)** Sandy Jones

****Courtyard Estates** – Mary Yarger

****Missions** – Rock River Christian Camp, Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission, Sairattanyu's-Thailand, Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch, Pino Neglia-Italy, I.D.E.S., Newingham's-Hope Orphan Home, Miller's – Hope Orphan Home, International Conference on Missions, Central Christian College, Bible Campus Ministry-WIU, Kewanee Ministerial Alliance, Work Camp New England, Safe Families, Tuttle's-Ireland, Andrews'-Middle East, Foundation for Nations (Wyoming)

****Serving our country** - Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Worstell, Matt Elbus, Thaddeus Blanks, Jarrett Davis (Alaska), Arrick Juarez, Kailynn (Osborne) Schmidt, Connor Oetzel, Eli Barnett (deployed), Niko Powe (Guard), Sheadon Oetzel, Jakob Gradert, Brian Smoot, Ethan Gish, Calab Franklin, Chase Ince

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

****Friday Prayer Focus** – God, open my ears to so that I can hear the Christmas story with a fresh perspective. - 2 Timothy 3:16

****Prayer Chain** - Please call Shirley Brokaw (309-883-1677) or Sylvia Giese (853-2617) with requests.

Note: If the prayer 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.

RightNow Media for all members! Text FCCKEWANEE to the number 49775 to set up your account or go to www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/fcckewane.

How to access our church's livestream:

If you wish to watch our service on your TV, you will **need** to have a **Smart TV, Roku, or Firestick**. **If you don't have any of those options, you can watch on your Smart Phone, Tablet or Computer.**

- On any of these compatible devices, open the YouTube App or go to youtube.com
- Search for "First Christian Church of Kewanee"
- You can click on "Follow" to access it quicker and easier in the future.
- **Alternative option:** Search for "First Christian Church of Kewanee" on Facebook.

At 10:15 AM on Sundays, we go "Live" and you can begin to watch our service that starts at 10:30. (From 10:15-10:30 it will just be pictures of announcements, the live feed will start at 10:30)