



WAYMAKER



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From John...Real Worship

As part of my research for last week's sermon, I utilized information from Warren Wiersbe's book, *Real Worship*, in which he lists three truths about worship.

- I. Worship involves wonder – Worship begins with being in awe of who God is and what He has done.
- II. Worship involves witness – Part of worship is allowing others to see how God has transformed us and continues to draw us (and others) to Himself.
- III. Worship involves warfare – Worship is choosing a side in a spiritual battle. In many ways, worship is our defense against the enemy. Worship is one of our few weapons in the battle with the dark forces of the world. When we worship God, the enemy trembles.

My hope is that you will worship this week. Not just singing songs but living a life with God at the center.

Bible Reading: December 16-22, Matthew 14-20 -- On the App, click "Study" at bottom of page, then click "Plan." Reading schedules can also be picked up in the office.

Staff Christmas Gifts – If you would like to give to Christmas bonuses to our staff, please see any of the elders—Dan Bryan, Brian Giese, Art Forbis, Gary Krahn, Ken Krueger.

Staff—John Reside, Jared Strode, Kevin Lucas, Lexie Rohrig & Kris Rose

Baptisms - We rejoiced as **Rayne Daniel, William Burdue Jr., Wesley Burdue, Ayden Daniel & Alonzo McDonald** came forward to be baptized into Christ this past Sunday (December 8th)! Please welcome them into our church family!

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Peggy Gish and family on the loss of her mother, Doris Axline, who went to be with our Lord on December 5th.

Kewanee Community Chorus - Sunday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. at Galva Congregational Church.

Christmas Card Exchange – Look for the boxes off the Main Foyer for this year's Christmas Card Exchange. Bring your cards to fellow attenders and file behind the letter of their last name. If you wish, please give the money you would spend on stamps to the General Fund or to the Missions Fund (use the giving box on Sunday mornings). The boxes will be out until Jan 12th.

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.

Parking Request -Due to increased attendance, if you are a member without mobility issues, we ask for you to consider parking in the back parking lot, off Smith St, especially during second service. This will leave the closer spots for our new guests and those with mobility difficulties. Thanks!

The boxed offering envelopes for 2025 are now available on the table outside the gym. Please check your name off the sheets provided. If you have never given in this manner and would like to start, just take an unmarked box and sign your name after the corresponding number on the sheet.

OFFERING December 8, 2024


General (received)	5671.00
(needed)	7,933.00
Year-to-date (given)	323,374.00
Budget to date	388,717.00
Capital Campaign Drive	80.00
Mission Fund	95.00
Next Generation for Christ	50.00
Memorial Fund for Youth Stage	21,667.00

SERVING December 22, 2024


Nursery -- 1st – Judy Jagers & Kris Ptashnik
SS – Madelyn Forbis & Gina Burmeier
2nd—Maria Dazley

Prayer Room – 1st – Gary & Donna Krahn
2nd – Marlyn Dir & Tim Ridings

Snow Removal December 16-22

 Jacob Yarger
Todd Yarger

Snow Removal December 23-29

 Rob Peters
Dwight Yarger

Attendance December 15, 2024

1 st Service	65
2 nd Service	159
Total	224

Friends of the Troops – They would like to thank our congregation for Supporting our troops and military families. Jessica Duke, CEO

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 – Elders meeting 6:00 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.

Upcoming - Christmas Eve Service- 6:00 p.m.

**December 25 and 26th – Office closed for
Christmas**



Outreach Moment -

According to a study by the Barna Research Group in 2013, only 52 percent of born-again believers shared their faith at least once within a year. The study did not include reasons why people are reluctant to witness to others. Perhaps they find it awkward to start conversations about the Gospel. Others may have few friends outside of Christian circles. Maybe it is because people do not want to come across as “pushy” or don’t know all the answers. If you would like suggestions in this area, go to [Sabrina McDonald.com](http://SabrinaMcDonald.com) and ask for “10 Ways to Share the Gospel without Being Pushy.” If you can’t download this, contact Brian Giese and he will see that you get a copy (309-853-2617).



PRAYER LIST –

****NOTE:** Please call the office and update your prayer requests each month to be added or deleted off the list.

Ongoing problems – Terry Howe, Ginger Howe, Keith Johnston

Cancer – Sharon Johnston, Roger Harrell

Upcoming Surgeries –

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 – Drew Haverback, 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

****Friday Prayer Focus****

God, today I celebrate the gift of Christ, the greatest gift ever given. Luke 2:10-12

****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 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)