



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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WAYMAKER

March 3, 2025

From John ... "It's not hurting anyone"

This past weekend our men's group finished up the book, "The Men We Need," by Brant Hansen. One of the final points in the book was to expose the lie of "it's not hurting anyone." In reality, we tell ourselves this lie about all kinds of behaviors and practices that we want to excuse as being okay, even when we know they are wrong. Brant points out two reasons why this is a dangerous lie:

Even if an action doesn't directly affect someone else, it changes us, and eventually it will come out in some ways. Harboring a judgmental heart might seem to be an internal issue, but, if left to fester and grow, it will eventually come out in your words and actions to others.

Even with something that's not explicitly sinful, like simply vegging out all weekend binge-watching Netflix, when we spend our time in less productive ways, we are missing out on what we *could* be doing with our time. We could have volunteered, served, evangelized, read our Bibles, etc. While you might not have been actively hurting others, you are using your time in a way that prevents you from helping.

The "it's not hurting anyone" lie is pervasive and insidious in our culture. In what ways do you find yourself buying into that lie, and what would God want you to change instead?

Outreach Moment - Following is a prayer for Christians who want to share their faith. "Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love, mercy, grace and forgiveness in Christ. Help us to seek first your Kingdom and its righteousness. May we who belong to Jesus work together in harmony and unity so the world may believe that He sent us. Please give us opportunities and courage to sow seeds of faith in others. May our ears always be open and attentive to your voice. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen

Bible Reading: March 3-9, Psalms 103-108, Acts 1-- On the App, click "Study" at bottom of page, then click "Plan." Reading schedules can also be picked up in the office.

Don't Forget!! Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 9. Spring forward!
Copies of the **2024-2025 Annual Report** can be found on the counter in the church office.

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference — Calling all men! We are going to Iron Sharpens Iron again this year. The Event is March 22nd and the cost is \$59 per person (\$43 for teens). Sign up sheet is at the welcome center.

Women's Iron Sharpens Iron will be April 12. We will meet at the church at 6:50 am to car pool together and return around 5pm. Girls 13+ are welcome to join us. Cost is \$59 made payable to the church. Put in the memo for women's iron sharpens iron. Please let Jackie Reside know if you are able to go.

Baby Shower Invitation—Everyone is invited to share the blessing of baby boy Forbis. We are having a baby shower for Katie on March 22, at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. Katie is registered on Amazon and Walmart. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Madelyn. Hope to see you there.

Join us on Saturday, April 19th 1-3 for our **Easter Egg-Stravaganza!** We will have exotic reptiles, inflatables, carnival games, crafts, cotton candy, an egg hunt, and more. If you would be willing to stuff a bag full of eggs with candy or prizes, see Jackie Reside.

THIS WEEK

Sunday . . .

First Service, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School (SS), 9:30 a.m.
Second Service 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 3—

Paula needs help sorting clothing 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4—

Small Group 10:30 a.m.
After School Program 3-5:00 p.m.
Volley Ball 6-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5—

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Wed Night Bible Studies 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 7—

Paula needs help sorting clothing 9-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 9—

Daylight Savings Time begins—Spring Forward!

OFFERING

February 23, 2025

General (received)	3,497.00
(needed)	8,061.00
Year-to-date (given)	64,189.00
Budget to date	64,488.00
Capital Campaign Drive	8,281.00
Mission fund	335.00

SERVING

March 2025

Nursery — Weekly March 9

1st — Katie VanWassenhove
SS — Lisa Yarger
2nd — Maria Dazley

Prayer Room — Weekly March 9

1st — Al & Linda Homer
2nd — Shirley Brokaw

Guest Services — Monthly

9:00 --10:15 — Jolene Clark
10:15-end of Service—Erin Spivey

Door Greeters — Monthly

1st — Lynn Yarger
SS — William Huggins
2nd — Steve & Jan Sams

Ushers— Monthly

1st — Jacob Yarger
2nd — Brenda German

Communion Helpers — Monthly

1st—Ann VanWassenhove
SS — Janell Steffen
2nd — Kris Rose

Snow Removal March 10-16

Kevin Lucas, Frank Hamilton

Snow Removal March 17-23

Gary Krahn, Ken Krueger

Attendance March 2, 2025

1st Service	66
2nd Service	170

Total 236

Last year this time 208



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, Sue Rose, Paula Gradert, Patricia Lyle, Brenda Muckey

Cancer – Sharon Johnston, Roger Harrell

Upcoming Surgeries – Paula Gradert

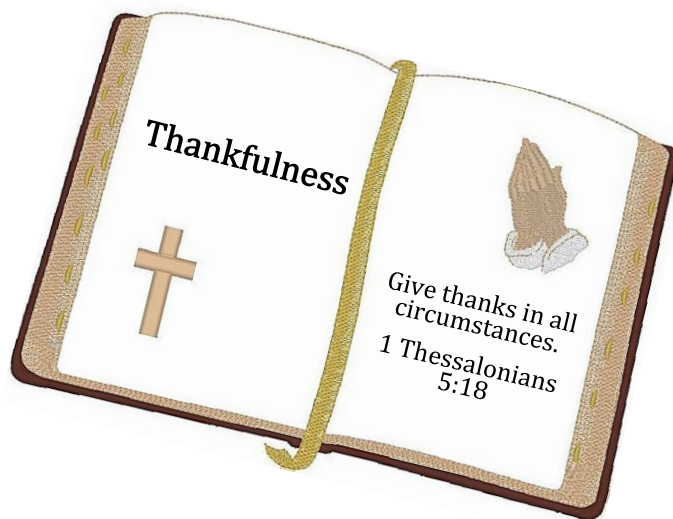
Nursing Homes - (Hillcrest) Cindy Clark – **(Kewanee Care)** Mary Popejoy **Courtyard Estates** – Mary Yarger

Missions – Rock River Christian Camp, Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission, Sairattanyu's-Thailand, Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch, Pino Neglia-Italy, I.D.E.S., Newinghams-Hope Orphan Home, Miller's – Hope Orphan Home, International Conference on WIU, Kewanee Ministerial Alliance, Work Camp New England, Safe for Nations (Wyoming)

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

****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/fcckewanee.

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)