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WAYMAKER

From John...Costly Discipleship

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote that grace is free, but it's not cheap. One can never buy the grace of Jesus, and yet it will cost everything we have. I am reminded of the story in Acts 19:19 where it says, "A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas." Calculating modern value of ancient money is surprisingly complicated, but this is upwards of \$250,000 in modern US currency. They didn't burn their scrolls to find salvation, but because they had found Jesus and decided that Jesus wanted them to get rid of their old, sinful ways.

What might Jesus be calling on you to sacrifice this week? What do you need to give up for the cause of Christ?



Outreach Moment. . In Luke 15, when the woman who lost the valuable coin found it, the Scriptures state she called up her neighbors saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost." Jesus then taught us the application: "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Since as the church we are His hands and feet, let's search for those who might be Lost in Space. —John C. Book, The Restoration Herald

Bible Reading: March 31-April 6--Acts 23-28 & Mark 1 On the App, click "Study" at bottom of page, then click "Plan." Reading schedules can also be picked up in the office.



Women's Iron Sharpens Iron -- Saturday, April 12. We will meet at the church at 6:50 am to carpool 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.

Journey to the Cross— Good Friday, April 18 —Come experience what Jesus went through in the last hours of his life. Walk from room to room to experience Jesus' love for you, when he went to the cross. You can sign up at the Welcome center. There are a few things we are in need of:

1. Unscented white candles
2. Plants real or fake
3. Volunteers for the Nursery (1 hour slots)



Easter Egg-Stravaganza! Join us on **Saturday, April 19th 1-3 p.m.** 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. She will also need many volunteers to work. Set up, clean up, food booths, crafts and games. Please save this date and lets make this ANOTHER very special EVENT.

Join us — Sunday, April 27th around noon and help support our **Youth Group Mission Trip**. This meal will help raise funds (donations only) to pay for our youth and sponsors to go to the Wind River Native American Reservation in Wyoming. Our trip is in July, and we hope to see lives changed on this trip. Thank you for your support in changing lives for eternity! We will also have a dessert auction at this meal.

Church Library Transition: Free Books Giveaway! We are excited to announce that our church library is being transformed into a dedicated prayer room. As part of this transition, we would like to offer all remaining books to you—free of charge! Most of the books are Christian fiction, with a few Christian non-fiction titles as well. If you'd like to take some home, please stop by the library and grab what interests you before it's too late.

The Forbis baby Shower—We would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful gifts and just for spending the afternoon with us. We would also like to thank all the friends who helped decorate, or brought treats, or just were there for their encouraging words and love! We are anxiously awaiting his arrival!

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.

Tuesday, April 1 —

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

Wednesday, April 2—

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

Saturday, April 5—

Community Prayer 8-9 am
The Focus is Repentance
Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 9-10am

SERVING April 2025

Nursery — Weekly April 6

1st — Linda Irwin
SS — Jen Webster
2nd — Kim Sanudo

Prayer Room — Weekly April 6

1st — Mariellen Davis
2nd — Garry & Sue Rose

Guest Services — Monthly

9:00 --10:15 — Janell Steffen
10:15-end of Service—Esther Mack

Door Greeters — Monthly

1st — Judy Jagers
SS — Glenda Gardner
2nd — Helen Minch & Jennifer Oetzel

Ushers— Monthly

1st — Roger Yarger
2nd — Kelly Franklin

Communion Helpers — Monthly

1st—Sue DeSmith
SS — Lynn Yarger
2nd — Doris DeRue & Marlyn Dir

OFFERING March 30, 2025

General (received)	4,780.00
(needed)	8,061.00
Year-to-date (given)	86,981.00
Budget to date	96,732.00
Capital Campaign Drive	445.00
Men's Iron Sharpens Iron	60.00
Women's Iron Sharpens Iron	287.00
Youth Mission Trip	220.00
Mission Fund	120.00
Sandy Patterson Jones Memorial	50.00
I.D.E.S.	50.00
Superstart	285.00
Youth Group Concert	170.00

Attendance	March 30, 2025
1st Service	59
2nd Service	195
Total	254
Last year this time	263 (2024 Easter service)



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, Linda Homer

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 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, 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.

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



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

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)