## E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

Lord, You're leading me (echo) With a cloud by day (echo) And then in the night (echo) The glow of a burning flame (echo)

Well, the eagle flies (echo) And the rivers run (echo) I look through the night (echo) And I can see the rising sun (echo) And everywhere I go, I see You (echo) And everywhere I go, I see You (echo) And You take my hand (echo) And You wash it clean (echo) I know the promised land (echo) Is light years ahead of me (echo)

Rich Mullins: Everywhere I God

John McArthur writes: "In spite of what has been written, the mark of the Christian is not love. The mark of the Christian is that he truly worships God in spirit. All virtues flow from that.

As we live in a world that does

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not see God in anything, may we live in stark contrast. That we would see God as He tru-

Below is a partial list of positive and healthy attributes of a church. The list comes from research conducted from 1998 through 2008 by Churchleadership.org. Read through the list and decide; are we healthy? · Churches that are healthy have a mindset that spiritual formation and group and individual maturity are not achieved from programs or facilities, but rather from the knowledge and passion of our Lord working.

· Churches that are

## Are We Healthy?

healthy place God's priorities first.

Churches that are healthy see worship as a lifestyle and not just an experience.
Churches that are healthy have a sense of allowing God to work in and through their people to build a healthy, loving community.

• Churches that are healthy are making disciples for the transformation of the whole person, both faith and personal life.

 $\cdot$  Churches that are healthy are filled with

people who live in the Fruit of the Spirit. · Churches that are healthy are focused on the spiritual journey of their people, and do not see it as just an emotional experience or an academic quest. They have balance between real, effectual faith and Bible truth. · Churches that are healthy see all their ministries and committees as meaningful and important, and the people in them feel supported, encouraged, and

equipped.

• Churches that are healthy see their people on a journey and desire to encourage and equip them in it.

• Churches that are healthy have a collective mindset of being a place of faithful character and the practice of joyful fellowship.

• Churches that are healthy have and emphasize small groups and/or Bible studies, equip and train their leaders, and offer quality curriculum fitting the spiritual developmental level of the participants.

## Serving in November

## Greeters:

5–Dean & Sue Smethurst (A) 12–Charlene Dean (A) 19–Scott & Anne Bard (A) 26–Toby & Jane Runyan (A) Communion Ministry:

5–Bob & Mary Lloyd 12–Dean & Sue Smethurst 19–Larry Snavely 26–Jim & Pat McPeak Prayer Warriors:

Jane Runyan & Eric McNamara

## Welcome Center:

5–John & Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45) 12–Lesley Shirkey (9)



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- 2 Sandy Gordon
- 3 Greg Hartman, Roy Koerner,
- 5 Naida Rittenhouse, Wesley Tressler
- 6 Ashley Baines, Traci Hartman, Marilyn Sanders
- 7 Kim Baerlin
- 9 Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snavely
- 11 Mike Hug, Chuck Salsbury
- 14 Tasha Karnes
- 16 Nick McCarthy, Mark Rhodes
- 17 Clayton Farrell, Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy
- 18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle

## Family News

#### Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- The family of Skip Ritchey
- To Bob & Norma Stambaugh and family on the death of Bob's sister, Donna Oyer.
- To Nancy Wagner and family on the death of Bob.
- To Annie Engel and family

Birthdays & Anniversaries 20 Kirk & Eileen Savage (41)

West

- 19 Dan Olds
- 21 Bryan Rogers
- 22 Tim Calvin
- 23 Nanci Frazer
- 25 Angle Murphy
- 27 Heather Day
- 28 Chuck Barnes
- 30 Dan Gallagher, Sophie Hull

4 Vincent & Nola Girardot (66)

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- Trubey (8)
- 15 Chuck & Made
- Ion Salsbury (63)
- 16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (33)
- 18 Scott & Pam Hartman (17)

on the death of Doc.

 Annabelle West and family on the death of her daughter -in-law, Joyce West.

Welcome! Ryan & Amanda Beck, Raace Beck, Sandy Partee, Noah Roebuck and Tootie Bowman have joined the FCC family. Please welcome and get to know them.

#### ICOM (International Conference on Missions) is a gathering





of missionaries and mission organizations from all around the world. This year's conference is in Peoria, IL. First Church of Christ has registered to attend which means you can attend for free! You will need to do an individual registration though. To do this, go to http:// theicom.org/register. Click on

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#### **Facts & Figures**

September 30/October 1 Worship 20/50/93 \$6,263.15 October 7 & 8 Worship 22/44/86 \$8,750.00 October 14 & 15 Worship 20/40/88 \$4,524.00 October 21 & 22 Worship /44/91 \$5,650.00 October 28 & 29 Attendance SS No SS Worship -/49/102 \$3,289.00

> Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

## Love All

Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

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*Cancer:* Gwen Acker-Dickinson. Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bight, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavely, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Lin-

da Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Cindy Horton, Sue Robson, Bob Lloyd, Josh Tonneas, Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, Shut Ins: Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lewis: The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis, The

Commons of Providence Road<sup>•</sup> Barbara Hake





ly is, and worship God where He is, Everywhere we go.

Destined to win, Larry Snavely  $\cdot$  Churches that are healthy have worship services where God's presence is sought and felt, and is alive with energy. The congregation feels inspired and fed. Also, there is a strong sense of God as the audience, the people as the performers, and the pastor or leader the facilitators to worship. (Style and tradition were not significant factors; passion and prayer were.)

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

the Individual Registration button and use the 4th option. The code is peoria17. There is a sneak peek magazine in the office if you would like to check out the schedule of workshops and speakers (you can also find that on their website). The exhibit hall holds over 300 booths where you can talk to missionaries who are serving all over the world. You can encourage them; and they will encourage you! If you have questions, see Wanda Hug or Melissa Beerbower.



### AICM Sponsored Child

We are now sponsoring Cory Tate who is a 6th grade student at American Indian Christian Mission. Her birthdate is May 15, 2005. She lives with her mom & dad, two brothers and one sister. Some of her favorite things are the color blue, basketball & football, French **fries & pizza, dogs, the movie "Moana,"** hearts, summer, Christmas, Jeeps, roses, ice cream and strawberries & apples. She has a dog named Justis. She would like to join the Army when she is older.

Cory loves to hear from her sponsors and is thankful for those who help and love her. Your love and support will help Cory learn more about the Lord. Please pray for her.

**Cory's support comes from the Sunday** School offering. There will be a container on the Welcome Center for additional donations.