

FIRST Church Of Christ

January 2026 NEWSLETTER

Second Corinthians 9:15 summarizes the message of Christmas. The New International Version translates it, *"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift."* It's interesting to read other translations and paraphrases:

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!" (KJV)

"Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!" (The Message)

"Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!" (NLT)

"Now thanks be to God for His indescribable gift [which is precious beyond words]!" (Amplified Version)

The fact that our Heavenly Father would allow His only begotten Son to be crucified on a cross to make atonement for our sin and secure our eternal salvation is beyond our full human understanding. God's love is truly indescribable. Jesus described it this way: *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends"* (**John 15:13**).

The third stanza of the classic hymn *The Love of God* expresses the impossibility of describing God's love:

*"Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."*

While we can't find words to express our thanks for God's incredible gift, we can search for ways to express our gratitude to Him. Don't allow Christmas to be reduced to Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, or Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. And don't stop with the favorite gift you received or brag about your delicious holiday meal.

Take time to read the Christmas story to your family. Attend a Christmas Eve worship service at your church. Pray



*Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV



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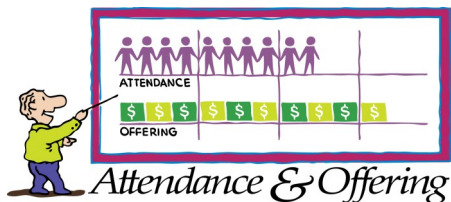
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December 7

Attendance 47/60
Offering \$5,513.93

December 14

Attendance 48/94
Offering \$5,008.19

December 21

Attendance 56/108
Offering \$7,966.74

December 28

Attendance 42/91
Offering \$5,567.30

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



"As a nation, family, church or individual, so much depends on the direction we take. Start here—"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." —Bible Digest

January Servers

Deaconesses:

MaKenzie Manges & Sherry Trubey

Elder Schedule:

4—Doug Haase
11—Seth Ramey
18—Mark Rhodes
25—Larry Snavelly

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery:

4—1st—; SS—Shaun & Jessica Arend; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler
11—1st—; SS—NEED VOLUNTEER!; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes
18—1st—; SS—NEED VOLUNTEER!; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER!
25—1st—; SS—NEED VOLUNTEER!; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER!

Greeters

1st—; 2nd—



Level 1: All services will proceed as scheduled.

Level 2 at 6 AM Sunday: All services will be cancelled.

Level 3: All services will be cancelled.

Wednesday Nights: If school is cancelled, church is cancelled or as we deem necessary. If you would like to be on the list for text alerts, please contact the church office.

JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 Kayson Buchanan
- 2 Sarah Snavelly
- 3 Linda Lewis
- 5 Diane Altman, Mark Brandt, Sarah Perry
- 6 Joanne Allison
- 9 Ashley Knepper, Rich Trubey
- 10 Ellie Roose
- 16 Taylor Dominique
- 17 Mike Robson
- 19 Jolie Arend
- 21 Shane Ramey, Gary Roughton
- 22 Pam Hartman
- 24 Ronnie Pinckley
- 29 Emile Boselli
- 30 Darrell Kinnan, Marcus Manges, Rockwell Perry



JANUARY Anniversaries

25 Dick & Sharon Blinzler (51)

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♦ Nola Girardot on the passing of her husband of 74 years, Vince.
- ♦ Dick & Sharon Blinzler and family on the deaths of Dick's sisters, Judy & Marlene.

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Mike Baerlin, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Rexann McCrary, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Greg Rhodes, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavelly, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Henry Kidd, Chuck Salsbury, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Sharon Brewer, Shawn Gambler, Terry Hallett, Joanne Allison, Robert Buskirk, Terry Carter, Tristan Ray, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Scott Hartman, Maverick Fields, Kortney Subasic, Eldor Lohse, Mark Rhodes, Greg Rhodes, Sam Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Sharon Beerbower, Mitch Stanley; **Shut Ins:** **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salsbury; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot.



Upcoming EVENTS

**20°—1/4/2026
9:15 AM**

**VBS Planning
Meeting-1/4/2026
12:00 PM**

**Craft Group
1/6, 10:00 AM**

**Momco-1/7 & 21
6:15-7:15 PM**

**Ladies Bible Study
-1/14 & 28
6:15-7:15 PM**

**Annual Congrega-
tional Meeting
1/25/2026
11:45 AM**

**Lunch Bunch
1/27/2025
11:45 AM @ Home
Restaurant, Arch-
bold**



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 1/27 at 11:45 AM at Home Restaurant, Archbold. Please meet there.

with fervor and give generously to someone in need. Since God has given extravagantly to us, let's in turn find ways to give extravagantly to others in the name of Christ.

A friend of our family, Susan Toadvine, shared that last Christmas her Bible study group decided that instead of exchanging gifts, they would each donate \$100 to a common cause. With ten people in the group, they collected \$1,000. They went to lunch together and decided to give their server a generous Christmas gift.

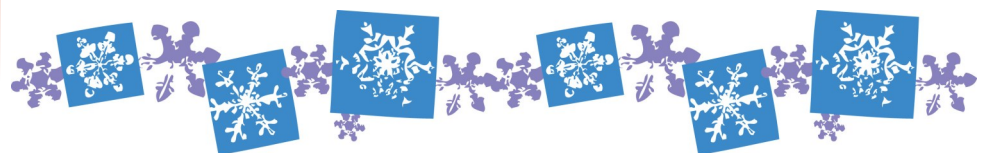
After their meal at Cracker Barrel, they handed their waitress a \$1,000 tip and explained, "We're a Christian group and just wanted to remind you of God's gift of Jesus to all of us. Merry Christmas!"

The waitress was overwhelmed and burst into tears. "I've been having such a struggle recently. Life has been really hard, and I almost didn't come to work this morning because I was so depressed. Now I'm so glad I did!"


Christmas is a season for giving. Since God gave so extravagantly to us, it is a wonderful time to give extravagantly to those in need. Here's another favorite verse for the Christmas season: "Freely you have received; freely give" ([Matthew 10:8](#)).



Destined to Win, Larry



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 20° 10:15 Worship	5 9:30 Senior Seekers	6 10:00 Craft Group	7 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	8	9	10
11 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	12 Annual Meeting Reports Due 9:30 Senior Seekers	13	14 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Adult Bible Study	15	16	17
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