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#### **February 3 – 6pm**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee (Zoom)

#### **February 6 –**

**Worship at 9:30am** in sanctuary &  
Facebook Live  
**11am** Adult Sunday School

#### **February 8 – 6:30pm**

Council in-person and on Zoom

#### **February 9 –**

**9am in-person and 5:30pm**  
**in-person and on Zoom**  
Bible Study  
**5:30pm** – Youth Group

#### **February 10 – 10:30am**

Disciple Women's Council

#### **February 15 – 7pm**

The Weekend Cluster

#### **February 16 –**

**9am in-person and 5:30pm**  
**in-person and on Zoom**  
Bible Study  
**5:30pm** – Youth Group

#### **February 17 – 5:30pm**

Ladies Night Out at Jimmy's and  
Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch

... for **Shannon Edwards and her son, Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another. Also pray for Shannon as she continues her studies.  
... for many families mourning the loss of loved ones:

**Dave and Allanna Nalley** and kids for the loss of Dave's dad, Ralph.

**Raye Ann Beasley** for the loss of her husband, Ralph. There will be a celebration of life sometime this summer. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research. Watson-Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Steve and Tracy Jackson** for the loss of Steve's dad, Jim. There will be no service at this time; details are still being worked out for a possible family celebration in the summer.

**Eva Seiler family.** Funeral will be at **11am on Feb. 19** at the church, with visitation preceding the service at 10am. Cards may be sent to her sons: David E. Seiler, 74 Majorca Dr., Winter Springs, FL 32708; and Bruce A. Seiler, 1401 Wewatta St., Unit 803, Denver, CO 80202.



# Crusader

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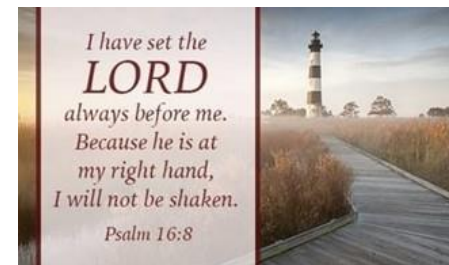
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**February 6, 2022**  
**Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch**  
*“Unshakable Faith: Against All Odds”*  
Genesis 41 and Hebrews 11:22

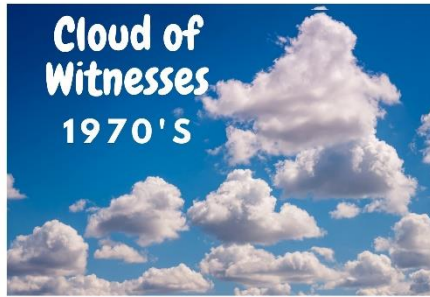
**February 13, 2022**  
**Message by Pastor Greg Fitch**  
*“Unshakable Faith: A Little Proof, Please”*  
Judges 6-8

*Worship will be in-person at 9:30am and on Facebook Live at 9:30am and later on Sunday morning on our webpage and YouTube*

## BLESSING BOX DONATIONS

Just a reminder that during the cold winter months we cannot put canned goods out because they will freeze and expand or explode making them unusable. Please just bring donations of toiletries, cleaning supplies, dry goods, or cold weather garments (such as gloves or socks). Thank you for your continued support and generosity.





## HISTORY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 1970s

The 1970's was a decade of many changes in our country, as well as marking its Bicentennial. The 1970's also found the congregation of First Christian going through many changes. Our church began the decade with a new Minister of Music when, in late 1969, Jim Musolf joined the church staff, taking over for recently retired Dr. Sykes. Mr.

Mr. M, as many of the youth affectionately called him, continued a strong music program. There were choirs for almost every age from preschooler to adult. The Westminster Bell Choir would go on tour during the summer and the youth choirs would join together performing musicals such as "It's Cool in the Furnace". On the first Sunday in Advent we would all gather in the large hall for The Round Table Carol Sing where the choirs would sing and we all would join in singing Christmas Carols and enjoy homemade Christmas cookies.

In 1971/1972 our congregation celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FCC. This was done with special dinners, services and guest speakers. And in 1976, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we along with churches throughout the country joined in a special worship commemorating our country's Bicentennial.

The 1970's also saw Lay Renewal come to First Christian in the form of a Lay Witness Mission. This led to the start of several prayer/sharing groups in the church. Some of these small groups continued meeting for many years. That weekend sparked 3 additional lay renewal events, a Discipline and Discovery Weekend and 2 Youth Encounter Weekends. These weekend events led to more small groups being formed. The church also saw several of its members serving on Lay Witness teams in a number of other churches well into the next decade.

The decade saw changes in church leadership. In 1975 Rev Ralph Bennett moved on to pastor a church in Pennsylvania. Rev. Ernie Harrold was with us as interim pastor for 10 ½ months, then in September of 1976, Rev. JT Moore came to First Christian to be our pastor. And for the first time women of the church would be elected to the Board of Elders and later on, the Board of Trustees. In December of 1979 recently retired Coldbrook pastor, Rev. Glenn Cadwell joins the FCC staff as Visitation Pastor.

Our sanctuary was remodeled in 1978 and worship was held in our "new" sanctuary on the first Sunday in November of 1978. And in 1979 the Library, which also serves as a dressing room for brides, was remodeled. Several properties adjacent to the church were also acquired and these now make up our current parking lot. The Trustees also oversaw the installation of our first chair lift.



## WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

February 20 & 27

*Love is a path forward*

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." – 1 Corinthians 13:13*

When you give to Week of Compassion, you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education; and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives.

Love is shelter. Love is a listening ear. Love is community. Love is a hopeful future. ***Love is a path forward.*** When all else seems lost, love remains.

You can give your gift at [weekofcompassion.org](http://weekofcompassion.org) OR bring your offering to worship, where an offering envelope will be available; or mail your offering in to the church.

## 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHURCH CELEBRATION

We want to thank Hope Nelson for the beautiful banner she designed for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which is hanging in the sanctuary. Be sure to check it out!

We are continuing to plan for our celebration to be held on **April 24, 2022**. Some special events include a celebratory service at 10:30am that morning with "Timothy" Will Jewsbury preaching followed by a light lunch; **Jim Sundberg will be a guest speaker during worship on March 13** giving personal stories from his 16-year Major League Baseball career, along with sharing excerpts from his new devotional book *"Legacy Playbook: 50 Days of Encouragement to Pass on What Matters Most"*; and the compilation of a history booklet.



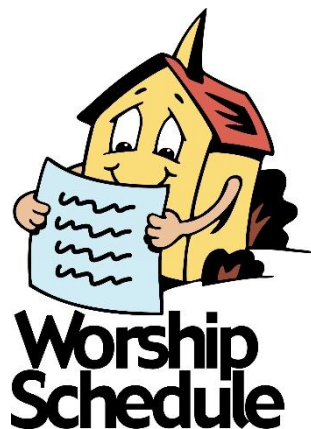
## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

...**Dr. Gene Johnson** to continue to improve at Bounceback, room 209.

... **Judy St. John** to get stronger at Bounceback, room 210.

...**Evelyn Danforth**, hospitalized at St. Mary's and will soon go to Bounceback. Pray for healing and strength.





## WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

**Feb 6** – Diaconate Serving: Earlene Crouse & Brandy Hossein  
Lead in Communion: Pastor

Greeters: Earlene Crouse & Brandy Hossein at North St.;  
Marge Patterson & Marla Wood at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen  
at canopy door

Offering Message: Tracy Jackson

Prayers: Willa Jewsbury

**Feb 13** – Diaconate Serving: Janet Foster & Aaron Barton

Lead in Communion: Misty Stecher

Greeters: Janet Foster & Aaron Barton at North St.; Earlene Crouse &  
Brandy Hossein at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Offering Message: Chris Mowrer

Prayers: Jan Luallen

### BLANKET + SUNDAY THANK YOU

Because of your generous giving, **\$509.00** was raised on Blanket + Sunday. This will buy blankets for people who need them to keep warm, make a shelter or protect them from other types of disaster. Thank you all for caring. ~~ *Disciple Women*



### LADIES NIGHT OUT ON FEB. 17

Ladies Night Out will change from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday so the next event will be at **5:30pm Thursday, February 17** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



### MEN'S NIGHT OUT ON FEB. 17

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, February 17** at Pizza Ranch. All men of the church are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Everybody pays their own way.



### WELCOME BACK JAN LUCAS!

What a joy to welcome “back” Jan Lucas to First Christian Church. Jan re-committed her life to Jesus Christ and has placed her membership with First Christian on January 30. We look forward to growing in faith and ministry with her.

Jan shares these words to help us know her better:

*Born Janice Livingston, my Dad (Frank Livingston) taught industrial arts at Lombard for most of his career. Mom (Martha)*

*stayed home with us, baking, washing and ironing our clothes, etc. That is what I learned as a child in the 1950's.*

*Born into a very innocent and naïve world, I am the middle of three girls (Joyce and Jean). Our grandparents, aunts and uncles, a million cousins, many friends, and First Christian Church shaped our world. I started school at Silas Willard, then LT Stone, Rose Hobin Welch, Churchill, and GHS preceded my education and training at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville. Those years provided me with the skills to be an English, drama and public speaking teacher. I taught high school juniors and directed the school plays and musicals –no singing from this tin bucket. Marriage, two daughters, a full career teaching, divorce, retirement, six grandchildren led me to the obvious that my world was to spin in a different direction. One daughter ended up moving to Clarksville, the other stayed in Missouri, in the St Louis area. My Beth has four girls from ten to seventeen. Emily, my younger daughter, has one boy and one girl with a new event coming late June or early July. With the birth of each of my grands, my heart has grown larger by the day. My life is focused on sharing our family history with each baby, from lullabies to our ancient heritage when they are old enough to understand genealogy.*

*Besides my career, I developed many crafty skills. From gardening when the girls were small, to my Grandma teaching me the gift of making homemade pies and breads, learning to sew, using those skills to make my own clothing as well as for both girls, each daughters' wedding dress, years of cooking for the love of doing so, many quilts (most sized for babies as birth gifts) and crafts to sell at area shows. I lived in Missouri for about 40 years then moved to Tennessee (10 years) to help my older daughter raise four girls while they opened their family restaurant. Even though I had retired, I continued to work in education instructing English as a Second Language and then part time as a professor's assistant at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. When my daughter moved to Alabama, I knew it was time for me to find a new direction. I did so by returning to my roots. I sold my house and bought a small place here in Galesburg. I am reconnecting with family, friends, and First Christian Church. God be with each and every one. ~~ Jan*



## ELDERS MEETING NIGHT CHANGED

Please note that the elders will meet on **Thursday, February 17 at 6:30pm.** This will be a hybrid meeting – meeting in person at the conference room at the church and on zoom. Please use the invite to link onto zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86018661553?pwd=cEF3NDNRUjh5dkthcmpzdGxaek5GZz09>

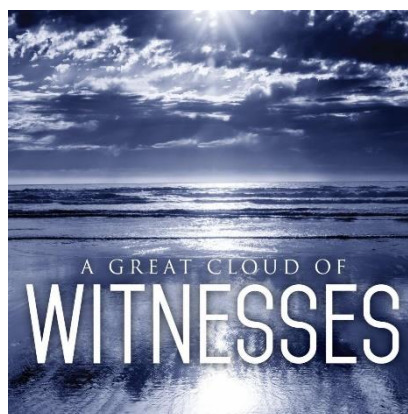
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## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL 2022

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.... Hebrews 12:1a*

This Lent, we will be preparing our hearts for Easter by once again sharing stories. We want to remember our upcoming 150th anniversary as our church history is quickly approaching a once in a lifetime milestone. As we reminisce about this “great cloud of witnesses” that have paved the way for the gospel to continue being spread, we ask that you share a story of how someone has impacted your life and relationship with God.

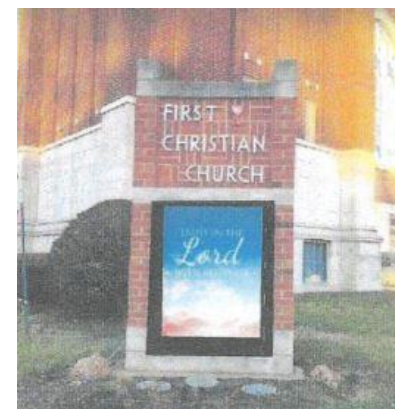
Instructions: Please write a 1-page (8.5x11) devotional, sharing your story of how a person or persons have impacted your walk with Jesus. Be sure and add a scripture to be read and a closing prayer, along with your name. Please email to [fccgalesburg@gmail.com](mailto:fccgalesburg@gmail.com) or bring it to the church office by **February 14**. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastors @ 309-343-9960 or Renee Galvin @ 402-730-0160.



*Dear Church Family,*

*Tracy and I want to thank you all for your prayers and support following my dad's passing last Monday. We received comfort and strength from all your uplifting words as well.*

*It has been a difficult time of sadness for our family, but we want to thank you for thinking of us. ~~ Steve (and Tracy) Jackson*



Dear Friends,

God has a plan for everyone and everything. That includes you and it includes First Christian Church. None of us can fully know God's plan--the best we can do is pray and listen for clarity. Our church leadership has been doing just that and are excited to announce our latest church project.

In honor of our 150th anniversary, the outdoor message board is going to be retro-fitted with an electronic/digital message board. Besides announcing services and upcoming events, this updated board can provide daily scripture and inspirational messages to the community.

This project will cost \$16,160.00 with \$9,000.00 already on hand from memorials and donations. All messages will be changed from the office instead of out in the cold. We hope you will wish to support this effort and prayerfully consider contributing to this project.

Our ancestors chose this corner for our church and our message board has been a focal point for years, inspiring those who stop at the 4 way stop signs.

If you wish to send a gift in memory or honor of someone, their name will be placed on a plaque that will be hung in the church. All gifts, large or small, will be accepted gratefully.

Please use the form below to enclose with your gift. You may mail your gift to the church office or place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday. If writing a check, please mark it for the Sign Project.

### SIGN PROJECT

I wish to contribute to the updated message board at First Christian Church, 301 N. Broad Street, Galesburg, IL 61401 by February 28, 2022.

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I wish this gift to be in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I wish this gift to be in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_