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#### Anniversaries:

- 17 – Al & Jeannie Bower
- 21 – Jerry & Linda Bramlett

#### Birthdays:

- 1 – Tom Maleck, Charlene Thompson
- 2 – Nathan Fitch
- 3 – Kenley Barton
- 9 – Diego Galvin, Kendra Hossain
- 11 – Mary Runge
- 12 – Thomas P. Dougherty Jr.
- 13 – James Jackson
- 15 – Jane Hopkey, Logan Nelson
- 16 – Richard White
- 19 – Jeannie Bower
- 20 – Kate Doss, Val Morris
- 21 – Carolyn Spratt
- 24 – Ralph Beasley
- 28 – Chris Mowrer`

... 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 **Parker Stecher** who has COVID.  
... lift up **Donna Flicek** and her family. Donna's brother-in-law, Jerome, recently passed away.  
... lift up **Mark Davis** and family. Mark's cousin Tim passed away recently.  
... for Cottage Hospital doctors, nurses and staff who lost their jobs with the closing of the hospital.  
... for **Dr. Gene Johnson** who had a stroke and is at Bounceback recovering.  
... for **Mary Lydic's**, son Josh, hospitalized with COVID.  
... for **Walter Bjorkman and Ralph Beasley** who are both on Hospice.  
... for **Eva Seiler** who fell recently and broke her hip. Eva now lives in Colorado.



# Crusader

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January 23, 2022  
Laity Sunday  
Message by Diane Eager  
“Adventure in Faith”



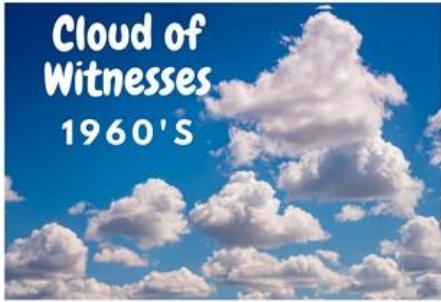
January 30, 2022  
Message by Pastor Greg Fitch  
“Unshakable Faith: Let's Go!”  
Scripture: Numbers 13

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

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

How blessed we are to have a wonderful slate of officers/leaders to serve in our church – elders, diaconate, trustees, chairs of the various ministry teams and the executive team. In worship on **Sunday, Jan. 23**, we will install you and dedicate you to ministry by praying for you. Please be there to take part in this special service.





# HISTORY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 1960s

The 1960’s was a time of racial unrest and an unpopular Vietnam War. President Kennedy and Martin Luther King were assassinated. There was the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was a time of turbulence along with social revolutions that created a pop culture in music and fashion

At FCC brand new hand bells were ringing, however. Our church funded a trip for Dr. Harry Sykes, our minister of music, to go to England to get our handbells, which were made at the White Chapel Bell Foundry. Three bell choirs were created: The Westminster Bell Choir, The White Chapel Bell Choir, and the Women’s Bell Choir.

While the experiences of growing up as a member of FCC have a theme of faith formation and character building, other business was going. The minister at the time was Rev. James Smith and the youth director was Ms. Gail Olmstead. It is sort of hard to imagine, but Martha Smith Gilson told me how her dad, Verne Smith was a member of the trustees and drove to each employee’s home to deliver their paychecks to them. It was through the hands of many faithful adults such as these that our church was maintained.

Then as now, another memory of Martha’s was the mission activity of the women’s circles. I recall as well that one of the adult classes was named the Robin Cobble class. Rev. Cobble was a missionary (not one of our church members but a Disciples minister) who died in a motor cycle accident in the 1950’s as he and his family served in Monieka, Belgian Congo.

It is during this decade that the Johnson family helped all of us understand life in the Congo, where malaria, leprosy, sleeping sickness, venereal disease, and tuberculosis were prevalent. Several Register Mail articles tell the story of how funds were raised by the Galesburg community for his Piper Super Cub plane, which he called “Wings of Mercy.” A total of \$16,000 was needed for the plan purchase, shipping, and maintenance for a year in the Congo. A total of \$11,309 was raised by the time Dr. Johnson left for Congo.

Clearly, as through the years, God provided leaders, Sunday School, music, worship, and the faithfulness of many to make First Christian Church a refuge for a time such as the 1960’s.

Please continue to watch for more First Christian Church history.



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

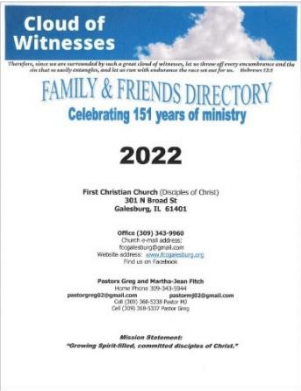
First Christian Church will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 24, 2022. There will be a celebratory church service at 10:30am that morning. “Timothy” Will Jewsbury will be preaching that day. Following the service, a light lunch will be served, allowing additional time for fellowship and reminiscing. We hope that members and friends, old and new, will join together that day in celebration. A room of historical items will be open for viewing and a memorial gift will be given to attendees.

In honor of this anniversary, the outdoor message board is going to be retro-fitted with an electronic 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 \$5,000.00 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 sign. All gifts, large or small, will be accepted gratefully.


# 2022 FAMILY & FRIENDS DIRECTORY

The 2022 Family & Friends Directory is hot off the presses! Some copies were distributed on Sunday but if you were not able to pick one up at that time, we have copies in the church office and can be picked up during normal office hours, 8:30am-1:30pm. We are asking that you take only one directory per family.





# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1:30pm – Caring Ministers <i>Newsletter Week</i>	<b>2</b> 9am and 5:30pm – Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:15am – Staff meeting 6pm – 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary committee (via Zoom) 6pm – Girl Scout leaders	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30pm - Council	<b>9</b> 9am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group	<b>10</b> 8:15am – Staff meeting 10:30am – Disciple Women's Council	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	<b>14</b> <b>Deadline for Devotionals!</b> 6:30pm – Elders	<b>15</b> 5:30pm – Ladies Night Out at Jimmy's Pizza 7pm – The Weekend - Cluster	<b>16</b> 9am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 2pm & 3pm – Worship at Seminary Manor & Hawthorne	<b>17</b> 8:15am – Staff meeting 5:30pm – Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Week of Compassion</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	<b>21</b> 7pm – Trustees  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9am and 5:30pm – Bible Study  5:30pm – Youth group 7:30pm – Historical Society	<b>24</b> 8:15am – Staff meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Week of Compassion</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	<b>28</b>			<i>Note: Worship is in-person as well as Facebook Live at 9:30am</i>	<i>Note: Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are both on Zoom and in person.</i>	<i>In person classes are held in the Conference Room, along with Zoom, at the same time.</i>



## BLANKET SUNDAY JANUARY 23

On January 23 you will once again be given an opportunity to purchase a blanket for \$10.00. First Christian Church can join with CWS bringing warmth, building hope! Please make checks payable to First Christian Church and designate it for Blanket Sunday. Donations may be mailed to 301 N. Broad St. Your support is very much appreciated and will give a hope-filled tomorrow to people all around the world.



## MEN'S NIGHT OUT JANUARY 20

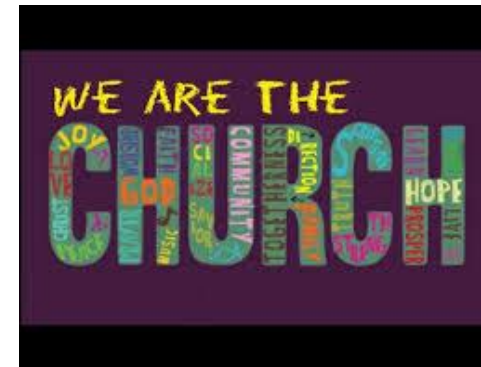
Men's Night Out will be at 5:30pm on Thursday, January 20 at Pizza Ranch. All men of the church are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Everybody pays their own way.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We are in the early stages of planning a Lenten devotional book, written by members of the church (and possibly other Timothys and past pastors). We would like to follow the Cloud of Witnesses theme and have individuals share stories about people who have shaped their faith and given them a deeper love for the Lord. The deadline for the devotional article to be into the office will be February 14. More information will be forthcoming – be thinking how you can share.



What is one belief that is fundamental to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – something that is absolutely part of our identity? The ministry of all believers! *“We affirm the priesthood of all believers, rejoicing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit- which include the gift of leadership – that God has given for the common good. It is truly a part of the soil in which the church grew. In their book Disciples: Reclaiming our Identity, Reforming our Practice, Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn state, “From the beginning of our movement, lay ministry has never simply been a good idea, but fundamental to what we believe about the Holy Spirit empowering all Christians to do ministry (Acts 2).”*



Laity Sunday is a time to celebrate the reality that We Are the Church! As the song goes: *“All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes! We are the church together! Each of us have a ministry, to continue to share the good news of the gospel and be salt and light in the world.*



This year, we are blessed to have **Diane Eager** bringing our message for our Laity Sunday celebration. Diane Eager has been a part of our church her entire life. She was married here to Jim, her loving husband – and they raised their four daughters here. Most recently, she has served as the teacher for the Coffee House Theology Class...and has served on many ministry teams and is particularly gifted with our vision teams.

Diane will be sharing a message on *“The Adventure of Faith”*. You won't want to miss hearing her share her stories of how she has grown in faith over the years and how we too can join her in this great adventure of faith.

## THANK YOU TO DR. GENE JOHNSON

We want to thank Dr. Gene Johnson for the many years of his service in collating and folding the newsletter for our office staff. His help has been greatly appreciated!



**QUARTERLY OFFERING STATEMENTS  
ARE READY FOR PICK UP AND LOCATED  
ON THE TABLE BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.**