



E-REPORTER

Merry Christmas!

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First Christian Church

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Bible Reading Plan

Week of December 27:

Sunday- Jude

Monday- Deuteronomy 32-34

Tuesday- Esther 6-10

Wednesday- Psalms 149-150

Thursday- Song of Solomon 7-8

Friday- Revelation 18-22

Saturday- Acts 27-28



Phil + Kim Martin
and family

John Katie and boys

Don, Kristen
Jackson, Kinsey
+ Kaleigh Jarrett

Casey Sahley + Sadie

Sunday, December 27
8:15 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Worship
No Evening Worship

Monday, December 28
No S.A.M.

Tuesday, December 29
6:00-7:00p.m. Worship Team

Wednesday, December 30
No Evening Programs

Thursday, December 31
New Years Eve
Church Office Closed

Friday, January 1
Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed

Prayer Requests:

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson
Earl Gain
Sue Courson
Joe Molenhour
Craig Liddle
Mike Molenhour

Karl Squibb
Sandy Dries
Aleen Crosby
Bud Burden
Ruth Ruprecht
JoAnne Henry

Warren Williams
Naida Telford
Gerry Hower
Mack & Joyce Myers
Becca Lambert

SALEM HOSPITAL

Betty Westman

Missions of the Month

Please pray for all
of our missions and
missionaries.

Facts & Figures	December 20, 2009
8:15 am Worship	173
Bible School	156
10:30 am Worship	254
Total Worship	427
*Ministry Fund Offering	\$12,777.40
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,855.77
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 1,078.64
Total	\$13,856.04



Chelsea Knaak	14
Jackson Jarrett	14
Aubrey Bandy	16
Marlene Evans	16
Ron Hayes	16
Tressa Branch	16
Dave Jarrett	17
Mack Myers	17
Steve Tucker	17
John Gaston	18
Kendra Gaston	18
Debby Lamb	19

Reminder:
There will be no evening service on Sunday, December 27th.



Coming Up on the Calendar December

- 24-Christmas Eve Service, 4pm
- 25-Church Office Closed
- 28-Office Volunteers Needed
- 28-No SAM
- 29-Office Volunteers Needed
- 30-No evening programs
- 31-Church Office Closed

January

- 1-Church Office Closed
- 5-Leadership Team Meeting, 7pm
- 6-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 10-Youth Leader Meeting, 8:15am
- 10-Missions Meeting, 4:30pm
- 12-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 12-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 19-Prayer Meeting, 7pm
- 20-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am

Elders: Craig Vieira, Doug Williams (underlined - Offering prayer) **December 27, 2009**
Meditation: Doug Williams
Deacons: 8:15-Max Dye, Ron Hayes, Paul Chitwood, Mike Dye, Jeff Molenhour, Steve Schumpert, Marshall Goostree, Mark Cartwright; 10:30-Dave White, Mark Zinzilieta, Duane Snow, Chuck Tinsley, Brad West, Carl Eilbes, Jim Rainwater, Randy Rose...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.
Attendance Tabulation: 8:15-Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Tom Garrett
Worship Tech: Matt Webb, Paul Ferguson
Nursery: 8:15-Linda Puricelli, Terri Blair; 9:30-Mary Piper, Karen Collier, Sandra Banning; 10:30-Alyssa Williams, Pat McArthur, Cheryl Kennedy
Stepping Stones: Ashley Elmore, Joli Lybarger
Preschool Greeter: Nikki Smith
Toddler Room: 8:15-; 10:30-Sydney Tefft
Kidz Church: 8:15-Brian & Sandra Banning; 10:30-Grant Green
Care Team Leaders: 8:15-; 10:30-Jim & Sandy Martin
FIM Captain: Jan Luse
Greeters: Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Lucy Molenhour, Norm & Diane Barton
Ushers: 8:15-Keith Kemp; 10:30-Pat Baldrige
Section Hosts: #1-Brian Banning; #2-Vernice Young; #3-Betty Jane Easley
Parking Lot: Curt Piper, Kyle Kell, Randy Helm, Jim Jones
Baptismal: 8:15-Janet Padberg; 10:30-Joan Buhnerkemper
Communion Preparation: Duane Snow

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

We are in need of someone who can provide a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings for an individual at The Manor at Salem Woods. If you can help meet this need, please call the church office.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to **Ely & Becca Lambert** on the birth of their new baby boy! Brody Ely was born on Sunday, December 20th at 10:01pm. He weighed 7lb 11oz and measured 20 inches long. Both Becca and Brody are doing great! If you would like to help her family by bringing them a meal, please go to www.carecalendar.org and sign up. The calendar ID is 27085 and the security code is 9899. You can also access these calendars at our website, www.fccsalem.net. If you do not have internet access, please contact Dawn McCoy and she can put you on the calendar.



Congratulations to **Jim & Jennifer Clark** on the birth of their new baby girl! Abigail Grace was born on Sunday, December 13th at 11:39pm. She weighed 10lbs and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Steve & Brenda Schumpert** and great-grandparents are **Wayne & Mary Wilkinson**.



PRISCILLA LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Priscilla Ladies' Bible Study will not meet Thursday, December 24th & 31. We will meet again on Thursday, January 7, 2010. In January we will begin a new study by Charles Swindoll, "Jesus: The Greatest Life of All."



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) had a great first semester. Our group certainly grew, as we averaged around two new moms per meeting. We now have 34 moms and 47 children attending. We are excited to see lots of women joining from the community and other churches and pray that MOPS is an encouraging resource for these women during this critical stage of mothering. And you can help in this growing ministry!!! As more moms come, we are starting to run out of spots in our MOPPET (childcare) rooms. The last thing we want to do is to have to turn moms away because we do not have enough workers to take care of their children. For the second semester, we need 5 more regular attending workers. We also need more substitutes and even once-a-month workers are a huge help! MOPS meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:15 - 11:15am. Our first meeting for the second semester is on January 6th. Please contact Katie Mann at 548-5895 or Michelle Lockhart at 548-1540 if you are interested. Please help MOPS continue to be a growing ministry!!!



Mann's Masterpiece

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Next to our Christmas tree is our advent calendar and tree that we have hung on the wall. Each day on the calendar there is a pocket that holds an ornament that gets placed on the tree above the calendar.

Everyday Katie and Nathan go up to the calendar and Nathan pulls out the ornament to put on the tree above. There is so much excitement in his eyes and voice as the tree fills up and we close in on Christmas. It's a joy to watch a young child's anticipation as Christmas morning approaches!

I can't imagine the anticipation that Joseph and Mary had as they neared Bethlehem. I can't imagine what was going through their minds as Mary began to give birth to Jesus. I can't imagine what Joseph could have been thinking as he delivered the Son of God! Do we still get nervously excited like these two young parents about what God did for us? Do we still have an uncontrollable joy built inside of us when we think that Jesus came to us! Or has Christmas just turned into another holiday that we can't wait to make it through?

It's hard in our world to teach our children about Christmas. They think it's about giving and getting because that is what they see and hear so often all around them. It has nothing to do with either. Christmas is God keeping His promise. Christmas is God showing His faithfulness. Christmas is God, once again showing His love, his deep unfathomable love for His people. As Christmas Day draws nearer, focus on God's love and you may have a completely different Christmas than ever before!

Dave's Musings

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Advent Wreaths

We have been lighting candles on the advent wreath each of the last four weekends. Worship in the season of advent is typically a varied experience. As often happens with seasons in the church year there is a penitence in preparing for an event. One example would be how some use lent to prepare for Easter. In the same way, we use advent to prepare for and anticipate Christmas. You may have differing degrees of anticipation in your house, but this is a spiritual anticipation because the event that we are preparing for is unparalleled in history.

On Christmas Eve, we light the final candle. First is the candle of Hope. Second the candle of Peace. Third the candle of Love. Fourth the candle of Joy. These Candles are 2 shades of red. But the final candle is brilliant White. It is the Christ Candle. We light it to celebrate the birth. We light it to celebrate the incarnation of Christ. We light it to celebrate the gift of salvation that God would give through his perfect son.

Recently I heard the song "How Many Kings" by Downhere on the radio. "How many kings would step down from their thrones? How many Lords have abandoned their homes?" The answer lies in that God did this to the highest level of sacrifice, beginning in history, continuing through the birth, and culminating in death, burial and resurrection. It is in light of this truth that we light the candles. It is in light of this truth that we anticipate the coming of the Light of the World. Let every heart prepare him room. That is what advent is about! Come and let us light the Christ Candle together.

Merry Christmas, Dave

Case in Point

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When I was a kid I loved Christmas Eve. My brother and sister and I would all stay up late in one of our bedrooms and play games, tell stories, and laugh until we had tears in our eyes. The anticipation for the next day was so great that even if we tried to go to sleep we would have a very hard time. It was a blast to anticipate Christmas together.

Then on the next day we'd wake up early, run into the living room, open presents and read the Christmas story together as a family as we ate whatever snacks we found in our stockings for breakfast. The day was everything we had hoped for!

Can you imagine how the shepherds felt when they saw the long anticipated messiah for the first time! What was their trip from the fields into town like after the angels appeared to them? Did they talk? Did they laugh? Or did they just quietly hurry along as their imaginations ran wild? Then when they saw the baby lying in the manger just as the angels said, it must have been such an incredible feeling!

What is it going to feel like for us when Jesus comes again? What feelings are we going to have? What emotions are going to consume us as the reality sets in; that is, if it ever does?

I cannot answer these questions, but what I do know is that I can hardly wait and I am so glad that God gave us a time to get together each week as a family to anticipate that day together!

From Phil's Desk

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New Sermon Series – “RE: Church”

I don't think it's hard to see that the world is rapidly changing all around us. It's as if we have lowered our heads and rushed toward the future without giving a thought as to where we might end up. In the scuffle we have lost a few things along the way – things like innocence, our moral compass, and the spiritual need of salvation and a relationship with our Creator God. Christianity has become taboo and barely tolerated.

The Church (with a big “C”) has lost her influence in the world. Through irresponsibility, indifference, and inconsistency Christianity has developed a public relations nightmare in America. No longer are the days when the Church was the focal point of community, and when her moral voice was respectfully heeded. Today, Christianity is scoffed at, ridiculed and unwanted in many public places.

We (the Church) have a problem.

RE: Church (regarding the Church) it is time for us to do something about it. It is time for us to do something new and refreshing. It is time for the Church to be relevant again. It is time for us to ask the following questions of each other, “What will it take for Christians to reconnect with our culture?” “What will it take for us to live irresistible lives that actually appeal to all people?” “What can we do to rediscover God and our mission?” “How can we redefine Church to a world that is lost?”

We will begin the new year with the challenge of redefining how we live our lives as Christ followers. I hope you can join us as we dare to be the Church God has called us to be.

Wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From the warmth of our hearts and home, Kim, Eric, Kyle, Caitlin and I hope you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

In His Grip, Phil



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Ed Dolbeare Wayne Hawkins
Craig Vieira Tom Garrett

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JANUARY 2010



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January 2010 Serving Schedule

		Service Area	January 3, 2010		January 10, 2010		January 17, 2010		January 24, 2010		January 31, 2010	
Music	Vocalists	Nila Hawkins, Delyn McCown, Patty Wilkins		Amanda Leathers, Debbie Cartwright		Ed Phillips, Patty Wilkins, Wayne Puricelli		Kendra Gaston, Susan Jones		Chelsie Bartley, Allison Cartwright		
	Instrumentalists	Kim Martin, Renita Garrett, Dave White, Kaleb Collier		Karen Collier, John Mann		Renita Garrett, Casey Elmore, Kaleb Collier		Nancy Gaston, Nancy Cone, John Mann		Dustin Friedrich, Kaleb Collier, Casey Elmore, Karen Collier		
	Sound	Gary Kennedy		Bryan McIntosh		Mark Ferguson		Matt Webb		Gary Kennedy		
	Media Shout	Ashley Kennedy		Jordan Allen		Paul Ferguson		Logan Pontious		Ashely Kennedy		
Communion & Offering	Attendance Tabulation	Wayne Puricelli	Chuck Tinsley	Wayne Puricelli	Paul Chitwood	Wayne Puricelli	Ron Stanley	Wayne Puricelli	Tom Garrett	Wayne Puricelli	Jeff Baldrige	
	Servers 8:15 / 10:30 (Underlined to serve shut-ins) *Asterisk to serve Doctor's Nursing Home*	<u>Jay Luse</u> <u>Robert Uchitijil</u> Curt Piper Eldon Prosisie Norm Barton Chuck Tinsley Don Cochran Lindell Mulvany	<u>*David Lamb</u> <u>*Ted Tefft</u> John Gaston Kyle Kell Louis Williams, Jr. Mark Zinzilieta Steve Baggett Bob Russell	<u>Steve Schumpert</u> <u>Mike Molenhour</u> Jerry Boswell Mike Dye Ed Phillips Joe Pemberton Mark Cartwright Marshall Goostree	<u>*Terry Barnfield</u> <u>*Keith Kemp</u> Mike Squibb Bob Stroud Dave White Gary Kennedy Randy Rose Phil Williams	<u>Ron Hayes</u> <u>Kyle Kell</u> Max Dye Jim Holsapple Steve Tucker Louis Williams, Jr. Nick King Randy Helm	<u>*Tim Alvis</u> <u>*Randy Schultz</u> Jeff Baldrige Ely Lambert Duane Snow Brad West Mike Bryan Ken Brewer	<u>*Mike Dye</u> <u>*Mike Squibb</u> Terry Barnfield John Gaston Steve Schumpert Bob Stroud Steve Bandy Wayne Puricelli	<u>Mark Zinzilieta</u> <u>Eldon Prosisie</u> David Lamb Jeff Molenhour Mike Molenhour Robert Uchitijil Jim Rainwater Eric Bandy	Tim Alvis Ron Hayes Jim Holsapple Keith Kemp Ely Lambert Randy Schultz Don Cochran Lindell Mulvany	<u>*Duane Snow</u> <u>*Ed Phillips</u> <u>Joe Pemberton</u> <u>Chuck Tinsley</u> Jay Luse Ted Tefft Don Foss Carl Eibes	
	Communion Prep	Dave White		David Lamb		Ed Dolbeare		Max Dye		Terry Barnfield		
	Elders (underlined-offering prayer)	<u>Craig Vieira</u> , Jim Martin		<u>Doug Williams</u> , Carl Charlton		<u>Wayne Hawkins</u> , Craig Vieira		<u>Tom Garrett</u> , Doug Williams		<u>Craig Vieira</u> , Tom Garrett		
	Meditation	Jim Martin		Carl Charlton		Craig Vieira		Doug Williams		Tom Garrett		
	Captain	Pat Baldrige		Katharine Black		Lucy Molenhour		Jan Luse		Pat Baldrige		
	Greeters	Terri Leathers, Randy & Sue Borger, Tim & Belinda Alvis		Bob Jamison, Mary Wilkinson, Judy Beard, Eldon & Sue Prosisie		Jay & Michelle Luse, Lisa Pontious, Ron & Geneva Stanley		Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Lucy Molenhour, Norm & Diane Barton		Bob & Kathy Stroud, Chery Olafsson, Paul & Eileen Chtwood		
	Ushers	Bob Jamison	Lucy Molenhour	Chery Olafsson	Jan Luse	Katharine Black	Elizabeth Hite	Keith Kemp	Pat Baldrige	Bob Jamison	Lucy Molenhour	
Section Host	Katharine Black, Wayne Hawkins, Betty Jane Easley		Wayne Hawkins, Joan Buhnerkemper, Lucy Molenhour		Robert & Naida Uchitijil, Joan Buhnerkemper		Brian Banning, Vernice Young, Betty Jane Easley		Katharine Black, Brian Banning			
Parking Lot	Brad West, Will Webb, Steve Schumpert		Jay Luse, Carl Charlton, Vernice Young, Marshall Goostree		Joe Pemberton, Eldon Prosisie, Keith Kemp		Curt Piper, Kyle Kell, Randy Helm		Brad West, Will Webb, Steve Schumpert			
Baptismal	Ann Tanner	Dennis Charlton	Lucy Molenhour	Craig & Cheryl Vieira	Pat Baldrige	Joan Buhnerkemper	Janet Padberg	Joan Buhnerkemper	Ann Tanner	Dennis Charlton		
CARE Team	Patty Wilkins, Linda Hawn			Wayne & Nila Hawkins	Terri Leathers, Connie Dunahee			Jim & Sandy Martin				
Children	Nursery 8:15	Connie Dunahee, Glynis Barnfield		Connie Williams, Lynn Jones		Donna Charlton, Donna Snow		Linda Puricelli, Terri Blair		Connie Williams, Lynn Jones		
	Nursery 9:30	Ashley Elmore, Janet Padberg, Pat Vest		Mark Zinzilieta, Tim & Belinda Alvis		Michele Webb, Judy West, Barbara Ball		Mary Piper, Karen Collier, Sandra Banning		Mark Zinzilieta, Tim & Belinda Alvis		
	Nursery 10:30	Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Cassie Beard		Carrie Smith, Linda Merta, Katie Mann		Mary Wilkinson, Kristin Jarrett, Cheryl Vieira		Alyssa Williams, Pat McArthur, Cheryl Kennedy		Carrie Smith, Linda Merta, Katie Mann		
	Stepping Stones	Michele Webb, Angie Helm		Ashley Elmore, Kelly Bandy		Sheri Molenhour, Becca Lambert		Ashley Elmore, Joli Lybarger		Ashley Elmore, Kelly Bandy		
	Preschool Greeter	Jenny Mann		Donna Bailey		Shelli McIntosh		Chris Apgar		Cheryl Vieira		
	Toddler Room	Jared Banning	Michael Gaston	Rachel Williams	Josh Zinzilieta	Trisha Alvis	Michael Gaston		Sydney Tefft			
	Kidz Church	No Kidz Church		Jay & Michelle Luse	Kelsey Royer	Matt & Joli Lybarger	Ashley Elmore & Lindsey Crane	Brian & Sandra Banning	Grant Green	Matt & Joli Lybarger	Ashley Elmore & Lindsey Crane	