

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Contemporary Worship - 8:45; Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.; Traditional Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Regional Minister:

Area Minister: Bill Rose-Heim

Minister: Steve Thaler

Custodian: Kelly Todd

Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Howard

Director of Music and Organist: Donna Young

Praise Team Leader: Debbie Smith

Sound Equipment Coordinator: Keven Schneider Nursery Attendant: Megan Miller

Pianists: Tammy Steinkamp, Sarah Strom, Sandy Kennedy, Paula Price, Ramona Lewis

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**January Bible Reading Guide**

- 1-Ephesians 1:1-23
- 2-Ephesians 2:1-22
- 3-Ephesians 3:1-21
- 4-Ephesians 4:1-32
- 5-Ephesians 5:1 to 6:4
- 6-Matthew 2:1-23
- 7-Mark 1:1-20
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- 8-Mark 1:21-45
- 9-Mark 2:1-28
- 10-Mark 3:1-19
- 11-Mark 3:20-35
- 12-Mark 4:35 to 5:20
- 13-Mark 5:21-43
- 14-Mark 6:1-29
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- 15-Mark 6:30-56
- 16-Mark 7:24-37
- 17-Mark 8:1-26
- 18-Mark 8:27 to 9:13
- 19-Mark 9:14-32
- 20-Mark 9:33-50
- 21-Mark 10:1-31
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- 22-John 17:1-26
- 23-Acts 6:1-15
- 24-Acts 7:1 to 8:3
- 25-Acts 9:1-43
- 26-Acts 17:1-34
- 27-Acts 18:1-28
- 28-Acts 19:1-41
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- 29-Acts 20:1 to 21:16
- 30-Acts 21:17 to 22:16
- 31-Acts 22:17 to 23:11

**Elder and Deacon Schedule for January**

Elders (listing order: early, offering, communion)  
**1st:** Becky Schweizer, Fran Pearce, Norma Wandfluh  
**8th:** Keven Schneider, Joan Bales, Dennis Snyder  
**Homebound Schedule:** Frank Crowder, LaVerna;  
 Phil Null, Shady Lawn; Becky Schweizer, Savannah; Mary  
 Shepherd, St. Joseph 1; Keven Schneider, St. Joseph 2  
**15th:** Phil Null, Frank Crowder, Tom Lewis  
**22nd:** Mary Shepherd, Jean Spencer, Fran Pearce  
**29th:** Phil Null, Dennis Snyder, Joan Bales

Deacons (lead deacon listed first)  
**1st:** Ron Shepherd, Bobby Combs, Megan Combs,  
 Denise Clevenger, Allie Lance, Kevin Thaler  
**8th:** Ron Young, Carl Duncan, John Duncan, Kelly Jones,  
 Morgan Baker, Aaron Baker  
**Homebound Schedule:** Donnie Blair, Ron Shepherd  
**15th:** Donnie Blair, Richard Dick, Linda Crowder,  
 Michelle Gromowski, Tori Rose, McKenna Rose  
**22nd:** Krisma Uehlin, Lee Wandfluh, Gary McCampbell,  
 Jacey Schank, Alex Null  
**29th:** Cindy View, Eric Wheeler, Jeff Baumann,  
 Chris Wheeler, Allie Lance, Kevin Thaler

**MEETINGS UPDATE**

The next **FCC Church Board** meeting will be on January 9th at 7:00 pm.  
 The next **Outreach Committee** meeting will be on January 9th at 5:45 pm.  
 The **Elders** will not meet in December. We will next meet on January 16th at 7:00 pm.  
 There will be no **Worship Committee** meeting in December. We will next meet on Jan. 16th at 7:30 pm.



The entire church staff would like to thank the FCC Board and church members for the Christmas bonuses. It is truly our pleasure to serve God by working for the good people in this church. Donna Young, Debbie Smith, Keven Schneider, Kelly Todd, Rhonda Howard, Megan Miller, and Steve Thaler

A big THANK YOU to Terrie, Ron and Keaton Smith for folding, labeling and mailing the ANGEL newsletter twice each month. We also appreciate the great stickers. This is a very time-consuming task and your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

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## MINI COURSE UPDATE

The current mini course, *The Origins of the Traditions of Christmas*, led by Tom Lewis, is meeting in the Choir Room. This course will finish on December 18th.

The mini courses for January will be *Introduction to Handbells* by Ramona Lewis. This class will give people a chance to experiment with the ringing of handbells without joining a choir. The first session will be January 8th.

In February we will learn what history tells us of events we all think we know about. This will be led by Derek Frieling.

In March, Pastor Steve will lead the mini course *Sharing Faith in the Family*.

All mini courses are during the regular Sunday School hour and will meet in the Choir Room.



## OWL'S NEST NEWS

On December 6, Mary Smith, an engaging and humorous speaker, brought her collection of Santas to the OWLs meeting. Mrs. Smith delighted her audience with stories and information about Santa in general and specifically about items in her collection.

The OWLs will meet again on March 6, Tuesday, when Laura Waugh will present a program entitled "A Stitch in Time." Ms Waugh sews authentic costumes from various historical periods, models them for her audiences, and discusses the practical use of those costumes for the time. Her presentation in March will be on women's clothing in the Civil War era. If you are an older, wiser lady—an OWL—save this date on your 2012 calendar.

## New Study in a New Year

On Sunday, Jan 1, the Serendipity class will begin a new study entitled *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics*. The five-week study by Adam Hamilton, the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, will include sessions on: *Where Faith and Politics Meet; Christians & Culture Wars; How Should We Live?; Spiritual Maturity; and What Would Jesus Say?* Participants in the class will have a study book, view a DVD segment each week, and participate in class discussions. If you are looking for an adult Sunday school class, join Serendipity as a new year begins.

## MUSIC NEWS

Thanks to our many folks involved with the FCC Music. We have enjoyed returning our talents to the Lord. We look forward to upcoming vocal solos by Dr. Ivan Nicholson, Morgan Baker, Alex Steinkamp, and Marsha Williams. Guest vocalists Julie Ammons and Kathryn Zalenski will sing on Dec 25th.

We thank Sarah Strom for her beautiful piano selections as well as our other pianists, Paula Price, Sandy Kennedy, Ramona Lewis and Tammy Steinkamp with the Praise Team. Alex Null will play piano prelude on Dec. 18th.

Sanctuary Choir and Caryl Chimes will resume practice on Jan. 4th. The Youth Choirs will return on the 11th with a pizza party.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, Donna Young

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

### Good News of Great Joy

A song of celebration is certainly appropriate when Disciples of Christ members reflect on the ministries supported through our efforts as a Region. Collectively, like an angel choir, we inspire the best in our congregations: in gatherings of young people; in providing financial help for new pastors; in missions in our immediate area and out in the world as Christ directed us. This Christmas Offering will be taken on December 11 and 18. All of the money will stay in our Region. Your gift will sing God's praise. And the many ways it strengthens our regional ministries will lift Good News of Great Joy throughout the coming year.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN GROWTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The newly appointed Youth and Children Growth Committee has been given the challenging task of reviewing our Youth Ministry programs here at Savannah First Christian, seeking input as to the future path of our programs, and determining what resources for the programs are needed to maximize the fellowship, faith, service, and Christian growth of our young people.

To achieve our committee's goals we will be asking three basic questions: 1) What is happening now?, 2) What do we want our Youth Ministry to be as we look to the future?, and 3) What will it take to accomplish it?

We will be seeking your thoughts and ideas as a congregation through several methods that include: responding to a questionnaire; meetings with youth Sunday School classes; direct contact with teachers and youth leaders; and/or by written communication to the committee.

The majority of this work will take place during January and February with a report back to the Board and congregation, hopefully, in March. Committee members are Monica Dunn, Alex Null, Serena Salisbury, Patty Baumann, Dennis Snyder, and Pastor Steve Thaler. We would certainly like to again thank all the past and current teachers and leaders for their time and support of the youth in our congregation. Finally, the committee is asking for your continued prayers and support through this process.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING JAN 8th AT 9:45 am IN LOL CLASSROOM.

## TAKING DOWN THE GREENS

We will be taking down the Greens on Sunday, January 1st immediately following the service. Any help would be appreciated.

## OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on December 26th for Christmas and on December 27th and 28th while I enjoy some vacation days. We will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd. Have a very Merry Christmas and may 2012 be happy and healthy for us all!

Rhonda Howard