



Happy Thanksgiving

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.
It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance,
chaos to order, confusion to clarity.

It can turn a meal into a feast,
a house into a home,
a stranger into a friend.

Melody Beattie



PRAYER CONCERNS

CURRENT (3 WEEKS):

Denyce Uphoff– foot surgery recovery
Marilyn Rennels-stroke
Ellen Palmer-low white cells
Chuck Bartlett
Jim (Lee Ann) Hess-blood clots
Joann Hood– heart
Lulu Wilson– health
Caitlin Scholl– accident recovery
Alaina Lake– eye surgery recovery

ONGOING CONCERNS:

Neoga Schools funding
LCU President search
Don Scoles
Harry Starwalt

FIGHTING CANCER:

Chuck Bartlett
Edith Winberg
Stacey Morris
Betty Zumbahlen
Kirk Zuhone
Clint Mausehund
Bob Trefzger

IN CARE FACILITIES:

Marilyn Rennels-Heartland
Ivan Cooper– Heartland
Olive Stiebner– Heartland
Elsie Phillips– Heartland
Carolyn Gast– Cumberland Co
Allene Young– Harmony Center

IN THE MILITARY:

Shane Gephardt
Tyler Briggerman– Navy
Wes Letizia– Air Force
Alicia & Steve Tordoff–
Army Reserve

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

Equip our church:

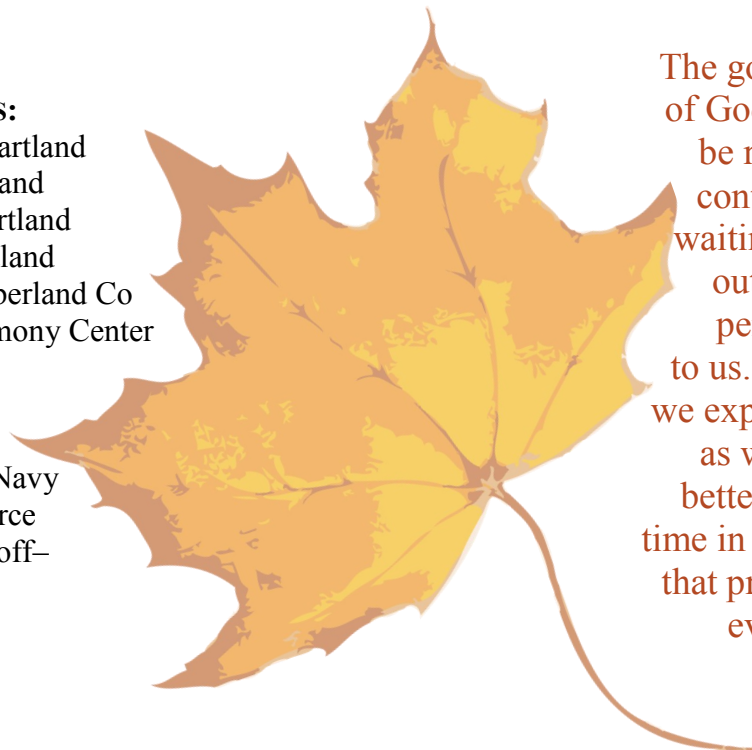
Prayer
Koinonia
Facilities
Funds
Humble servants...
both Chiefs & Indians
Transportation needs

Ministries:

Elders & Deacons, Children's,
Youth, College/ Young Adult
Senior, Praise/ Tech Team
Community Clothesline
Small Groups, Bible Studies,
Sunday School


Missions Team & Missions:

Neoga Community Food Pantry
Heartland Christian Village
Oblong Christian Children's Home
Christian Campus House,
Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



The goal of prayer is the ear of God, a goal that can only be reached by patient and continued and continuous waiting upon Him, pouring out our heart to Him and permitting Him to speak to us. Only by so doing can we expect to know Him, and as we come to know Him better we shall spend more time in His presence and find that presence a constant and ever-increasing delight.

-Em Bounds



Community Thanksgiving Service
November 25, 7:00 pm, Grace United Methodist Church
Speaker: Andrew Clark of the United Presbyterian Church

The First Christian Church website is being reconstructed and updated weekly. Visit us at www.fcneoga.org

Please check it out and let us know what you like and any suggestions. Sermons, church calendar and prayer request site will be added soon.

Nov 26 will be the College Small Group Thanksgiving dinner at Matt and Katy Frankie's.

No Youth Group on Wednesday, Nov 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Light Night
Oct 31, 6-8 pm
Inflatables & cake walk

Annual Congregational votes on Nov 9 after worship.

All active members who are at least eighteen years old are entitled to a ballot in all elections of officers at congregational meetings.

Votes will be taken for the following to be affirmed:
Elders Joe Briggerman and John Letizia,
Current Financial Board Members Monte Page, Terry Miller and new member Jack Gilbert.

2015 Budget: \$236,815

Property	38,000
Children's Ministry	4,500
Evangelism & Relational	4,950
Office Supplies	7,500
Missions	20,660
Staff	139,305
Worship	4,100
Student Ministries	7,000
Miscellaneous	10,800
Emergency Fund,	3,000
Building Fund,	7,800

Increase from 2014 budget is \$55,512 (30%).
Weekly need will be \$4,554.

Our Veterans will be honored on Sunday 11/9

A large, stylized illustration of a tree with a thick black trunk and branches. The branches are filled with a dense collection of autumn leaves in various shades of orange, yellow, and red. Several small black birds are perched on the branches. The background is a light beige color with decorative swirls and patterns. The text is arranged in columns around the tree.

Senior's

Whatever
you do in
word or deed,
do all in the
name of the
Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
through Him
to God the
Father.

– Colossians 3:17

November 13, 2014 (11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.) All Seniors are invited to share in the Senior Fellowship & Luncheon. Celebrate The Harvest will be our theme and Brother Bob Potter will bring us our devotion. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided; each person attending should bring a vegetable, or a salad, or a dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship and share insights regarding current and past harvests.

December 11, 2014 (11:00 a.m.- 1:00 pm) Mark this date for all Seniors to enjoy Christmas Carols, insights on past & current Christmas decorations, a White Elephant gift exchange, fellowship, and delicious food.

SENIORS! Put Your Traveling shoes on but enjoy the comforts & fellowship of friends at First Christian. The second Thursday (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) of January and February, as part of our worship, we will Journey to the Holy Land and view many places where Jesus walked (via DVD). More details later.

Ladies: All ladies (junior high to age 102) are invited to participate in the **Ladies Salad Supper on Sunday, November 9, 2014** beginning at 4:00pm and concluding at 5:20 p.m.

You will be encouraged and inspired as you listen to Beth Moore recite the book of James.

In addition, Linda Baker and Brianna Dow will share with us the experiences encountered and blessings received while on the Missionary trip in Missouri this past summer. Each participant should plan to bring either an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

Ladies please feel free to invite a guest. To help us plan and to assure yourself a seat at the table, please sign-up in the foyer by November 3.

Good News! Great Joy!

A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of the box is eternal. Each child will receive "The Greatest Gift" booklet that shares the gospel and many will be able to participate in "The Greatest Journey" discipleship program. Be a part of changing children's lives all of the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child!



This year First Christian Church has made it even easier for you to be a part of this life changing ministry. Simply take home one of the plastic shoeboxes; then using the "How to Pack a Shoebox" guide that's included in the box, fill it up with gifts; complete the boy or girl label and tape it to the top of the box; and return it to church by **Sunday, November 23!** For these 50 boxes, the shipping has already been paid! Of course you are still welcome to bring your own box. Just pick up a brochure and follow those instructions. And most importantly, pray for this ministry and the sweet children who will receive your gift. There is a bookmark included in each shoebox or brochure with a weekly prayer guide on the back.

Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Please be a part of sharing the gospel message with the children of the world!

Heartland Christian Village Auxiliary update..

December is First Christian Church month to help with Heartland shopping cart and bingo items. A box will be available in November in the lobby for donations.

The **shopping cart** is filled to with "senior friendly" versions for both men and women of daily personal items: Body wash, body & hand lotion, body spray, bar soap (has to be kept in a senior friendly soap box), shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, razor, mouth rinse (middle size bottle), denture cleaner, denture cups, lip balm, Kleenex, gum, candy bars.

Bingo prizes: sm bags of chips, Little Debbie snacks, personal Kleenex pkg, cracker packs (peanut butter or cheese), popcorn, cheese balls, ink pens and solar flowers.

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
2	Tom	Aubrey	Fontella Waddell	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> : Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>K-5th</u> : Jennifer Davis, Michael Baker, Kristen Albin	Doug Baker Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake	Roger Banks Austin Robinson Doug Moore Reggie Rennels
9	Michael	Aubrey	Marian Lindley	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum, Katie Hakman <u>K-5th</u> : Paula & Rory Gentry, Julie Altman	Randy Rennels Barry Conn Art Walk Chad Walk	Zach Letizia Monte Page Alan Baker Michael Baker
16	Matt	Brianna	Wilma Burton	<u>Nursery</u> : John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship</u> : Cheryll Gilbert, Penny Hess <u>K-5th</u> : Paul & Amber Lake, Austin Robinson, Amia Workman	Don Coen Dave Coen Doug Baker Jack Gilbert	Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake Austin Robinson Doug Moore
23	Zach	Brianna	John & Mary Ann Wilson	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Jacob & Brianna Dow <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia, Megan Robinson	Randy Rennels Barry Conn Art Walk Chad Walk	Reggie Rennels Zach Letizia Monte Page Alan Baker
30	Zach	Tom	Joann Miller	Family Sunday	Doug Baker Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake	Roger Banks Austin Robinson Doug Moore Reggie Rennels



Congratulations Matt & Breanne Crossman...

Sophie Michelle
Oct 15
8.3 lbs., 21"



November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>Light Night</i> 6-8 pm	<i>1</i>
2 4pm Elders Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Ladies Bible St 6:30pm Small Group	3 7pm Open AA	4 Volunteers at Heartland 6:30pm Men's Bible Study Stacey Morris	5 3:30pm 4/5th Bible St 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Sm Group 8:30pm College Sm Group Aleta Stivers	6 1-5,6-8pm Community Clothesline Miles Endebrock	7	8
9 Congregational Votes 4pm Financial Board Mtg 4pm Ladies Salad Supper 5:30pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Ladies Bible St 6:30pm Small Group Rick/ Leslie Endebrock	10 7pm Open AA Evan Fritcher Greg Oakley	11 6:30pm Men's Bible Study Kristi Fritts Gracie Kenworthy	12 3:30pm 4/5th Bible St 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Sm Group 8:30pm College Sm Group	13 Kirsten Baker	14 Austin Robinson	15
16 4pm Elders/Staff Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Mtg Katie Hakman	17 7pm Open AA Dalton Robinson	18 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	19 3:30pm 4/5th Bible St 6:30pm Youth Group 8:30pm College Sm Group	20 9am-Noon Community Clothesline	21 Steve Hess	22 Jerry Krueger
23 5:30pm Prayer Mtg Rick Endebrock Paige Schwindt Mel Workman	24 7pm Open AA Don Coen Bill Fritcher	25 7pm GUMC Community Thanksgiving Walt/ Julie Altman	26 <u>After School-4:45</u> 4/5th Bible St No Youth Group Time TBA College Sm Group	27	28 Aubrey/ Pam Storm	29 Chloe Frankie Madelynn Frankie Annebelle Frankie
30 5:30pm Prayer Mtg						

First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust

2014 Sponsor a Child for Christmas

The sponsor a child program is designed to help families at Christian who cannot always provide gifts for their children. If you are in need or know a family in need of assistance please pick up applications at the Neoga First Mid-Illinois Bank.

Please have your complete application returned to the bank by November 7, 2014. All applicants must be 16 years of age or younger and must live in the Neoga School District.

Community Flu Shot Clinic

Sponsored by the Cumberland Co Health Dep

Oct 29

Drive-thru @ Neoga Fire
Hall

2 pm-5 pm

Medicare, Medicaid, and private pay accepted. Call for pricing at 217-849-3211. Injectable vaccine, including high-Dose for ages 65 and over, and FluMist available.

The Neoga PTO is having a Culver's Fundraising Night Wednesday, October 29, 5pm-8pm. Come in and order food and Culver's donates part of the money to Neoga PTO.

Community Clothesline

Oct 2

21 families, 57 individual

Oct 16

11 families, 30 individuals

We would like to thank

Cato at 118 Dettro Dr, Mattoon IL for their generous donations of clearance clothing to the Community Clothesline. Please help us thank Cato by visiting their store.

Neoga Community Food Pantry

Donation items:

Nov: fruit

Dec: corn

Come celebrate
& Give God Praise..

Open House at
Vickie Erwin's new home.

Nov 2
1-3 pm

55 Erwin Drive