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Church In Society

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Christian Education

By Committee
Memorial

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025



Everyone came forward for communion.



100+ attenders circled around the sanctuary and held the Light of Jesus while they sang Silent Night. What a wonderful sight.

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers for these individuals as they fight cancer:

Mike Simmons	Whitney Dody	Ginger Baker
Jessica Brown	Makaila Wise	Cheryl Tyndall
Dennis Jones	Ashlee Brown	Charlotte
TeRee Davis	Marlene Griner	Michelle
Glenda Weter	Mike McIntyre	David Clickner
Sherri Royal's Daughter-in-Law's Brother, Jacob		
Andy Engelhart's cousin, Naomi		
Joy Stoll	David Plumlee	Katie Brown
		Sam French

Prayers for **Jake Caldwell**. Jake spent some time in the hospital. Prayers for strength and healing.

Prayers for **Judy Gann's Grandson, Brody's, Dad (Jamie)** is preparing to receive chemo.

Prayers for **Christa Reel** for health issues.

Prayers for **Cheryl Tyndall, JoAnn Kemper's Daughter**, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She will have a biopsy after the first of the year.

Prayers for **Loretta Dickson** who has a narrowing of her aorta and will be starting Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy following a stroke.

Prayers for **Elaine Frank, wife of Dave Frank**. She is home, out of the hospital but continues to need prayers for healing and comfort.

Prayers for **Betty Scott's daughter, Emilie and Emilie's unborn son**, due March 7, 2026.

Prayers for **Wesley Skaggs** who is needing a new liver.

Continued prayers for **Ronna Rhoads**, for healing and strength

Continued prayers for **Darren Wallace, Dan Wallace's brother**, who had surgery to remove a mass on his brain. Prayers for healing and that doctors find the right treatment options.

Continued prayers for **Tina Wessley** for some lower back issues.

Prayers for **the Johnson Kiddos' Grandma Kathy** that she may heal.

Continued prayers for **Pattie Johnson** as she is in extreme back pain.

Continued prayers for **Christa Reel, her son and their families** as they go through some difficult times.

Prayers for **the Community Café** and all of the hungry people it is feeding.

Prayers for **answers for this country's gun violence**.

Prayers for the unspoken needs of **God's Children**.

Prayers for **those dealing with natural disasters as well as those in harm's way of wars and hatred**.

Continued prayers for our **country**.

Prayers for our **Chi Rho Youth Group and Puppet Ministry**.

Prayers for the **names written on our Starfish**.

Prayers for those **struggling with mental illness**.

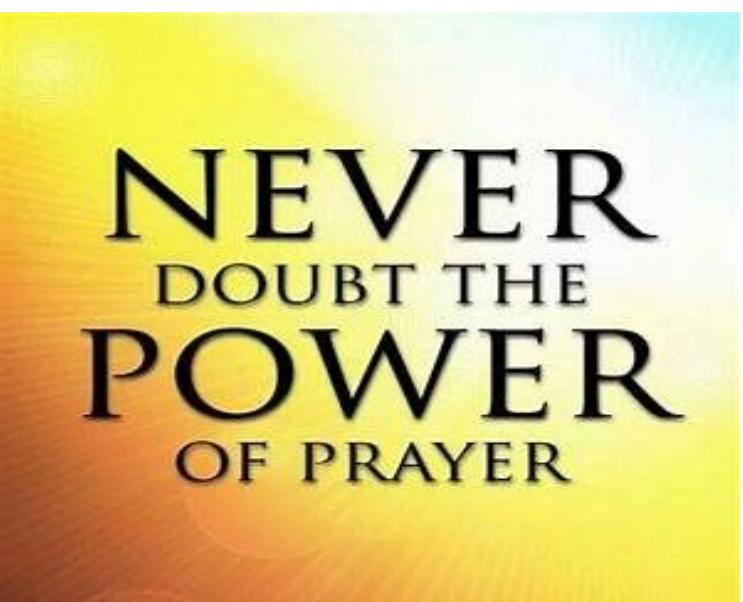
Ongoing Concerns

Kennedi Watts, Charlotte Anderson, Lucy Nilson, Kyle Engelhart, Avis' Daughter in Law's Sister, Michelle. Jack and Alice Leisure, Helen Famuliner, Keegan Huff Nancy Stanford, Sondra Schweighauser, Our Church, Our Church Leaders, Our Pastor, Our Community, Our Youth Group, Our Starfish

Shut in Concerns

Kristene Brock

Ridge Crest Nursing Home
706 S. Mitchell, Warrensburg, MO 64093



PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

If you have a family member, friend or loved one who is serving active duty in the military, please contact the office to have them included in our ongoing prayers. If available, please provide us with a picture and any pertinent information you wish to share, such as: name, relationship to you, family, where they are serving, what capacity they are serving in, etc...

Please keep the following troops in our prayers:

Trent Crawford, Cesar Gutierrez, Dylan Wilson, Brandon Robertson, Weston Miekley, Gordon Snethen, Cathleen Gutierrez, Chase Michael Creely, Gavin Wells

January 2026

Birthdays



1/1 Will Anderson
1/5 Bekka O'Dell
1/5 Mike Simmons
1/7 Robin Jolley
1/7 Betty Scott
1/10 Ranae Walrath
1/14 Carol Page
1/15 Claire Jolley
1/17 Rick Dickey
1/18 Debbie Reith
1/20 Helen Haggard
1/21 Bryce Jolley
1/21 Greyson Reid
1/22 Brian Meyers
1/25 Kristine Brock
1/31 Bill Jolley



Anniversaries

NONE THIS MONTH



Finding the Way Back to Mayberry

A Bible Study based on
The Andy Griffith Show



Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.
InBetweeners' Classroom
Come and join the fun!
Pastor Tim will facilitate the study.
Both Men and Women are welcome!



GAME NIGHT JANUARY 30, 2026

STARTS AT 6pm
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
ANOTHER GREAT
OPPORTUNITY TO
FELLOWSHIP WITH
YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.
BRING YOUR OWN
SNACK AND DRINK
COME FOR THE
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.
No Betty in the nursery

AMEN GROUP

On the first Saturday of each month,
our men gather for breakfast ,
fellowship and a good time.
Next Meeting - Jan. 3rd @ 8am
at Dietz Family Buffet.
Cost is \$11 and includes
breakfast buffet and drink.
All men are welcome to join us for
Food, Fun and Fellowship

fellowship dinner

December Fellowship Dinner
is on Sunday, Jan 18th.

This will be an old
style Potluck Dinner.
Church Family -
Because of the cold weather
we are asking you to bring
Chili, Soup and any sides and
desserts that fit the theme.
(or anything for that matter)

Please join us for
lots of food and fellowship.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Every
Wednesday Morning
@
11:00 a.m.

In the Inbetweeners Classroom

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
BOARD MEETING IS THE SECOND
MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS
January 12th AT 6 PM
(now meeting in the Fellowship Hall)
CONTACT BOARD CHAIR
CHRISTA ATCHISON WITH QUESTIONS

ELDERS' MEETING

Second Tuesday
of each month.
@ 5:30pm
in the
InBetweeners
Sunday School
Classroom
Next meeting will be
January 13th

christmas eve continued...



Once again, our offering for the Christ Child on Christmas Eve was new or gently used blankets for those who get cold this winter. Pastor Tim will deliver some of these blankets to First Christian Church of Blue Springs for their Freezin' for a Reason outreach project. The rest we will keep at our church to help those in need in Clinton



Our life-size Nativity Scene decorates our front lawn during the Christmas season. 87.9 on your FM dial allows you to listen to some Christmas music as you gaze upon the scene.



Our sanctuary was decorated with many red Poinsettias. These were donated by members of our church family in memory of a loved one



Everyone needs a
"little" Jesus



Throughout our Advent season we discussed the Reason for the Season through our Nativity Scene. "Build it and HE will come" was our theme this year. The theme each week was represented by Nativity figures.

HOPE - the empty manager
PEACE - Mary and Joseph
JOY - The Shepherds
LOVE - The Wise Men

youth happenings...

Our Youth Group, along with some willing grown-ups, participated in the 2nd Annual Carols and Cocoa. The group visited several local Nursing homes, sang Christmas Carols for the Residents and then came back to the church for cocoa and other treats



The Chi Rho Youth Group decorating cookies for the Cookie-Thon.



Christa and the Chi Rho Youth Group writing Christmas cards for the church family



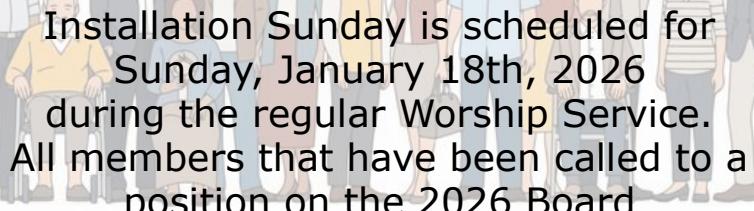
KIDS BEING KIDS

Dear Church Family,
To all of you that donated to the
Staff Love Offering - Thank You.
It was unexpected but very much
appreciated. With Love,

Thank You...Thank You...
To My Church Family,
Thank you so much for all of the
cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers
during this Holiday Season.
You all are awesome.
With Love,
Pastor Tim

OFFICER INSTALLATION 2026





Installation Sunday is scheduled for
Sunday, January 18th, 2026
during the regular Worship Service.
All members that have been called to a
position on the 2026 Board

position on the 2016 Board
OR
have been called to be a Deacon
or Junior Deacon
are asked to be present for this
important event.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Everyone in attendance with Pastor Tim as our guest.

Opening prayer –Andy and started meeting at 12:10 pm.

Worship Committee page in the upcoming Directory is good to go! Added Christa Atchison as the incoming Board Chair to be present at meetings.

Decorations are being handled by the Committee per month.

Worship Leaders and greeters—new signup sheets available for 1st Quarter services. Pat to call on Worship Leaders and Greeters in December and Leslie to help in January of 2026, and Lisa Wallace in Feb of 2026 and Andy in March of 2026.

Poinsettia's --we would like them delivered to the Church office on Dec 19th to get ready for the 21st Service and Christmas Eve service. In memory of loved ones and please take your Poinsettia with you after the Christmas Eve Service.

Great start to our Advent season lead by Pastor Tim and looking forward in anticipation to our Christmas Eve service.

Nice work by the Worship Committee on Christmas decorations.

Advent Candle Wreath lighters: Dec 7th Christa Atchison and Family. Dec 14th: Leslie Watts and Family along with Bev and Rick Dickey. Dec 21st Maxon Pipes and Donna Frederick and family. Wessley's on Christmas Eve!

Christmas Eve Service is Dec 24th at 5:30pm. We will go forward for Communion and gain our candles for the special "Silent Night" part of the Service. 2 Elders will serve the Communion, and 2 Deacons will assist.

Start of the 2026 new year! Andrew Engelhart to serve as 2026 Worship Chairperson.

Pastor Tim closed in prayer at 12:45 pm.

Next meeting is Jan 6, 2026, and we will remove the Christmas decorations and setup new. We plan to take a picture for future reference as we all are learning how great our past volunteers were at setting up the Sanctuary with our beautiful decorations and Banners, etc.

Thanks,
Andy Engelhart
Worship Chairperson



Our December Outreach Project was collecting Kleenex and Paper Towels. Most of what we collected has already gone to organizations we support in the community



The Community Cafe Calendar for October is:

January 5 - Deacons
Host: Deacons

January 12 - CIS Committee
Host: Pat Bouse

January 19 - Elders
Host: Jerome Anderson

January 26 - CIS Committee
Host: Jennifer Hinton



Each year we fill a dozen Christmas bags for the Senior Center. Above: Pastor Tim is dedicating the Christmas bags during Worship.

COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Café is a feeding outreach that Clinton Christian Church took under its wing some years ago. We hand out anywhere from 100 to 140 meals (drive thru style) each week to community members in need of food. No qualifying, no hoops to jump through... just food.

NO QUALIFYING.
NO HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH.
JUST FOOD.

DECEMBER TOTALS

December 1 - Deacons - Served - 140
Host: Meagan Johnson and Matt Jones

December 8 - GVMH - Served - 155
Host: By Committee

December 15 - Elders - Served - 129
Host: Paula Jones

December 22 - CIS Committee - Served - 133
Host: Jennifer Hinton

December 29 - Holy Rosary - Served - 143

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Puppets
9:30 a.m. Choir
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Chi Rho Youth Group

Mondays

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Prayer
4:30 p.m. Community Café

Tuesdays

10:30 a.m.
Back to Mayberry
Bible Study
3:15 p.m.
CIA Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



EVEN THOUGH OUR BELOVED CHIEFS WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SUPERBOWL CLINTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL BE COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE BY SUPPLYING SOMETHING WARM TO EAT DURING THE WINTER SEASON. OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT

500 CANS

WE WILL BE COLLECTING UNTIL SUPERBOWL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 8, 2026

January 2026

Dated Material



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