

Newsletter of
Country Christian Evangelical Free Church

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Studies
Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study— G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

International Outreach—Operation Christmas Child

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me... for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

It's that time again-Christmas is right around the corner. We are participating in Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes). Every box we pack allows us to tell children around the world about the love of God. There are many ways to help with this project:

- pray for this project and the children, this is not the least you can do but the most you can do.
- make your own shoebox to give
- donate money for shipping of the boxes (9\$ per box)
- donate things to place into a box or money to purchase things such as: tooth brushes, bars of soap, wash cloths, hair things-brushes ,combs ,barrettes, small toys or stuffed animals, school supplies.

There is a box in the arc (big room) to place items in. There will be forms you can pick up at the back of the church, in the arc or contact Vicky Dunlap for forms or questions-808-5096. The forms tell How, What to place into a box and has an envelope for shipping. There is also a way to do this online and to follow your box-Samaritianspurse.org/occ.

Shoe boxes this year need to be at the church by Nov. 14th and on Nov. 3 there will be a shoebox party at the church to put shoe boxes together. Everyone is invited, it will start at 6pm and go until all boxes are put together or we run out of supplies.

Please note, toothpaste, candy, liquids (including glue—but glue sticks are acceptable--), and military related items are not permitted.



"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"

During a recent Sunday morning worship service a young person was sitting in the row ahead of me at the end of the row. During the singing portion, this young person migrated away from the end seat to the vacant spot next to it. When it came time to sit down, without looking back, in full confidence that there was a chair where they were about to sit down and proceeded to sit down. Unfortunately they had moved away from that solid foundation, so instead of sitting on a chair, they ended up on the floor. I am not sure whether they did not realize they had moved over a spot, or forgot that they had made this move. Fortunately, the person did not get seriously injured. Still, their confidence was sincere in a chair that was not there.

Many people around us have sincere confidence in a belief system that is not real. Some put their hope in good works, others finances or fame, some have faith in a god, but not The God, some have even put their faith in no god. All of these are like putting faith in a non-existent chair. As sincere as the hope may be, it will not provide support when it really matters. Some have been brought up with a sound belief system in the one true God, but through the influence of the world, have migrated away from that faith and have not realized it.

In John 14, Jesus stated "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by Me". This statement not only shows that Jesus is the way to heaven, but also demonstrates that there are not many ways or even a few alternate ways to God. You may ask, "while Jesus said that, did He prove it?" The answer is an emphatic "Yes". He predicted His own death and resurrection, and then He proved it by fulfilling that prophecy. First Corinthians 15 is clear about the relationship between Jesus' resurrection and His ability to resurrect all who believe. The key is we must believe that Jesus alone is our salvation. We can trust Jesus to resurrect us, because He resurrected Himself from the dead. As Paul states in that chapter, "if Jesus is not resurrected, our faith is in vain". Jesus is the only one that has proven He is of God by being resurrected from the dead. This is our confidence that we are not trusting in an absent chair. Apart from Jesus Christ, we have no hope. Peter confirms that Jesus is the only way in his sermon during Pentecost when he states (Acts 4:12) "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Jesus is the only confidence we can have, we must rely solely in Him.

What are you trusting in today? Is your confidence in an absent chair, or a proven chair? Jesus alone is the chair that is there. Every other object of faith is like a missing chair. Unlike a helpless bystander, we can and are even commanded to share the News that Jesus Christ has risen; and in Him alone we find our confidence for eternity. If you have wandered away from that solid foundation that is Jesus Christ, now is the time to find your way back; regain that confidence that is the only true one.

Jim Hawkins—editor



Bible Quiz



After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- A. Seth
- B. Enoch
- C. Shem
- D. Lamech



Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:00 Impact Youth 6:00 Bible Study 6:15 Bible Study | Weekly: 8 PM College and Career Bible Study | | Weekly: 6-8 PM Hallelujah Party 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA 6:45 Adult Bible Study | 1 Weekly: All Saints Day Bible Study | 2 Weekly: 5:45 Prayer Ministry | 3 6:00 PM Shoe Box Party |
| 4 DST Ends—Fall Back Communion 12:15 Potluck | 5 | 6 Election Day | 7 | 8 6:30 Christian Ed Board 7:00 Deacons | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Veteran's Day | 12 | 13 7:00 Annual Meeting | 14 All Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are due! | 15 | 16 | 17 6:00 Flakey Bakey |
| 18 Thanksgiving Service @ Galesburg Baptist Deadline: December Chronicle | 19 | 20 | 21 No AWANA | 22 Thanksgiving | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | December 1 Ladies Christmas Dessert 14 IMPACT lock-in 19 AWANA Family Night/Caroling 24 Candle light Christmas Eve service |

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Dana and Terrie Schwartz – 6:00 –
 8:00 PM at their house -13643
 East R Ave., call – 929-6242
 (every other week)

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.



**Birthdays &
 Anniversaries
 This Month!**

1-Caleb Wedel
 2-Don & Sheryl Peck
 3-Robyn Schwartz
 4-Kary & Vicki Christiansen
 4-Michael Colvin
 4-Derrick & Dawn Drallette
 4-Kylynn Drallette
 7-Mary Jean Forward
 8-Bill Barton
 9-Sue Henker
 11-Hudson Fritz
 12-Henry Burnsed
 12-Jim & Esther Hawkins
 12-Tyler Sandahl
 15-Diane Smith
 16-Kourtney Klimp
 18-Troy & Amy Vincent
 21-Will & Adrienne Burnsed
 27-Heidi Dykstra
 27-Jayna VanDellen
 29-Gary Truax
 30-Jon McKelvey
 30-Bryan Smith

Church Directory and On-line TV services:

There is a flyer under the TV monitor in the back of auditorium that tells how to connect.

Inclement Weather Policy:

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



November 13 at 7:PM

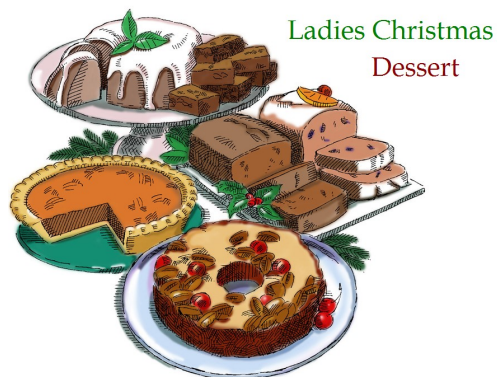
Ladies Christmas Dessert Dec. 1st

This year for our Ladies Christmas Dessert Living Truth 2 will be our musical guests. Some of you maybe familiar with Living Truth 2. For those who are not here is some information.

Living Truth 2 is composed of Elroy and Tammie Kosters. They were married in 1990. Before joining Living Truth 2 Elroy worked in concrete construction. As a child, Tammie traveled through Michigan with her entire family as the "Bauman Bread of Life Bearers". Her mother, an evangelist, and her father, a band director, passed on their knowledge and love of Jesus, music, and instruments. Tammie taught Music and English in grades 6-12 for eight years, as well as private voice and piano lessons, prior to singing full-time with Living Truth.

Living Truth 2 is primarily an acoustical group whose diverse musical style is difficult to categorize. They travel with more than a dozen instruments ranging from antique to contemporary. These instruments include: acoustic guitar, Appalachian dulcimers, bass guitar, bell chimes, djembe drum, guitar-zither, glockenspiel, hammered dulcimer, harp, mandolin-guitar, Marxophone, melodica, psaltery, recorders, soprano saxophone, and wooden flute.

The Ladies Dessert will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 1. This is an opportunity to invite friends and family (especially non-church) to have a fun evening and to hear the message through music. There is also the opportunity for some ladies to be table hostesses. Please come with a yummy dessert or appetizer, invite a friend and be prepared to have an enjoyable evening!



Nursery Help

- 4 Andrea Truax & Charlize Gibbs
- 11 Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp
- 18 Dawn Drallette & Jamie Morrison
- 25 Rosemary Goad & Jennifer and Ruby McKelvey



NURSERY WORKERS

Pat Answers

Why do You go to Pastoral Conferences?

As I am writing this, I am looking forward to another conference this coming weekend in Arlington Heights, IL with the Gospel Coalition on “Leading With the Word.” This will be the third conference I have attended this year. The other two were Louisville in April for “Together for the Gospel” and recently October 7-9 in Rockford, IL for the Evangelical Free Church’s Great Lakes District Annual Conference. I enjoy conferences for several reasons. The first reason is that it gives me an opportunity to sit “in the pews” and be challenged and fed from the Word of God myself. I like this because I am not up front or responsible for anything, except to listen and respond to God’s Word! It is a joyous break for me, and I especially enjoy hearing godly speakers like John Piper, D.A. Carson, Mark Dever (my son Brendan’s pastor in Washington D.C.), Kevin DeYoung, David Platt, etc. At a conference, I get to sit and soak in God’s Word myself!

Secondly, at a conference I enjoy the fellowship with like-minded pastors and servants of Jesus. At Louisville, I traveled and shared a room with Pastor Don Barnes and Gary Truax. At Louisville, I providentially met two men that I knew from missions trips to Costa Rica. Other conferences I have been blessed to take someone from church and occasionally and espe-

cially, my dear wife Colleen. Even when I am at a conference, alone I always seem to meet someone to share with, or run into old acquaintances so that we can renew fellowship together. These are “iron sharpening iron” moments.

A third reason I enjoy conferences is simply being away from the normal daily or weekly routines and schedules. It is like a mini-vacation, to get a new or renewed perspective on life, ministry, and church. So, in this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to thank Country Christian and our Elders for encouraging and allowing me to attend these conferences which have been renewing to me over fourteen years of ministry here. Thank you for praying me when I attend these conferences. But I especially thank you for praying for me continually day by day, and week by week! *“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.” – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3.* May God fill our hearts with thanksgiving every day as we pray for one another and serve Jesus together. In Christ,

Pastor Pat

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