



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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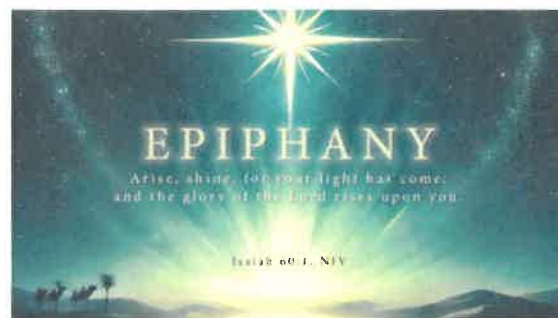
# DISCIPLE DIGEST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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*Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday School for Adults 9:00 a.m.*  
*Worship 10:00 a.m.*  
*Childrens Sunday School during worship*

## JANUARY 2025



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### **MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

***The mission of this Congregation shall be—***

*To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.*

*To encourage their active commitment to His service.*

*To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.*

*Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.*



### **PASTOR'S PAGE**

***I sometimes think New Year's Day comes at the wrong time of year. I'm usually facing a bunch of tasks left over from the old year, like taking down the Christmas tree and putting away all the decorations, then there's the thought of trying to catch up with all the work I put off during the holidays. I'm behind before the New Year even starts. Who can think about new beginnings or inspirational goals in the midst of old concerns? Is that what you're thinking? If so, here's a message for you.***

***Trust Me. I have everything under control. Jesus***

***Here's an idea for you as we begin a new year. Write that message from Jesus down and put it somewhere, so you see that simple message as you go about your tasks. Slowly those words will begin to change your frame of mind. If you needed something to help you carry your old concerns into the New Year, you may have just found it ... the determination to face each day's concerns, trusting in the words of this promise from the Source of all comfort and strength. Have a blessed 2025!***

***In Christ,***

***Pastor Ric***

**Comfort in Mourning:**  
 The family of Joan Biery  
 The family of Jimmy Green

**Healing Prayers:**  
 \*Tracy Gunderman  
 Joan Luginbuhl  
 Sarah Renollet  
 \*Kathy Reinhart  
 \*Linda Reinhart  
 Steve Santo

**Continuing Concerns:**  
 Deb Bashore  
 Dave Foltz  
 Jerry Price  
 Sam Smith  
 Nursing Homes  
 Our World  
 \*Denotes Members

**JANUARY  
 FIRST SCRIPTURES**

1/06/2025 Psalm 147: 12-20  
 1/13/2025 Psalm 29  
 1/20/2025 Isaiah 62: 1-5  
 1/27/2025 Psalm 19

**Sermons**

*If you would like to hear a specific sermon a 2nd time they are available on our website at [firstccpaulding.org](http://firstccpaulding.org) or our facebook page.*

**Flowers For Worship:**

1/06 Herm Guelde- In Honor of Jean  
 1/13  
 1/20  
 1/27



**Nursing Home Residents..**

**The Gardens**  
 \*Romaine Boundy  
 \*Sandy Leslie



**Van Crest of Payne**  
 Lorean McCollum  
 \*Ursula Riley  
 Sarah Renollet

**Fountain Park-Bryan, Oh**  
 \*Wanda Rohlf

**Military:**  
 Cameron Cramer

**JANUARY SERVERS**

**Elders : Sandy Bandy  
 Jan Commers**

**Worship Leader:**  
 Deb Santo

**Greeter:**  
 Joan Tope

**First Scripture Reader:**  
 Sharon Cooper



01/02 Sandy Bandy  
 01/05 Vicki McClure  
 01/06 Jan Commers  
 01/08 Sharon Kline  
 01/10 Paula Rigggenbach  
 01/14 Quentin Vance  
 01/15 Bonnie Parker  
 01/16 Sherry Short  
 01/18 Clint Reinhart  
 01/19 Kevin Daniels  
 01/19 Brenda Mathy  
 01/23 Kelly Ricker  
 01/27 Logan Mudel  
 01/28 Jeannine Hoover  
 01/30 Skilerr Good



01/03 Larry & Cindy Grace  
 01/17 Clint & Malerie Reinhart  
 01/17 Dan & Darla Smith



**Flowers for 2025**

**ATTENDANCE**

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
11/24	63	43	7	12	1	147
12/01	57	32	12	11	2	195
12/08	69	38	12	16	1	126
12/15	62	39	10	12	1	123

The flower calendar for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to sign up in honor or in memory of a loved one. Donations may be placed in the offering plate.

## From the Elders

A devotion by Joe Stowell

### Older or Better?

We know we're getting older when we say things like, "Can you believe how young those professional baseball players are?" And it's a sure sign of aging when we no longer ask, "How are you?" but say, "Hey, you look terrific"-as if we're surprised.

Aging is inevitable. Unfortunately, society has taught us to fear advancing age and to disguise its reality as much as possible. But aging can actually be a wonderful thing. Followers of Jesus have the capacity to get significantly better age. As Paul put it: "Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16)

Just as there are physical signs that reveal we're older, there are signs that show we are getting better at forgiving, loving, the maturing follower of Jesus grows better at forgiving, loving, and caring. Growing older is a continuation of the journey to become more like Jesus, which means that as time goes on our heart and attitudes should increasingly resonate with and reflect the compelling character and winsome ways of our Savior.

So as we grow older, let's embrace the opportunity to become spiritual more like Jesus. Our friends will notice that we look better with age.



### Sunday School

The Children's Sunday School Program is going very well. We will be dividing the class into 2 groups. **Volunteers to help with this ministry are needed.**

The Children's Bell Choir is going great. The kids love it.

The Adult Sunday School class starts at 9:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

All Annual Reports should be to the office by January 31st. Who needs to do a report? Board Chair, Elders, Trustees, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, All committees, DWM and Men's Group. A list of all members on your committee also needs to be turned in to the office.

Thank you.

### Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

January 10th the fellowship Hall floors are being stripped and waxed. This means no one will be able to walk on the floors. If there are signs posted please do not walk on the floors.



### CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Please contact Suzy Strayer if you would like to help update the current constitution .

### DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet in January on the 18th at 9:00 a.m.





## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We have prayer shawls available if you know of someone who would benefit from the comfort of one.

The DWM has received a generous matching donation of the chicken pie income. Many thanks and blessings.

Join us for the first meeting of the year on January 7th at 10:00 a.m.

## OUTREACH

### Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

Please continue to bring in items for the food pantry.

Food items, health items and cleaning products are always needed.

We need someone to take the collected items to the pantry when the box is full. Can you help with this ministry?

### Website Update

Have you visited our website at [firstccpauling.org](http://firstccpauling.org)? Something new has been added. You can now donate to the church on the website. We also have a QR code posted around the church and on our facebook page that directs you to the donation page.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH**



**Thanks for Your Support!**

### Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$11263.75 per month.

### COUNTERS

- 1/06 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 1/13 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 1/20 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 1/27 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure



### First Christian Church Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	106 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-THA NKSGIV	115 Pass-Through	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
11/03/2024	2,315.00	50.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	2,375.00
11/10/2024	1,462.00	70.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	1,542.00
11/17/2024	1,520.00	20.00	312.03	0.00	20.00	1,872.03
11/24/2024	1,300.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,370.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,597.00</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>312.03</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>7,159.03</b>

*Tracy Gunderman 12-5-2024*

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.  
 WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.  
 CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING  
 CHILDRENS MOMENT  
 BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

PASTORS HOURS: TUES-THUS. 8 a.m. 12 p.m.  
 SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRIDAY 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



# January 2025

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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5	6  EPIPHANY	7 DISCIPLES WOMENS-10 A.M.	8 Worship/Member/ Tech Meeting—4 p.m.	9	10 F. S. Hall floor waxing-No one in Hall or kitchen	11
12 Taking down deco- rations following worship	13	14	15 Stewardship/ Finance Google Meeting-6:30 p.m.	16	17	18 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M.
19 ELDERS-Canceled	20	21 BOARD MEET- ING -7 P.M.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

ELDERS: Sandy Bandy & Jan Commers  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Deb Santo  
 1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Sharon Cooper  
 GREETERS: Joan Tope

1/06 Sermon: "It's Not About You" Scripture: John 1: 1-10  
 1/13 Sermon: "Claim, Aim, and Name, Scripture: Luke 3: 15-17,21-22  
 1/20 Sermon: "Little Miracles, Scripture: John 2: 1-11  
 1/27 Sermon: "Whatever It Takes", Scripture: Luke 4: 14-21

THANK YOU KARA THOMPSON, CARRIE LERO AND JULIE PACK FOR ORGANZING SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. WE LOVED IT.



