



**THE MAGNOLIA CHRISTIAN  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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# JANUARY / FEBRUARY



Dear Friends,

Sitting here basking in the glow of this wonderful Christmas season, my mind doesn't really want to move on! The music, candles and glorious feeling of wonderful Christmas Eve services cannot be adequately described. David, Maggie, and I feel so very blessed to continue to be a part of this church family. We want to thank you for all the gifts, kindnesses and blessings sent our way especially during the last several weeks. Your love and kindness continues to touch our lives!

Now a New Year is dawning upon us and we take the time to reflect on the past year and the hope that is ours in the Christ who has come to us shines brightly in our lives. We trust that as we travel together on this journey of faith we will discover our spiritual gifts and learn to use them for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God is calling us forward into a new year and into a new step in faith! There is much to do, much we can do because of our joyful faith.

So many things will be happening in the next few months! From our Joint Service on the 17th of January to the Regional Mid-Winter Youth Event in February to the beginning of Lent on the 16th of February, and all the "regular" ongoing ministries of this congregation that guide and lift us as we journey together in our life of faith. Remember to check out our new website as we do our best to keep it updated as services and special activities are added to our schedule! Where will you find your place in the work we have been called to do together!

In Christ,

Jayne

Again this year we will be sending "goody" boxes to our college students and service men and women for Valentine's Day. Sandy Hinerman will be in charge of this project and will be asking for volunteers. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



## NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

Some of you have found this already, but we have a new website for our church [www.nmfcc.com](http://www.nmfcc.com). The new sletter is uploaded to our website. If you have pictures that you would like to have as a part of the website, just send them via email to the church or drop them off and we will scan them to add to our website. We hope to add more to this site in the future! Let us know what you think!

## 2010 Officers and Elected Positions by the Congregation First Christian Church

Position (* serve on Board)	Name	Term Ends
Moderator *	<i>Melinda Grandstaff</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Vice Moderator *	<i>Scott Richter</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Clerk / secretary *	<i>Karen Emch</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Treasurer *	<i>Linda Stackpole</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Heather Norton</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Financial Secretary *	<i>Jackie Riggenbach</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Ass't. Financial Secretary	<i>Kathie Richter</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
Church Historian *	<i>Joel Potts III</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>

Position (one serves on Board)	Name	Term Ends
Trustee	Don Riggenbach	Dec 2014
	Butch Barcus	Dec 2012
	Dan Jeffers	Dec 2010

Position (one serves on Board)	Name	Term Ends
Elder	<i>Melinda Grandstaff</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Jim Price</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Rob Stackpole</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	Amy Cibik	Dec 2011
	David Grandstaff	Dec 2011
	Penny Morris	Dec 2011
	Don Riggenbach	Dec 2011
	Jackie Riggenbach	Dec 2011
	Kent Burgey	Dec 2010
	Frank Cibik	Dec 2010
	Verna Mall (for P. Barcus)	Dec 2010

Position (one serves on Board)	Name	Term Ends
Deacon	<i>Trey Barcus</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Bob Bland</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Kathy Bridgeman</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Debbie Cochran</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>David Emch</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Jennifer Pugh</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Myra Rine</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	<i>Charlie Virden</i>	<i>Dec 2012</i>
	Leroy Cecil	Dec 2011
	Bill Hombrook	Dec 2011
	Betty Huggins	Dec 2011
	Chuck Huggins	Dec 2011
	Dan Jeffers	Dec 2011
	Kay Jeffers	Dec 2011
	Cheryl Lemasters	Dec 2011
	Bob Myers	Dec 2011
	Bill Barth	Dec 2010
	Kim Berger	Dec 2010
	Rick Berger	Dec 2010
	Ernie Loy	Dec 2010
	Fawn Price	Dec 2010
	Herb Rothlisberger	Dec 2010
	Linda Stackpole	Dec 2010
	Rob Stackpole	Dec 2010
	Darla Steele	Dec 2010

Position (Chair serves on Board)	Name	Term Ends
Program Planning	<i>Bill Ebling</i>	<i>Dec 2011</i>
	<i>Angel Hickman</i>	<i>Dec 2011</i>
	<i>Joel Potts III</i>	<i>Dec 2011</i>
	<i>Norma Ritz</i>	<i>Dec 2011</i>
	Holly Grandstaff	Dec 2010
	Don Mason	Dec 2010
	Nettie Mason	Dec 2010
	Marsha Smith	Dec 2010

Position (all serve on Board)	Name	Term Ends
Board members-at-large	<i>Kelly Adams</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
	<i>Mike Clark</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
	<i>Traci Mullins</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>
	<i>Ruth Stine</i>	<i>Dec 2010</i>

Also serving on the 17-member Church Board are:

- Chair of Stewardship / Finance committee
- Chair of Property committee
- Chair of Special Funds committee

### From your Search Committee

As you may remember, we were asked to relax for the month of December to allow ministers to celebrate Advent and the Christmas season with their families and church families. We were happy to do that with the knowledge that the ministers we have been talking to wanted to concentrate on their congregations. We will be meeting again on January 10, 2010 with renewed energy and much excitement. We have narrowed our search at this time to five, and will be interviewing three as we go through the month of January. We welcome any and all suggestions you might have for us, and we will answer as many questions that we can. Please don't take offense if we do have to answer some with, "I don't believe I said" as there are some things that must remain confidential for a time. Just know that we are, and will continue to look for the one we know God has already found for us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers the way we keep you in our prayers.

### CHRISTMAS JARS



THANKS to all who contributed to our Christmas Jar Servant Project. 30 jars were delivered/given to folks from our own congregation as well as those in our community who needed some extra joy in their lives this Christmas. Approximately \$3,000 dollars was raised this year....Praise to God for your giving hearts and for this wonderful way we can help others.

New jars for the 2010 Christmas Season will be distributed on Sunday January 3rd. Thanks again!  
Kathie



# Birthdays and Anniversaries



## January Birthdays

- 1 Walter "Bob" Myers
- 2 Tom McLaughlin
- 3 Mark (Dino) Highley  
Marsha Smith
- 5 Kinsey Cantrell
- 6 Ryan Anthony Shepherd  
Tyler Highley
- 8 Ann Byard
- 9 Tom Shepherd  
Marleah Whipkey
- 12 Soren Shade  
Douglas Riter  
Sydney Grace Haught  
(Mandy Hardman  
Nelson's daughter)
- 13 Kathie Richter
- 15 Todd Greene
- 17 Kathy Louise Cozart  
Stingray Joe Bates
- 18 Bob Schmidt  
Derek Bryan Fruner
- 19 Cassie Neff
- 21 Janet Berger  
Joel Potts III  
Merle Brown
- 25 Isaac Howell
- 26 Erin Nicole Emch
- 27 Eric Francis Piekarski
- 29 Iris Isaacs  
Frank Cibik  
Levi Howell  
Charles Kotson

## January Anniversaries

- 5 Glen & Maxine Potts
- 23 Jim & Beverly Underwood
- 25 Scott & Kathie Richter

## February Anniversaries

- 25 Earl & Marsha Smith



## December 2009 Elders Report

Don and Jackie Riggerbach made calls to Finley and Fran Amos, Shirley Newman concerning Golda Cecil, Betty Huggins and Shirley Rogers concerning Clarice Huggins, Care person for Margaret Null, John Zumpetta, Armenta Shepherd, Bill Nice, Elizabeth Hawkins, Mary Lemasters, Deloris Potts, Michelle Smith, Rose Ann Winland, and the Judges for Mabel Huffman.

We visited and served communion to Ed and Gladys Graham, Mary Louise Heinzman, Doris Swadley and Emma Newman. We also served communion to Marta Sue Phillips and visited with her husband, Steve, daughter, Tawny and daughter-in-law, Ellen.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Jesse Dalton Clark
- 2 Matthew Riggerbach
- 5 Kim Fruner
- 6 Barbara Yoho
- 9 Shirley Cecil Newman
- 10 Bettie Schied  
Linda Stackpole
- 14 Nikki Hardman
- 16 Valerie Belcher  
Steve Stine
- 17 Genelle Ferrebee  
Lisa Shepherd
- 19 Todd Barcus  
Joanna Filliez  
Cassie Neff
- 20 Tom Emch
- 22 Gabrielle Cecil
- 23 Kyleen Jiannine
- 25 Jill Shade
- 28 Dan Jeffers, Sr.  
Madlyn June Booth

## SERVING THE CHURCH IN JANUARY

### ELDERS

Frank & Amy Cibik

### DEACONS

Linda Stackpole	Cheryl LeMasters
Darla Steele	Trey Barcus
Ernie Loy	Jennifer Pugh
Leroy Cecil	David Emch
Bob Myers	Charlie Virden
Bill Hornbrook	Debbie Cochran

## SERVING THE CHURCH IN FEBRUARY

### ELDERS

Penny Morris & David Grandstaff

### DEACONS

Herb Rothlisberger,	Bob Bland
Jim Underwood	Rick Berger
Kim Berger	Kay Jeffers
Fawn Price	Myra Rine
Charles Huggins	Betty Huggins
Kathy Bridgeman	Dan Jeffers

## Preparing Communion for November

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### Opening & Closing Church for January

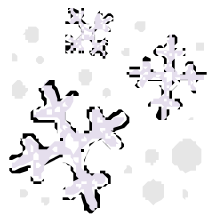
Tom Shepherd

### Opening & Closing Church for February

Terry Cozart

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**



New donations to the library this month include the following:

NonFiction--Praying Our Goodbyes, What to Do When You Don't Know What to Say, God's Answers To Life's Difficult Questions, Chocolate for a Woman's Soul, The Good Life-Seeking purpose, meaning and truth in your life, 101 Ways to Help People in Need, and 101 Ways to Reach Your Community.

Fiction--A series of 4 Rock Harbor Mysteries by Collen Coble, a series of 3 Defender of Hope Intrigue books by Amy Wallace, Belles of Timber Creek series of 3 by Lori Copeland, a series of 4 World War II historical fiction books by Michael Phillips, and if you like Debbie Macomber you will like 5 books written by Sherryl Woods.

Come one, come all to our church library and check out books for your winter reading pleasure!

Blessings, Kathie

***SPC Jared Bower had a VERY Merry Christmas thanks to the generous and loving spirit of our First Christian Church family. SPC Bower was deployed to Iraq and in need of items from home and an uplifted spirit during the holidays. Cards of encouragement and personal items were donated and mailed to him in time for Christmas. Our intentions are to continue to send him packages each month and we will be happy to include your cards and letters. God bless you all for your giving spirit!***