

Annual Meeting of the Congregation –Dec. 4, 2011

It's been a **BIG** year at First Christian:

- Big changes in staff
 - Rev. Amy called to another church
 - Carol Lyon retired after more than 32 years of service
 - Carol LaRue hired as Church Administrator
 - Kari Watkins hired as Coordinator of Children & Youth
 - Pastor Donna called as transitional minister
 - Margaret Simms volunteered to become the Bell Choir director and was selected as the Wedding Coordinator
 - Raymond Hankins called as intern minister
 - Jennifer DeHart hired as Nursery coordinator
- Big goals
 - Undertake major capital improvements
 - Create an LRP
 - End the year in a strong financial position
- Big accomplishments
 - Property planned and managed major capital projects:
 - Carpeting of sanctuary, chancel, parlor, library and education building first floor halls & installed base boards in Ed. Bldg. (**Hill family gift**)
 - New steps, heated ramp, handrails
 - Roof and gutter repair
 - HVAC repairs
 - New front lights (**Wade family gift**) and landscaping plan(**Sean Simms gift**)
 - Finance conducted the Stepping Forward campaign (\$16,584)
 - Memorials approved \$5k for ramp heaters & \$3.5k (including Jack Cook memorial gift) for signage
 - Finance managed to use only \$10k of Endowment earnings for operations freeing up \$18k that the Cabinet allocated to Building Improvement, Youth, Scholarships, Missions
 - Stewardship campaign exceeded the goals for new pledges and increased pledges
 - Tabitha's Closet ministry (1200 last school year and 950 so far this year) & fund raising (>\$6k from Wild Women concert; >350 attended)
 - Missions continued Procter School ministry – (book walk at the carnival, breakfast with Santa, weekly tutoring, weekly Snack Packs, Project Shine) and weekly food gifts to CSL & Salvation Army
 - Missions arranged adoption of 6 families (8 adults & 19 children) for Christmas

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- Christian Ed. & Kari – increased participation of children and youth in camp & monthly events / activities; Trunk or Treat: >300 people participated; Easter egg hunt; VBS; hayride, Christmas Capers
- Worship – Bell Choir, Christmas Cantata, Advent Booklet, new bulletin format
- Hospitality served 2 bereavements, 2 visitations, 3 receptions, & 2 fellowship dinners
- Membership planned & organized 2 new member / visitor events, 7 fellowship events (ice cream social, picnic, T-Bones) & a bread ministry for visitors
- Membership reactivated the Prayer Action Team
- Membership, Missions & Brent increased publicity – newspaper articles, brochures
- Scholarships Committee received 1 application and awarded 1 scholarship (Martha Schmidt)
- Trustees reviewed (and recommended changes to) church insurance coverage

Our church touched more than 2,500 lives: those in need, those suffering loss, those celebrating joyful events, and those joining in fellowship. Your time, talents and financial support have made possible this level of service to our congregation and community.

Key Goals for 2012

- Begin implementation of the LRP
- Make more capital improvements
 - Install new signs
 - Replace Kansas St. ramp
 - Repair balcony overhang ceiling
 - Repair south wall and stained glass in Sanctuary
 - Replace exterior door locks
 - Compete landscaping
- Increase availability of technology in library and Sanctuary
- Call a new Sr. Minister (Search Committee has been formed: Wayne Tibbetts (Chair), Tom Herrick, Patty Cox, Jamie Stoneburner, Grace Tibbetts, Roma Meinsen, Neal Standley)
- Explore a testamentary giving program

Business Meeting:

- 2012 budget recommendation – Brent Schondelmeyer
- 2012 Nominating committee recommendations – Geoff Ingram (8:30) / Susan Marquardt (10:45)
- LRP - Norris ShROUT

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Leaders

- Officers
 - Patty Cox, Vice Moderator
 - Mary Czeschin, Treasurer
 - Judy Standley, Secretary
- Christian Ed. (Linda DeHart)
- Finance (Brent Schondelmeyer)
- Hospitality (Dee Crowley)
- Long-Range Planning (Norris Shrout)
- Membership/Evangelism/PR (Bill Czeschin, Jun Shrout)
- Memorials (Wayne Tibbetts)
- Missions (Annette Carter, Norma Tibbetts)
- Nominating (Bill Czeschin)
- Property (Jay Crowley, Wayne Tibbetts)
- Scholarships (Tom Herrick)
- Trustees (John Marquardt, Geoff Ingram)
- Worship (Neil Standley, Alan Lundquist)