

# News and Views

November 2006

First Christian Church  
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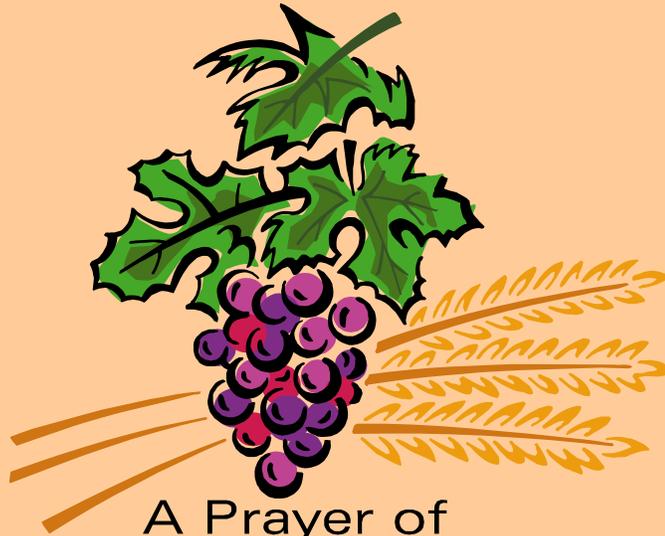
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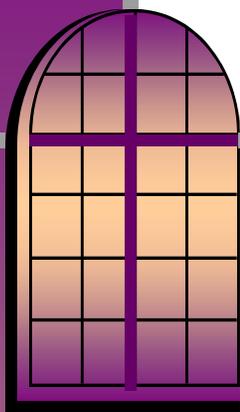


## A Prayer of *Thanksgiving*

Samuel F. Pugh

“O God, when I have food,  
    Help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
    Help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
    Help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
    Help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
    Help me to destroy my complacency;  
    Bestir my compassion,  
    And be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
    Those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen.”

Our purpose is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people, and lead them into a fully devoted relationship with Him. Matthew 28:18-20, 22:37-39



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It's not too early to begin planning for the Holidays. Christmas Eve is Sunday, December 24. We will combine our services into one service at 10:30 AM. This year our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is planned for 11 PM.

## Thanksgiving Baskets



### Special Offering and Baskets

This year's Special Thanksgiving Offering will benefit the benevolence fund. The benevolence fund is an ongoing fund to meet the needs of our congregation.

First Christian Church will deliver Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need. If you know of a family that would like to receive a basket; please call Nan Scott at 294.0630.

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will begin a new 6-week study of Esther beginning Monday, November 6 at 10:45 AM. They will meet in room 100.



Join us for great food and fellowship. It is very important to sign up on your Welcome Sheet or call the office by 10 AM Tuesdays so that proper amount of food is prepared.

Suggested donations: First time visitors-free, Seniors \$3, Adults \$4, Families \$10. See you there!

### November's Menu

November 1, 2006  
Ham, Cheese Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch  
Cooks: Lloyd & Beverly Hoover

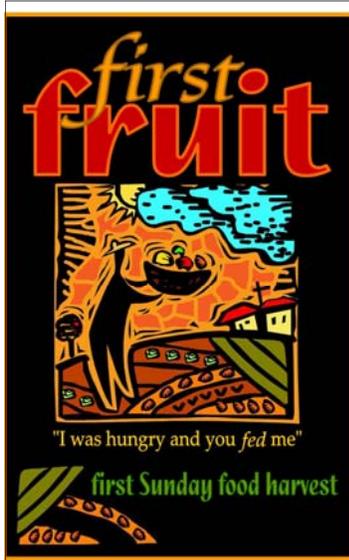
November 8, 2006  
Green Chili Stew, Pasta Fagioli, Breadsticks, Tortillas, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch  
Cooks: Xavier & Lesley Miller

November 15, 2006  
Heinz 57 Chicken with Rice. Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch  
Cooks: Greg & Elizabeth Gross

Thanks for sharing Peak of the Week Wednesday Night Dinners with us. We will take a break until January 10, 2007. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Christmas giving to Cookson Hills Children's Home

Cookson Hills is an FCC sponsored mission. We will be collecting the following items for children at the home through the month of November. Please help us support these children who are unable, at this time, to live with their birth family. Questions? See Nan Scott or Vicki Burns. Items needed are: Any size batteries, gift cards for WalMart, McDonalds or Lowe's. Outdoor camping and fishing items, stationary or note cards, stamps, family style DVDs and Christmas music CDs, snack food items. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate mixes. We will have a box in the foyer for your donations. Thank you so much!



On the first Sunday of every month, we will collect canned meat and baby food for The Storehouse. Bring your donations and place them in the large containers.

Don't forget to bring your First Fruits!!

## Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' book club will not meet for the month of November, but will resume in December. Our book for the month of December is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We will meet on Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 PM, Candice Summers house. Interested in joining us? Call Lynn Headley, 293.4930, for details.



## Prayer Requests

### New or Updated Prayer Requests

Family of Polly Howard. Jenny Shepard's sister-in-law. Polly passed away on 10/12. Thank you for all the prayers.

Joyce Yasm. Hip replacement surgery has been postponed due to an infection in her foot.  
Shane Gollihar. Nicole Gollihar's brother.  
Shayna-Nicole Arnpriester. Broke her foot in a car accident. Boyfriend is serving in Iraq, Air Force.

Please call the church office to leave prayer requests. They will then be forwarded to the prayer chain.

## Senior Saints November Activities

Thursday, November 2  
9 AM

Meet in the church parking lot to car pool to Sky City-Acoma Pueblo for a tour. Followed by lunch at the café.



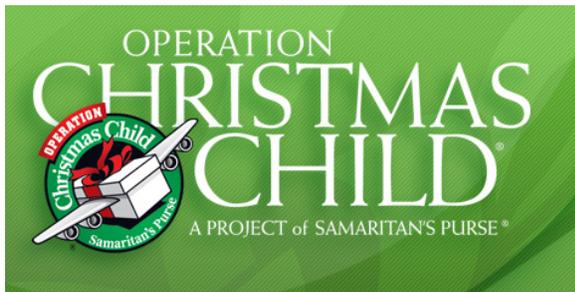
Thursday,  
November 16  
9 AM  
Breakfast at JB's on  
Eubank and I-40.

## A Special Thanks!

I want to thank Eddie Baca, Leon Allison, and Tony Kill for their help in mowing the grass. Also, a special thanks to Carl Neitzel for pulling weeds and keeping the grounds clear of trash. I appreciate each of you men for your service to First Christian.

Bud Cavin

Bud Cavin's Monday Bible Study will resume on November the 6th at 7 PM at the home of Bud and Mary Cavin. They will study the book of Luke.



Each year First Christian Church participates in this exciting program of filling shoe boxes with gifts. The shoe box gifts bring joy to children who may have never received a Christmas present and introduces them to the greatest gift of all— Jesus Christ. Boxes for this exciting project can be picked up in the lobby. Once you have picked up your box, fill it with small gifts: suggestions for gifts are in the brochure located in the foyer, then bring it back to church by November 12th. Please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving your gifts.

### ***Did you know?***

- It is the world's largest children's Christmas project of it's kind.
- Over 55,000 churches from dozens of denominations participate in Operation Christmas Child each year.
- Every U.S. president since Ronald Reagan has packed a shoe box gift for Operation Christmas Child.
- Operation Christmas Child has generated about 1,824 miles of smiles since 1993— enough smiles to reach from Augusta, Maine to Miami, Florida.
- The millions of shoe boxes collected since 1993, if stacked one atop another, would rise more then 650 times higher than Mount Everest.
- If the 38 million shoe boxes collected since 1993 were laid end-to-end they would extend from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, to Disneyland in Tokyo, Japan.
- Shoe box gifts have been transported on the world's largest airplane, the Antonov 225. The plane is so big that the Wright brothers' first flight could have taken place inside the cargo hold.

Thank you for participating in Operation Christmas Child. May you be richly blessed.



### **The Fusion 411**

November is a month where I constantly find myself looking towards the end of the month. It is a time of family and food as we begin to look towards the Holidays. This season the Fusion Youth group has much for which to be thankful. Hopefully by the time this letter goes out we will be finished working on the Lab, the new youth room. The neat new hangout for the youth wouldn't be possible without the help of so many. We have had many things donated, other things given to us at cost, 100's of volunteer hours, and the gifts of many people through the last couple of years. We used designated funds, none from the general budget, to accomplish this. So, on behalf of the youth group I would like to thank the church for all those donations to the youth in the past, those who added their blood sweat and tears during the project, and those who have been valuable resources to us. We as a youth group have a very new visible reminder that we belong to a church that loves us and wants ministry to youth to happen. For that, we are truly thankful.

Stay tuned for more  
Fusion Youth Ministries news  
from.....



## November Birthdays

Monica Battaile, November 1  
Barb Harger, November 1  
Doreen Hendren, November 1  
Katelyn Wu, November 4  
Kevin Schitoskey, November 6  
Xavier Miller, November 7  
Christine Cooper, November 9  
Aaron Dye, November 9  
Denae Junker, November 9  
Mary Pendergrass, November 10  
Rachel Dostal, November 11  
Lauren Swart, November 11  
Mary Tagert, November 11  
Karla Romero, November 12  
Lucas Dotson, November 14  
Thomas Loftus, November 14  
David Catanzaro, November 16  
Derek Hartig, November 17  
Lanie Peltier, November 17  
Isaac Moore, November 19  
Lizzie Harger, November 20  
John Hawkins, November 20  
Mary Cavin, November 21  
Seth Eggleton, November 21  
Kaylee Hamilton, November 23  
Russ Harrison, November 23  
Karlle McReaken, November 26  
Kirk Mitchell, November 27  
Stephanie Conrad, November 28  
JT Headley, November 28  
Ashton Nelson, November 28  
Wilma Harrelson, November 30

## November Anniversaries

Mike & Debbie Mitchell, November 10  
Rocky & Lucy Petrocelli, November 17  
John & Sally Driver, November 19  
Bud & Mary Cavin, November 29



Angela Kathleen Davie  
And  
James Michael Giuliani  
Will be married as one in Jesus Christ  
Saturday, the eleventh of November  
Smyrna, Georgia





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**Deadlines**

Sunday *Bulletin* deadline:

**Wednesdays, 9AM.**

December *News & Views* deadline:

**Monday, November 13, noon.**

The Sunday *Bulletin* and the monthly *News & Views* can also be seen on the web site:  
[www.fccabq.org](http://www.fccabq.org).

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

(Can also be seen on the website)

**Sunday**

Worship Service—8 AM

Bible School—9 AM

Fellowship—10 AM

Worship Service—10:30 AM

Adult Choir—4:45 PM

Youth Meeting—6 PM

“Transitions” Meeting—6:15 PM

**Wednesday**

Men’s Prayer Breakfast—6:30 AM

Ladies’ Bible Study—6:30 AM

Peak of the Week Dinners— 6 PM

Adult Bible Studies—7 PM

More small groups are forming all the time,  
call the church office for a complete list.