

Ladies Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will gather as usual on Tuesday, December 16th. Please note that they will not meet on December 23rd or December 30th, as they pause to celebrate the blessings of the Christmas season. They will resume their study on Tuesday, January 6th, beginning the new year rooted in Christ & encouraged by His promises.

Coffee & Conversations

Join Mark Nichols for Coffee & Conversations on Wednesday, January 14th at 7:15am with fresh coffee at Mahoney's. A great way to start your morning!

The Oaks Academy

The Oaks Academy will be hosting an informational meeting on Sunday, January 25th at 2pm at BCC. This meeting is open to families interested in learning more about the enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have questions or would like additional details, please plan to attend.

2026 Men's Fellowship Meetings

Men's Fellowships are back! Kick off 2026 with the first North Area Men's Fellowship on Monday, January 26th at 6:30pm at First Christian Church in Monmouth, Illinois. A complete schedule for all the 2026 Men's Fellowship dates can be found in our Fellowship Hall.

The Meat-ing

Mark your calendars! Our second annual men's event, The Meat-ing, will be held on Saturday, March 28th. More details will be shared soon, but be sure to reserve the date now.

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Cleaning Teams & Nursery Volunteers 2026 Schedules

We are so grateful for the time, energy, & heart you pour into keeping our church home welcoming & caring for our little ones. Your service truly makes a difference, and we cannot thank you enough.

The 2026 schedules for our cleaning teams & nursery volunteers are available in the Fellowship Hall. Copies will also be made available throughout the year for your convenience. Thank you for your faithful service and dedication to our church family.

Food Pantry Volunteers

A huge thank you to our amazing food pantry volunteers! Your willingness to serve & bless those in need does not go unnoticed! We are so grateful for your dedication & heart for our community.

The January through March food pantry schedule is available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall, and for your convenience, a copy is also attached at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for faithfully serving & sharing God's love!

Volunteer Opportunities

We are so grateful for the hands & hearts that serve in our church ministries! Your dedication makes our church a place of love, care, & encouragement for everyone who walks through our doors.

The 2026 ministry volunteer sheets are still available in the Fellowship Hall. If you feel called to serve or are looking for a way to get involved, there are many opportunities to bless others and grow in your faith.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to a staff member. We would be happy to help you find the right place to serve & use your gifts for God's glory. Let's continue to serve joyfully, together, as we build up the body of Christ!

Friendly Reminder

Danielle will be taking a short break over the holidays, reflecting her previously planned September vacation that was rescheduled to December. She will return & resume her regular duties on Monday, January 5th. During this time, if you have a new announcement, a new prayer request, or an update to an existing prayer request, please feel free to leave the information with one of our staff members on Sunday morning, or place a note at the sound booth before service. They will ensure it is included in the morning announcements.

Prayer

Family of Mary Ann Long

Curtis Bisby-spot found on rib that is causing fracture; radiation

Karen Harrison-fell; shattered knee & fractured femur; pray for recovery

Rick Walker-fluid on knee that is causing severe pain

Faith Post-recovery from having colon removed

Charlie Ferguson- recovery from aorta valve replacement and aneurysm surgery

Elva Elrod-heart issues

Barb Hanks-Bell's palsy

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Bryor Grotts

Clayton Grainger - teaching English in the Middle East

Barb Hanks

Ray McFarland-back pain

Mary Jo Frakes

◆ Don Nagel-immunotherapy

◆ Heidi Wilson-Alzheimer's; Leqembi infusions

Growth of Burnside Christian Church

Cancer

Mike Jarrett

Barbara Elrod

Margie Bratton

Susan Gronewold

Gene Scanlan-Stage 4 Melanoma

Rose Scheetz

Sara Guymon-Acute Myeloid Leukemia

◆ B.J. Herriman-melanoma; spread to lymph nodes

◆ Adrienne Miller-Stage 2 breast cancer

◆ Steve Getz-cancer has returned; chemo treatments

Randy Flemming-fighting Merkle Cell Carcinoma

Cindy Snyder-biopsy on liver showed cancer



- Join Mark for Coffee & Conversations at Mahoney's January 14th from 7:15-8:15am.
- The first Men's Fellowship of 2026 will be held on Monday, January 26th at 6:30pm hosted by First C.C. of Monmouth. A complete 2026 Men's Fellowship schedule can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Oaks Academy will hold an informational meeting on 1/25 at 2pm for 26-27 enrollment.

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

Sun., Dec. 7
Church - 170
SS - NA

Sun., Dec. 21
Church - NA
SS - NA

Sun., Dec. 14
Church - 127
SS - NA

Sun., Dec. 28
Church - NA
SS - NA

How can we pray for you?

Let us know by sending your prayer request to one of our staff members or elders.

JANUARY 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 ✧ ✧ Happy New Year ✧ ✧	2	3
4	5	6 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am in Annex	7	8	9	10
11 MYM 5:30-7pm Sun. Night Bible Study 6-7pm	12	13 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am in Annex	14  Coffee & Conversations Mahoney's 7:15am	15	16	17
18 MYM 5:30-7pm Sun. Night Bible Study 6-7pm	19	20 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am in Annex	21	22	23	24
25 The Oaks Academy 26-27 Meeting 2pm MYM 5:30-7pm Sun. Night Bible Study 6-7pm	26 DEADLINE Beacon Deadline Men's Fellowship First C.C. Monmouth 6:30pm	27 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am in Annex	28	29	30	31



- 1/1 - Happy New Year!
- 1/6-Ladies Bible Study Resumes 9:30am in the Annex
- 1/14-Coffee & Conversations @ Mahoney's 7:15am
- 1/25-The Oaks Academy 26-27 school year informational meeting 2pm
- 1/26-February Beacon Deadline
- Men's Fellowship at First Christian Church Monmouth 6:30pm

Weekly Bible Study:

Middle & High School Youth Group

Sunday Evenings 5:30-7pm

Rides from IWHS available at 5:15pm

Sunday Night Adult Bible Study

Sunday Evenings 6-7pm

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30am (Annex)

Thursday Night Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday Evenings at 6pm

Junior MYM (3rd-5th graders)

First Sunday of the month 3:45-4:45pm

Rides from IWHS available at 3:30pm

JANUARY

Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meditations</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Jan. 4	Mel Roth	<u>Week of 1/5-1/10:</u> George Link, Rick & Florine Dixon, Mike & Michelle Bavery, Laurie Green	Allison Jacob Hallie Jacob
Jan. 11	Don Merritt	<u>Week of 1/12-1/17:</u> Jim & Pam Jefferson, Al & Mary Jo Frakes, Matt & Sarah Churchill	Brandon & Chelsie Bliss
Jan. 18	Keith Mohr	<u>Week of 12/19-1/24:</u> Wayne & Barb Caparoon, Kevin & Kim Deitrich, Keith & Heather Mohr	Tami Carroll Toni Carlisle
Jan. 25	Drew Carroll	<u>Week of 1/26-1/31:</u> Frank Hutchins, Susan Climer, Wayne & Becky Humphrey, Andrea Wibbell, Meghan Wibbell, Kaleb Mohr	Sarah Churchill Jada Churchill

Communion Servers

Kevin Deitrich
Mike Carlisle
Dave Carroll
Doug Jacob
Lee Wibbell
J.J. Cole
Kevin Youngmeyer
Jim Jefferson

Communion Preparer

Diana Shults

Coffee Clean Up

Dan & Sherilyn
Nichols

Door Greeters

Kathy Brumbaugh

Food Pantry

Mondays 5-6pm

5 Alison Housewright
12 Cassie Grotts
19 Closed
26 Tera Cole

Wednesdays 9-10am

7 Jan Scanlan
14 Allison Jacob
21 Florine Dixon
28 Pam Jefferson

January

Birthday

3 - JANE MENN

5 - JAYSON WALKER

10 - DUSTIN CARLISLE

14 - NOLAN DEITRICH
MARILYN NELSON
SARAH HOWELL

15 - BRENNAN GROTTTS
IRA HANKS

16 - MELINDA SMITH

19 - CHELSIE BLISS

24 - GRACE GOETTSCHKE

25 - MARYN ROTH

26 - JOHN MOHR
JACKI WIBBELL

28 - JUDY KLEIN

29 - MICHELLE JACOB