

# The Christian Crier

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## Coming Up...

- Oct. 8-9 Pastor's Workshop in Tulsa
- Oct. 11 Church Board Mtg. 8:45 am
- Oct. 11 Hiking With Jesus 3:00 pm
- Oct. 11 CMYF— Bowling 3:30 pm
- Oct. 14 Bible Study 7:00 pm
- Oct. 15-16 Fall Break
- Oct. 18-25 Week of the Ministry

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## Words from the Pastor...

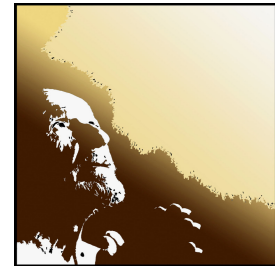
Have you ever wondered why we ask God for so little when He promises to give us so much? Are we afraid God will not give us what we need? Our refusal to ask God for a lot keeps our expectations of God at a minimum. Our unwillingness to ask God for a lot many times defines our relationship with God. If we have a relationship with God based on love and trust we view God as a loving and kind parent who wishes to give us what we want as long as what we want will be good for us. God wants us to ask because He loves giving to us. Think how much you love giving to your children because you love them; and God's love for us is much greater than our love for our children.

Let me ask, do you want to give to your children when you know your children won't share with your other children? God loves giving to us as long as we do not hoard the things we ask for. If we are willing to share with others there is no limit to what God will give us. Remember the prayer of

Jabez, ***"OH THAT YOU WOULD BLESS ME INDEED AND ENLARGE MY TERRITORY AND THAT YOUR HAND WOULD BE WITH ME, THAT YOU WOULD KEEP ME FROM EVIL, THAT I MIGHT NOT CAUSE PAIN. AND GOD GRANTED HIS REQUEST."***

I hope you will join us this Sunday for worship as we explore why we should ask God for more.

I love you,  
Richard



## Church Growth

One thing I have never worried about is whether or not my children would grow. I worry about their grades. I worry about their safety. I worry about their health. I never worry about their growth.

The reason I don't worry about their growth is because I know that if all the other stuff I worry about is taken care of, especially their safety and health, by nature they will grow. The same is true of the church. Too often churches are focused on growth, or lack thereof, instead of those things that often lead to "natural" growth.

As a church we ought to be focused on the grades, how well we know and apply scripture. We ought to be focused on our safety, being a place where people can feel free from bullying and dirty fighting. We ought to be focused on our health, attending to each other's spiritual needs through service, prayer, and worship.

When we attend to these things then growth will take care of itself, just like the growth of our children takes care of itself.

-copied from the Newsletter of  
Hobart First Christian Church

## Attendance & Offering

October 4, 2009

Sunday School	22
Worship	55
Offering	\$1,693.80
Thom Walker	
Special Offering	\$3.16
Reconciliation Offering	
Total	\$112.00
Prayer Cards	196

## Sermon

October 11, 2009

Why Ask for  
So Little?

Scripture  
James 4:2-3

## 365—Day

### Bible Reading Plan

Oct. 11	Acts 4:5-22
Oct. 12	Acts 4:23-37
Oct. 13	Acts 5:1-16
Oct. 14	Acts 5:17-42
Oct. 15	Acts 6:1-15
Oct. 16	Acts 7:1-29
Oct. 17	Acts 7:30-60



## from the office...

Wednesday—It was sunny this morning but now it is raining and the weatherman says we could have a frost this weekend. I guess it's getting to be that time of year. Fall Break is coming up next week then Halloween and Thanksgiving won't be far behind. Speaking of Thanksgiving, a special day is being planned for November 15. That day we will have a dedication service for the

church remodel and the stained glass windows and we will also have the Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner. So mark your calendar.

The youth groups will both meet this week. HWJ will be carving pumpkins and CMYF is going bowling.

Richard will be out of the office for a couple of days. He is going to a Pastor's Workshop

at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. He says this is one of the better meetings he attends all year.

We want to welcome Johnna Southwell and Les Canright as the new people in charge of the Food Pantry. Wallace Crispin has stepped down after several years of dedicated service.

See you in church,  
Shirley

*A Table Blessing for  
Children...*

We thank you,  
God, for happy  
hearts,  
for rain and sunny  
weather.

We thank you,  
God, for this our  
food,  
and that we're all  
together.  
Amen.

## Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer this week for Gary Wilson, husband of Carla (Halle), he has liver cancer; for the family of Sally Crelly, Barbara Walker's sister-in-law. The funeral is Thursday in Canton; for Rachel Dobbins who has less than two weeks until her due date; for Jax Cunningham, premature baby who had open heart surgery and for Renee' Nusz who is carrying triplets and may have to have a

c-section any day.

Continued prayers are needed for Ronnie Gripe, the Payne children, Jack Kippenberger, Herschel Maynard, Khrystal Jarrells, Wanda Lee Davis, Seth Tucek, Vinita Christensen, Hank Brueggan, Kyle Frans, Dylan Allen, Virginia Buller, Devert Schoonmaker, Jerry Megli, Kenneth & Betty Roof, Wanda Schneider, Corie Koch, Brendon Barrett,

Connie Roberts, Jimmy Didier, Paul Legg and Theron Nunn, and for Josh Scott in Afghanistan.

Our Nursing Center and Retirement Center residents are: Adeline Conkling, Marilyn Riser, Dennis Caldwell, Bertha Haggard and Vic Beck.



## THANK YOU NOTE...

First Christian Church,  
Thank you for supporting the "Cowboy Up For Christ Bull Riding."

God Bless  
T.C. & Kristi  
Perkins

## YOUTH TIMES

It was a rainy dreary day but we still had 14 who came to Youth on Sunday and we were missing three of our regulars. Brandee Roof and Ron Jones also joined us. We ate some snacks and then I gave the kids a skit to act out. It was about King Solomon and the women who were fighting over the baby. God gave King Solomon wisdom. We need to stop, listen, and hear God's words so that we can do His will. We also watched a video about the end times and being ready for Jesus' second coming.

Because of the rain we stayed inside and played Four Square. We discussed a possible ski trip in March; we are checking on the chances of that happening. We will be going bowling this Sunday, Oct. 11. We will leave from the church at 3:30 and hope to be back around 6:00. See you in church.

Stacy Hutchison



**Hiking With Jesus** will be going to Wendy & Allen McSparrin's this Sunday, Oct. 11 to carve pumpkins. We will be leaving from the Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. and be back around 6:00 p.m. We will also be having a hotdog roast and might even make some S'mores. Please make sure you are dressed appropriately for this. Hopt to see ya there!!

Kathy Marsh



## The Tell-Tale Lie

Scientists are getting closer to being able to tell when someone is lying. Currently, lie detectors aren't infallible. They can tell if liars are anxious because of measurable changes in skin and blood. Some people, however, may simply be so nervous that it appears they're lying when they aren't.

Scientists have discovered that people can't mask the mental processes responsible for lying. A neural network engages when someone prevaricates. At the University of Pennsylvania, volunteers each received a play-

ing card and were then hooked up to an MRI machine. A computer screen showed various cards. When a volunteer's card appeared on the screen, he or she was told to lie and say it was a different card. The brain then became very active in ways it hadn't when other cards were shown. The most increased activity was in the anterior cingulate cortex, which is ordinarily involved in making judgments. When the volunteers lied, the neural network judged the liar as guilty.

Modern technology may make it harder to get away with a lie, but we have an even better reason to tell the truth. Centuries ago, the psalmist asked, "O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?" And then came the answer: **"Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart"** (Psalm 15:1-2, NRSV).

*October 18—25  
is the Week of  
the Ministry*

*We invite you to send  
a card to the pastor  
next week letting him  
know how much you  
appreciate him and  
all that he does for  
this congregation.*

## Christian Symbols



### Wheat

Wheat is used to represent the bread (the body of Christ) in Holy Communion. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48).

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus uses wheat to represent believers, while weeds, or tares, represent unbelievers.

## Church Board Meeting

**Sun.— Oct. 11  
8:45 a.m.**



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(Disciples of Christ)**

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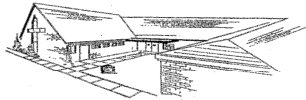


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**THEOLOGICAL TERM THIS WEEK**

**Apocrypha:** The biblical books included in the Vulgate and accepted in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox canon but considered noncanonical by Protestants because they are not part of the Hebrew Scriptures. Various early Christian writings proposed as additions to the New Testament but rejected by the major canons.

*COME AND WORSHIP  
AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

*Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.*

**Serving at Worship THIS Week—Oct. 11**

Elder: Ron Jones  
Diaconate: Kari Didier, Kim Roof, Monica Frans, Shirley Cagg and Richard Caskey  
Greeters: Jim & Sherry Beagley and Jim & Eileen Ames  
Acolytes: Haley Hutchison and Rheanna Dobbins  
Communion Preparation: Freida Beck

**Serving at Worship NEXT Week—Oct. 18**

Elders: Patti Jo Humphreys and Barbara Walker  
Diaconate: Chad & Stacy Hutchison, Billie Jones and Jim & Sandra Steele  
Greeters: Paula Hamar, Robert & Shannon Cagg, and Bridget Slattery  
Acolytes: Connor and Corbin Slattery  
Communion Preparation: Freida Beck

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**THANK YOU NOTE...**

Dear friends at First Christian,

I know it has been a long time, but I would like to tell you **thank you** for the cards you sent for my son Paul and even more thank you for **PRAYING** for him. He is doing fine, although he was in a wheel chair for 3 months after the disaster that took place almost a year ago. The prayers of God's people really sustained us. Thanks so much for caring!! Although I don't know all of you I surely appreciate your cards & prayers. Yes, God answers prayer, for Paul is walking and even running now. Pray he will continue to get better and have no

pain. Please also pray for healing for Daniel, my older son.

Gratefully,

Rebecca and Paul Blake



**What is stewardship?**

Stewardship is not just raising funds;  
It's raising Christians.  
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;  
It's a matter of faith.