



## A Note from Kevin, Minister of Music & Connections

**Attention All Military Veterans!** I would like to put together a special video presentation to honor the veterans at First Christian Church. To do this, I will need your help and here is what I will need to accomplish the task:

(1) a picture of the veteran - preferably in uniform, but if not possible, any picture of the veteran will be fine, and

(2) active duty service information, i.e., "Jerold Smith, 1942 - 1944, USAF".

Please provide this information to me (or the church office) **no later than June 20th**. If there is enough participation, I would like to present this video on Sunday, July 4th, during the Morning Worship.

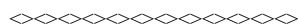
I am interested in this information whether the veteran is active duty or not, and whether the veteran served 20 years or only a couple of years.

Feel free to bring this information by the church office or you can email it to one of the following: [kevin@firstchristian.net](mailto:kevin@firstchristian.net) or [fcc-staff@firstchristian.net](mailto:fcc-staff@firstchristian.net).

**Thanks so much for your service to the United States military and thanks for helping me with this task!**

*Pictures will be available for you to pick up within one week after receipt.*

*Kevin*



### **Baby Shower for Becky McWhirter (it's twin girls!)**



We are going to have a baby shower for Becky McWhirter on Sunday, **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, you may find the following information to be helpful in preparing for this event: Nursery in Pastels &

Cherished Teddy Bears, registered at Target and Babies-R-Us (No newborn diapers needed – got it covered.). If you need more information, feel free to contact Pat Nolen at 987-9203.

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

2/07 - Jimmy, Lynn, Larry, Carolyn, Pat  
2/14 - Linda, Lee, Angela, Harold, Brenda  
2/21 - Ann, Ken, Cheryl, Marlene, Kastina  
2/28 - Virginia, Veronica, Johnny, Tara, Cari

### NURSERY SCHEDULE:

2/03 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
2/07 - Gail, Carolyn, Melanie  
2/10 - Lisa Ansley  
2/14 - Diane B., Donna, Sam, Brooke  
2/17 - Jeanne Engle  
2/21 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
2/24 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
2/28 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED, Katherine, Kenneth, Cheryl,

### *FCC Leadership for 2010*

#### *Elders:*

Ken Presse (*Chairman*)  
Lee Dunbar  
Brian Hipps  
Ron Nolen  
Ronnie Shivers

#### *Deacons:*

Ken Bartlett  
Larry Bonner  
Phil Bruner  
Harold Deal  
Alan Engle  
Tim Nasworthy  
Traver Pierce  
Alan Rowell  
Lynn Voss.



We all know that God is much more powerful than we are, but do we really live that way? When you have an issue in your life or something you can't handle, do you pray about it?

And when you pray, do you just talk to God or do you give Him a chance to respond? A lot of people find it easy to talk to God. He's there with a ready, listening ear and often we think we can say anything we want without consequence. We can vent or complain and it doesn't matter.

But talking to God is only part of the process. Listening to God's response is the other, perhaps more important, part. In my experience, when I talk to God, I am affirmed of my efforts, my abilities (or lack thereof), my desires, and my perspective on life. I feel justified in my actions and focused on accomplishing my plans. But when I take the time to listen to God, I am amazed at His power, humbled by His abilities and priorities, and surprised by His plans. Sometimes, I'm humbled by His expectations and surprised by His words. But whatever my feeling toward His response, one thing is sure: My prayer life is much richer when I take time to listen to God and not just talk to Him.

Now I'm not saying that God will answer out loud in a voice or drop a sign from the sky with His answer on it, but often you may sense Him reminding you of a verse of Scripture or a thought you've heard before that sheds new light on something you've just prayed about. What's important is that you don't just vent to God and then get on with the busy-ness of life and forget to hear what He's saying to you.

I encourage you this month to take a little extra time in your prayers. Listen carefully and then don't forget to act on what you hear. We'll talk about that next time!

**Leadership Meeting**  
**February 21st, 11:15 a.m.**

**Jennifer Pierce—**