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very intentional about it. Think of something you do on a daily basis and how you could go out of your way to be kind while doing it. Try adding kindness to your daily activity and see what happens. Hopefully, it makes a visible difference in your life, but even if it doesn't, God is pleased when we live in obedience – even when we don't reap earthly benefits.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR DECEMBER:

- Dec. 5 - Pasta Dish, Salad, garlic bread, & dessert
- Dec. 12 - Chicken & Rice, vegetable, bread, & dessert
- Dec. 19 - Sloppy Joes, french fries, dessert
- Dec. 26 - NO MEAL / MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Ladies Fellowship

Thursday, December 6, at 12:00 noon
in FCC's Fellowship Hall

For more info., contact Diane South at (478) 988-9718.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, December 9, at 11:15 a.m.
in FCC's Café Conference Room

Ladies Lunch

Thursday, December 20, at 12:00 noon
at Shirley Moseley's home in Perry

For more info., contact Diane South at (478) 988-9718.

Literature & Latte

Monday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m.
in FCC's Connection Café

The book being discussed is The Deposit Slip, by Todd M. Johnson. For more info., contact Tonya Hipps.

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery
- 10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1st - 3rd Graders *
(* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



Ministry Staff

- Ron Nolen**, Pastor
- Kevin Adkins**, Minister of Worship & Connections
- Rob Shawhan**, Youth Minister

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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First Christian Highlights
DECEMBER 2012

"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"



Sunday, December 9
10:00 a.m.

Come and see what a difference Jesus can make in people's lives! Invite your friends and family—a perfect opportunity to share Christ with someone close to you!



Monday, December 24
6:30 p.m.

Everyone, all ages, welcome! Join us for this 45-minute Communion and Candlelight Service.

New Ladies Bible Study:

How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk?, by Kay Arthur. **Beginning January 8**, and meeting in *FCC's Connection Café*, on Tuesdays, this six-week study is of passages from Ephesians. It is about how Christians can live out God's priorities of unity, authenticity, holiness, forgiveness, and unconditional love. As we learn exactly what God says about the walk of a true believer, we'll be challenged to develop a life marked by maturity, Christlikeness, and peace—a life that says our walk matches our talk!

Books are \$9 and will be available through Pat Presse on December 19. Sign up in the foyer. For more info., contact Pat at 988-7959.

CAN YOU SERVE IN FCC'S NURSERY?

If you would like to serve in our nursery, especially on Wednesday evenings, please contact the church office at 987-5428, or email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net.

FCC LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Traver Pierce's name is being put forth before the congregation to become an Elder. Traver is an outstanding man and we believe he will be a great addition to FCC's Eldership. An affirmation vote will be held on Sunday, December 9.

First Family News is FCC's weekly e-newsletter (*if you have not been receiving this email, check your email SPAM or JUNK folder, or let us know and we will try to resolve the issue*). To receive this email, and/or add prayer requests, make it known on a Connection Card, email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net, or just give us a call at 987-5428.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 12/2 - Larry, Carolyn, Allan, Kendall, Amanda, Brenda, Ken, and Cheryl
12/9 - Charles, Kayleigh, Harold, Michael, Susan, Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne
12/16 - Charles, Susan, Margaret, Krystal, Robin, Kelly, Lee, and Linda
12/23 - Lynn, Veronica, Virginia, Ann, Jimmy, Pat, Johnny, and Tara
12/30 - Lynn, Elizabeth, Jen, Harold, Kendall, Brenda, Ken, and Cheryl

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 12/2 - Gayle H., Carolyn B., Melanie J.
12/5 - Brandy N.
12/9 - Diane B., Brandy, Leigh S.
12/12 - Brandy N.
12/16 - Brandy N., Kastina R., VOLUNTEER
12/19 - Brandy N.
12/23 - Brandy N., Kathryn D., Cheryl P.
12/30 - VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

- 12/2 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Gina W and Carolyn B; sh3: Cameron S and Virginia S
12/9 - sh1: Steven K and Brian A; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Robert and Belinda M
12/16 - sh1: Pat P and Leigh S; sh2: Mike and Mary K; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S
12/23 - sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; sh2:; Isa L and Pat P; sh3: Griff and Jen Cox
12/30 - sh1: Pat P and Jessica J; sh2:; Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Gary and Teresa Hawk

Kindness

by Jennifer Pierce

Love is patient, love is kind. - 1 Corinthians 13:4

It's a busy month for all of us ladies, and I encourage you to love above all else. All the holiday preparations are great, but let's remember that they are pointless if we do not love the people around us. That's the Christmas version of 1 Corinthians 13:1-3! Last month, we discussed what it means for love to be patient. Let's talk about kindness for a moment.

Kindness involves generosity, forgiveness, and mercy. Proverbs 31:20 says, "She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy." Nehemiah 9:17 says, "You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love."

Kindness is expressed as an imitation of God's love for us. Luke 6:35-36 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Kindness toward others is motivated by God's kindness to us. Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

Kindness is to be shown and taught. Each of us has influence over many others, including and especially our children. It is our responsibility to teach kindness to them. Proverbs 31:26 includes this in the description of an ideal woman, "She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

As you can see, kindness is not something that comes naturally to us. In order to be kind, we are going to have to be

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