

# THE VISITOR

February 21, 2012

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Minister: Will Johnson	President: Mary Bishop	Vice-President: Joy Butler	Financial Secretary: Charlie Butler	Treasurer: Tom Brant	Clerk: Mary Lee Rogers
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## SERVICE STATION

**Minister (2/26):** Will Johnson  
Sermon Title: "Wade in the Water"  
Scripture Reading: I Peter 3: 18-22

### **Worship Leaders for February:**

05: Jim Greenhouse  
12: Thelma Price  
19: Laura Voss  
26: Cynthia Alexander

### **Elders for February:**

Charlie and Joy Butler  
(Elders serve Shut-ins on February 12<sup>th</sup>)

### **Deacons for February (and Greeters):**

05: \*Jim Greenhouse and Carla Brame  
12: \*Jim Greenhouse and Carla Brame  
19: \*Laura Voss & Mary W. Rogers  
26: \*Jim Greenhouse and Cynthia Alexander  
(\*Preparing Deacon)

## WORDS FROM OUR MINISTER

This week, I get to write a seminary paper on using just and inclusive language in the church. I must confess. I am not excited. This topic so polarizes people that it makes finding moderate material a challenge. One side levels the challenge that this topic is pointless and revisionist and ruins hymns. The other side declares that failing to use just language shows ignorance and bias towards women and minorities.

What we all forget is that we should not argue semantics, but instead live with love in our hearts. If we live without love, then it is tempting to find fault in revising hymns and prayer, yet we also miss the hurt that our words and actions can cause. Likewise it will be easy to label and degrade old and established ways of doing things without seeing what bullies we have become.

So as we journey through Lent, let us be mindful that we serve and love God, but we also have friends and neighbors around us. As one friend says, "God put us all here--might as well get along." Or even more simply, follow the instructions of Christ: Love God, Love Neighbor.

Honored to be Your Pastor, Will Johnson

## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

Bibb County School System  
ALL Disaster victims and tragedies in the World  
Kate Bell  
Rev. Billy Bennett (cancer)  
Becky Croom-recovering well  
Jerry Devore family  
Marie Devore (cancer)  
Lorene Epps

John Green (cancer)  
Sue Greenwood (cancer)  
Betty Hancock (Shut-in)  
Karen Kramer  
Lois Lantz-recovering well  
Ruth Slentz (Shut-in)  
Martin Theile (cancer)  
Barbara Wright

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Miracle Jar Donations will be donated to Camp Christian for February.

\*There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at church on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 p.m.

\*CWF Group I is collecting non perishable items for The Rescue Mission. Baskets are in the narthex.

\*Bible Study will begin on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. It will be in-depth study on Philippians and Joy.

\*Spaghetti Luncheon & Bake Sale, Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend. It is a Fund Raiser. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign-up and come to raise money to support a camper to go to Camp Christian.

\*CWF Group I is collecting for the Ronald McDonald House. They will be collecting the following items: paper plates (no plastic), chlorox wipes, family size tea bags and individual cereal boxes. There will be a box in the narthex for collecting.

\*"Near the Cross, An Easter Cantata" will be performed by the choir March 31st and Palm Sunday. Please invite friends and family to come and celebrate with us. The rehearsal schedule is on the bulletin board.

### **FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

02: Groundhog Day  
12: Lincoln's Birthday  
14: Valentine's Day  
20: President's Day  
22: Ash Wednesday Service, 5:30p at Church  
22: Washington's Birthday

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

12: Dot Jackson  
14: Peggy Martin  
14: Curtis Morgan  
21: Lessie Amoss  
22: Adam Etheridge  
23: Deborah Serbula

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

14: Charles & Sandra Byrant  
15: John & Ann Carroll  
26: Lew & Jerry Mozzini



**MARCH 4, 2012  
9:45a-10:30am**

### **"Cross Talk"**

**Discussion-based instruction meets on basement level in the Sunday evening classroom.  
Presentation-based instruction continues to meet at its regular time and place on sanctuary level.  
First Christian Church will have TWO Adult Education Classes during Sunday School time.**

If you have anything you would like to appear in the newsletter, please contact Carla Brame, via email at [c\\_brame@yahoo.com](mailto:c_brame@yahoo.com) or phone: 365-4728 by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

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