



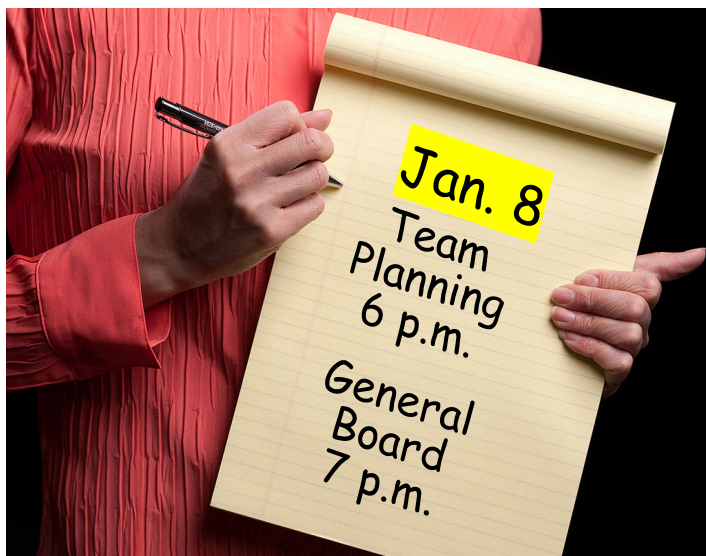
THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER



First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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January 5, 2023



We delivered packages to 15 families for our first ever Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you to everyone who bought, wrapped, sorted, and delivered.



Elders' Meeting

Sunday,
Jan. 7

11:30 a.m.

Contribution statements

Your annual contribution statements will be mailed to you soon. If you have moved recently please email or call the church office to update your address. Thank you!

MINISTRY CENTER

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING ROOM

Can you minister to our community on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. Or Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.? FCC is scheduled to help The Ministry Center during the month of January and we need volunteers. We need a total of 4 people every Wednesday and 2 every Tuesday during our month.

If you're able to fulfill this valuable volunteer role, please sign up on the sheets on the Welcome Table or contact us by email at officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com or phone 660-214-3414.

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



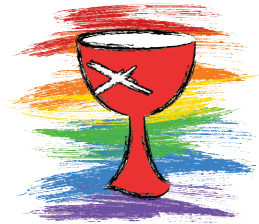
It's hard to enter the New Year and not take time to reflect on the past. We celebrate what is good, but we also want to see where we came up short and do better in the new year. It's a cultural norm to come up with one, if not several, New Year's resolutions that we believe will better our lives. The world will be first in line to tell you what your resolutions should be. Don't let the world be your guide for change, but submit yourself to God and trust Him to help you identify the areas that need attention. Romans 12 is a great place to look for guidance on how to live our lives. We read in verse 2, "do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." We have each been given gifts according to God's grace, so we should use them to glorify our Father. You may wonder, how do I do that? Romans 12:9-13 lays it out a good start for us...

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

It's a side effect of living in today's world to want to do more, have more, and be more. Everyone is so quick to tell us how to go about achieving those things, but I want to say "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Happy New Year!

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