

**Proposed By-Law Changes to be voted on at the annual congregation meeting on Sunday, October 28**

According to our By-Laws, proposed changes are to be voted upon twice by the church board before being presented to the congregation for a final vote. This vote will take place at our annual congregational meeting. Proposed changes are as follows:

**By-Law Change # 1** (Committee Changes) In Article VI: Functional Committees, the following wording was recommended:

*“Each functional committee has the responsibility of developing its own budget and recommending same to the Stewardship Committee. The Committees may provide written or oral reports to the Board. The task of administering the programs of the Church shall be delegated to such functional committees, as may be established by the official Board.”*

In changing this wording, we have removed the last sentence “after considering the following areas of Church function” and the naming of specific ministry teams. This is done because not all ministry teams are currently covered on the by-laws and not all committees are even functional at this point. This will allow the board to create, expand, consolidate or eradicate committees as needed.

**By-Law Change # 2** (Pastor’s Cabinet) In Article VII: The Pastor’s Cabinet, the following wording was recommended:

*“The cabinet shall be comprised of the moderator, vice moderator, secretary, treasurer, administrative assistant, and minister. The cabinet shall meet prior to all scheduled board meetings, unless otherwise determined by the Minister. It is not a policy making group, but shall be tasked with emergency financial decisions up to \$5,000 which may arise between board meetings, pending ratification by the board. These decisions can be made in person or electronically.”*

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**KIM’S CORNER**— The shepherd leaves his flock and everything goes crazy! We have experienced more illness, accidents and deaths since July than we did the entire 18 months we were without a pastor. When Mike shared with me that he was being deployed, the first thing we both said was “but we know how to do this”.

I read this in an article by Craig Groeschel “Do not reduce church to listening to a podcast. It’s so much more than that. It’s community. It’s worshiping with others; praying for others; hurting with others, serving others, and being involved in the lives of others.” I know how easy it is some Sunday mornings to talk yourself into staying home. Compare those weeks to the weeks that you began by worshiping with your church family. I know when I walk through the sanctuary doors on Sunday morning to gather with our church family, it is one of my greatest blessings of the week! God didn’t call us to gather and worship to burden us, but to bless us. Church attendance and involvement can become one of the greatest blessings in you and your family’s life!

How blessed we are to have so many elders and leaders who are willing to attend to the needs of our congregation as well as bring the message when we gather each Sunday. It doesn’t matter who is filling the pulpit on a particular Sunday, I assure you that you will leave blessed from the time spent together with your church family! 1 Peter 5:1-2 describes perfectly the work being done by our elders as they shepherd to our flock.

*“I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it’s like to be a leader, in on Christ’s sufferings as well as the coming glory. Here’s my concern: that you care for God’s flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way.”*

The work of an elder and church leader is not easy, but what a great job ours are doing! In 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Paul wrote:

*“And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love! Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part. Our counsel is that you warn the freeloaders to get a move on. Gently encourage the stragglers, and reach out for the exhausted, pulling them to their feet. Be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs. And be careful that when you get on each other’s nerves you don’t snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out.”*

Some of this scripture is harsh, but the message of love rings out loud and clear! Show your appreciation to our leaders and honor Mike while he is away. Be faithful members of the flock until his return. Where else can you go on a Sunday morning and be surrounded by so many people that love you, not to mention the wonderful hugs that will sustain you throughout the week.

**September Serving Schedule**  
**Elders:** Larry Thompson & Kenny Pope  
**Deacons:** Debbie & Parker Vanslyke (communion prep.), Scott & Kerri Kruse, Lily Williams, Judy Rhodes  
**Greeters:**  
 9-02 Barbara Bailey (front); Marlene Grobe (side)  
 9-09 Yvonne Hall (front); Robin Rieffer (side)  
 9-16 Barry & Angie Duncan (front); Sandy Edwards (side)  
 9-23 Ron & Bonnie Yersake (front); Kellie Reese (side)  
 9-30 Susie Grobe (front); Debbie Crane (side)  
**Welcome:**  
 9-02 Debbie Ellinghouse  
 9-09 Susie Grobe  
 9-16 Pam Horton  
 9-23 Sandy Edwards  
 9-30 Jansen Williams  
**Worship Leader:**  
 9-02 Kerri Kruse  
 9-09 Jim Hall  
 9-16 Susie Grobe  
 9-23 Tommy Horton  
 9-30 Larry Speight  
**Acolyte:** Need Volunteer  
**Computer & Sound Board:**  
 Sean Vanslyke & Eric Basham  
**Pianist:**  
 9-02 Brandy Mouser  
 9-09 Julie Rybolt  
 9-16, 23 & 30 Kim Williams  
**Special Music:**  
 9-02 Andie Kruse  
 9-02 Kellie Reese  
 9-16 Joyful Noise  
 9-23 Kim and Jansen  
 9-30 Darryl & Tommy  
**Open/Close Church:**  
 Tommy Horton  
*(If you will not be able to serve on the Sunday listed, please find your replacement and notify the church office who will be serving in your place.)*

**PRAYER LIST**— David Adams, Reverend Tom Bass, Mary Ellen Blankenship, Bill & Dee Boesen, Ryder Boles, Carolyn Carroll, Maxine Daniel, Family and Friends of Mary Ellen Davis, Shirley Edwards, Sue Waggoner-Flowers, Aaron Grobe, Emily Grobe, Lori Hawkins, Raydean Hendrix, Josephine Hueckel, Noreen Hyslop, Bonnie Logan, Elvena Martin, Betty & Bob Mayer, Winnie Morgan, Seth Mouser, Diana Orr, Angela Pope, Mae Pope (Mother of Debbie Wilson), JT Putnam, Nona Robinson, Betty Russell, Jim Russell, Scott Russell, Emmett Stearns, Marty Thompson, Jerry Thrower, Debbie Wilson, Boyce Wooley, Shawn Wright, Danielle Wunderlich, Bonnie Yersak's son, Tyler

To date Outreach has completed 26 baby bundles and 24 reading and writing packs and have a few more to do. Now we need to get started on our last pack for the year. It is family food boxes. There are a lot of families in our area needing help with food and this is one way we can help out. The items below are what is needed to make 1 pack. Our goal is 50 so lots of cans are necessary. Deadline is September 30, allowing us time to pack before the Sharefest on October 6. As always, we can do your shopping for you.  
 3 cans of vegetables—3 cans of fruit—3 cans of chicken—3 cans of tuna  
 1 can of pasta sauce—1 lb. of pasta—3 pkgs. Of mac and cheese  
 1 jar peanut butter

Here is the address for sending cards to Mike:  
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Deidre Thompson is in need of volunteers for Children's Church. Please contact her if you would be willing to help out a Sunday or two!

Dear First Christian Church,  
 The farewell send off Nancy, Tom and I received was an awesome experience never to be forgotten. You will always be my home church family and forever loved. I miss you and pray for you every single day. I have enjoyed seeing Mike's Facebook posts. Our fourth grandchild is arriving soon and I have just learned there will be a fifth one in the spring. Tony—3, Erica—2. God knew where I would be needed.  
 Much love to all of you, Lisa.

Mere words can not express our gratitude and appreciation for the moral support and comforting words expressed by all our church family to us these past, several years. We are most grateful to the Church for its beneficent bereavement dinner for the members of our family; and we will always remember the beautiful musical performances of Brandy Mouser and Eric Basham, and the most gracious and loving words expressed by Larry Thompson and Kenny Pope during Stewart's funeral.  
 Yours in Christ, Bob and Janice Barney



**SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH**  
 Jim & Amanda Smith  
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 A visit, card or phone call would mean so much.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>10</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>11</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>17</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>18</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 Zumba 7:00 Board Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>24</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group <i>Deadline for October Newsletter</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>1</b> 6:00 Zumba	<b>2</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>5:00 Kettle Beef Prep Night</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**Kettle Beef Dinner—Sunday, October 7**