

The Crosswalk

First Christian Church
2501 N Park Lane
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DEATH
(John 12:24)
By: Richard Rogers

“Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit.”

A grain of wheat in the process of dying is alluded to here. As applied to His own preparation for the cross, the reference is of solemn suggestion. As a grain of wheat must fall into the ground before it will die, so He had to condescend to come into the place of death before he could reap the fruits of resurrected life.

When Christ came into this world, He came to the place of death. His coming was the falling of the wheat into the ground, but except it die, it abideth alone.

A seed had lain in the hand of a mummy for 3,000 years and remained alone. When another had cast it into the earth, it died and bore fruit. The process of dying is the process of yielding up everything to those forces that are opposed to stationary barrenness. Just as the buried seed slowly surrenders its all, so is its new capacity created for fruitfulness.

The life of Jesus Christ, which ended in the shameful death of the cross, was like the life of the wheat-seed in the ground—there was no reserve, no keeping back, the treasures of His marvelous nature were wholly surrendered.

What was true of the Christ as “a grain of wheat” is also true of the Christian. Except he die—to the old self-life—he abideth alone. It is by being “always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus is made manifest in our mortal flesh.” (II Cor. 4:11)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ may we Die to Self and Live for Christ in all we say and do.

**In Him,
Mark**

WHY GO TO CHURCH: One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, “I’m not going.”

“Why not?” she asked.

“I’ll give you two good reasons,” he said. “1. They don’t like me, and 2. I don’t like them.”

His mother replied, “I’ll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church:

1. You’re 49 years old, and 2. you’re the pastor!”

CYNOSURE

Ninety-nine white sheep feeding in a meadow. Only one black sheep—dusky as a shadow. One hundred sheep all grazing in the sun. Every passerby says, “See the black one?”

-Maud E. Uschold-

November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 LBS 9:30 DINNER 6:00 PM CLASSES 7:00 PM	5 ADMIN MEETING 6:00 PM	6	7 GIF 8:30 AM
8 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	9	10	11 LBS 9:30 DINNER 6:00 PM CLASSES 7:00 PM	12 ELDERS 6:00 pm DEACONS 6:30 PM BOARD 7:00 PM	13	14
15 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	16	17	18 LBS 9:30 DINNER 6:00 PM CLASSES 7:00 PM	19	20	21 GIF 8:30AM
22 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	23	24	25 NO DINNER OR CLASSES	26 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 HANGING OF THE GREENS 6 PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	30					
						

Servers for August

November 01

Meditation: Rick Weinkauf
Servers: Brenda Gibson, *Iris Felix
 John Signorelli, Rebecca Cullen
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, Lloyd Colston/FHD
Nursery: Sarah Skiles, Wanda Jones
Lord's Supper Prep: Iris Felix

November 08

Meditation: Jerry Gibson
Servers: Brenda Risner, Ruth Carson
 Tara Coffman, *Wanda Jones
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Nursery: ? Rebecca Cullen
Lord's Supper Prep: Iris Felix

November 15

Meditation: Joe Price
Servers: Brenda Gibson, Iris Felix
 *John Signorelli, Rebecca Cullen
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Nursery: Kristi Jordan, Tara Coffman
Lord's Supper Prep: Iris Felix

November 22

Meditation: Doug Dalton
Servers: Brenda Risner, Ruth Carson
 Tara Coffman, *Wanda Jones
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, Jerry Gibson/FHD
Nursery: Brenda Gibson, Jane Clark
Lord's Supper Prep: Iris Felix

November 29

Meditation: Randall Coffman
Servers: Brenda Gibson, *Iris Felix
 *John Signorelli, Lloyd Colston
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, Lloyd Colston/FHD
Nursery: Kristi Jordan, Rebecca Cullen
Lord's Supper Prep: Iris Felix



Your Elders

Phil Carson, Randall Coffman, Doug Dalton,
 Gene Drechsler, Jerry Gibson, Jim Jones

Your Deacons

Tara Coffman, Joe Price, Brenda Risner
 Rick Weinkauf, Dan White

In Our Prayers

Lee Barnes - shoulder
 Charlotte McPherson
 Marcia Sharma - stomach cancer
 Jimmy King - heart surgery
 Michael Smith - open heart surgery
 Kaybree Mann - brain tumore
 Nita Walker - lupus
 Andrea Matthews - heart problems
 Charles Mawdy - PRAISE, cancer free
 Robert Ramer - liver transplant list
 Sam Smith - mass in esophagus
 Sherri Dirickson's dad - throat mass
 Tammie Crowder - nfection
 Sandy Farris - cancer
 Randy McKee - leukemia
 Arnold Goucher - cancer
 Herb Lacey - liver cancer
 Linda Crandal - leukemia
 Billie Vaughn - Jerry's cousin

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone that you still want on the list, please let us know and we will be glad to put them back on.

If you have a prayer need or know of any changes, please contact the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/01 Tyler Tidwell
 11/03 Chris & Jeanine Birtles
 11/11 Zoe Dirickson
 11/15 Elisabeth White



Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship Service 10:30 am

Wednesday Nights

Dinner 6:00 pm
 Classes for all ages 7:00 pm

Secretary's Report

October 2015

Average Attendance	63.25
Average Visitors	10.75
Total Average Attendance	74
Total Offerings	\$8,711.00

MEET OUR NEW MINISTER

(From his resume)

I am a Christian. I am many other things: a husband to a wonderful wife, a father to two amazing children, a pastor, a brother, and a friend. However, the most fundamental thing about me is who I am in Christ. I came to Christ at an early age, was raised in the church, and have been active in church service for most of my life. After high school I attended Ozark Christian College where I graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor's in Theology with a major in preaching.



BEN & KRISTEN PARTIN

The single most important thing you need to know about me is that I am a servant of Jesus Christ. I do not wish to brag about my accomplishments, they pale in comparison to what God can accomplish through any one of his servants. Rather, I would like to show what spiritual gifts God has blessed me with and how He, and His people have used me in the past. I feel blessed simply for God allowing me to take part in His work. My goal in ministry has never been to make a name for myself, but rather, to make a difference for His kingdom.

The skill that has proven the most rewarding in my experience is my ability to relate with a wide variety of people and age groups. I have



CARTER & RUTH

always had a variety of interests/experiences from sports to music, academic studies to manual labor. This has allowed me to connect and relate to very different types of people in very different situations.

I have almost 20 years experience serving in the church. There are few aspects of ministry that I have not experienced. While I am stronger in some areas than others, there are not many areas of ministry I have not experienced, participated in, and lead first hand.