Son Times

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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October 20, 2026



2026 IN-THANKSGIVING PROJECT!
Saturday, November 21
9:00 a.m.-Noon

The In-Thanksgiving project for this fall is the IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) GAP (God Always Provides) meal-packing event. Each meal feeds six and costs a quarter. We will be packing 15,000 meals, which will total $3,750.00. We'd like to have five lines again this year, so we need at least 50 volunteers to help pack the meals. A lunch bucket is set out in the sanctuary for monetary donations, and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south hall.

ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 8—12:00 p.m.

Turkey, ham, dressing, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Invite your friends and neighbors!!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 IS BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Worship & Nursery	89
Sunday School	35
Preschool Class	3
Youth SS Class	3
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	21
Chosen Ones	5

OFFERING: $3,153.00
Spendable 1,618.00
In-Thanksgiving 535.00
Memorials 1,000.00



Thank you for your prayers, calls and texts.
Your support means so much to me as I go through these hard times.

God Bless
BERNADINE ANDREWS

Thank you, everyone, for all the prayers, phone calls, texts and cards for my mom after her fall. All was greatly appreciated.

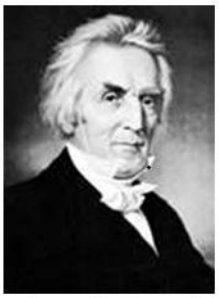
JOYCE RITTER

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Bernadine Andrews- prayers as she goes through a serious health journey
Curt Cannon- heart catheterization on Friday
Sydney Eisenmenger (Pete Eisenmenger's daughter)- had a CT scan; clot in her brain has gone down significantly
Sarah Hughes- dealing with a cold
Nancy Jackson- will be released from rehab on Wednesday; is very weak
Reenie Krause- in Carle Hospital; health issues
Linda Lake- has a tumor behind her eye
Edna Waldrop- back in Haven of Tuscola; still having pain



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS!
Beginning Sunday, November 1
11:45 a.m.
Be watching for more information!!


Alexander Campbell

History of the Restoration Movement


Barton W. Stone

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Join us and bring your friends.

Immediately
10/20/2026

A mom, reminding her 13-year-old son that it was his responsibility to take out the garbage, said, "The garbage can is full. Time to take it out." The boy ignored her and buried his face in his video game. The mom elevated her vocal volume and said, "IMMEDIATELY!" The son leaped from the couch and instantly made a beeline for the trash can.

The word, "immediate" is used over 50 times in the New Testament. Most of them are found in the gospels. Some examples are, when Jesus called James and John to be his disciples they left their fishing nets immediately. When Peter was sinking in the water after walking a few steps toward Jesus on the tossed sea, Jesus reached down immediately to catch his hand and pull him to safety. When Jesus healed the blind man, he received his sight immediately. When Jesus cursed the unproductive fig tree it withered immediately. When Jesus brought Jairus' daughter back to life she arose immediately.

The occasion of the word that prompted this article is found in Acts 16:33. Paul and Silas are in prison in Philippi. An earthquake shook the doors open, but no prisoner escaped. The jailer decided to kill himself, but Paul urged him to hold off on that plan. Instead, Paul preached the gospel to the jailer. Verse 33 says, *"At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then* ***immediately*** *he and all his household were baptized."*

This is the power of the gospel. It prompts people to immediate action. Satan wants us to wait rather than respond now. Waiting is used by Satan to give him time to work on our doubts and instigate fear, suspicion, even skepticism.

We know everything God does is good. So, when He calls you and you believe, then act immediately. Don't wait. Once we've heard the message the Holy Spirit is prompting our instantaneous response.

Mike



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Bob Thomas

OCTOBER 26, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Judi Lock (Front) Glenda Case (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob & Cindy Thomas

Nursery: Kate Shunk

Serving: M. Boyer, R. Mabry, S. Gordon, K. Elam

Mission of the Week:
ONE MISSION SOCIETY
Greenwood, Indiana
Sara Williamson, Missionary