

# THE SPENCER CHRISTIAN

Dan's Wonderfulness  
September, 2011

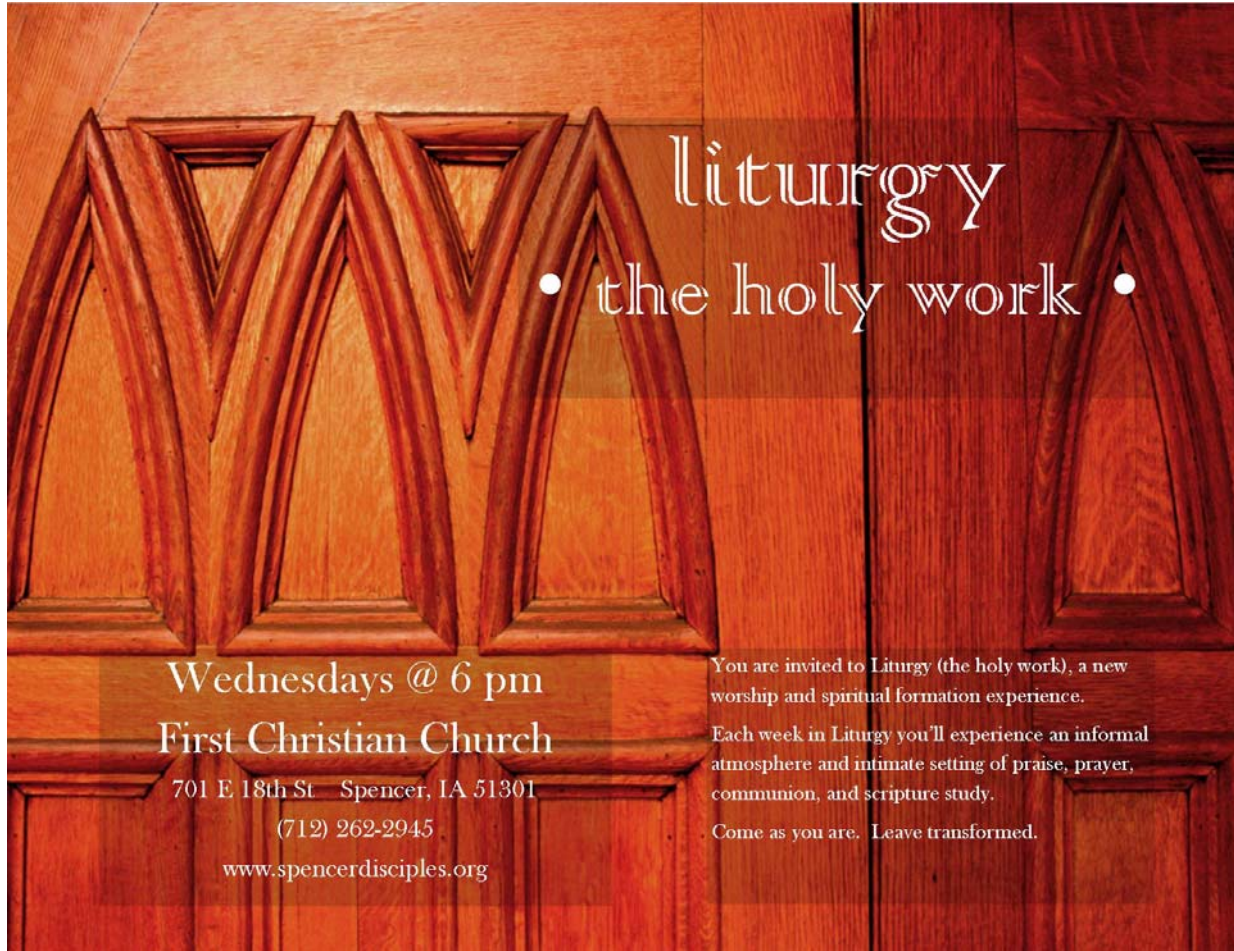
Are you a church hitchhiker? This is the question asked by R. Kent Hughes in his book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. He says:

*Church attendance is infected with a malaise of conditional loyalty which has produced an army of ecclesiastical hitchhikers. The hitchhiker's thumb says, "You buy the car, pay for repairs and upkeep and insurance, fill the car with gas — and I'll ride with you. But if you have an accident, you are on your own! And I'll probably sue." So it is with the credo of so many of today's church attenders: "You go to the meetings and serve on the boards and committees, you grapple with the issues and do the work of the church and pay the bills —and I'll come along for the ride. But if things do not suit me, I'll criticize and complain and probably bail out — my thumb is always out for a better ride."*

In the New Testament, coming to faith in Christ Jesus is inherently tied to becoming a part of the community of believers. Each person in the community worked for the common good and bore the responsibility of contributing significantly to the ministry and well-being of the church. To do otherwise was totally unthinkable. And it should still be unthinkable today!

So the question for us all to consider now is: Are you a church hitchhiker?

Are you along for the ride only as long as you like the way things are going? Or are you along for the ride wherever God leads? Are you willing to let others bear all the responsibility of the commitment, the work, and the leadership? Or are you willing to contribute as well? Are you quick to criticize, complain, or even bail out? Or are you ready to be a part of the solution for the long haul?



liturgy  
• the holy work •

Wednesdays @ 6 pm  
First Christian Church  
701 E 18th St Spencer, IA 51301  
(712) 262-2945  
[www.spencerdisciples.org](http://www.spencerdisciples.org)

You are invited to Liturgy (the holy work), a new worship and spiritual formation experience.

Each week in Liturgy you'll experience an informal atmosphere and intimate setting of praise, prayer, communion, and scripture study.

Come as you are. Leave transformed.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starting September 4<sup>th</sup> the Sunday Church Worship will return to 10:45 a.m. with Sunday school starting at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to Liturgy (the holy work), a new worship and spiritual formation experience. Each week you will experience an informal atmosphere and intimate setting of praise, prayer, and communion and scripture study. It will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Come as you are. Leave transformed.

## UPDATE ON THE STORAGE ROOM:

The roof has been replaced in the storage room. They also had to replace some bar joists that were broken and Styrofoam insulation that was saturated with water. There was more damage than anticipated, so the cost will be more. Please stay tuned for the final cost of the repair.

*Reading Aunt  
Louise's Will*

A Murder-Mystery Dinner Theatre

**Saturday, November 19**  
**6:30 pm**

**First Christian Church**  
(701 E 18<sup>th</sup> St, Spencer)

**\$12 per person**  
(includes dinner)



**Call (712) 262-2945 for reservations**

## THANK YOU

First Christian Church – Thank you to all who were so generous to provide food & bread for our local pantry. Through your efforts area families will continue to benefit by being provided with sound nutrition during some difficult and stressful times. I hope you recognize the impact you have had on families through your generous contributions. You've made the task at hand much less difficult and I truly appreciate all you have done for those less fortunate! Thank you for your continued support!

Anita Jorgensen, Clay County director, Upper Des Moines Opportunity

## ANGEL FOOD IN AUGUST

**Please note distribution date and time, Angel Food Ministries have changed some truck routes.**

Sat. September 10 Order 5-7 pm  
Order deadline for online Sept 18 @ 11PM

Sat. Sept 24 Distribution/Ordering  
9:00-10:30 am

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway for September. People helping with distribution will need to be at the church by 8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. is the time for the unloading of the truck. We do need help to make sure the distribution goes as smoothly as possible.

## COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

The Elders will be bringing communion to the homebound on September 11.

## BAPTISM, DISCIPLESHIP, & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Are always offered in both group and individual formats. If you are interested in being baptized, learning more about the

Christian faith or becoming a member of the congregation contact Pastor Dan at 712-270-0004 or [dan@spencerdisciples.org](mailto:dan@spencerdisciples.org).

## DIRECT DEPOSIT

We now have the capability for direct depositing your contribution. If interested please call Mary on Monday or Thursday's.

## SIGN UP

You will note on the serving schedule that there are opportunities for you to serve. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in the west hallway or give the office a call.

## CONGRATULATIONS

There will be a card bridal shower for Courtney Henningsen, the future bride of Brent Kimbell. Their wedding is September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please either bring your card and place in the special box located near the fireside room or mail it to the Kimbell residence at 707 5<sup>th</sup> St SW, Spencer.

We want to wish Brent and Courtney God's blessings on their upcoming wedding



**Saturday, October 1, 2011  
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
FALL BREAKFAST  
& BAKE SALE**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
701 East 18th St.**

**BREAKFAST**

(For a free-will offering)

**Omelets - Homemade rolls -  
Juice - Coffee - Tea**



Mark your calendars and plan to attend and bring friends

Sponsored by the Disciples Women  
Christian Women's Fellowship



## Happy Anniversary

Dawn & Ron	Feucht	2
Kris & Ryan	Windy	3
Michael & Emily	Groenewold	16

## September Birthdays

Shyral	Nelsen	2
Rodney	Anderson	6
Linda	Gray	9
Javin	Smith	9
Doris	Salton	10
Vivian	Anderson	12
Angie	Ollinger	14
Gary	Gaston	15
Ardythe	Harris	19
Taylor	Anderson	20
Jack	Schomaker	21
Johnnie	Steward	27

## KIDS FIRST

Kids First is a ministry of First Christian Church dedicated to helping meet the needs of infants and children in Spencer and the surrounding communities. Through FCC local outreach fund, donations, and help from local businesses, Kids 1<sup>st</sup> offers baby needs (diapers, wipes, diaper creams, baby wash/lotion, etc) for a reduced cost to families once a month. Everyone qualifies (Limit per family) to purchase diapers, wipes and other supplies. Prices are subject to change. The next date is **September 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. Proceeds and donations will go to replenish the baby items for the next month.

## Prayers and Concerns

**Prayers:** Jim Gelner, Amy Clark McCoy, Lanny DeYoung, Dorothy Veitch, Ken Hicks, Jack Easter, Denise Salton, John Gran, Linda Moore, Ron Klinsky, Andy Kimbell, Brent Kimbell, Tyson Zellaha, Roger Rigby, Open Source (New Church Start in Rochester, MN)

## September Lectionary Readings

Week of				
Sept 11	Exodus 14:19-31	Psalm 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sept 18	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
Sept 25	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78:1-4,12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Oct 2	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 9	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14

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When you or a family member is hospitalized, please let the church office know at 262-2945, so we can have the opportunity to minister to you. The hospital is not allowed to tell us of patient admissions.

**Office Hours:** Financial and Membership Secretary Mary Schomaker will be in the office on Monday's and Thursday's 7:30-4. However, those times may be somewhat flexible, so call first if you need to see her. Custodian's Hours Dana Galm's day off is Saturday. If you need him to do something, please call ahead of time. His hours are flexible, but if he is not at the church, you may leave a message for him with someone else or on the answering machine.



**Newsletter Deadline** will be the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month with the exception of some months due to the holidays October **deadline is September 26**. Send Article information to [news@spencerdisciples.org](mailto:news@spencerdisciples.org).

**Contact information:** Please tell the church office about any e-mail changes, additions and/or deletions. By having your current e-mail address, it will save the church money by reducing paper, printing and postage costs. Plus the addresses will only be used for church purposes. Thanks!

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Phones: Office, 262-2945; Pastor's Office, 262-1029; Cell, 270-0004

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First Christian Church...

...A community journeying together in faith, seeking God's will and being transformed into committed Disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a community journeying together in faith, we covenant to:

gather around Christ's table,  
listen to the Holy Spirit,  
seek God in prayer,  
compassionately and lovingly serve others,  
live out and share the gospel,  
turn our lives and our church over to the lordship of Christ Jesus.

## Serving Schedule/Signup

**September 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>September 4—Labor Sunday</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>September 25</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Connie Hollander Glen Petersen	Connie Hollander Glen Petersen	Connie Hollander Glen Petersen	Connie Hollander Glen Petersen
<b>Deacons</b>	Stan Nissen Gary Gaston Deane Anderson Crystal Long Shelby McCord	Stan Nissen Gary Gaston Deane Anderson Crystal Long Shelby McCord	Stan Nissen Gary Gaston Deane Anderson Crystal Long Shelby McCord	Stan Nissen Gary Gaston Deane Anderson Crystal Long Shelby McCord
<b>Deacon Preparer</b>	Margaret Anderson Marilyn Zellaha	Margaret Anderson Marilyn Zellaha	Margaret Anderson Marilyn Zellaha	Margaret Anderson Marilyn Zellaha
<b>Greeter</b>	Ken & Carolyn Hicks	Linda & Gary Gaston	Ardythe Harris	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Glen/Marcia Petersen	Bob Griffiths	Carolyn Hicks	Jo Ann De Young
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Glen/Marcia Petersen	Dan Mayes	Amy & Kelly Blume	Crystal Long
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>		Missy Lair		
<b>Children's Church</b>		Julie Kinsley	Sarah Frederick	Dawnetta Baethke
<b>Audio Tech</b>	Gary Gaston	Jerry Groenewold	Sean McCord	Dave Kimbell
<b>Video Tech</b>	Sean McCord	Sean McCord	Julie Kinsley	Brian Nash

Special Services this month:

None



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Nuevo/New!

**B10 - Oferta de Canasta Familiar**  
(The Discount Family Basket)

Las cantidades son limitadas. Asegúrese de que el suyo pedido, mientras duren las existencias!

Quantities are limited. Make sure to order yours today while supplies last!

- 4 lb. Cuartos de Perno de Pollo (**Chicken Leg Quarters**)
- 3 lb. Asado de Cerdo (**Pork Roast**)
- 3 (1 lb. pkgs.) Carne de Res Molida 80/20 (**80/20 Ground Beef**)
- 3 lb. Frijoles Pintos (**Pinto Beans**)
- 2 lb. Frijoles Negros (**Black Beans**)
- 3 lb. Arroz (**Rice**)
- 2 lb. Mezcla de Tres Vegetales-Zanahorias, Frijoles y Maíz (**3-way Vegetable Blend-Carrots, Beans & Corn**)
- 2 lb. Zanahorias Cortadas (**Sliced Carrots**)

\$35.00\*

**B4 - Golden Cuisine Convenience Meals**  
Great for seniors and people on the go!

- Mesquite Chicken
- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Boneless Pork Patty with BBQ sauce
- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Lemon Pepper Fish
- Beef Stew
- Macaroni & Beef
- Sweet & Sour Chicken
- Fiesta Chicken
- Omelet with Pork Sausage

\$29.00\*

Specific meal details can be found at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)

**B6 - Just 4 Me After School Box**

An assortment of child-friendly snacks.  
Great for after school or any time.

- 2 lb. Fully Cooked Chicken Tenders
- 3 (5.7 oz.) Fully Cooked Hamburgers
- 2 (8 oz. pkg.) Corn Dogs
- 24 oz. French Fries
- 2 (5 oz.) BBQ Sandwiches
- 2 (5 oz.) Chicken Biscuits
- 2 (5 oz.) Sausage Biscuits
- 4 (2.8 oz.) Peanut Butter & Jelly Jamwiches
- 4 (2 oz.) PBJ on Graham Wafers
- 2 (3 oz.) Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
- 4 (3.25 oz.) Chocolate Non-Fat Frozen Yogurt

\$25.00\*

**B8 - Just 4 Me After School Fruit and Veggie Box**

- 3 Red Apples
- 3 Green Apples
- 3 Pears
- 3 Oranges
- 1 Stalk, Sleeved Celery
- 1 lb. Mini Peeled Carrots
- 1 (6 pk.) Applesauce
- 1 (6 pk.) Raisins
- 8 oz. Trail Mix

\$17.00\*

**B1 - Bread of Life Signature Box**

Now with More Protein and More Veggies!

- 1.5 lb. Stuffed Chicken Breast Cordon Bleu – Filled with Cheese and Ham (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. (avg.) Boneless Pork Roast, Netted with Pop-Up Timer
- 1.5 lb. Turkey Burgers (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. (avg.) Perdue Tray Pack Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
- 2 lb. Lasagna with Meat Sauce
- 1 lb. Redwood Smoked Sausage
- 1 lb. 80/20 Lean Ground Beef
- 1 lb. Ground Chicken
- 1 lb. Ground Turkey
- 24 oz. Crispy Thin Cut Fries
- 1 lb. Shoepeg White Corn
- 1 lb. Julienne Carrots
- 1 lb. Sugar Snap Peas
- 1 lb. Cut Green Beans
- 1 lb. Butternut Squash
- 1 lb. 3-Way Veggie Blend
- 1 lb. Mixed Cut Yellow Wax Beans

\$35.00\*

**B2 - Bit O' Blessing Box**

Temporarily Suspended  
Watch for our Online Special!

**B5 - Allergen Free Food Box**

Temporarily Discontinued - Watch for our new and improved Allergen Free Box Coming Soon!

**SHELF STABLE BOXES - GREAT FOR RESTOCKING YOUR PANTRY, YOUR COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND DISASTER RELIEF**

**B7 - Just 4 Me No Child Goes Without**

"Blessing America's Children, one Box at a Time"

- 2 (5 oz.) Canned Chicken
- 1 (7.5 oz.) Beans & Wieners
- 1 (7.5 oz.) Cheezy Mac 'N Cheese
- 1 (7.5 oz.) Mini Beef Ravioli
- 1 (7.5 oz.) Spaghetti and Mini Meatballs
- 1 (7.5 oz.) Cheezy Mac 'N Franks
- 1 (7.5 oz.) Noodle Rings & Chicken
- 7 (1 oz.) Cereal Bowls
- 12 oz. Peanut Butter
- 19 oz. Grape Jelly
- 24 oz. Applesauce (6 x 4 oz.)
- 16 oz. Fruit Cups (4 x 4 oz.)
- 6 (1.38 oz.) Fruit & Grain Bars
- 3 (.85 oz.) Crispy Rice Bars
- 32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk

\$25.00\*

**NEW! B9 - Shelf Stable Pantry Box**

- 10 oz. Canned Chicken (2 x 5 oz.)
- 28 oz. Canned Tomatoes
- 12 oz. Peanut Butter
- 19 oz. Grape Jelly
- 2 lb. Pasta (2 x 1 lb.)
- 1 lb. Rice
- 1 lb. Dry Beans
- 16 oz. Pancake Mix
- 14 oz. Blueberry Muffin Mix
- 6 oz. Breakfast Cereal
- 64 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk (2 x 32 oz.)

**B3 - Bountiful Blessing Box**

Now with More Protein and More Veggies!

- 1.5 lb. Stuffed Chicken Breast Cordon Bleu – Filled with Cheese and Ham (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. (avg.) Boneless Pork Roast, Netted with Pop-Up Timer
- 1.5 lb. Turkey Burgers (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. (avg.) Perdue Tray Pack Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
- 2 lb. Gourmet Dining Chicken Fried Rice Stir Fry Meal
- 1 lb. Seasoned Chicken Kabobs (4 x 4 oz.)
- 2 lb. Lasagna with Meat Sauce
- 1 lb. Redwood Smoked Sausage
- 1 lb. 80/20 Lean Ground Beef
- 1 lb. Ground Chicken
- 1 lb. Ground Turkey
- 1 lb. Sliced Bacon
- 1 lb. Winter Blend (Broccoli & Cauliflower)
- 1 lb. Brussels Sprouts
- 24 oz. Crispy Thin Cut Fries
- 1 lb. Shoepeg White Corn
- 1 lb. Julienne Carrots
- 1 lb. Sugar Snap Peas
- 1 lb. Cut Green Beans
- 1 lb. Butternut Squash
- 1 lb. 3-Way Veggie Blend
- 1 lb. Mixed Cut Yellow Wax Beans
- 12 oz. Gourmet Brownies (4 x 3 oz.)

\$46.00\*

**S1 - SEPTEMBER SPECIAL #1 \$33.00\***

- 5 lb. Steak Special
- 3 lb. T-Bone Steaks (4 x 12 oz.)
- 2 lb. Sirloin Steaks (4 x 8 oz.)

**S2 - SEPTEMBER SPECIAL #2 \$26.00\***

- 6 lb. Chicken Breast Special
- 2 lb. Honey Mustard Flavored Chicken Breasts (8 x 4 oz.)
- 2 lb. Italian Flavored Chicken Breasts (8 x 4 oz.)
- 2 lb. Chicken Breast Fajita Strips (2 x 1 lb.)

**S3 - SEPTEMBER SPECIAL #3 \$24.00\***

**Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box**

- 2 ct. Romaine Hearts
- 4 Baking Potatoes
- 2 lb. Bag, Yellow Onions
- 1 lb. Carrots
- 1 Head, Green Cabbage
- 1 Stalk, Sleeved Celery
- 2 lb. Bag, Apples
- 1 Golden Ripe Pineapple
- 1 Cantaloupe
- 3 lb. Bag, Oranges
- 1 lb. Bag, Kiwi Fruit
- 1 (6 pk.) Raisin

\*all prices are plus sales tax where applicable.

Please see our website for more limited quantity specials

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**Orders Due/Distribution Day:**

Ordering Times: August 27 from 9:00am – 10:30pm, Saturday, Sept 10 from 5:00pm – 7pm,

Order Online 24 hrs/day until 11 pm Sept 18

Distribution Time: Sat Sept 24, 9:00am – 10:30am

For more information Call – (712) 262-2945

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**RECIPIENT NAME**  
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**ADDRESS 2**  
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