

Serving Today

Greeters this week: Garrett and Lindsey Jackson

Greeters next week: Richard and Kathleen

Announcements & Opening Prayer:
Randy Jackson

Sunday AM Song Leader: Brandon Jackson

Sunday PM Song Leader: Garrett Jackson

Lead Communion: Gary Carter

Assist: Brandon Thompson

Assist: Chris Smith

Assist: Allen Hedge

Scripture Reading: Jerry Johnson

Bringing the Message: Aaron Baker

Sunday AM Closing Prayer: Mike Thompson

Sunday PM Closing Prayer: Richard Carroz

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer: Randy Jackson

Song Leader: Rod Jackson

Devotional Thought:

Richard Carroz

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Welcome to the Lord's church which meets in Foristell, Missouri - Continuing the pattern of the 1st century church (2 Timothy 1:13).

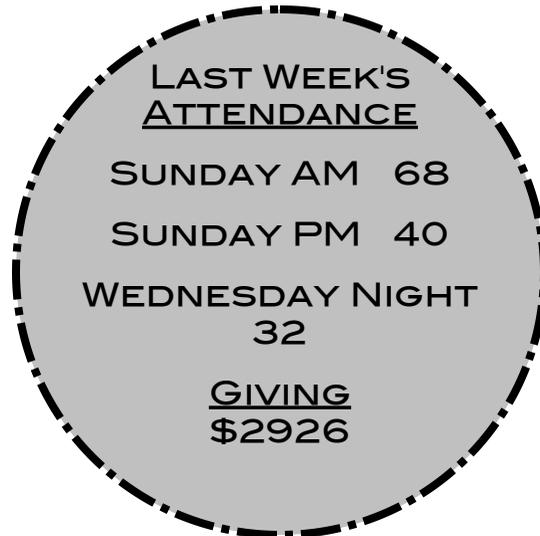


THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT FORISTELL

February Anniversaries

15
RICHARD
& KATHLEEN
CARROZ
(51 YEARS)

18
RANDY
& SHERRA
JACKSON
(20 YEARS)



Assembling Together

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00am

Sunday AM Worship 10:00am

Sunday PM Worship 1:00pm

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00pm

February Birthdays

4 JIM
CUNNINGHAM

13 JERRY
JOHNSON

28 MAC
MILAM



What is a "Coptic Christian"?

By: Aaron Baker

The word "coptic" means, "native Egyptian". As this past week we heard news reports of 21 "Coptic Christians" being beheaded, let's dive into some history to help understand the situation:

First, a "Coptic Christian" describes a person who is part of the Catholic church, and a native of Egypt. In reality, when the news reports about Coptic Christians, what they are really describing are Catholics who are natives of Egypt.

Second, from the time John the Baptist was beheaded (Mt 14) God's people suffered persecution for almost 300 solid years. These persecutions, and yes, even beheadings (Rev 20:4) of Christians were brutal, ruthless and terrible. The Roman government finally issued the edict of Milan in 313 AD which stopped persecution against Christians and ushered in brief peace.

Third, around the year 606 AD the Catholic church formed and was centered in Rome. In 1054 AD the Catholic church split over the worshipping of images, or "icons". This split was called the "iconoclastic controversy" and saw those favoring the use of the image side with Rome (Western Europe), and those against its use side with those from Constantinople (Eastern Europe). The Coptic (Catholic) Christians sided with the Eastern church and "Orthodoxy" and were denied any military help from Rome as the Barbarians and Muslims streamed into North Africa in the middle ages. In 1453 AD the city of Constantinople fell to the Muslim Turks and

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the Coptics in Egypt were left to "fend for themselves". Today, only about 10% of Egypt claim to be "Christians", while the majority in Egypt are Muslims.

Although we are not "Coptic Christians", but New Testament Christians - What we can learn?

Christians will be persecuted (2 Tim 3:12). It is a reality which has been repeated throughout history, after all, there is nothing new under the sun (Ecc 1:9). If you live for Christ, prepare for it! Are you ready?



Men's Prayer Breakfast

is every Friday morning at 6:30am at Bob Evan's in Wentzville.

Women's Bible Study Group

is on Monday nights at 7:00 at the building.

20's and 30's Night

will be held THIS COMING Friday,

February 27th at 7:00pm at Ben and Kayla Leibner's house. Bring finger foods, drinks, desserts and your Bible.

Ladies Retreat

We had a wonderful 10th Anniversary of our Ladies Retreat! Thank you to everyone who took part in putting it together and making it a most special year. We look forward to future retreats!

Pillow Day

Ladies, our next Pillow Day will be Sunday, March 15th. Make plans to join us in making pillows for the kids at St. Luke's Urgent Care.

We welcome Dawn Graham to the Foristell Family!
We are glad to have you, Dawn!
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Kat Jackson

will be having surgery on Wednesday this week. Keep her in your prayers for her surgery and recovery. Cards can be sent to her at:

Tracy Ehlmann

had surgery on the rotator cuff in her shoulder. She is still having a lot of pain and recovery will be slow so keep her in your prayers. She is staying with Allen and Sharon for a couple of weeks. Cards can be sent to their address:

Kim Vogelsang

is on complete bedrest at this time due to 4 blood clots in her extremities. She would appreciate calls and cards. Her address is:

Tom Van Hook (Bruce Van Hook's father)

Please keep him in your prayers as he undergoes 44 radiation treatments for prostate cancer. Cards can be sent to him at:

Dot Ringling (Butch Ringling's mother) is on hospice care now with cancer and has only one lung functioning at this time. She is not doing well and could use our prayers.

Erik

One of our patients at the Chiropractic office recently found out that her three-year-old son, Erik, has Angelman Syndrome. It is a disease that affects both the physical and mental growth process of a child. Please keep this family in your prayers as they cope with this news.

---In Our Daily Prayers---

- Jason and Kim Vogelsang (health)
- Sandie Owens (personal problems)
- Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers)
- Carl Wright (health)
- Ashton Balyeat (kidney transplant)
- Dustin Holst (personal problems)
- Penny Leibner (health)
- Tracy Ehlmann (health)
- Expectant Mothers: Kayla Leibner and Christina Romo
- Christians in Honduras and Vanuatu
- Shirley Hayes (very poor health)
- Jimmy Colvett (passing of Janet)
- Virginia Johnson (terminal cancer)
- Trice Caughron (Christina Romo's brother - deployed)
- Brice Thompson (Air Force)
- Judy Wicker (back surgery)

"That which has been is what will be. That which is done is what will be done. And there is nothing new under the sun."
- Ecclesiastes 1:9