

First Christian Church Onawa  
722 15th Street  
Onawa, IA 51040





# A Brief History of First Christian Church

First Christian Church was organized and started as a Bible study in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham in Ashton Township. As the size of the meetings grew, they were moved to the home of B. C. Holbrook in Onawa. God continued to bless this group and in 1897 a contract was signed for the construction of a new church building on 10th and Diamond. The building was dedicated on Sunday, January 8, 1898. The congregation was informed at the dedication that the new building was totally paid for and that the congregation was free from any debt. (The total construction cost was around \$7,000.00).

As the years passed, the congregation continued to grow. It became evident that the building was not able to meet the needs of the current congregation. In 1966, land was purchased from the McElroy family and a new building was erected. In March, 1967, old and new came together as the congregation held its first worship service in the new structure on 15th Street.

As we remember our history, we look back and we give thanks for the sacrifices that so many people have made for the cause of Christ and for the growth of His Kingdom. But we also look forward as we commit ourselves to the same purpose and the same mission as the saints who have gone on before us.

Our mission is to L.I.G.H.T. the way to life. We are striving to Love God and to love others; to Include Saints in meaningful fellowship; to Grow in maturity as Christ followers; to Help those who are helpless and in need, all giving us an opportunity to tell about the good news of Jesus and about the redeeming work of his precious blood. Let us continue the work!



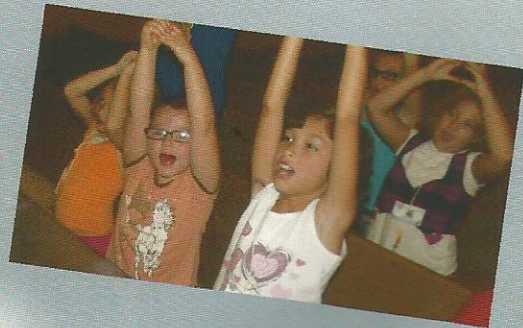
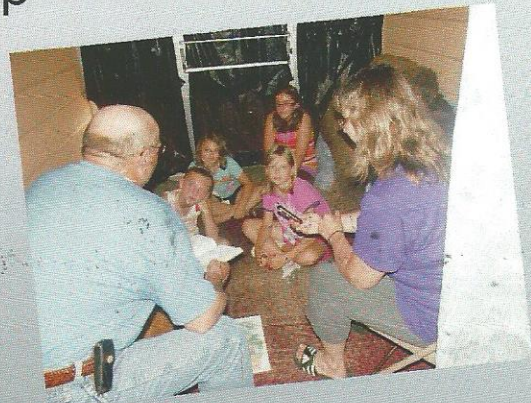


# Loving God in Lifelong Worship

When asked, "Which is the Greatest Command?" Jesus replied....

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

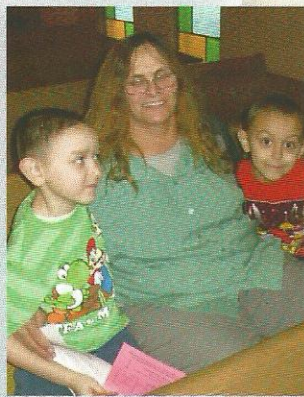
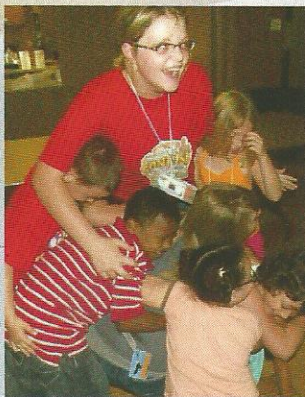
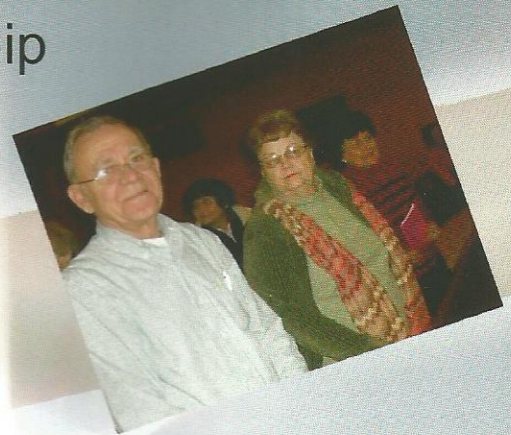
We are committed to developing lifelong worshipers...



## Including Saints in Biblical Fellowship



In Jesus, there is a common bond through the Holy Spirit. We become part of the blood family of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In fellowship we are all about "One Anothering."



- \* Loving One Another
- \* Helping One Another
- \* Encouraging One Another
- \* Serving One Another
- \* Forgiving One Another
- \* Passing on our Christ Like Heritage to a generation younger than ourselves



## Growing In Maturity Through Service



## Helping Others In Need

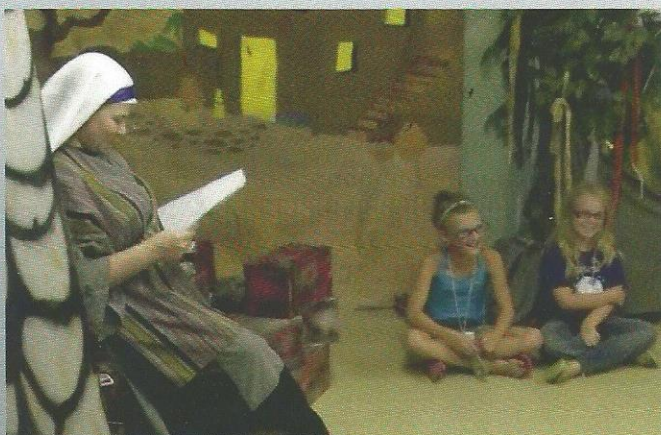


We don't simply want to "come to church." We are striving to "be the church."

Through short term mission trips, youth care community projects, our annual Thanksgiving meal to benefit the local food pantry, our winter warmth for kids program, and our adopt a family Christmas tree, we are reaching out into our community to help those who are in need.



# Telling the Good News of Jesus



Each of our lives is a journey. In that journey, we all have a story we can share. As followers of Jesus, our story involves Jesus.

The story of Jesus is good news. It's a story we can't help but tell. In Jesus, we have forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life. Sin was defeated when Jesus paid the price on the cross. For those who believe, our Lord guaranteed eternal life with the Father when he arose after three days in the grave. Jesus now sits at God's right hand and he speaks on our behalf. And one day, He will return. Creation will be restored. Sin will be completely vanquished. Everything will be made new.

In a world that is lost and hurting because of sin, we ask the same question as the Apostle Paul.

How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)

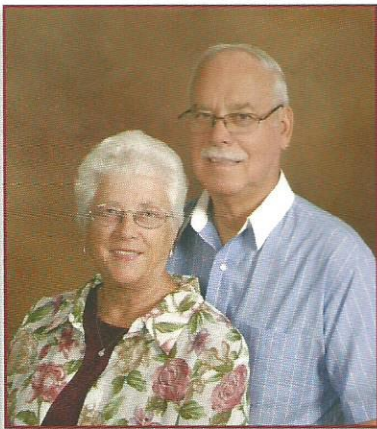




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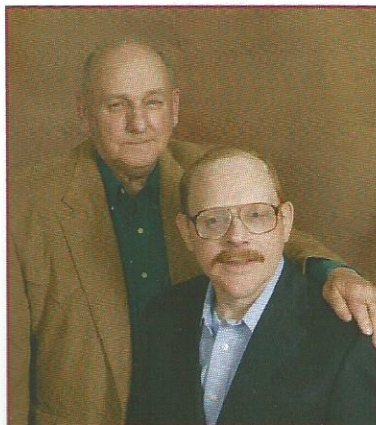
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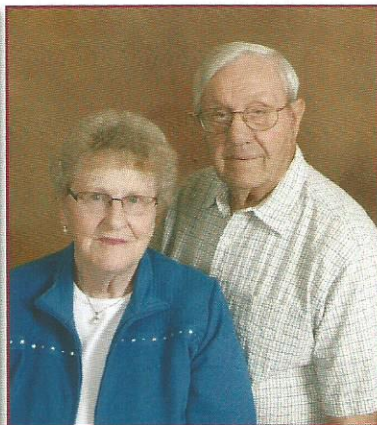
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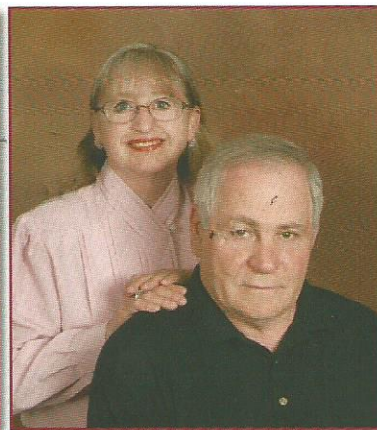
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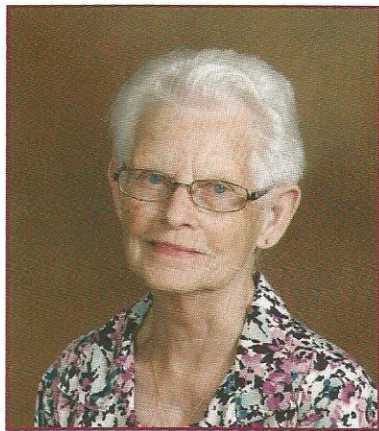


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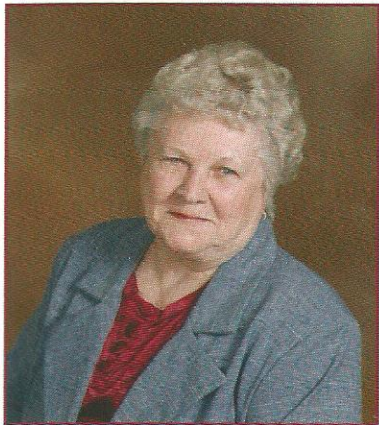
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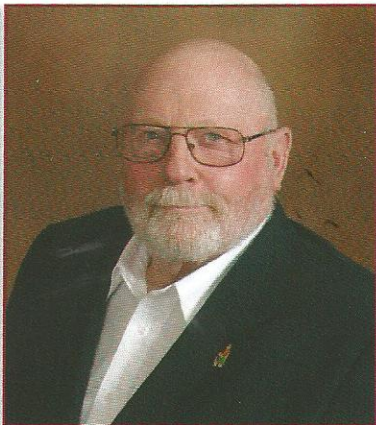
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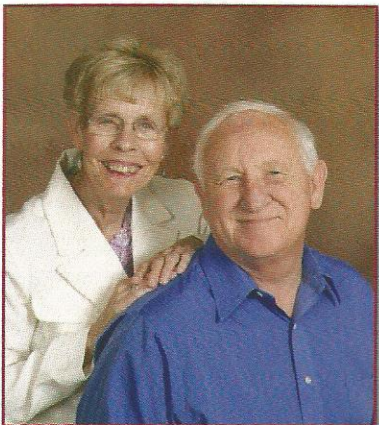
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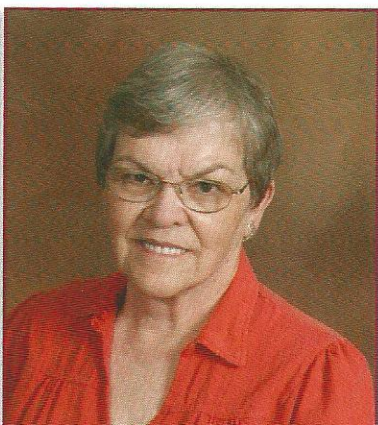
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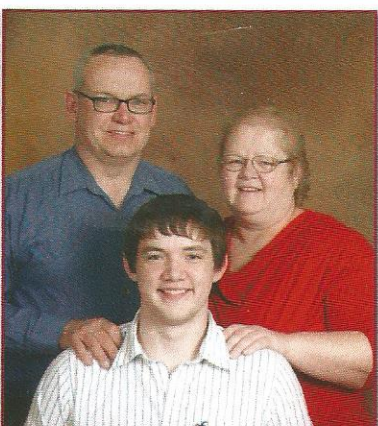
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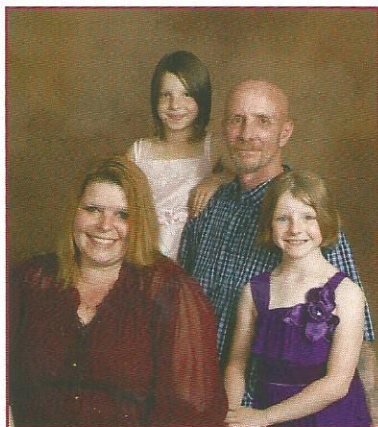


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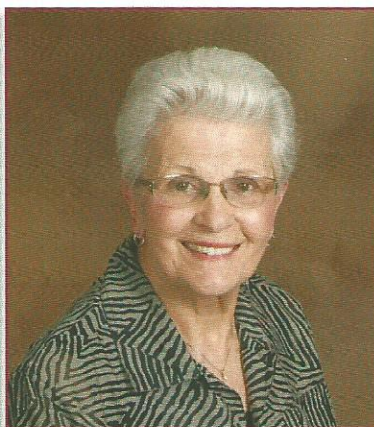
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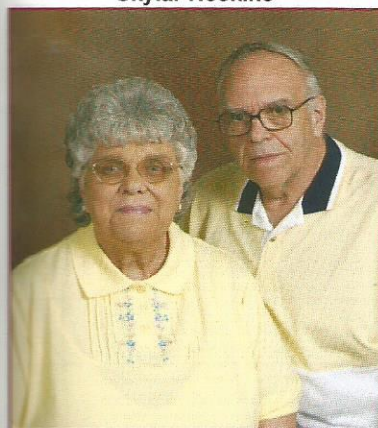
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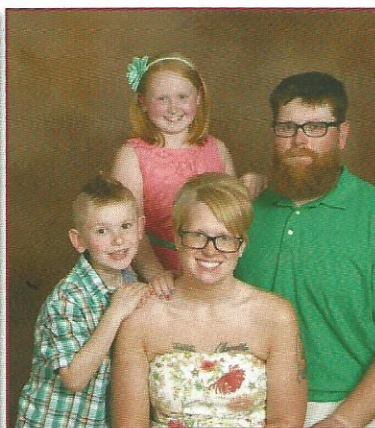
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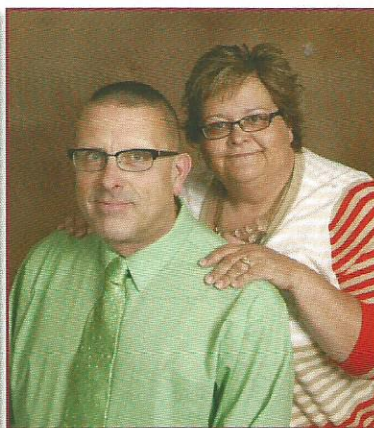
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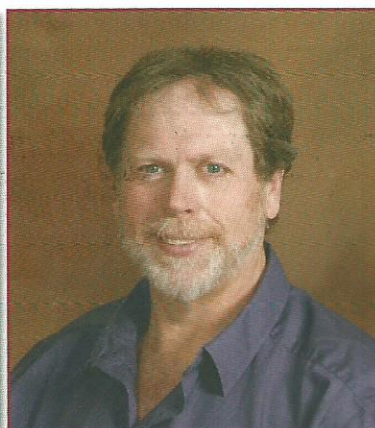
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