

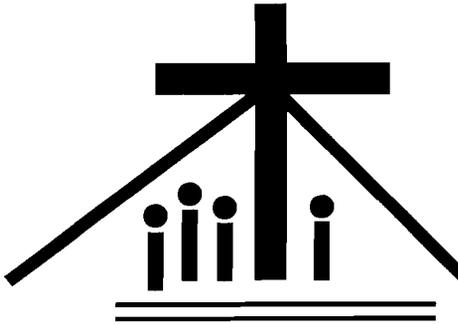
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JON FORREST - SR. MINISTER · JOSH MCVEY - ASSOC. MINISTER



To: The Honorable Philip Coyle
 BRAC Commission
 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
 Arlington, VA 22202

June 9, 2005

Dear Mr. Coyle:

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The church family I serve loves the base and its personnel and dependents. We strive to minister to the needs of these heroes and heroines to the best of our ability. A number of base personnel attend our church and several of our members work on base as civil service workers. The closing of the base will leave a horrific dent in the ministry and financial picture of First Christian Church.

As a patriotic American citizen, I believe that because of the benefits of Cannon to the defense of our nation, the support of our brave troops fighting in foreign countries, and to the general security of the homeland, we truly need this base. The existence of two newly re-constructed, state of the art runways (the fact of the existence of a second runway left off of the report given you by the committee making this closure recommendation), the significant reality of wide-open airspace, almost completely untouched by commercial flight, the proximity to our southern border, the 15 minute flight time to the Melrose Bombing Range, the soon to be available supersonic airspace travel, and the fact that this is one of the top, award winning, bases in the U.S. demonstrates that this base is not only valuable, but is invaluable to our National Security.

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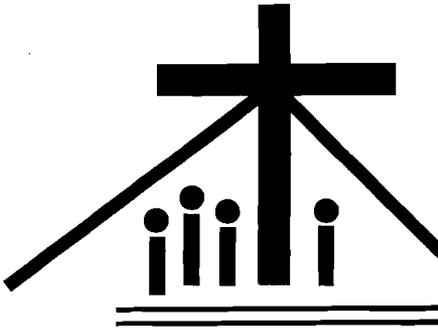
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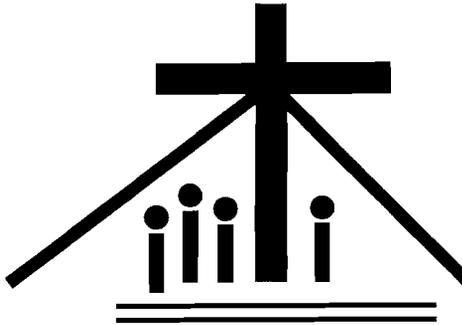
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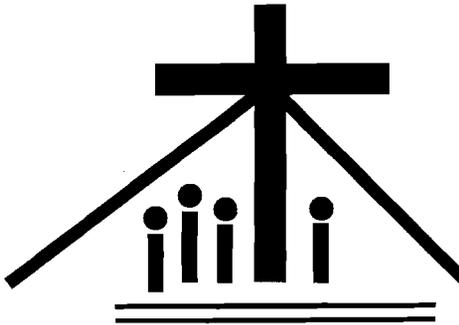
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