

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

May 10, 2017

WHAT'S NEXT & WHAT'S NOW

We never know what will happen in the days to come that will affect us or change our lives. Oh, we know some of the big things that re coming and will happen, but not necessarily when or how.

On the other hand, we may know about a vacation or a wedding or a reunion that is on the calendar. We may even know about an upcoming visit, even if we do not know exactly when.

We are in such a situation now as FCC.

WHAT'S NEXT?

A Youth and Family Minister to work with our children, youth, and families. We believe it's right and needed. We think we can afford it. We trust God will connect us to the right one. We've put the word out; we've put our search together; we have paperwork ready to go. So -

WHAT'S NOW?

Prayer. We need to give God our prayers to use - as the committee, as Elders, as Prayer Chain, as parents, as FCC - your own, as well as

“Dear God, we thank You for the young people in our church and in the community. We want to care and teach and include them in ministry, so we seek a pastor to do that. Guide the committee in the process; bless the individual You are preparing; connect us, so we can then work together to serve You and love Your people. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.”

(You can cut this out and pray it regularly.)

We don't know when or how, but that is what's NEXT and NOW.

MCD



Mother's Day



This coming Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day, when we'll celebrate, honor, and remember our moms. All women will receive a special gift. Bring your mom - or mom's, bring your family to worship at 8:00 or 10:00 AM!



LAST CHANCE to register for church camp is THIS FRIDAY, May 12, no later than NOON! Forms must be complete - with ALL SIGNATURES (camper and parent) - and payment turned in for them to be accepted by CCIW. CCIW will not accept any late registrations! (*The form says May 13, but that is Saturday and the office is closed on that day.*) The church will pay half the “early-bird fee” for members (not the additional \$25 fee), so check your cost on the information sheet in the hallway. Checks should be made out to First Christian Church. Camp fee assistance is available, if needed, see Rev. Dixon.



Our sympathies go to the family & friends of member, Joe Barkley, in his passing this week. A service will be held on Thursday.

Hospitalized: Gloria Magers, Paris

Additional sympathies are extended to Elisabeth Johnson & family in the recent loss of her uncle.

Congratulations to all those who were involved in Mayfete at PHS!



- All who were part of the National Day of Prayer last week;
- The women who worked last Saturday as part of the workshop;
- Pete Templeton for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Tammy Terry for the Children's Sermon;
- Worship Committee & volunteers for the "earth" décor;
- Berniece Hayes for the memorial flowers;
- Peg Dixon & the Christian Educ. Committee for the S.S. Appreciation Dinner;
- Nels Kasey for devotions at our May Board meeting.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST
Accept God's friend request.



MAY PRAYER

"Lord, please help us to love one another as Jesus loved us all. We pray that Your light may shine through us and brighten the world for those around us. Amen."

LUNCH ON THE LAWN - BRIDGES

Our "Lunch On the Lawn" with Bridges, is this Friday, May 12, at 11:00 AM. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help and bring food items. Still needed are: table hosts and servers, puppy chow and caramel corn.

HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY BOOKS

Each year we provide a memory book to our active FCC high school graduates. We will have those out and available next Sunday for you to sign or write in a little note.

"SPLINTERS" FROM THE BOARD

At its May meeting, the Executive Board:

- ◆ gathered around Proverbs 22:6 and I Corinthians 13:11 about children, as well as our directories with family, youth, children pictured;
- ◆ offered continuing prayers for our Search Committee and future Youth Pastor;
- ◆ heard a good financial report with good balances;
- ◆ received thanks for the over-the-goal Easter Offering!
- ◆ was told that the Frazier interest money for outreach had been received \$5,787.68;
- ◆ and approved the recommendations from Disciples Outreach & Community Outreach for its usage;
- ◆ accepted the appointment of the Youth Pastor Search Committee: Monty Raley, Chair; Montana Boatman; Nels Kasey; Troy Sanders; Daniel Smittkamp; Angel Templeton; Brooklyn Ward; Kim Woods, along with Ron Stickler, Board Chair & Rev. Mike Dixon;
- ◆ voted to approve the revised Youth Minister Job Description;
- ◆ heard building plans and future projects from the Trustees;
- ◆ noted the upcoming Women's Banquet and ticket availability.

FYI - BUILDING

Some of you know that we have had a leak on the south side of the tower. The rain last week caused part of the ceiling to fall in the entry. The Trustees are working on getting it repaired.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will not meet this week, but will resume on May 23 for the study of Ruth.

A SEASON OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our "Spiritual Growth" promotion continues for the next few weeks. Feel free to use the weekly outline provided in the bulletin insert, or go online to the blog at:

<http://fccparis.org/spiritual-growth-week-3/>
Continue on each week to make it a habit!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Memorials Committee will meet this Thursday, May 11, at 1:30 PM.
- Youth Pastor Search Committee will meet on Monday, May 22, 5:30 PM

CIRCLES IN MAY

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meets Tuesday, May 16, at 1:30 PM at the home of Shirley Yeargin. Lesson will be by Dorothy Farnham.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, May 18, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. Pam Lobb will be the hostess with Coralie Smittkamp bringing the lesson.

CIRCLE LEADERS Pick up tickets for the Women's Banquet in the CWF Box to sell Sunday and at your Circle meeting.

WOMEN'S BANQUET

The Women's Banquet will be held on Thursday, June 1, at 6:00 PM. Jeanette Levellie will bring the program on, "How Humor Helps: Adding More Laughter to Our Lives." Tickets are available (\$8 women, \$4 girls 10 and under) from Circle Leaders or in the office. Bring your family and friends!

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MEN: We need your help with cooking, serving and cleanup. A sign up sheet is in the hallway.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Starting this Mother's Day and going through Father's Day we will have baby bottles at the entryways for you use to collect your change/donations for the Choices Pregnancy & Health.

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP REPORT

At the workshop, 2,526 used stamps, 677 Box Tops for Education, 175 labels, 7 lbs. of pop tabs, 6 pairs of eyeglasses and 4 cell phones were prepared for distribution. Thank you to all those who donated items and to those women who helped. A quorum was not present, so no official meeting was held, so be thinking of names of new officers.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Community Kitchen is Monday, May 15. Volunteers are appreciated - sign up!

RELAY FOR LIFE - UPCOMING

June 9 & 10 the FCC Relay For Life team is planning their annual yard sale. Be cleaning out your closets and garages for items to donate. Items can be brought in the week before.

HELP NEEDED

We need some volunteers to help fill the worship candles each week. See Peggy Barath.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group & Crossroads will continue to meet on Wednesday at 6:00 PM. On May 17 we will go to the DQ in Marshall. Stay tuned for details on our end-of-year trip coming up June 5-6 to the Creation Museum in Cincinnati!

GOD'S GANG

God's Gang has finished for this semester. A special thank you to all the adults who helped make this semester possible!

MICE

CHANGE in schedule: the MICE group will meet at the Paris bowling alley on Saturday, May 20, from 1:00-3:00 PM.

FCC GRADUATES

Please let us know the name of your 8th grade, high school, and college graduates so we can include everyone! Thank you!

DISCIPLE MEN

The Disciples Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 AM at McDonald's and then go to Pool's at 8:00 AM to start highway clean-up. Volunteers welcome! Sign-up to help!

SUMMER'S A'COMIN'

School will soon be out, schedules will change, and Sunday School classes are preparing for something different! From June 11-25, all classes will assemble in the Fellowship Hall for an All-Age -Inclusive study and interaction. Each week will be a different topic and will be facilitated by different teachers. Classes "on deck" are "The Bible Cure," "Music in the Bible," and "The Armor of God." (More are still in the planning stage.) But wait...there's more! Starting July 2 and continuing through August 6, attenders will decide which of the 6-week video classes to attend. Options are: "Half-Truths," "Surprised by Hope," and "If You Want to Walk On Water, You Gotta Get Out of the Boat." We'll end up the summer with 3 more All-inclusive classes in the Fellowship Hall. The Christian Education Committee hopes everyone will take advantage of these opportunities to get better acquainted with others in the congregation, as well as expand each person's Biblical wisdom and insight into the Kingdom of God! Let's plan to meet Sunday mornings from 9-9:50 AM whenever you're in town. We'll see you there!



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COME WORSHIP WITH US

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM ~ WORSHIP 10:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT First Christian Church's mission is to grow disciples who are:

"Believing in Christ,

Behaving as Christ,

Becoming like Christ"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ATTENDANCE

We count because you count!

May 7: 8:00 - 65 10:00 - 109 Nursery - 4

TOTAL WORSHIP = 174

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 6, New Disciples - 8, Open Door - 23, New Horizons - 10

TOTAL SS = 50

OFFERING TOTALS

May 7, 2017

General Fund	\$4,850.50
Sunday School	16.00
Food Pantry	138.00
Lunch On the Lawn	25.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	430.00
Pentecost Offering	10.00
Building Fund	485.00
Church Bus Fund	42.00
Permanent Fund	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$7,496.50

SERVING SCHEDULE: May 14, 2017 "Mother's Day"

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dennis Thiel

DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman

PIANIST: Peg Dixon

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Ken Dennison

West: Chris & Candi Milam

ACOLYTES: Kyle Tapscott, Jasmine Littlejohn

WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasy

BREAD ELDER: Steve Webb

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

DEACONS: Men Deacons

JR DEACONS: Male Jr. Deacons

CHILDREN'S SERMON: David Dick

NURSERY HELPERS: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Erica Garver

MAY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Katie Vaughn

MAY USHERS: Randy Creech, Jerry Thomas,

Dan Thomey

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Brooklyn Ward

SCRIPTURES: Esther 1:17, 4:11-14, 7:1-6, 9:20-22

SERMON: "Women Of Faith - Esther And You"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

