

# THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

May 17, 2017

## THANK YOU

I just need to share one simple message at this time. It's nothing unique or profound, but it is heartfelt. It is universal, but here and now it is very personal. And it comes from recent experience.

Last week I was out of town for a couple of days of learning. It meant we had to change some scheduling, so I

Thank You.

Then on Thursday night a cold “caught” me and laid me low. I was barely able to get the basics done. Fortunately we had a crew who knew what to do and had the “Lunch On the Lawn” already set up when I crawled in at the last minute, so I

Thank You.

Then, because my dad was not able to come here, I went up there - and helped get him in the hospital with pneumonia. So because I might be a little distracted, I

Thank You.

I never want our ministry to be about me. (And I'm a little embarrassed to write this.) But the reality is that it's about you who set up things, adjust schedules, check up and report on others, share what's coming and make it happen. So to you for all that and more -

Thank You,  
and, of course,  
Thank You, God!

*MCD*



## MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Sunday, May 28, will be Memorial Sunday when we remember those who have passed away since June of last year. All families of deceased loved ones are invited to join us and will be given a ribbon, candle and flower that can be picked up after the 10:00 AM service. The service will also include special music from “The Joyful Ringers.”



## *Indoor - Outdoor Sunday*

June 4 is our annual Indoor/Outdoor Sunday. We will have our regular service at 8:00 AM in the sanctuary. Sunday School will be dismissed to set up at the park. Our 10:00 AM service will be held at the East Lake pavilion. This Sunday also falls on Pentecost - so wear red! It's an eventful service that includes our recognition of FCC graduates and scholarship recipients. Following the outdoor service, we'll have a carry-in picnic. Meat and drinks are provided, so bring a side dish to share, table service, and a lawn chair if you wish.



Our sympathies go to Susan King & family in the loss of her "sis" last week.

Home from the Hospital: Gloria Magers  
Brenda Buckley

Congratulations to all graduates this week - and this spring!



- Those who helped us remember & celebrate Joe Barkley last week;
- Ellen Webb & all the crew who helped cook, set up, serve, clean up, and love others at LOL last week;
- Peg Dixon for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- David Dick for Children's Sermon;
- Worship Committee for the gifts to all women & mothers;
- Peggy Barath for the flowers in worship.

**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

For every Goliath there is a Stone.



**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."



**BUILDING LEAK**

It is getting attention, and hopefully, work can be done soon. We'll let you know when that is accomplished.

*"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all believers to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."*

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is at 10:30 AM Tuesday on the book of Ruth. We meet in the Jerusalem Room and you are welcome to join us!

**A SEASON OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Our "Spiritual Growth" promotion continues. Use the weekly outline provided in the bulletin insert, or go online to the blog at:

<http://fccparis.org/spiritual-growth-week-4/>

Be prepared to let us know what you've been doing as we near the end of this 6-week emphasis!

**UPCOMING MEETING**

Youth Pastor Search Committee will meet on Monday, May 22, 5:30 PM.

**YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH PRAYER**

Join with us in praying for the right person to fill our Youth & Family Minister position. Use the unified prayer we shared in last week's newsletter, if you wish.

**HIGH SCHOOL BLESSING BOOKS**

Please be sure to sign the "Blessing Books" for this year's FCC seniors: Erica Buntain, Brady Chittick, Cameron Bradford, Johnna Sanchez and Gabbie Waltz. Look for them Sunday to sign or write a note.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Thanks Moms, and all those who remembered and honored mothers last Sunday!

**LOL REPORT**

We had a beautiful day with great attitudes and good food and supportive interaction between FCC members and Bridges students/staff. We are grateful for the opportunity, and ask you to pray for the requests/needs turned in to us. They are real needs - so is God very real - let's bring them together in our prayers!



**GRADUATION PARTY!**

You are invited to celebrate Braden Chittick, the graduate, Monday, May 29, from 4:00-6:00 PM at 13139 E. 1100th Road.



### **CIRCLES IN MAY**

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.

### **WOMEN'S BANQUET**

The Women's Banquet is coming up 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.

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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**

Pick up a baby bottle at the entryway to use to collect your change/donations for the Choices Pregnancy & Health.

### **GOLDEN AGE**

The Golden Age luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 12:00 NN. Our speaker will be Cindy Mathis from the school board talking on District 95.

### **COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Thank you to Marsha Thomey, our FCC leader, and all the volunteers who help each month! Our next day will be Monday, June 19.

### **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.

### **COMMISSIONING / PRAYER PARTNERS**

This year the following campers will be attending Camp Walter Scott: Benjamin Young, Claire Young, Gabbie Waltz, Ava Huddleson, Michael Kirk III, Austin Kirk, Sarah Littlejohn, and Jasmine Littlejohn. We will want to commission each one on the Sunday before they go to camp.

\* We would like to have a prayer partner for each camper, so please sign up in the hallway.\*

### **YOUTH GROUP**

May 17 (tonight!) we are going to the DQ in Marshall. We are currently planning our end-of-year trip coming up June 5-6 to the Creation Museum in Cincinnati! Details to follow.

### **MICE**

CHANGE in schedule: Note that the MICE group will meet at the Paris bowling alley on Saturday, May 20, from 1:00-3:00 PM. (Due to unpredictable weather, we won't go to the pool.)

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Bring in aluminum cans on Sunday, May 28 to be recycled. Proceeds go to fund MICE activities.

### **FCC GRADUATES**

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 4th at our Outdoor Service. Congratulations!

### **DISCIPLES 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'**

Our Sunday School classes are finishing their current lessons; please join us as we do that. Then we'll be ready for new experiences. We want to let you know about our Summer Sunday School program and we want you to be part of it. 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 14: 8:00 - 51 10:00 - 120 Nursery - 11**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 182**

**(NO S.S. REPORT RECEIVED)**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**May 14, 2017**

General Fund	\$3,367.26
Sunday School	20.00
Emergency Fund	40.00
MICE	10.00
Bell Choir	10.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	157.50
Building Fund	162.50
Church Bus Fund	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,777.26</b>

### SERVING SCHEDULE: May 21, 2017

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Cathy Clawson

PIANIST: Evie Gill

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Cody, Katie, Colten & Elsie Vaughn

West: Jacob, Emily & Joseph Thomas

ACOLYTES: Will & Drew Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Kim Woods

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

DEACONS: Team 1, Dan Smittkamp, Capt., Rita Haupt

Mark Johnson, Greg Kelly, Doc & Donna Moody, Jacob

Thomas, Margo Yeargin

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Brady Chittick, Mike Kirk,

Lainey Ogle, Macy Richards, Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Susan King

NURSERY HELPERS: Macy Richards

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jane Smittkamp

MAY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Katie Vaughn

MAY USHERS: Randy Creech, Jerry Thomas,

Dan Thomey

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Brady Chittick

SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 11:1-6, 17-18, 20-34; 12:1-2

SERMON: "When Life Turns You Upside Down"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Kim Woods



### **"GIVERS OF SONG"**

You are invited to a concert here at FCC by the "Givers of Song" on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM. Our own Erin Terry is in the choir, led by Barbara Dick. Bring a friend!

