

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

May 24, 2017

THE ABC's OF FAITH

On Sunday I used the “faith chapter,” Hebrews 11, to talk about living the faith - as did the examples listed in the Scripture, and do others around us today.

Living it encompasses all of life; it's so broad that I will give you a way to see it all together in
The ABC's Of Faith

- Always give thanks - I Thessalonians 5:16-19
- Build others up - I Thessalonians 5:11-15
- Cast your cares on Him - Psalm 55:22
- Delight in God's Word - Jeremiah 15:16
- Expect great things - Ephesians 3:20
- Forgive as you have been forgiven - Colossians 3:12-14
- Give cheerfully and generously - 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
- Humble yourself - I Peter 5:6
- Increase your faith - 2 Peter 1:5-10
- Joy in the journey - Philippians 4:11-13
- Know His love - Ephesians 3:16-19
- Listen to wise counsel - Proverbs 11:14; 24:6
- Make peace with others - Matthew 5:22-24
- Never Give Up - Galatians 6:9-10
- Overflow with kindness - Ephesians 4:31-32
- Pray without ceasing - Ephesians 6:18
- Quiet yourself - Psalm 46:10
- Renew your mind - Romans 12:2
- Seek to do His will - Romans 12:2
- Tell the truth in love - Ephesians 4:15-16
- Use the gifts God has given you - Romans 12:4-8
- Value godliness - I Timothy 4:7-9
- Work unto the Lord - Colossians 3:22-24
- eXperience His presence - I Peter 1:8-9
- Yield to others - Philippians 2:3-8
- Zealously share the reason for your hope - 1 Peter 3:14-16

You may want to keep this listing of ABC's. Check your life/your faith by it and see how you are doing - again and again and again. Keep up the faith!

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MEMORIAL SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, May 28, will be our Memorial Sunday when we remember those who have passed away since June of last year. Those remembered will be: Joe Barkley, Maxine Board, Ken Bridwell, Art Camp, Jane Kelsheimer, Louise Keys, Albert Meeks, Bob Moore, Dortheadine Moore, Joel Osborne, Dan Ryals, Jack Stark, Dr. Ray Taylor, Bob Willits, and Rev. Dana Zartman. All families of these deceased loved ones are invited to join us at either service and will be given a ribbon, candle and flower to take home after the 10:00 AM service. The second service will also include special music by the “The Joyful Ringers.”



Congratulations go to M/M Rusty & Brenda (Nicholson) Gordon on their wedding Saturday at FCC!

Hospitalized: Bill Clawson, Indy

Home from the Hospital: Dorothy Farnham

Our sympathies go to Rita Haupt & family in the recent loss of her uncle.



-- Disciples Men for the Highway Cleanup (until the rain & storm moved in!);

-- Ethan Smittkamp for his help in demonstrating the "Water-bottle flip" as a sermon illustration;

-- Evie Gill for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Nels Kasey (and technicians) for the Children's Sermon;

-- Donna Garver for leading the 2 Congregational Meetings and Tony Peel for the Trustee proposal/presentation;

-- Cindy Mathis for the Golden Age program, & Peg Dixon for the devotion/prayer/songs.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Faith is the Postage Stamp on our Prayers.



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."



TOWER / ROOF PROJECT

The congregation approved the Trustee proposal on Sunday to put a roof cap on the corner tower and other roof repairs. We hope to get it done this summer. Gifts can be designated to the Building Fund if you would like to contribute.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is at 10:30 AM next Tuesday on the book of Ruth. We will not meet on June 6, but will finish on June 13 and go to lunch following.

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-5/>

Let us know what you've been doing as we near the end of this 6-week emphasis and if it helped!

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH PRAYER

Please continue to pray with us for the Youth & Family Minister position. The unified prayer is: "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."

HIGH SCHOOL BLESSING BOOKS

The "Blessing Books" for this year's FCC seniors: Erica Buntain, Brady Chittick, Cameron Bradford, Johnna Sanchez and Gabbie Waltz are still out in the hallway. Sign or write a note before the Outdoor Sunday, June 4.

INDOOR / OUTDOOR SUNDAY

June 4 is our annual Indoor/Outdoor Sunday - this year we'll have a surprise guest! Our regular service at 8:00 AM will be 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 recognition of FCC graduates* and this year's 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.

*Names will be included next week, so be sure to call in with your graduate's name and grade (8th / high school / college).

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Community Kitchen will be Monday, June 19
- Golden Age will be Tuesday, June 27

WOMEN'S BANQUET

Get your ticket to the Women's Banquet 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. The menu includes ham, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert!

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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

The "Baby Bottle" campaign continues to Father's Day for Choices Pregnancy & Health. Pick up a bottle and add your change/donations and bring it back on Father's Day.

"GIVERS OF SONG"

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

RELAY FOR LIFE YARD SALE

The FCC Relay For Life team is planning their annual yard sale on Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10. Clean out your closets and garages for items to donate. Items can be brought in Monday through Thursday, June 5-8.

SHRINE PARADE "FLOAT"

Once again the Evangelism Committee is planning on FCC being in the Shriner's Parade on June 20. We would like to pass out "freezer pops" again this year and we are asking for donations. In addition, we will need walk-ers to help hand out the labeled gifts and paperwork. Sign-up your willingness to help.

CAMP PRAYER PARTNERS

Please sign up to be a Camp Prayer Partner. It involves praying for a specific camper and sending them some mail while they're at camp.

OFFICE / SUMMER NEWS SCHEDULE

- ★ The office will be closed for Memorial day on Monday, May 29.
- ★ The newsletter will begin the every other week summer schedule following the May 31st mailing. In June, the newsletter will be mailed on the 14th and the 28th.

YOUTH GROUP

The end-of-year trip will be on June 5-6 to the Creation Museum and Ark near Cincinnati, Ohio! Let Troy Sanders know if you will be able to go on those days so we can plan transportation and tickets to the parks.

FCC GRADUATES

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 4th at our Outdoor Service. Be sure to turn in names - to be announced next week.

MICE CANS

Aluminum cans are welcome this coming Sunday to help fund MICE events. Thank you!

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!

Thank You!

Thanks to all my Church Family for the cards, letters and wishes since my move!

- Louise Bridwell

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.



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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 21: 8:00 - 51 10:00 - 107 Nursery - 5

TOTAL WORSHIP = 163

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 7, Open Door - 21, New Horizons - 5

TOTAL SS = 35

OFFERING TOTALS

May 21, 2017

General Fund*	\$4,079.25
Sunday School	14.00
Head, Hands, Heart	100.00
Bell Choir	10.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions*	153.00
Week of Compassion*	70.00
Building Fund*	400.00
Church Bus Fund	10.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00
TOTAL	\$5,336.25*

**Includes Electronic Giving*

SERVING SCHED.: **May 28, 2017 "Memorial Sunday"**

8:00 AM: ELDER: Joel Gleckler

DEACONESS: Jenneane McDaniel

PIANIST: Faye Eitel

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Jim & Kay Bellerud

West: Joe, Jenny, Will, Drew McMahan

ACOLYTES: Macie Thomas, Taylor Shewey

WORSHIP LEADER: John Chittick

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Megan Mathis

DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Capt., Barb Free, Candi Milam, Dwight & Cindy Robinson, Cody Vaughn, JK Vilks, Kevin Woods

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Montana Boatman, Greg Johnson, Jaydin Seeley, Brooklyn Ward, Ben Young

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Susan King

NURSERY HELPERS: Chloe Waltz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

MAY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Katie Vaughn

MAY USHERS: Randy Creech, Jerry Thomas, Dan Thomey

SOUND SYSTEM: Joe Gill

PROJECTION: Evie Gill

SCRIPTURES: Genesis 32:22-32; Isaiah 40:28-31

SERMON: "Prevailing Wins" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon



MEMORIAL DAY

Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.