

# THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

May 31, 2017

## LIKE A FARMER

This is the time of year for outside work in the yard. I've been doing my share when I can. Recently I spent a day out mowing, trimming, weeding, digging, planting, watering. It helps me feel like a farmer.

And I'm like the stereo-typical farmer (not like you real guys!\*?#!) in my responses this spring:

- “too much rain”
- “where's the rain?”
- “we need sun”
- “I'm ready for clouds”
- “it's too hot”
- “too cold”

And then when you put all that with my personal situation:

- “I can't do it now - I've got a meeting”
- “I should be out there, but I have to go out of town”
- “I feel guilty, but I do not have the energy”
- “I want to do it, but this other is more important”
- “I have to prepare for what's coming”
- “I have to recover from what's been”

I could easily turn into one of those grumpy old men (farmers).

Instead, I'm trying to be like you real farmers who have said to me:

- “it's been bad, but we've always got it in”
- “it's tough, but God's got us through before and He will again”

In “farming” and in life, we can complain about how it's going, how it's looking. That's easy and it comes naturally. Or we can give thanks and trust God. It's harder and it takes an effort. That's how I want to be like a farmer.

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## *Women's Banquet - June 1!*

The Women's Banquet is tomorrow night, June 1. If you have a ticket, the meal will begin at 6:00 PM. If you do not have a ticket, you are still welcome to the program by Jeanette Levellie at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. She will be speaking on, “How Humor Helps: Adding More Laughter to Our Lives.”

## **INDOOR / OUTDOOR SUNDAY - PENTECOST!**

This coming Sunday, June 4, is our annual Indoor/Outdoor Sunday with guest speaker, Rev. Scott Woolridge! Our regular service at 8:00 AM will be in the sanctuary. (*Sunday School will be dismissed to set up at the park.*)

The 10:00 AM service will be held at the East Lake pavilion (*weather permitting - in case of inclement weather it will be in the sanctuary*). This Sunday also falls on Pentecost - so wear **red!** The service will include the recognition of our FCC graduates: (*college*) JD Hasler, Alyx Hays-Bates, Aleah Smith, Mary Hunter Smittkamp; (*high school*) Erica Buntain, Brady Chittick, Cameron Daugherty, Johnna Sanchez, Gabbie Waltz, Camryn Bradford; (*8th grade*) Greg Johnson, Caroline Martin, Cheyenne Miller, Cydney Miller, Max Moody, Jaydin Seeley, Chloe Waltz, and Josh Wood – as well as presentations for this year's scholarship recipients.

Following the outdoor service at 11:30 AM, we'll have a carry-in picnic. Meat and drinks are provided, so bring a side dish to share, table service. Dress casual and bring a lawn chair if you wish.



In this Memorial Day week, we extend our love to all who have lost loved ones, whether in the past year or beyond.

Hospitalized: James Brooks, Carle



- Barbara Dick & the "Givers of Song" for the concert last week;
- Faye Eitel for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Marge Houghland, Saunny Preston, & the Memorials Committee for the annual observance;
- Susan King & Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermon;
- "The Joyful Ringers" for their Special Music;
- Peg Dixon for the spiritual growth inserts and emphasis.

**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

Soul food served here -  
by the Holy Spirit



**JUNE PRAYER**

"Heavenly Father, we are thankful for Your never-ending love. Help us to recognize and appreciate all of Your blessings each and every day. Amen."



**TOWER PROJECT**

We are discussing options and adjustments to the tower proposal. A search has begun for needed and suggested items. And, hopefully, the needed work will begin - and be finished this summer.

**MEMORIALS**

The memorial items from last Sunday's special service are available to the family of those remembered. Come to the church office to pick up the ribbon and flower.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study will not meet on June 6, but will finish on June 13 and go to lunch afterward.

**A SEASON OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

For the past 6 weeks we have been encouraging you to grow spiritually. Whether it was by way of the inserts/blogs provided or something else, you did your own, we trust you - and God - have benefited. And we'd like to hear - tell of your experience and what you attempted. It can encourage others. (I added a new devotional reading, an ongoing written prayer, and specific prayers for family. - MCD) Sunday wrapped up our "Spiritual Growth" promotion. Use the weekly outline provided in the bulletin insert, or go online to the blog at: <http://fccparis.org/spiritual-growth-week-6/> Let us know what you did 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."

The next Search Committee meeting will be this evening at 5:30 PM.

**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 this Sunday!

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

- Community Kitchen will be Monday, June 19 - sign-up to help out!
- Bloodmobile will be Monday, June 26 for the community at the KC Hall.
- Golden Age will be Tuesday, June 27 - a sign-up sheet will be out soon to attend the luncheon.

**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC**

As our Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers take a break for the summer, we are lining up those to participate in our summer Special Music.



### JUNE CIRCLES

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: will go to the Marshall Supper Club on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:00 PM.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet at the church at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 15, to go to the Randall House.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will meet at the church at 11:15 AM on Tuesday, June 20, to go to the Randall House.

### BABY BOTTLES

The Choices Pregnancy & Health "Baby Bottle" campaign continues until Father's Day. Your change and donations go a long way!

### RELAY FOR LIFE YARD SALE

The FCC Relay For Life team will be having their annual yard sale on Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10. Bring items in Monday through Thursday of next week, June 5-8.

### SHRINE PARADE "FLOAT"

Once again the Evangelism Committee is planning on FCC being in the Shriner's Parade next Saturday, June 10. We would like to pass out "freezer pops" 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

We still need more Camp Prayer Partners. This involves praying for a specific camper and sending them some mail while they're at camp. Sign-up to participate.

### CLOTHING CLOSET

FCC staffs the Compassionate Clothing Closet during the month of July on Mondays and Tuesdays. A sign-up sheet will be out soon noting the number of ladies needed each day.

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The newsletter will begin the every other week summer schedule following today's mailing. In June, the newsletter will be mailed on the 14th and the 28th.



### YOUTH GROUP

The end-of-year trip will be next Monday-Tuesday, June 5-6 to the Creation Museum and Ark near Cincinnati! There is a sign-up sheet out for all youth who plan to go! Get your name turned in to Troy or on the sheet to let us know a number this week!

### CYF CAMP

Our Camp Commissioning for those campers going to CYF this year will be at the either service on Sunday, June 11.

### MICE

Thank you to those who brought cans last Sunday to help fund our MICE events!

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

All adults and Jr. & Sr. high schoolers are invited to meet ALTOGETHER in the Fellowship Hall on June 11th, 18th, and 25th. Each Sunday will be a "stand alone experience" so come to one or all 3!

June 11th, Troy Sanders (and other fellow travelers) will share his response and insights from The Ark Encounter and The Creation Museum. The truths and reality of Genesis will come alive as we hear about their trip.

On June 18th, a guest speaker will share his miraculous story of physical healing and God's love. The following week, June 25th, Mary K. Bradford will introduce us to The Bible Cure and the power of faith.

From July 2nd - August 6th, everyone will decide which of 3 Video Classes they choose to attend. These will be led by our Adult Sunday School teachers and will also include Jr. & Sr. high students.

August will feature 3 more "Everybody Altogether" classes in the Fellowship Hall...Music & the Bible, The Tabernacle of Moses, and Why We Need to Know the Old Testament.

*Get out of your comfort zone,  
Get to know others in our Church Family,  
Challenge yourself...*

**COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!**



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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 28: 8:00 - 50 10:00 - 116 Nursery - 5**  
**TOTAL WORSHIP = 171**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 4, Jr & Sr High - 3, New Disciples - 7, Open Door - 20, New Horizons - 0**

**TOTAL SS = 34**

### OFFERING TOTALS

	<b>May 28, 2017</b>
General Fund	\$3,950.30
Sunday School	22.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Emergency Fund	20.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
God's Gang	100.00
Reimbursement	18.16
Bell Choir	100.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	402.50
Pentecost Offering	81.00
Building Fund	804.50
Scholarship Fund	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,648.46</b>

### SERVING SCHED. continued for June 4...

SOUND SYSTEM: Chris Milam

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-18, 22-24

SERMON: "When The Holy Spirit Comes To Church"

by Rev. Scott Woolridge

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Joel Gleckler, Dan Lynch

### SERVING SCHEDULE: June 11, 2017

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dennis Thiel

DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman

PIANIST: Faye Eitel

**9:00 AM:** "Summer Sunday School"

**10:00 AM:** GREETERS: East: Patty Waters

West: Dwight & Cindy Robinson

WORSHIP LEADER: Doug Hasler

BREAD ELDER: Chris Milam

DEACONESS: Edna Creech

DEACONS: Team 1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #2

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Allen Englebright

NURSERY HELPER: Claire Young

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deena Hasler

JUNE FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Randy & Edna Creech

JUNE USHERS: Ken Dennison, Dean Smittkamp,

Ron Stickler

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 51:1-3; John 15:1-11

SERMON: A Singing Faith: "I Come To The Garden Alone"

by Rev. Mike Dixon

### SERVING SCHEDULE: June 4, 2017

**INDOOR - Sanctuary**

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dick James

DEACONESS: Amber Tegeler

PIANIST: Dennis Thiel

**OUTDOOR - East Lake Pavilion**

**10:00 AM:** WORSHIP LEADER: Pete Templeton

BREAD ELDER: Nels Kasey

DEACONESS: Mary Griffin

DEACONS: Team 3, Sue Bennett, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #1

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Megan Mathis