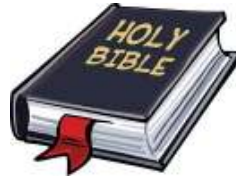


THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

September 27, 2017



THE BIBLE

We all know it.

We don't know all of it.

And I'll give you two examples - one trivial (?) and one that is significant.

First, on Sunday we saw some old requests at 8:00. As often happens, one of the members called for the song, "Beulah Land." For fun, I said, "your homework is to find out what and where that is! (also, because I didn't know)." Lo and behold, I got at least two responses telling that it's from Isaiah 62:4 in the King James Version. That's the answer if it comes up in a game of trivia, but it means "married." The reference tells of the time to come when "you shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight and your land Married." (Beulah in King James and from the original Hebrew). That's not just trivia, that's good news!

Second, Peg pointed me recently to the phrase in Isaiah 46:9-10, "I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning." Telling what's going to happen beforehand is something only God can do, right? What about you, too? Think about it - and we'll come back to it next week.

That is what makes the Bible so fascinating and valuable.

We know much of it, but there's still much we have yet to discover.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 1, will be "World Communion Sunday." Join us as we focus on and celebrate the Lord's Supper in conjunction with churches around the world.



PHS FOOTBALL DINNER

FCC will host the Paris High School football team for a dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 5, under the leadership of Donna Garver. We've already heard positive responses from PHS and other churches who participate in this special opportunity. So, please pray for this outreach to influence the lives of the players and coaching staff, and our thanks to all those helping with food, serving, set-up & clean-up.



Congratulations to Erica Buntain and family in the birth of Maddux Brian Shonk last week! Welcome, and welcome home.

Thanks to all involved who helped make Honeybee happen.



-- Ellen Webb and crew - cooks, grillers, packers, drink-ers, servers, helpers of all sorts - for the LOL at PHS!

-- Coralie Smittkamp, Deena Hasler, Peggy Barath, family and friends for the Honeybee "Scarecrow" Booth downtown;

-- Edna Creech and committee, plus all the helpers for the FCC "Float" in the Honeybee Parade, including Dan Smittkamp, bus driver and all who contributed candy to give out;

-- Dennis Thiel for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Those who were part of the Community Service;

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

If you sell your soul,  
can you live on the proceeds?

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OCTOBER PRAYER

"Dear God, Help us to see Your goodness in our every day lives. Amen."

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**RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

This year's Reconciliation Offering is going to help the FCC Emergency Fund that assists those in need. This year's goal is \$800. You have already given \$701 toward that end. Thank you!

**APPOINTMENT**

We are pleased to announce that Jim Bellerud and Cory Craig have been appointed to fill the Deacon vacancies and will begin serving in that capacity.



**FCC T-SHIRTS**

We have order forms for a variety of FCC t-shirts. You may choose from two types of material, a variety of colors and several sizes, each at a cost of \$10. Please make checks to "First Christian Church" and note "T-Shirt" in the memo area. Samples are hanging in the hallway that can be purchased "off the rack." Turn in orders by October 15.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ★ Nominating Committee meeting: Monday, October 2, time 6:00 PM.
- ★ Trustees: Thursday, October 12, 6:00 PM.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Chancel Choir rehearsals are each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. All singers welcome!

**YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH**

We are preparing for the next steps, and waiting to see where they lead us. Please continue to pray along with us.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday morning Bible Study meets each at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. We are studying the questions of Jesus from the gospels. Everyone is welcome.

**SERMON SERIES OUTLINE**

An outline of the fall sermon series, "The Questions of Jesus" will be available this week for those who didn't get one Sunday.

**BUDGET REQUESTS**

2017 Committee leaders, please turn in your budget requests for 2018 by October 15.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Our Nominating Committee for 2018 positions is composed of: Denise Cravens-Craig, JC Foley, Joel Gleckler, Donna Moody, and Jerry Thomas. Suggestions to fill these position may be made to these committee members.

**TOWER PROJECT**

Some preliminary work has been done on the tower. We are now waiting to get the crane and the lift here together to finish, maybe next week.



### **CIRCLES IN OCTOBER**

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:00 PM at Ingram's Barn for a potluck. Kathy Ingram is hostess with Beth Sablotny bringing the lesson.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will meet Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 1:30 PM at the home of Corky Davidson as hostess. Janean Gilliland will bring the lesson.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet Thursday, Oct. 19 at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. Coralie Smittkamp & Peggy Barath are hostesses with Mary K. Bradford bringing the lesson.

*All Women are invited to any Circle!*

### **COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

The Community Kitchen will be on Monday, Oct. 16. Desserts and volunteers are welcome and needed. Please sign-up.

### **COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The Community Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 4. Tickets will be available soon from Marge Houghland, Janean Gilliland, or in the church office.



### **TRIP TO "THE ARK"**

Sign-up to go on the "Ark Encounter" in Kentucky, Monday, Oct. 23. We will leave at 6:30 AM and hope to return by 9:30-10:00 PM. Cost is \$25 Seniors, \$30 adults, \$10 children. Seating is limited on the church bus; if the seats are filled, put your name on the waiting list for a possible trip in November. At the present time, there are seats remaining.

### **NURSERY / CHILDREN'S CHURCH / MORE**

During the 10:00 service each Sunday morning, we offer Nursery to babies and infants as well as Children's Church for kids ages 3,4,5 up to first grade. We also have Children's Packets available at the back of the sanctuary on a "tree" that have an activity page (they can work and keep) with a pencil and crayons. Please return packet, pencil, crayons after services.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Weekly Youth Group resumes each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. All junior high and high school students welcome!

### **GOD'S GANG / CROSSROADS**

Come join us for the God's Gang-Crossroads each Wednesday for kids K-5 (God's Gang) & 6-8th grades (Crossroads) at 3:00 PM. This week's theme is "Hugs." Be sure to register if you have not already done so!

### **MICE**

Our MICE group will kick-off their fall events on Sunday, October 22, at 1:00 PM. We will be taking the bus to Southfork Homestead Farm and will return at 4:00 PM. MICE is for kids in second through fifth grades and will plan events on the fourth Sunday of each month through May.

### **"SEE YOU AT THE POLE"**

Prayers were given at Crestwood, Mayo, and PHS this morning. Thanks to all who participated as well as to those who continue to pray for students and staff throughout the school year.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

SS classes resume at 9:00 AM this Sunday, October 1st. Classes are available for all ages! The adult classes will be studying the following: Disciples Class - Judges; New Horizon's Class - Hebrews; Open Door Class - Colossians.

### **Thank You!**

Thanks to all who helped with the Scarecrow Booth during the Honeybee Festival: Chris, Candi, Sammy Milam and Lily & Ethan Smittkamp! Despite the warm weather, we still made LOTS of scarecrows, and we had MANY repeat customers - several from other towns! As always, a HUGE thank you to Moss Farms on the donation of the straw (we were excited to finally get Roseann and Weston there to build a scarecrow)! Our sales have purchased a church tent, some new yard signs, and coming soon - a banner to carry in parades! Thank you for your support!  
- Coralie, Peggy, & Deena

Dear FCC, Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship for my last year of college! Your support means so much to me. As I continue to grow & move toward my teaching career, it's great to know I've always got a home at FCC!

- Thanks, Zara Kasey



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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!***

**September 24: 8:00 - 52 (10:30 community)**

**HONEYBEE WORSHIP = 52**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**September 24, 2017**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund + E.G.*           | \$2,515.50*        |
| Dis. Outreach-Missions + E.G.* | 257.50*            |
| Wk./Comp: Hurricanes + E.G.*   | 93.00*             |
| Reconciliation Offering        | 180.00             |
| Building Fund + E.G.*          | 162.50*            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$3,208.50*</b> |

### SERVING SCHEDULE: October 1, 2017

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dennis Thiel  
DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman  
PIANIST: Peg Dixon

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Doug & Deena Hasler

West: Pat Hittle

ACOLYTES: Morgan Gann, Gage Johnson

WORSHIP LEADER: Pete Templeton

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Edna Creech

DEACONS: Team #3, Sue Bennett, Captain; Jim Bennett, Jim Bellerud, Cory Craig, Dena Dosch, Doug Smittkamp, Angel Templeton, AJ Waltz

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Al Englebright

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

OCT. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Pat Hittle

OCT USHERS: Ken Dennison, Dean Smittkamp, Ron Stickler

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Brady Chittick

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:24-28

SERMON: The Questions Of Jesus: "What Will It Profit A Man If He Gains The Whole World And Forfeits His Life?"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Tammy Terry & Dick James



**Happy**   
**Fall y'all** 

