

# THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

October 4, 2017

## COMPLIMENT, AND RESPONSIBILITY

For the past two Sundays I have shared some of the comments we received from PHS at our recent “Lunch On the Lawn,” or “Lunch in the Bleachers” as students have come to call it.

The comments have ranged from simple “Thank you’s” to thanks for the hamburgers, the music, the friendliness, the love in action. Recently, we’ve heard how well it fits in with their Homecoming schedule.

But this year we were given a student comment that some have called the ultimate compliment. One student wrote, “You guys are a great example of what a church should be! Thank you.”

Wow! I’m touched - honored - humbled - pleased - embarrassed - excited, and you as FCC should be as well. I have no idea who wrote it or what’s behind it, but we’ll accept it.

I think I will keep it out as a reminder when something is not so positive. But there is another dimension to this.

It’s also a responsibility that we must continue, not only “LOL”, but all that we do and are. Now that we’ve been seen and called a “great example”, we have the responsibility to live it - not only in our community outreach, not only in our youth work, not only in our assistance, but in all that we do. And, of course, that is to include who we are as well, on the inside and in our relationships.

So enjoy that compliment - let it lift you up. Then when you refocus on the responsibility; it will bring you back to reality.

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## **PHS FOOTBALL DINNER**

FCC will host the Paris High School football team for a dinner in the Fellowship Hall this Thursday, October 5, under the leadership of Donna Garver. Please join us as we give thanks for this opportunity, for all those volunteers helping, and for God’s work in the lives of the players and coaching staff.



## **FCC T-SHIRTS**

We will continue to take orders until Sunday, October 15. Order forms are available in the hallway for a variety of colors, sizes, and two types of material at a cost of \$10 each. 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” and paid for in the office.

## **LOL with Bridges**

FCC will be hosting “Lunch On the Lawn” for Bridges students and staff on Friday, October 13, at 11:00 AM here in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to do a different format with a sit-down style spaghetti dinner. So, if you were a host in the past or helped in the kitchen, please let us know if you can do that again.



Hospitalized:  
Lewis Thiel, Union



-- Substitutes at God's Gang last week;

-- Peg Dixon for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- All the helpers who brought up the chalices to represent the world's continents for World Communion Sunday;

-- Allen Englebright & Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermons;

-- Trustees for their leadership and efforts.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

We are the caregivers,  
God is the caregiver.



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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**

Thank you to all those who gave toward our Reconciliation Offering goal of \$800. We have surpassed it with a total of \$931!



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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Dear First Christian Church,

We want to thank you for providing us with "Lunch On the Lawn." Students and staff look forward to this special event every year. The food was delicious, and the fellowship was great. What a wonderful way to kick off class games! We appreciated your continued support.

Sincerely, PHS Students and Staff

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ★ Trustees: Thursday, October 12, at 6:00 PM.
- ★ Nominating Committee: Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6:00 PM.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

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

**YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH**

We are still in the process - once again, looking at prospects, reviewing information, sending out our job description, requesting answers. Pray that God will lead us through it.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room.

**SERMON SERIES OUTLINE**

Outline of the fall sermon series, "The Questions of Jesus" are available in the hallway.

**BUDGET REQUESTS**

2017 Committee chairperson, please contact Rev. Mike by October 15 to turn in your budget requests for 2018. Thank you!

**NOMINATIONS for 2018**

We are in the process of sending out letters asking some of you to serve in 2018. If you receive a letter, please pray about it and consider saying "yes" when called.

**TOWER PROJECT**

If you have driven by or stopped in this week, you have probably seen the crew out working on the tower. They hope to have it completely covered today (Wednesday) - they are saying "weather permitting."

**FAITH IN ACTION**

The Paris "Faith In Action" group will be holding their annual spaghetti supper and auction on Friday, October 20, at the Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center. The dinner begins at 5:30 PM with the auction to follow. Donations are requested for the dinner as well as items for the auction. They are looking for designer purses, fine or costume jewelry, time-share dates, gift baskets, gift cards, travel packages, quality antiques & collectibles or any item that would spark interest. Please RSVP to 466-6388.



**CIRCLES IN OCTOBER**

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: is a new Circle, just beginning, with a meeting to set up a future schedule on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:00 PM in the Jerusalem Room. Check it out!

*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. at 8:00 AM at the KC Hall. Tickets will be available soon.



**TRIP TO "THE ARK"**

At this point, the "Ark Encounter" trip to Kentucky on Monday, October 23, is full. 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. We will let you know when to make payment. We are planning another trip in November, so use the spaces available on the sign-up sheet to be on the list for the next time.

**DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST**

All men are welcome to the Disciple Men's Breakfast, held the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM. This month, that will be Saturday, October 21, place TBA.

**GOLDEN AGE**

Our next Golden Age luncheon and program will be on Tuesday, October 24, at 12:00 NN. Sign up for the luncheon.



**YOUTH GROUP: Jr. / Sr. High**

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



**GOD'S GANG: K-5 / CROSSROADS: 6-8 Grade**

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 "Smiles."



**MICE: 2nd-5th Grade**

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 events will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month through May.

**NURSERY - 1st GRADE**

During the 10:00 service each Sunday morning, we offer a Nursery for babies and infants as well as Children's Church for kids ages 3,4,5 up to first grade.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School Classes are available for all ages! Kids K-5th classes are upstairs, 6th-12th grades are in the Youth Room. The adult classes are studying the following: Disciples Class - Judges; New Horizon's Class - Hebrews; Open Door Class - Colossians. You are welcome each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

*Thank You!*

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you for your prayers and letters that helped enrich my "Great Banquet" weekend.

God is Great...

Much Greater than

I ever imagined!

In His Love,  
Peg Dixon



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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!***

**October 1: 8:00 - 52 10:00 - Nursery -**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 5**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 9, Open Door - 20, New Horizons - 7**

**TOTAL SS = 40**

### OFFERING TOTALS

General Fund	\$5,847.25
Emergency Fund	20.00
Food Pantry	55.00
God's Gang	70.00
Reimbursement	20.22
Paris Ministerial Fellowship	25.00
Scarecrow Fund	306.00
Bell Choir	50.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	472.50
Wk./Comp: Hurricanes	23.00
Reconciliation Offering	230.00
Scholarship Fund	150.00
Building Fund	862.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,131.47</b>

### October 1, 2017

### SERVING SCHEDULE: October 8, 2017

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

DEACONESS: Amber Tegeler

PIANIST: Mary Helen Hamilton

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Kevin & Kim Woods

West: Donna Moody

ACOLYTES: Lily Smittkamp & Graham Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Doug Hasler

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: Susan King

DEACONS: Team #1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain; Rita Haupt,

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

Thomas, Margo Yeargin

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Mike Kirk, Lainey Ogle, Macy

Richards, Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Tammy Terry

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deena Hasler

OCT. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Pat Hittle

OCT USHERS: Ken Dennison, Dean Smittkamp,

Ron Stickler

SOUND SYSTEM: Joe Gill

PROJECTION: Evie Gill

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:22-26

SERMON: The Questions Of Jesus:

"Do You See Anything?" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

