

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

November 1, 2017

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW - IT'S WHO

The recent observance of the Reformation has had me reading, thinking, discussing theology more than usual. It also revived an old desire of mine to rewrite the words to an old song -

“Don't Know Much About History”

- using the subjects you study in seminary (Note: “ology” means “the study of”) so for what it's worth, here is

“Don't Know Much About...”

Don't know much about theology,
Don't know much Christology,
Don't know much about this Bible book,
Don't know much about the verses to look

But I know that I love You
And I know that when You love me too,
What a wonderful world this will be.

Don't know much ecclesiology,
Don't know much eschatology,
Don't know much about reformation
Don't know who Martin Luther was

But I know One & One & One is You
And if this one could be with You
What a wonderful world this could be.

- to be continued...

Even if you haven't been to seminary (or don't know the song), I hope you get the message:

It's Not What You Know - It's Who - God!

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ALL-CHURCH DINNER OUTING

The Membership Committee is sponsoring an All-Church Dinner outing to the Brick House in Charleston this Sunday, November 5. The buffet is \$12.99 plus tax & tip. Sign-up by this Friday to let us know the number attending. The bus will be available while seats are open, or you can drive/ carpool on your own.

Community Prayer Breakfast

The Community Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday, November 4. at 8:00 AM at the KC Hall. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the door. Your attendance and prayers are appreciated.

HEAD, HANDS, HEART

Donations of children's coats from K-12 grades are welcome for our “Head, Hands, Heart” ministry (please, no adult coats this year). Items can be brought in until Wednesday, Nov. 8. We also need volunteers to help distribute coats on the following days: Thursday, Nov. 9 from 3:00-5:30 PM, Friday, Nov. 10 also from 3:00-5:30 PM, and Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10:00 AM-12:00 NN.



Congratulations to M/M Dalton & Angel (Garner) Hall, who were married last weekend!

Home from the Hospital: Bob Martin
Rita Haupt



- Ladies of CWF for the Phillips' funeral dinner;
- Faye Eitel & Rev. Mike for delivering multiplication flashcards to all 3rd graders;
- Daniel Smittkamp & Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermons;
- Family of Margaret Phillips for the flowers;
- Faye Eitel for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Candi Milam & helpers for the MICE outing.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

If you give God the credit,
now give the cash.

OCTOBER PRAYER

"Dear God, Confessing Your Word out loud will have a profound positive effect on our lives. Please encourage us. In Jesus' Name, Amen."



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE SQUARE

Christmas Around the Square will be on Saturday, November 25. Sign-up sheets are out in the hallway for S'more items needed and volunteers to help out at our "booth".



SECOND TRIP TO "THE ARK"

A second outing to the "Ark Encounter" is planned for Monday, Nov. 27 - if we have a driver and at least 10 to go. If interested, sign-up!

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Rev. Mike - We want you to know how much you are appreciated, not just during Pastor Appreciation Month, but all year long! THANK YOU!!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ★ Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 6:00 PM.
- ★ Elders will meet on Thursday, November 9, at 5:00 PM.
- ★ Board will meet on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM.
- ★ Congregational Meetings will take place on Sunday, November 19, following each service.

FCC T-SHIRTS

We will be ready to send in the final order next week, so if you want a t-shirt, get your order in as soon as possible.

CHANCEL CHOIR

If you love to sing, the Chancel Choir invites you to join them each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

We are still in search mode. We interviewed; we offered; we were hopeful; we were declined! So, we need to continue to pray - and search. We'll keep you informed.

ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Community Advent Choir rehearsals will be: Tuesday, Nov. 7; Thursday, Nov. 16; Monday, Nov. 27; Thursday, Nov. 30 - all at 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church. The Advent Choir Service will be Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3:00 PM.

BIBLE STUDY

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

APPOINTMENTS for 2018

We will be seeking specific leaders for next year's appointed positions. If you are called, please pray and answer "yes".

BUS DRIVERS

We are using the church bus more and more, and that's good. As the need continues to grow, we may need some additional drivers. If you are interested, please contact Tony Peel.

CIRCLES IN NOVEMBER

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:00 PM at the home of Susan King as hostess; lesson will be given by Mary Henson.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: meets Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6:00 PM at the home of Tammy Terry.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, Nov. 16, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen, hostess is Peg Dixon and the lesson will be led by Coralie Smittkamp.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meets Tues., Nov. 21, at 1:30 PM at the home of Shirley Yeargin as hostess. The lesson will be by Janean Gilliland.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Thank you for your help last month. Our next date to serve is November 20. So sign-up!

"THANK YOU" CARDS

Thank You cards are available for you to hand out. Please let us know where, how, who....

SOCK-IT-TO-ME

Thank you for the new socks for boys and girls of pre-school age who go to Head Start here in Paris. This Sunday will be the last opportunity to bring in more as we will be delivering them soon after.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2:30 PM at the Lake Ridge Christian Church.

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget the time change, set your clock back this Saturday evening, November 4!

SALVATION ARMY BELL-RINGING

FCC Salvation Army Bell-Ringing will be on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Walmart. Sign-up for an hour time slot in the hallway.

"FROM DOPE TO HOPE"

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Edgar County will be welcoming nationally known speaker, Tim Ryan. He will be speaking to local high school & junior high students during the day. That evening, at 6:00 PM, Tim will be presenting to the community at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. Come hear his life story as a recovering heroin addict and losing his son to an overdose. The program is free. See bulletin board for more.

YOUTH GROUP: Jr. / Sr. High

Youth Group is 6:00 PM every Wednesday. All junior high and high school students welcome!

➔ SUMMIT forms have been sent in for all who registered. We have 2 sponsors and 9 youth going. Please be praying for their experience this coming Nov. 17-19!

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 "Sunshine."

MICE

For the November MICE event, we will be going to "Red's Fun Zone". We'll meet there on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2:00 PM. Pick up will be at 3:30 PM.

*** Thank you to those who donated aluminum cans this month to help fund our MICE events. ***

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.

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Disciple's Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8:00 AM in the church kitchen. Rev. Mike will be the cook. Sign-up.

Thank You!

A most heart-felt thank you to our dear church family for your concern, love, and prayers for Sam and me during his recent surgery and recovery. We know they have lifted us up and kept us going through some very difficult times. Sam has also enjoyed the many cards he has received. We have also enjoyed some delicious food. Thank you for every thing. We love you all!

- Sam & Saunny Preston



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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 29: 8:00 - 43 10:00 - 90 Nursery - 4
TOTAL WORSHIP = 137**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 4, 2nd-5th - 6, Jr & Sr High - 3, New Disciples - 10, Open Door - 25, New Horizons - 10

TOTAL SS = 58

OFFERING TOTALS

October 29, 2017

General Fund	\$3,507.75
Sunday School	11.00
Emergency Fund	10.00
Bell Choir	50.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	334.00
Memorial Fund	75.00
Scholarship Fund	30.00
Permanent Fund	40.00
Building Fund	702.50
TOTAL	\$4,760.25

SERVING SCHEDULE: November 5, 2017

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dan Lynch
DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman
PIANIST: Dennis Thiel

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Dwight & Cindy Robinson
West: Ron Odle & Martha Stephen

ACOLYTES: Claire & Sophie Young

WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

DEACONS: Team #2, Autumn Kasey, Captain; Barb Free, Candi Milam, Dwight & Cindy Robinson, Cody Vaughn, JK Vilc, Kevin Woods

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary Griffin

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Montana Boatman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Peg Dixon

NOV. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Dwight & Cindy Robinson

NOV. USHERS: Randy Creech, Jerry Thomas, Dan Thomey

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION: Tony Peel

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-15

SERMON: "Living For Jesus" by Rev. Linda Chenoweth

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Chris Milam, Dennis Thiel

TRIVIA QUESTION

How many fire extinguishers are there in the church building?

