

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

November 8, 2017

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

Last week was part 1 (because of space, not because it wasn't ready) of my musical rewrite of the old love son, “Don't Know Much About History,” using theological terms from my seminary days.

This is part 2 (part 1 was the 11/1 article):

I don't claim to know all that I should,
But I'm trying to learn -
Yet knowing all of the “ologies”
Won't make You love me any more than You do

Don't know much bibliology,
Don't know much pneumatology,
Don't know how You can love me,
Don't know how I'm to love You

But I do know that I love You
And I know that since You love me
What a wonderful world this will be

Don't know much hymnology,
But I do know doxology,
So I thank You for being God
And I praise You for accepting me

Now what a wonderful world...
This has turned out to be.

As I said, “it's not what you know, it's Who” - God. And now I need to add, “it's not only Who you know, it's what you do” - loving God. Knowing what should lead to knowing Who, as knowing Who goes on to loving - and that's what God, and then all, makes ours a wonderful world!

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Advent Devotional

We need your immediate help - and we are sorry to have to ask it this way. We publish a devotional booklet each year to lead us to Christmas and it's become very meaningful - but we forgot to get it ready in September/October and now it's already November! Arrggh! So we are asking for 12-15-18-20 individuals to pray and then sign-up to write a devotion; we're sorry, but we will need it turned in by Nov. 22. For those interested, we will have a theme to announce on Sunday. We apologize for the last minute request, but this is urgent and needs an immediate response! Thank you for it.

HEAD, HANDS, HEART

Tonight, following God's Gang, we will set up in preparation for our “Head, Hands, Heart” coat outreach for kids K-12. We are asking for volunteers to help distribute the coats down in the Fellowship Hall this Thursday, Nov. 9 from 3:00-5:30 PM, Friday, Nov. 10 from 3:00-5:30 PM, and Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10:00 AM-12:00 NN. Sign-up to help out!



Our sympathies are extended to Natasha Littlejohn & family in the death of her grandfather.

Home from the Hospital: Rick Ward

Additional sympathies are offered to Lied Metcalf & family in the recent loss of her mother.

Welcome back to Rev. Mike & Peg Dixon from vacation.



-- Janean Gilliland & Marge Houghland for being our Community Prayer Breakfast representatives;

-- Rev. Linda Chenoweth for filling the pulpit;

-- Elders Dan Lynch & Joel Gleckler, Chris Milam & Pete Templeton for their worship leadership;

-- Dennis Thiel for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Mary Griffin & Dan Lynch for the Children's Sermons;

-- Sue Bennett & the Membership Committee for organizing and sponsoring the Dinner Outing to Charleston;

-- Kelly Reed's DayCare for the extra-large donation of winter coats to our "H,H,H" project.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Pessimists need a kick in the can'ts.

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". Please sign-up and donate!

SECOND TRIP TO "THE ARK"

A second outing to the "Ark Encounter" is planned for Monday, Nov. 27 - all interested, please sign-up!

LOOKING AHEAD

End of Year Giving: The last Sunday that offerings can be accepted to count toward the 2017 year is December 31.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ★ Elders will meet on Thursday, November 9, at 5:00 PM.
- ★ Worship Committee will meet Sunday, November 12, at 11:30 AM.
- ★ Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM.
- ★ Congregational Meetings will take place on Sun., November 19, following each service to vote on the nominations, budget and appointments.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We will share our Stewardship Sunday this weekend. As is our tradition, we will be asking you to think about your Plan of Giving for 2018, and we will also share a fun approach to it. Plan to be with us.

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

Please pray, especially this week - as we visit and talk with a potential youth pastor about coming to FCC. We'll let you know.

ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Community Advent Choir rehearsals will be: 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.

FCC ADVENT CELEBRATION

We will have our "Hanging of the Greens" program on Sunday evening December 23. The youth will have a Soup Supper at 5:00 PM with the Advent Celebration service, including "God's Gang", at 6:00 PM. Come join us

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 19, we will celebrate Thanksgiving in worship, including our 2017 blessings in FCC. Come join in as we thank God.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 2:30 PM at the Lake Ridge Christian Church. All are invited and welcome.



CIRCLES IN NOVEMBER

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

Our next Community Kitchen date is Monday, November 20. Volunteers are needed & wanted!

FCC T-SHIRTS

We are ready for our second order of t-shirts. We will let you know when all are ready.

“THANK YOU” CARDS

Thank You cards are available for you to hand out. Please let us know who you shared with, where at, and what was said.

SALVATION ARMY BELL-RINGING

The FCC Salvation Army Bell-Ringing time will be on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Walmart, sponsored by the Disciples Men. 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.

“SOCK-IT-TO-ME”

Thank you to all those who donated socks for the pre-school kids at Head Start!

BUS DRIVERS

We invite anyone who is interested in being added to our FCC list of bus drivers to see Tony Peel about qualifications.



YOUTH GROUP: Jr. / Sr. High

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

➔ Please be praying for the youth and sponsors heading to SUMMIT on November 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 “Candy.”

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.

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! 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!

From PHS Football Players about FCC Dinner:

Thank you - food was great. Football takes a lot of food.
- Angus Beabout

Thank you for the football dinner. I like it that the churches are supporting us this way.

- Coy Landrum

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We are appreciating your appreciation - the tribute in worship, the cards/notes, the comments, the prayers. We love you, too.

- Rev. Mike & 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!

Nov. 5: 8:00 - 50 10:00 - 91 Nursery - 3

TOTAL WORSHIP = 144

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 5, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 4, New Disciples - 12, Open Door - 18, New Horizons - 11

TOTAL SS = 53

OFFERING TOTALS

November 5, 2017

General Fund + PayPal*	\$2,892.50*
Sunday School	24.00
Food Pantry	75.00
MICE	10.00
SUMMIT Registration	180.00
Head, Hands, Heart	25.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	332.00
Memorial Fund	75.00
Scholarship Fund	30.00
Church Bus Fund	20.00
Building Fund	485.00
TOTAL	\$4,148.50*

SERVING SCHEDULE: November 12, 2017

8:00 AM: ELDER: Joel Gleckler
DEACONESS: Cathy Clawson
PIANIST: Pete Templeton

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Rick Kennedy

West: Steve & Ellen Webb

ACOLYTES: Morgan Coombes, Steven West

WORSHIP LEADER: Kim Woods

BREAD ELDER: Chris Milam

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

DEACONS: Team #3, Sue Bennett, Captain; Jim Bellerud, Jim Bennett, 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: Kim Woods

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Edna Creech

NOV. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Dwight & Cindy Robinson

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

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION: Joe & Evie Gill

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:30-44

SERMON: The Questions Of Jesus: "How Many Loaves

Do You Have?" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

**Head, Hands, Heart
this week...**

