

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

March 21, 2018

WHO ARE WE?

It's obvious, isn't it? And everyone knows who we are, right?

Yes and No.

I guess this is a follow-up to last week's article about the possible slogan

“Bridges May Be Icy,
Your Church Shouldn't Be,”

because on that same trip I stayed in an older, downtown hotel. It was well-kept and I had no problems. In fact, I was impressed, especially when I read the information on the paper provided, “We strive to

Give New Life To Old Traditions.”

Then, below all of the hotel info, I discovered

“Vintage Personality with Modern Style.”

Someone is doing a good job of communicating who they are, as well as who they've been.

Who Are We?

I want to invite you to come up with some slogans that might describe us as FCC. Not a paragraph, not even a complete sentence, but a phrase that communicates something of who we are currently (in a positive way). That's not easy, but get your brain in gear and going, then when the idea comes, you'll be ready.

Who Are We?

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DISCIPLE MEN'S HAM LOAVES

HAM LOAF ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY - MARCH 21! Call Ken Hamilton at 466-2840 by 3:00 PM so he can call in the meat order. Payment can be made when you pick up your ham loaf. Pick up times are Saturday, March 24 from 10:00-12:00 NN or Sunday, March 25 after services. Make checks payable to “Disciples Men.” Thank you!

NOTE TO THE DISCIPLE MEN: Bring your own breakfast as we prepare ham loaves Saturday, March 28 from 8:00-10:00 AM.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

All the times are completely filled for the 24-Hour Prayer Vigil to be held this Saturday, March 24, at 8:00 AM through Sunday, March 25, 8:00 AM! Thank you so much for your participation. A letter of instruction will arrive in the mail shortly and will also be posted in the Prayer Room. This year, since all slots are filled, everyone should arrive in the Prayer Room at their allotted time.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday, April 1, we will have 8:00 & 10:00 AM worship with a breakfast between at 9:00 AM open to all. The 10:00 AM service will include the baptisms of our Pastor's Class participants, so come join us and invite others!

CHILDREN'S MOVIE

FCC is offering a free children's movie at the Paris Theatre during Spring Break! It will be, “All Dogs Go To Heaven,” shown at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, March 27, 28, 29. Spread the word and come enjoy - adults are welcome too!



We extend our sympathies to the family & friends of Melba Eveland in her passing this week. A service will be held on Friday.

Hospitalized: Lewis Thiel, Union
Nancy Weger, Bloomington

Home from Hospital: Ken Dennison



-- Hannah Waltz, who brought the snack to Pastor's Class;

-- Tony & Rita Haupt for organizing the "Passion Play" trip, and driving the bus;

-- Peg Dixon for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Joel Gleckler & Allen Englebright for the Minutes for Mission;

-- "The Joyful Ringers" for their Special Music with guest, Alayna Whitkanack.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

You -  
on Heaven's MOST WANTED list!

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MARCH PRAYER

Dear God, When the outside world is roaring like a lion, help us to remember that we can find peace in the mercy of your Lamb. Amen.

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**PASSION PLAY REPORT**

It was a good day - 10 of us rode the bus to Bloomington where others joined us to share the "American Passion Play" in it's 95th year! We left with a renewed sense of what it might have been like in the time of Jesus. Well-done!

**COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

The Community Good Friday Service will be held on March 30 at Cornerstone Baptist at 12:00 NN.

**LENTEN PRAYER & NOTE**

Thank you for continuing your prayers for others up through Easter. Be ready to send your Prayer Note before or after Easter to those you've been praying for. Notes are in the hallway.

**BUILDING UPDATE**

We are continuing with the painting - getting ready to go downstairs. And new carpeting is in the upstairs hallway, and now the Jerusalem Room - with more to follow. (Hopefully with minimal disruption.) We'll try to keep you aware.

**"WELCOME TO THE FAMILY"**

We were pleased on Sunday at 10:00 when Jenny & Joe McMahan, and Bill Pierson, came forward to officially join our FCC family. It is exciting to share this next step, and we are making plans to follow-up as needed. But for now - "Welcome To The Family!"

**UPCOMING MEETING**

Trustees will meet this Thursday, March 22, at 6:00 PM.

**MEMBERSHIP**

This is a very appropriate time to take the step into membership in FCC. Several are ready to do so; if that might include you, let us know your thoughts and questions, or surprise us on a Sunday! We are ready to say, "Welcome To The Family" - to you!

**LENTEN VIDEO STUDY**

The Video Study will conclude on Monday, March 26 at 5:00 PM. See how you are "Made For A Miracle."

**WORSHIP INVITATIONS**

The worship invitations are out - including the new version. Give these to others you would like to invite to worship.

**HOLY WEEK COMMUNION**

We will have a special Holy Week communion service in the Fellowship Hall, around tables with lights on, then off; including a choir anthem and a gift to take home. Come join us Thurs., March 29.

**CANTATA REHEARSALS**

Cantata rehearsals continue each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The FCC Scholarships are available in the office, at the PHS Guidance office, or online at our website: [www.fccparis.org](http://www.fccparis.org) under the Youth tab. The deadline for turning in scholarship applications and recommendations is April 15.

**EASTER OFFERING**

Letters explaining our Easter Offering are being mailed out this week. The goal for this year is \$3,000 to go to the general ministry of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

## BLESSING BOX

The "Blessing Box" giving continues through March. Ladies, count your blessings!

## WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The spring Women's Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, April 14, at 9:30 AM. Be saving up the following items: Box Tops for Education, Campbell's UPC labels, used postage stamps, pop tabs, used cell phones with chargers, used eye glasses & hearing aids. All ladies are invited to come.

## KOINONIA BASKET RAFFLE

Koinonia Circle is sponsoring a basket raffle, with the profits to go to missions. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Buy from a Koinonia member now or when they display the 10 available baskets following both worship services on April 8th & 15th. Drawing will be April 19th at the Koinonia monthly meeting.

## MEN'S BANQUET

The Men's Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 17. The speaker will be Eric Elliott. His father wrote a book about him that was made into the movie called, "Hoovey." This year, he will speak at 5:00 PM with the banquet following at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$8 for men, \$5 boys 10 and under and will be available this Sunday.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SERMON

If you missed Youth Sunday, or would like to read the youth sermon, typed copies are available on the sign-up desk.

## GOLDEN AGE

We will not have a Golden Age Luncheon meeting this month due to Holy Week activities. We are sorry for the late notice and invite you to plan on our April event.

## Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you for the gifts, cards, prayers and well-wishes for Valentines and my 103rd birthday. All of my FCC friends are very special gifts from God. Bless you! - Elsie Jane Jackson

## FAMILY BIBLE FOUND

A white leather family Bible was found while sorting in the church library with the name E. Louise Caylor inside. If you know who the Bible might go to, let Peggy Barath know. Thanks!



Youth Group Hey everybody, Wednesday night youth group is here! Jr High is from 6-7PM, and Sr High is from 6:30-8PM. Invite your friends!

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Upcoming Trips \*For the **Jr High** we are attending a conference called Believe. Believe is an over-nighter full of worship and chances to learn and grow closer to God. This will take place April 7-8 in Anderson IN. The cost is \$70 + 2 meals per student. You can still sign up! \*For **High School**, we are planning to attend a concert for the band Rend Collective, one of my personal favorites; they are a praise and worship band in folk-rock style. The concert is April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Rock Island IL. This will be a one day trip, costing \$32 per student + 1 meal. \*I will also be taking only a couple of students on a week of wilderness camp through Oil Belt Christian Service Camp at Current River in Missouri. We will spend a week in June canoeing and camping, spending time in God's creation!

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God's Gang & Crossroads God's Gang and Crossroads has OFFICIALLY began! Get pumped. You can still sign up, forms will be on the table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your prayers for this ministry!

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MICE will be going to the Children's Museum in Terre Haute on Sunday March 25, leaving at 1 pm. Any 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders interested in going this month are more than welcome to come! Also, bring in cans this Sunday!

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Summer Camp It may seem far away, but it sneaks up very fast! If you or your child is interested in signing up for summer camps at Camp Walter Scott, the registration deadline is April 20 with the early bird discount date at March 16 (**Scholarship money is available for those who need it**). FCC is offering to pay for half of your camp experience! We think camp is important! So don't miss this incredible opportunity.

One of the camps is *JYF*. It is for third through sixth grade students, on July 22-28 at Camp Walter Scott. Don't let your kids miss out on this great experience to grow closer to God.

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Rightnow Media As most of you know, we have adopted a new resource called *Rightnow Media*. For those of you who do not know, this is an online resource free and available to every member of FCC; it is a huge library of bible study series, conference messages, leadership training, kids content, and short video illustrations. Whether you're seeking growth or bored at home with no shows to watch on Netflix, this is a great resource. For those of you who have/are using it, we want to know what you think. Do you like Rightnow? What are you watching? What are your favorite videos or series? You can leave us a message on our profile. Talk to us!

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- John Snidle, FCC Youth Minister



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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!**

**March 11: 8:00 - 41 10:00 - 131 Nursery - 5**  
**TOTAL WORSHIP = 177**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 2, New Disciples - 12, Open Door - 18, New Horizons - 0**  
**TOTAL SS = 37**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**March 18, 2018**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund                 | \$3,156.25        |
| Sunday School                | 29.00             |
| Emergency Fund               | 10.00             |
| Food Pantry                  | 50.00             |
| Reimbursement: Cell          | 19.08             |
| Reimbursements: T-Shirts     | 30.00             |
| Reimbursements: Passion Play | 280.00            |
| Flower Fund                  | 100.00            |
| JC Foley Mission Trip Fund   | 105.00            |
| Disciples Out-Missions       | 115.00            |
| Week of Compassion           | 10.00             |
| Easter Offering              | 126.00            |
| Building Fund                | 190.00            |
| Church Bus Fund              | 75.00             |
| Memorial Fund                | 65.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$4,410.33</b> |

### SERVING SCHEDULE: March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday

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

DEACONESS: Pam Lobb

PIANIST: Mary Helen Hamilton

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Cody, Katie, Colten, Elsie Vaughn

West: Dan, Lisa, Ethan, Mya Smittkamp

ACOLYTES: Jasmine Littlejohn, Morgan Coombes

WORSHIP LEADER: Chris Milam

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Susan King

DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Captain; Jim Bellerud,

Al & Nancy Englebright, Mark Johnson, JK Vilks, Patty

Waters, Kevin Woods

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Lainey Ogle, Capt.; Aubrey

Sanders, Alex Tapscott, Ben Young

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Peg Dixon

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deena Hasler

MARCH FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Katie Vaughn

MARCH USHERS: Randy Creech, Ken Dennison,

Lloyd Maggett

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:1-10

SERMON: "Living The Light: Receiving"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

### NEW HORIZONS S.S. CLASS

The New Horizons class is doing a series of lessons entitled, "Christians Get Depressed, Too." They meet upstairs in the Sunshine room.

