

# THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

March 28, 2018

## WHAT ABOUT YOU?

You've sung the words; have you experienced the words?  
The first time I preached, It caused me to tremble,  
When I received my first death call, It caused me to tremble,  
When our girls were born, It caused me to tremble,  
When I went to my early pastoral job interviews, It caused me to tremble,  
Watching the events of 9/11, It caused me to tremble,  
When my Mom died, It caused me to tremble,

And you have experienced your own times of trembling. Often, they come without warning. It is a shock that we have to deal with, and it's a reminder that we are not in control. That would have been the case with those who were with Jesus at the end.

Imagine that it was you. Picture yourself at the cross, in that crowd -  
Would you have trembled? If you had seen and heard the nails,  
Would you have trembled? If you had seen the spear go into Jesus,  
Would you have trembled? If you experienced the day turn into night.

I'm sure I would have. What about you? And what about now?

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## CHILDREN'S MOVIE

The free children's movie, "All Dogs Go To Heaven," that FCC is sponsoring this week at 10:00 AM at the Paris Theatre this week is underway - there is one more day, Thursday, that you are welcome to go to! We've already had 90 on Tuesday morning and over 100 Wednesday (final count later), so this is a great outreach! Thank you to all our volunteers who help each day!

## HOLY WEEK COMMUNION & GIFT

Thursday night, March 29, we will have a special Holy Week communion service in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. We will meet around tables with lights on, then off; have a choir anthem. Since it's in the evening, offer or ask for a ride, but come join us. Plus, we have a gift for you that goes with our theme. Often we give a gift at the beginning of Lent, but they will be available at this service for you to use as a witness to your faith and His light.

## COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Community Good Friday Service will be held Friday, March 30, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church beginning at 12:00 NN.

## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday, April 1, we will have 8:00 & 10:00 AM worship with a breakfast between services for everyone at 9:00 AM. The 10:00 AM service will include baptisms and first communion. Come join us and invite others!

## Men's Banquet

This year the Men's Banquet is Tuesday, April 17. Eric Elliott will be speaking at 5:00 PM. His father wrote a book about him that was made into the film, "Hoovey." The banquet will follow at 6:00 PM. Tickets are available; \$8 for men, \$5 boys 10 and under. (If there is interest in seeing the movie, we can show it at church sometime. Let us know!)



Hospitalized: Tom King, Carle

Home from Hospital:  
Richard Melendez  
Lewis Thiel  
Nancy Weger

Sympathies are extended to Pastor John Snidle & family in the passing of his grandfather. Condolences may be sent to John's dad: Ray Snidle, 4562 E. 900th Ave., Newton, IL 62448.



-- Sue Bennett & CWF for the funeral dinner;

-- All those who prayed in the Prayer Vigil;

-- Disciple Men for the Ham Loaves;

-- Mary Helen Hamilton for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Peg Dixon & Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermons;

-- Kevin & Kim Woods for the 25th Anniversary flowers;

-- Trustees and others who have moved furniture during these days.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

A Blood Donor saved my life!  
*"Park your Keester here this Easter"*

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**APRIL PRAYER**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son - thank You, God." (John 3:16)  
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**HAM LOAVES**

If you ordered ham loaves, they are in the freezer for you to pick up. Be sure to give your payment to Ken Hamilton or bring it to the office.

**PRAYER NOTE**

Thank you for your prayers during Lent. There were well over 500 prayed for, so please send them a note to let them know you were praying!

**BUILDING UPDATE**

The painting and carpeting continue and next week it will be done in the offices. So, we will officially be closed Monday-Thursday to allow that work. Be aware that we will not be here to serve you; we will try to check phone messages, but anything immediate may not be able to be addressed. Thank you for your patience!

**"WELCOME TO THE FAMILY"**

We were pleased to welcome several of our young people on Sunday as they came forward to confess their belief and acceptance of Christ. We received Jazzy Littlejohn, Graham Templeton, Hannah Waltz from Pastor's Class, & Myli Tapscott from a special version of Pastor's Class. We look forward to their baptisms and say, "Welcome To The Family!"

**LUNCH with PASTOR JOHN**

It is important that a minister get acquainted with the church, including the youth minister. So we are encouraging you to do so with Pastor John - by inviting him to join you for lunch on a Sunday (or any other day/meal that works better). You can sign up on the list, or be spontaneous; it can be in your home or out, but get to know Pastor John and help him know you! This includes all, especially families with children and youth.

**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!

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Monday, April 16, will be our turn to provide the Community Kitchen at HRC. Sign-up to help serve or bring a dessert.

**WORSHIP INVITATIONS**

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

**CANTATA**

Cantata rehearsals continue each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. The Cantata will be presented on April 22 at 10:00 AM. Many schedules have an earlier date, so adjust your serving accordingly.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The FCC Scholarships are due in the office by April 15. Be sure to get those in on time!

**EASTER OFFERING**

The goal for this year's Easter Offering is \$3,000 to go to the general ministry of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. So far you have given \$847.50. Thank you!

## CIRCLES IN APRIL

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: meets Thursday, April 12, at 6:00 PM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meets Tuesday, April 17, at the home of Mary Helen Hamilton at 1:30 PM.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, April 19, in the church kitchen at 9:00 AM.

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Ladies, bring in your Blessing Box collection this Sunday or next. A basket will be available.

## 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.

## PASTOR'S CLASS PRAYERS

Dear God, Thank You for letting me be in church and Pastor's Class. I want to be baptized to go to heaven and be a part of the church. I am glad that I am in Pastor's Class to learn more about you, God. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Jasmine Littlejohn

Dear God, Thank You for Pastor's Class. This is helping me learn more about You, and have fun at the same time. I want to be baptized so I can be a Christian, live like You, and live with You in heaven. This is helping me know more about You. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Graham Templeton

Dear God, Thank You for every one who comes to our church. Thank You for getting rid of my sins. Thank You for everyone and taking away their sins. Thank You for Pastor's Class and everyone who came, and for the snack we had today, and for You, God. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Hannah Waltz

Dear God, Thank You for accepting me. Thank You for letting me learn. Thank You for my family. I want to learn more about You. Help me to be like You. I love You! In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Myli Tapscott

Dear God, Thank You for teaching and for accepting me. I want to be like You. Help me to choose the right things. I love You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- Ari Metcalf



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. **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 will continue each Wednesday through April! Thank you for your prayers for this ministry!

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MICE was cancelled this past Sunday due to weather but next month will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> (that's a Saturday!) at 10AM at Aikman's Wildlife Adventure; weather permitting! Any 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders interested in going are more than welcome to come! Thanks for your cans, too!

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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.

| <u>CAMP NAME</u>        | <u>GRADES</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| CYF<br>Grandparents and | 9-12          | June 10-16   |
| Me                      | K-5           | July 8-11    |
| Beginners               | K-2           | July 11-14   |
| Chi-Rho                 | 6-8           | July 15-21   |
| JYF                     | 3-5           | July 22-28   |

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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. 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!

- 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 25: 8:00 - 45 10:00 - 118 Nursery - 4  
TOTAL WORSHIP = 167**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 4, Jr & Sr High - 3, New Disciples - 10, Open Door - 21, New Horizons - 10  
TOTAL SS = 50**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**March 25, 2018**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund+E.G.*             | \$6,389.25*        |
| Sunday School                  | 19.00              |
| Envelopes                      | 5.00               |
| Choices Pregnancy & Health     | 120.00             |
| Emergency Fund                 | 50.00              |
| Food Pantry                    | .00                |
| Reimbursement: Cell            | .0                 |
| Reimbursements: Passion Play   | 280.00             |
| Reimbursements: Emergency Fund | 199.50             |
| Disciples Out-Missions+E.G.*   | 699.00*            |
| Week of Compassion E.G.*       | 75.00*             |
| Easter Offering                | 721.50             |
| Permanent Fund                 | 12.00              |
| Building Fund+E.G.*            | 1,204.00*          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$9,769.25*</b> |

### SERVING SCHEDULE: April 1, 2018 - Easter!

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dick James

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Evie Gill

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Pam Lobb

West: Pat Hittle

ACOLYTES: Taylor Shewey, Sophie Young

WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: David Dick

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

DEACONS: Team 3, Jacob Thomas, Captain; Cory Craig,

Barb Free, Mike Kirk, Doc & Donna Moody, Jerry

Thomas, Dan Thomey

JR DEACONS: Team #3, Jaydin Seeley, Capt.; Cheyenne

Miller, Cydney Miller, Carstan Stites

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Allen Englebright

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Sammy Milam

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Doug Hasler

APRIL FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Pat Hittle

APRIL USHERS: Steve Coombes, Dean Smittkamp,

Ron Stickler

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-11, 44-49

SERMON: "Living The Light: Telling"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon



### SERVING SCHEDULE: March 29, 2018

**7:00 PM - Thursday Communion Service**

WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Kennedy

BREAD ELDER: Chris Milam

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:14-23

SERMON: "Living The Light: Being Together"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon