

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

July 11, 2018

FALL RISK

I've reached a new stage in life - doctor's appointments. (Can you relate?) I've been scheduling them to look at this, keep up with that, check on something else.

But this year I experienced something that made me laugh - shake my head - cry. I was asked about my “fall risk.” Apparently it's a government thing for those over 65 and on Medicare. So I answered the questions about walking, stepping, getting up, moving around. (I was tempted to make up some really “good” answers.) When I went back, I was ready - no questions!? - “it's only once a year.” So, I guess it's “wait till next year.” (Right baseball fans?!)

At first it was funny - asking an active, working person questions for “old people.” (Then I remembered - I am one. Some days I forget.)

Then I was aggravated. Why is the government doing this? What is the reason for... Enough!

And then I was sad - when I thought of you who had fallen and all that followed. In that I began to be aware of moments when I could easily stumble or lose my balance or worse - even when I'm not hurrying or horsing around.

That's all about falling physically. What about an emotional fall risk? Or, are you in danger or even a victim of a spiritual fall? Even though the government doesn't require it, you might want to evaluate yourself as to your “fall” risk.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is right around the corner - so pre-register now for “Time Lab”! Sign-up using the forms in the hallway, or online at: <http://fccparis.org/vacation-bible-school/> Vacation Bible School will be July 30-August 3 from 9:00-11:30/45 AM each day, with Friday going until 12:15 PM for the picnic and finale. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome! We also need volunteers for snack items and craft items. A sign-up for the snacks will be out soon. Craft items needed are cleaned/unlabeled tin cans (soup/veggie/fruit) and cardboard paper towel/toilet paper tubes. A collection box is out under the sign-up desk for these items. VBS curriculum has been ordered and we'll be calling teachers with their class information in about a week! Spread the word! Invite others! Pray!



“Christmas in July”

Our Christmas in July focus is Camp Walter Scott. We enjoyed the visit from Camp Manager, Laura Williams, last Sunday and have information available about the camp. She provided a list of needed items for the camp - so check it out and bring those in to put under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Monetary gifts are also welcome, please designate them “Christmas in July”.



Hospitalized:
Charlotte Bennett, Paris
Ken Dennison, Providence Rehab

Home from Hospital: Bill Chittick

Welcome back from camp: Grant Johnson and Pastor John, and Graham and Drew Templeton. Attending this week are Parker Craig and Saunny Preston, then Sarah Littlejohn. Next week will be Ava Huddleson, Claire Young, Austin Kirk, and Pastor John; then Sophie Young and Jasmine Littlejohn.

Congrats to Nels Kasey & family on the marriage of M/M Faustine & Zara (Kasey) Munoz!

Sympathies go to Cindy Mathis & family in the recent loss of her uncle.



- Peggy, Coralie, & Roseann for the patriotic décor;
- All for the patriotic tribute;
- Peg Dixon & Mary Helen Hamilton for the 8:00 accompaniments;
- Steve Webb, Peg Dixon, Rev. Mike for Children's Sermons;
- Jenny McMahan, Kay Bellerud, & Jim Mathis for their Special Music;
- Karen & Larry Newhart, and Joel Gleckler for the "Christmas" décor;
- Laura Williams from Camp Walter Scot for coming to represent and tell us about our camp;
- Angel Templeton, Karla & Bill Pierson, Pastor John for the Youth Trip to Holiday World;
- Cody Vaughn for devotions and prayer at Board Meeting.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Some give without loving,
none love without giving.

JULY PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, we pray for peace. Peace of mind, peace from broken pieces, peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen."

FAIR HOSPITALITY TENT

We have been asked to host the Hospitality Tent at the Edgar County Fair on Monday, July 23 - from 5:00-8:00 PM. We've divided the time in half, so will need volunteers for each shifts. A sign-up sheet is out in the hallway.

"SPLINTERS" FROM THE BOARD

At it's July meeting, the Executive Board:

- gathered around a display of camp info and Christmas cards, as well as Matthew 2:11 about gift-giving and I Timothy 4:7-10 about godliness;
- offered ongoing prayers for one youth/child - who is a potential camper - and family;
- officially received the resignation - with regret - of Emily Thomas as Nursery Attendant in September due to their upcoming birth;
- shared the recent letter from Tatiana in Peru;
- approved vacation time for Rev. Mike, and Pastor John for his honeymoon!
- expressed a financial concern about giving and income, and voted to include the Special Designated and Future Staff Funds into the General Fund;
- approved the Disciples Outreach and Community Outreach recommendations to use the interest income this year - copies are available;
- saw the T-shirt and FCC ad to be distributed through the high school;
- heard of a Membership Committee plan to go to Moonshine later this year;
- noted the Trustee report on a roof repair, and the need to replace the gold trim in sanctuary;
- heard of the need for the summer meeting of the CWF Leadership Team;
- appointed members Steve Webb, Joel Gleckler, Karen Newhart, Mary K. Bradford & Karla Pierson to recommend support for outreach projects to keep us balanced.

MICE CANS

The last Sunday of the month is the day we collect aluminum cans for recycling. The proceeds go to our MICE fund for their events. So bring in your cans on July 29. Thank you!

COMPASSIONATE CLOTHING CLOSET

We need your help this month at the Compassionate Clothing Closet on Mondays and especially Tuesdays. Check out the sign-up sheet in the hallway for times. Thank you!

MAN OF THE YEAR

Turn in your nomination for Man of the Year. Forms are available in the hallway.

COMMUNITY DRAMA

We have been asked to remind and invite you to the Community Theatre production of "Joseph" this weekend. We have several involved, and encourage your support.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER in Summer

The Circle of Prayer will continue to pray for prayer requests received throughout the summer.



RFL “Wine-ing for a Cure”

Our next event is the “Wine-ing for a Cure” fundraiser at Castle Finn on July 20. Tickets are available, as well as raffle tickets for two lovely hand-made blankets.

EDGAR CO RELAY FOR LIFE

The Edgar County Relay For Life event will be Saturday, August 4, from 12:00 NN-10:00 PM at the Twin Lakes Park. At noon, our own Erin Terry will be singing with “Givers of Song” kicking off the entertainment. Support our FCC booth and “May the Cure Be With You”!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Sign-up to help serve or bring desserts to the Community Kitchen on Monday, July 16.

DISCIPLE MEN’S BREAKFAST

The Disciple Men’s breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 21, at 8:00 AM at the Paris Family Restaurant. All men are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Even if you’ve missed a Sunday School class or two, you can still join the video series going through Sunday, July 22. The options are: “What On Earth Am I Here For?” with Mary K. Bradford in the Jerusalem Room; “Acts of God - Why Does God Allow Pain?” with Greg Terry in the upstairs classroom; “Ridiculous - Living Like Christ In A Love-Starved World” with Pastor John Snidle in the Youth Room; and “Faith Commander - Learning Family Values from the Parables of Jesus” with Rev. Mike in the kitchen. Following the video series will be 5 weeks of special presentations, beginning Sunday, July 29. Join us for Sunday School at 9:00 AM!

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*Thank You!*

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and good wishes. I have appreciated them very much.

- Corky Davidson

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, and prayers over the last few months. They were just what we needed. We are blessed to have such a caring church family.

- The Dayton Family



Wilderness Camp Wilderness camp was June 23 – June 28, although it was supposed to end on June 30, we had to leave early due to extreme conditions! By extreme conditions, I mean constant never-ending rain. That may not sound so bad, but when most of the food we packed had to be cooked over a fire, it is an important detail. Despite the hardships, we had a great time! We got dirty, and smelly, and a little broken, but we really learned about ourselves and grew closer to God and His creation. Hope to return next year!

VBS This years Vacation Bible School will be July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 11:30 everyday except for Friday, which will let out a little later at 12:30. The Directors will be Kim Woods and Deena Hasler. It is just a little over 2 weeks away, so be praying for the success of the event and the sanity of all the volunteers, it is desperately needed!

Prayer Partners Thank you! We have enough people signed up for our prayer partner list, which is very important, otherwise a student does not receive prayer and encouragement! So thank you to all who committed your time and energy.

Summer Camp The high school camp at Walter Scott (CYF) was a blast! Everyone really grew closer to each other and in their relationship with Jesus. Next week is the junior high week, so we expect an equally fun and beneficial time! For those of you who attended camp, be sure to fill out the camp letter to the church and thank you letter for your prayer partner.

Sunday School We are halfway through our special Sunday School series, but you are still welcomed to join! Learning is learning, even if you don’t get all of it. Here are the times and classes: “What On Earth Am I Here For?” with Mary K. Bradford in the Jerusalem Room; “Acts of God - Why Does God Allow Pain?” with Greg Terry in the upstairs classroom; “Ridiculous - Living Like Christ In A Love-Starved World” with Pastor John Snidle in the Youth Room; and “Faith Commander - Learning Family Values from the Parables of Jesus” with Rev. Mike in the kitchen.

- John Snidle, 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!*

**July 1: 8:00 - 56 10:00 - 86 Nursery - 6**  
**TOTAL WORSHIP = 148 SS Total: 42**

**July 8: 8:00 - 55 10:00 - ? Nursery - ?**  
**TOTAL WORSHIP = ? SS Total: 36**

### OFFERING TOTALS

|                         | July 1            | July 8, 2018      |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund            | \$3,539.26        | \$4,651.25        |
| Sunday School           | 18.00             | 18.00             |
| Emergency Fund          | 50.00             |                   |
| Choices Preg.&Health    | 100.00            | 50.00             |
| Food Pantry             | 115.00            | 100.00            |
| Faith In Action / HHH   | 10.00             | 100.00            |
| MICE / Baby Bottles     | 10.00             | 18.14             |
| VBS                     | 50.00             | 70.00             |
| Disciples Men           | 50.00             |                   |
| LOL / Community Kitchen | 50.00             | 50.00             |
| Bell Choir              | 50.00             | 50.00             |
| Disciples Out./Missions | 204.00            | 115.00            |
| Christmas in July       | 13.00             | 65.00             |
| Building Fund           | 309.00            | 270.00            |
| Church Bus Fund         | 50.00             |                   |
| Permanent Fund          | 1,512.00          |                   |
| Scholarship Fund        | 500.00            |                   |
| Memorial Fund           | 1,300.00          | 70.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$7,930.26</b> | <b>\$5,627.39</b> |

### July 15, 2018 continued...

CHILDRENS CHURCH: Jenelle Adams  
 SPECIAL MUSIC: Kay Bellerud  
 JULY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Daniel Smittkamp  
 SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel  
 PROJECTION: Brooklyn Ward  
 JULY USHERS: Randy Creech, Lloyd Maggart  
 SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19:16-30  
 SERMON: "Overcoming The Obstacle Of Riches"  
 by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

### SERVING SCHEDULE: July 22, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dennis Thiel  
 DEACONESS: Cynthia Faulk  
 PIANIST: Faye Eitel

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM:** GREETERS: EAST: TBA  
 WEST: TBA

ACOLYTES: Kendal Close, Taylor Shewey  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey  
 BREAD ELDER: David Dick  
 DEACONESS: Ellen Webb  
 DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Captain  
 JR DEACONS: Team #2, Lainey Ogle, Capt.  
 CHILDREN'S SERMON: Barbara Dick  
 NURSERY HELPER: Montana Boatman  
 CHILDRENS CHURCH: Cindy Robinson  
 SPECIAL MUSIC: Doug Hasler  
 SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick  
 PROJECTION: Tony Peel  
 SCRIPTURE: Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON: "Overcoming The Obstacle of Hypocrisy"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

### SERVING SCHED.: July 15, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dan Lynch  
 DEACONESS: Pam Lobb  
 PIANIST: Pete Templeton

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM:** GREETERS: EAST: TBA  
 WEST: TBA

ACOLYTES: Steven West, Emma Kennedy  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Kennedy  
 BREAD ELDER: Chris Milam  
 DEACONESS: Janean Gilliland  
 DEACONS: Team 1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain  
 JR DEACONS: Team #1, Brooklyn Ward, Capt.  
 CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor John Snidle  
 NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson