

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

July 25, 2018

LIVING UP TO THE STANDARD

I don't think I'm a snob about it, but I want our yard to look nice. Not a showcase by any means, but well-groomed at least.

So when we were going to be on vacation for a week in June - when it was still growing - I knew I needed to make some arrangements.

And the Youth Auction came at a perfect time; so my plan was to get one of the youth to come do it. And we were able to “buy” Will Templeton to provide the service. He agreed to it, so I had him over to point out flowers, bad spots, and how best to do it.

I wasn't trying to put the pressure on, but he needed to know my standard so he could try to live up to it.

I didn't worry about it at all while out-of-town, but I admit I was curious. So when we got home, I noticed it looked good; I checked it out and it was good. I wondered if I'd have to go over it, but it was perfect!

I then realized that I would have to live up to Will's standard!

And the same is true of living for God. He has high standards for us as the Bible tells us. But when we fail to live that way, He also has the forgiveness to give us another opportunity - to live up to the standard.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

👉 “Time Lab” VBS is almost here!!! Vacation Bible School is July 30-August 3 from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM each day, with Friday going until 12:15 PM for the picnic and finale. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome!

📄 Please pre-register! (It really helps!) Forms are available in the hallway or online at:
<http://fccparis.org/vacation-bible-school/>

👋 Volunteer! Helpers see Kim or Deena

🎯 Sign-up for the snacks on the board in the hallway. We still need: grapes, Taco Dorito chips, Colby jack cheese cubes, shredded mozzarella cheese, lemonade mix, Pillsbury sugar cookies, English muffins, and ice cream cups - see sign-up board or Megan Mathis for more details.

✂️ Craft items are needed: 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.

👤 We're almost ready - get yourself ready, invite friends, relatives, neighbors, even strangers!

✝️ Be a Prayer Pal - sign up this Sunday, July 29!

📅 Teacher's meeting will be held Sunday, July 29 at 1:30 PM

👁️ You are invited to come watch during the Opening and the Closing of VBS each day

💰 The VBS Offering is going to help build a Water Well in Africa; our Goal is \$900 (extra is invited from the congregation)

🕒 Set-up for VBS is this Sunday, July 29, immediately after second service

🕒 Cleanup for VBS will be Friday, August 3, around 1:00ish PM



Our sympathies go to Lori Bridwell in the passing of her host-mom in Finland.

Hospitalized:

Ken Dennison, Providence Rehab

Home from Hospital:

Merle Hays
Charlotte Bennett
Mary Griffin

Well-done to all involved in the "Joseph" production last weekend.

Welcome back to those who have been at camp!



-- Faye Eitel & Pete Templeton for the 8:00 accompaniments;

-- Pastor John, Barbara Dick, Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermons;

-- Kay Bellerud & Doug Hasler for the Special Music;

-- Kim Woods & Deena Hasler for the VBS announcements - and - all the arrangements and decorations;

-- Relay team for the "Wine-ing" event;

-- Sam & Saunny Preston, Allen Englebright, Pete & Angel Templeton & family for helping at the Fair Hospitality Tent as FCC;

-- And all the volunteer helpers who worked at the Compassionate Clothing Closet for us this month.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

Every trail has  
a few puddles in it.  
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AUGUST PRAYER

"Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for the joy we find in worship. May we always share that joy throughout the rest of the week. Amen."

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile is open to the community for donations at the KC Hall the fourth Monday of each month - August 27. Giving blood saves lives - so please give if you are able.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Come join us for Children's Sunday on August 5! The VBS kids will sing songs and help give a report on our Vacation Bible School, as well as help with offering, communion, benediction, and more during the 10:00 AM service.

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

As you know our Christmas in July focus is on Camp Walter Scott. We are still collecting items and monetary gifts. A list is posted in the sanctuary and items may be left under the tree.

MAN OF THE YEAR

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



NURSERY ATTENDANT POSITION

We are officially in the position of seeking someone to work as our Nursery Attendant. We are very grateful to Emily Thomas for her work - and her upcoming birth this fall! The position is open if you are interested. Contact the office for details.

COMPASSIONATE CLOTHING CLOSET

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped at the CCC during July. We appreciate your help! The CCC is also collecting underwear and socks for children and a collection box is out under the sign-up desk for donations. Thanks!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ◆ CWF Leadership Team to meet (tentatively), Tuesday, August 14, at 1:30 PM.
- ◆ Mission Project Committee to meet Thursday, August 16, at 1:30 PM.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER in Summer

The Circle of Prayer will continue to pray for prayer requests received throughout the summer. Please include name on prayer cards.

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!



RELAY FOR LIFE

⚡ The Edgar Co. Relay For Life team will host a chicken or beef noodle dinner this Sunday, July 29, from 11am-2pm at the VFW.

⚡ Thank you to all who supported the "Wine-ing For A Cure" that raised over \$2,000 that will go to the American Cancer Society!

⚡ 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"!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST

The summer video series will finish this Sunday. Thanks to all! During the Sundays of August, all will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM for special presentations. First, on the 5th, JC Foley will tell about his trip to Russia and the work they did there. Come join our combined Sunday School to finish the summer!

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

You are invited to join in the celebration of Gladys Wright's 100th birthday on Sunday, August 26, from 2:00-4:00 PM at FCC. RSVP to Sandy Templeton - 251-2643. Cards are welcome, no gifts please.

MISSING BOOK

Whoever was the last one to get the book, "Rebounding From Death's Door", would you please return it to David Dick? Others want to borrow it! Thank you!



Thank You!

Thank you to all who prayed for Parker Mae Craig and me while we were at Grandparents and Me Camp. She had a great time and I enjoyed watching her blossom. It was a wonderful experience for us and even the weather cooperated. Thanks again for all the prayers.
- Saunny Preston

Thank you so much for all your kindnesses during this time.
- Cindy & Dwight Robinson



VBS It's here! This year Vacation Bible School will be July 30th through August 3rd from 9am to 11:45 everyday except for Friday, which will let out a little later at 12:30. The Directors are Kim Woods and Deena Hasler. Be praying for the success of the event and the sanity of all the volunteers, it is desperately needed!

Summer Camp The jr high school camp at Walter Scott (Chi-Ro) went very well! Everyone had a good time. There is another week (Chi-Ro/JYF) and we have several students attending, so continue your prayers for them. 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. I would also like to thank all prayer partners that were willing to give love and encouragement to each camper; you truly are a blessing!

Holiday World It went really well! We had many kids go, regular youth group kids and a couple noobies; and because of our reservation we were "Special Guests" for the day and felt very special indeed. The only problem we had was tardiness; a group for half an hour late when we were trying to leave because one of them was busy getting phone numbers from some girls he met, so if that's the only problem I'd say it was a success!

Sermon Yes, I will be giving the message this Sunday, July 29. I am nervous and do not need a big crowd to make me more nervous! However, despite my fears, I would wish everyone to be there to share this big moment with me. So don't listen to me and come here God's message spoken through pastor John Snidle; the sermon title is "Overcoming the obstacle of fairness." Curious what that means? Come listen!

- 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 15: 8:00 - 43 10:00 - 94 Nursery - 3

TOTAL WORSHIP = 140 SS Total: 34

July 22: 8:00 - 53 10:00 - 97 Nursery - 2

TOTAL WORSHIP = 153 SS Total: 30

OFFERING TOTALS

	July 15	July 22, 2018
Gen'l Fund+E.G.*	\$3,109.25	\$7,356.00*
Sunday School		27.00
Emergency Fund		60.00
Food Pantry	75.00	100.00
God's Gang	51.00	
VBS		120.00
Reimb: Holiday World	826.38	54.00
Community Kitchen	25.00	200.00
Bell Choir		50.00
Dis.Out./Missions+E.G.*	185.00	594.00*
Christmas in July	133.00	98.00
Wk. of Compassion E.G.*		75.00*
Permanent Fund		12.00
Memorial Fund	525.00	
Building Fund+E.G.*	410.00	684.00*
TOTAL	\$5,339.63	\$9,430.00*

**Electronic Giving*

July 29, 2018 continued...

SOUND SYSTEM: Chris Milam

PROJECTION: Tony Peel

JULY USHERS: Randy Creech, Lloyd Maggart

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON: "Overcoming The Obstacle Of Fairness"

by Pastor John Snidle

SERVING SCHEDULE: August 5, 2018 VBS/Children Sun.

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman

PIANIST: Evie Gill

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

Dorothy Farnham, Peg Dixon & Children

ACOLYTES: Children

WORSHIP LEADER: Doug Hasler

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: Susan King

DEACONS: Team 1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Brooklyn Ward, Capt.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Angel Templeton

NURSERY HELPER: Sammy Milam

CHILDRENS CHURCH: TBA

SPECIAL MUSIC: Katie Smith

AUGUST FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Saunny Preston

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Dam Smittkamp

AUG. USHERS: Steve Coombes, Dean Smittkamp, Ron Stickler

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 6:1-10

SERMON: "The Family God Wants Us To Be"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Tammy Terry, Nels Kasey

SERVING SCHED.: July 29, 2018

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dick James

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Dennis Thiel

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS: TBA

ACOLYTES: Mya Smittkamp, Myli Tapscott

WORSHIP LEADER: Kim Woods

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Edna Creech

DEACONS: Team 3, Jacob Thomas, Captain

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Deena Hasler

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDRENS CHURCH: TBA

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mike Cavaleri

JULY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Daniel Smittkamp