

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

September 5, 2018

BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a new way to refer to Scripture using the popular, “by the numbers.”

Last week when it was August 28, I wrote it as 8/28 - and it reminded me of the verse in Romans 8:28 that many know and quote (at least partially). Using that same pattern, here's a list of Scriptural dates; you'll have to think of the numeric equivalent, and then figure out the biblical book:

January 1	July 12
February 8	August 1
March 16	September 6
April 19	October 10
May 8	November 6
June 10	December 1

Of course, there are many others. Take some of your favorite scriptures and see if you can change them into dates. (I'd love it if someone handed me a list on Sunday, or simply challenge me verbally with a date, ie., January 14!?!)

It's not life-changing and probably doesn't have any eternal significance, but it's using Scripture and exercising your mind, both of which have value.

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PS: Here's my Scripture list from dates to verses:

Genesis 1:1 or John 1:1	Matthew 7:12
Ephesians 2:8	Romans 8:1
John 3:16	Isaiah 9:6
I Peter 4:19 or I John 4:19	John 10:10
Romans 5:8	Hebrews 11:6
Galatians 6:10 or Ephesians 6:10	Romans 12:1 or Hebrews 12:1

Bible Presentations

Last Sunday during Promotions, we presented Bibles to our incoming first and fifth graders. We found out later that we had missed one: Calhoun Metcalf, first grade. We wanted to announce him here and have made sure he has his Bible. If there was anyone else we missed, please let us know!

"Live as Children of the Light"

This coming Sunday, September 9, is “Theme Sunday” to remind us and challenge us to “live as children of the Light”.

LUNCH ON THE LAWN

We have once again been invited to the high school to provide the annual, “Lunch On the Lawn” for the students and staff. It will be Wednesday, October 3 - during their Homecoming week. We will need lots of help and lots of food donations to make it happen. The sign-up sheets will be available this weekend. And we thank you all!

CCIW TRAINING

We are scheduled to host a CCIW clergy training on Saturday, September 15, here at FCC - if there are enough registrations. We are glad to partner with the regional church.



Hospitalized: Bill Fudge, Paris

Home from the Hospital:
Susan King
Karen Moore
Gladys Wright
Shirley Ross

Congratulations to Gladys Wright and the Templeton family on the 100th Birthday Open House last Sunday!



-- Pete Templeton and Peg Dixon for the 8:00 accompaniment;
-- Pastor John, Kay Bellerud, and Rev. Mike for the Children's

Sermons;

-- Drew, Graham, Will Templeton and Stuart Metcalf & Peg Dixon for their piano and handbell Special Music;
-- Peg Dixon & Kathy Peel for accompanying the requests on Sunday;
-- Christian Education Committee for the Bible Presentations;
-- Mathis family for the flowers in memory of Mary Mathis' and for Tom Patalas' memorial flowers;
-- Karen Newhart, Joel Gleckler, Ron Stickler, & Rev. Mike for delivering our "Christmas in July" gifts to Camp Walter Scott.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

When it gets dark,  
let God light the way.



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SEPTEMBER PRAYER

"Dear God, As we begin a new school year, we pray for the students who feel they don't fit in, who feel alone, or who may be bullied. We pray they realize that they are loved and that they find their own group of friends. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen."

SERMON SERIES

The plan is to share a sermon series in September-October on the pain and suffering of life. Entitled, "Faith and Faire," we will explore the Experience, the Reasons, the Healing, the Value, the Response to suffering - and more.

CHANCEL CHOIR

All singers are invited and welcome to join the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. We sing the anthem each Sunday at 10:00 AM and will begin singing on Sunday, September 9.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are grateful for having Emily Thomas in the Nursery, and will miss her as she makes ready for her next little one. Yet, we are also blessed for Jenny McMahan to step in as our new Nursery Attendant. We look forward to her service - with Cathy Clawson as assistant. Thank you all.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Elders will meet Thurs., Sept. 6, at 5:00 PM.
- Board will meet Tues., Sept. 11, at 7:00 PM.

SECRET PLACE

The Secret Place devotional for the fall quarter is available at the entryways. Pick up a copy!

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Tuesday morning Bible Study will be resume on September 18 at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. New attendees are welcome and wanted - so come join us as we begin with "The Most Misused Verses In The Bible."

DISCIPLES MEN

The Disciples Men will have their breakfast get-together on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 8:00 AM at the Paris Family Restaurant.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The newsletter is back to it's weekly schedule, so look for it in your mailbox or inbox!

LIGHTS OFF / DOORS LOCKED

We need your help with turning off lights, Sundays specifically, upstairs/downstairs/on the main level - after Children's Church in the room/hallway/bathroom upstairs - in the basement after services in the Communion Prep room and Fellowship Hall - the elevator... We also ask that all the outer doors be locked, even if there are still people in the building. They will still open to let people out, but make sure the Prayer Room, the sanctuary doors, the Washington Str. and the Nursery doors are locked every week. Thank you for your help!

CIRCLES IN SEPTEMBER

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: will meet Thursday, Sept. 13, at the church at 6:00 PM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will meet Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Pat Hittle's; she will be hostess. Corky Davidson will bring the lesson.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet Thursday, Sept. 20 in the church kitchen. Cindy Mathis will be the hostess and give the lesson.

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CWF Booklets are ready for each Circle Leader to pick up in the CWF Box before your meeting this month.

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The Women's Workshop will be Thursday, Sept. 13, at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to bring in the following items: used postage stamps, Box Tops for Education, eye glasses/cases, cell phones/chargers, pop tabs, and old keys.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Thank you to all the volunteers who faithfully help each month at the Community Kitchen. Our next Monday to serve is September 17. Please sign-up to help or bring desserts.

HONEYBEE WEEKEND

The end of September is Honeybee weekend which includes:

- the FCC "Scarecrow Booth" - they need accessories: belts, necklaces, scarves, etc.
- the Parade - with the FCC bus - they need walkers and freezer pops to hand out.

GOLDEN AGE

You are invited to join the Golden Age luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 12:00 NN. Sign-up so we have a number to give to our caterer!

FAITH IN ACTION

Next week is "Faith In Action Week" here in Paris/Edgar County. We celebrate the ministry of Faith In Action and all the volunteers that make it happen.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the cards and good wishes for my 100th birthday. I don't know if the love of a church family has given me a long life, but it has sure made it an enjoyable one. Thank you again.

- Gladys Wright



MICE If you are wondering about MICE, it is a work in progress and at this time it is TBA. Just know it hasn't been forgotten about and we will get the info out as soon as we can!

Youth Group It's here and so far we have had a ballin' good time. Youth group is every Wednesday, from 6:30-8; 6th through 12th grade. Bring your friends! This week our own Jaydin Seeley will be giving the lesson; she has shown interest in teaching, so to help her with that she will be trying her hand this Wednesday! So if you see her, ask her all about it, I'm sure she'd love to share.

I've shared with you our main idea for this year, "Disciples on fire," but I also want to share with you our new purpose statement. If a new comer wants to know why he/she should come to FCC's youth group, this is what we will tell them! Our purpose statement is this: Our youth ministry exists to worship the Lord. To accomplish this, we reach out to nonbelieving students, invest in one another, serve those around us, and train each other by God's word. There are 5 main purposes within our purpose statement that come together to make an acronym, so it's easier to remember. They are: Worship, Reach, Invest, Serve, Train. Together, it spells WRIST! This is in reference to Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (look it up!). These ideas stem from the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. These are biblical, principal, and foundational. Everything we do will revolve around these main ideas.

Also, we now have t-shirts! Available for students and adults who regularly attend. Free of charge, donations appreciated!

Upcoming Events God's Gang and Crossroads will start on September 12. Registration is open and available; do that as soon as you can to help keep things as smooth as possible. If you would like to volunteer to help, talk to Angel Templeton or Saunny Preston.

- 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!

Aug. 26: 8:00 - 49 10:00 - 88 Nursery - 2
TOTAL WORSHIP = 139 SS Total: 32

Sept. 2: 8:00 - 47 10:00 - 91 Nursery - 2
TOTAL WORSHIP = 140 SS Total: 37

<u>OFFERING TOTALS</u>	<u>Aug. 26</u>	<u>Sept. 2, 2018</u>
General Fund	\$2,714.02	\$7,304.50
Sunday School	5.00	11.00
Food Pantry		50.00
God's Gang	25.00	25.00
MICE		10.00
Hope House		50.00
Reimbursement		70.87
Head, Hands, Heart		100.00
Lunch On the Lawn		23.00
Bell Choir		50.00
Dis.Outreach/Missions	249.00	570.00
Christmas in July	150.00	
Organ Fund		50.00
Permanent Fund	27.00	
Memorial Fund	35.00	225.00
Building Fund	527.00	555.00
TOTAL	\$3,732.02	\$9,094.37

SERVING SCHEDULE: September 9, 2018 - Theme Sun.

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dennis Thiel
DEACONESS: Carla Keltz
PIANIST: Faye Eitel

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS: East: TBA
West: TBA

ACOLYTES: Steven West, Emma Kennedy

WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Kennedy

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Janean Gilliland

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Carolyn Ray

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jane Smittkamp

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SEPTEMBER FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Steve Webb

SEPT. USHERS: Randy Creech, Steve Eitel, Lloyd Maggert

SCRIPTURE: Job 1:1-3, 6-22; 2:1-10

SERMON: "Faith And Fire: The Experience Of Suffering"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

God's Gang...

begins Sept. 12 - Sign-up!

...Crossroads

