

THE MESSENGER

“MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH”

February 13, 2019

We are using this section as an introduction to what goes on behind the scenes from each of our Program Committees: Christian Education, Community Outreach, Disciples Outreach, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship/Finance and Worship. As you read about what they do, if you are not already on a committee and want to be, let us know!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

When you look up the word Evangelism, it means to spread the word. I've always taken that to mean that we are to let others see God through who we are and what we do. The Evangelism Committee attempts to do this through making sure we are visible within the community so they can know who we are and what we stand for and by providing encouragement and support to any visitors who might attend services or members we haven't seen in a while.

Here at FCC, the Evangelism Committee is in charge of taking/recording attendance, providing the monthly prayer for the Messenger, asking members to serve as Greeters before 10:00 AM services, and reaching out to any visitors who have attended and left their information. We provide Visitor Packets to any new visitors who express interest and return often so they can get to know our church a little better. We do our best to send cards to any members who haven't attended in a while to let them know we miss and love them.

Within the community, the Evangelism Committee is in charge of providing the free Children's Movie at the Paris Theater during Spring Break, walking and passing out popsicles during the Shriner and Honeybee parades, passing out candy during the Halloween Scare on the Square event, and putting up the Christmas display during the Holiday in the Park event. (If you drove through the park in January, you probably noticed our Christmas display was one of the last ones there; that's my fault, as I usually keep my Christmas tree and decorations up until they are well past being fire hazards.) Through all of these events, we also pass out education materials about FCC and this allows folks to put faces with the church.

Something new we are going to try this year is to offer a free community meal around the time of our Christmas in July event. This probably will include multiple committees, but we are going to follow Jesus' example and spread the word by feeding the hungry.

Cody Vaughn & Katie Vaughn Co-Chairs

TALENT SHOW

Be sure to stop by the sign-up desk and put down your act/talent to be in the upcoming Talent Show on Sunday, February 24! A pulled pork, chips, dessert supper (donations accepted) will be in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM with the show following in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM. Come join us for a night of fun and entertainment!

GOD'S GANG & CROSSROADS

God's Gang and Crossroads begin tonight, Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30 PM! You can register at the church. A ministry donation of \$30 for God's Gang and \$25 for Crossroads covers the entire semester. God's Gang is for kids in K-5th grades and Crossroads is for junior high students. Come join in the fun!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Reminder: No Youth Group tonight! The new time and day for Youth Group is Sunday evenings, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Invite your friends and hang out. See Pastor John if you have any questions.



Home from the Hospital:
Karen Moore

New Address: (after March 1st)
Pastor Mark & Kendala Parkinson
702 Ten Broeck St. , Paris



-- Evie Gill for the 8:00 piano accompaniment;
-- Ellen Webb for the Children's Sermon;

-- Monty & Peg Raley for the anniversary flowers;
-- Trustees for the new stoves in the kitchen.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Jesus is the ultimate Fireman;
He deals with fire and rescue.



FEBRUARY PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, during this month where love is so prominent, let us not forget the greatest love of all. Your Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

INTERIM MINISTER UPDATE

Pastor Mark and his wife, Kendala, will be leaving Virginia on February 27. Please pray for their move to continue smoothly and for their travels to be safe. They will have 2 U-Haul trucks that will need to be unloaded on Friday, March 1. We will need as much help this day as we can get. If you are not able to do much lifting, maybe you could help with cleaning before they arrive, or in helping Kendala unpack. There will most likely still be things to move or unpack after work/school that day, so if our younger men and women could be available later, please stop by. Thank you!



AED CLASS

An Automated External Defibrillator is an important aid in helping someone during cardiac arrest. We know it's vital, so we have a unit mounted in the building. It's also vital to have people who know how to use it. Sign-up to let us know if you are interested in the class or are already certified.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Memorials Committee - Thursday, Feb. 14, at 1:00 PM
- Permanent Fund - Monday, Feb. 18, 5:00 PM
- Trustees - Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:00 PM

KEYS TO BUILDING

Several have been asking about keys to the building. New keys have not been made as of yet. We have note been given a specific date, but will inform you through the newsletter and bulletin when they are done.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is each Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. You're invited!

2019 DESK CALENDARS

The 2019 FCC desk calendars are available at the entryways for you and your friends. Envelopes are also available if you wish to mail the calendars.

2019 ELDERS

If you have a need or question, here is the 2019 Elders list and their contact information:

Daryl Bridwell	822-1948
Mary Carriere	(217) 494-5313
Kristin Chittick	251-2016
David Dick	251-7700
Nels Kasey	(217) 254-8705
Rick Kennedy	822-5362
Dan Lynch	822-0317
Dan Smittkamp	822-6328
Pete Templeton	822-0798
Tammy Terry	251-6130
Dennis Thiel	251-9968
Kim Woods	822-8775

CLOTHING MINISTRY

The Compassionate Clothing Closet has expressed a need for more Board members. They specifically need someone who would not have to come to the weekly Monday and Tuesday operations, but would be willing to chair the Board meetings and be the interface with the building owner (who is the Tech Doc next door). If you are interested or know a good candidate, please let us or them know!



CIRCLES IN FEBRUARY

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: will meet Thursday, Feb. 14, at 6:00 PM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meet will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 PM.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen.

CWF BLESSING BOX CALENDAR

The Blessing Box Calendar, sponsored by CWF, is a way to thank God for His blessings on a daily basis for a specific month. March has usually been the month for this focus and we will be sharing the CWF Blessings Calendar in our next newsletter edition on February 20. Traditionally women have participated, but men are welcome as well. Each day of the month there will be an idea for something to thank God for and an amount to add to your "Blessings" collection. A long time ago, there were actual collection boxes given out - thus the name - but nowadays you can collect it in a jar, envelope, or however you wish. Some people treat their Blessing Box Calendar like the Advent Booklet - instead of doing it daily, they do it all at once and turn in a donation. This year, the total amount for each day comes to about \$18.50. You are welcome to give any amount, just be sure to mark it "CWF BLESSING BOX". Proceeds go to a designated CWF project. Look for the calendar next week and thank you for participating!

GOLDEN AGE

The Golden Age luncheon will be Tuesday, February 26, at 12:00 NN. Sign-up for the lunch. The program will be by John & Marilyn Wright on "The Belize Mission Project".

DISCIPLE MENS BREAKFAST

All men are welcome to the Disciple Men's breakfast this Saturday, February 16, at the Parker's Restaurant at 8:00 AM

MICE IS BACK!!!

Our Monthly Inspiring Children's Event will be Sunday, Feb. 24, at Shewey's Arts. Meet there at 2:00; pick up kids at 3:00 PM.



YG/CR/GG Big youth group news! From this point onward, youth group will be every SUNDAY from 6:30 -8; please join us! Cross Roads and God's Gang will be resuming this week, February 13th! Registration IS AVAILABLE either at the church or on the youth page on the church website, so sign up now!

Upcoming Events February 24th is the annual talent show! I have asked several youth to help serve during the dinner, so expect those smiling faces during the dinner. Of course, I will also be nagging everyone to join in on the festivities and show off their talent! Everyone, youth and adult, have a hidden talent, the only problem is having the courage to get up on stage! I believe in you, I say you are strong enough... so sign up!

This Friday (15th) we will once again be serving lunch to the Bridges school. This is a monthly routine we have; because of the differences in their lunch schedule and their class schedule, about once a month they do not have lunch meals provided like usual, so we are blessed to have this opportunity to bless them with a meal. This requires nothing of you, I simply thought you deserved to know about some of the wonderful things this church does to love the non-members or un-churched part of the community.

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- John Snidle, Youth Minister



PRAY FOR PARIS

Continue to pray for - Wenz School - and your own personal Paris Prayer Focus.

Our Facebook page is FCCParis - all the others are copycats! ;)



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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!

Feb. 10: 8:00 - 35 10:00 - 95 Nursery - 7

TOTAL: 137

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - ?, New Disciples - 11, Open Door - 17, New Horizons - 10

TOTAL SS = 38

OFFERING TOTALS

February 10, 2019

General Fund	\$3,398.25
Sunday School	17.00
Envelopes	3.00
Food Pantry	120.00
Emergency Fund	25.00
MICE	10.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
Community Kitchen	50.00
Youth Fund	50.00
Head, Hands, Heart	100.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions	60.00
Church Bus Fund	50.00
Building Fund	339.00
TOTAL	\$4,272.25

SERVING SCHEDULE: February 17, 2019

8:00 AM: ELDER: Daryl Bridwell
DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman
PIANIST: Sandy Templeton

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

EAST: Susan King, James Brooks

WEST: Marge Houghland

ACOLYTES: Jake Perry, Myli Tapscott

WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: Pete Templeton

DEACONESS: Penny Ogle

DEACONS: Team 3, Patty Waters, Captain; Jim & Sue Bennett, Sue Elliott, Mark Johnson, Mike Kirk, Jacob Thomas, Cody Vaughn

JR DEACONS: Team #3, Kaitlyn Coombes, Capt., Ava Huddleson, Ben & Claire Young

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor John Snidle

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Montana Boatman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

FEBRUARY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Dan Smittkamp

FEB. USHERS: John Chittick, Steve Coombes, Lloyd Maggett

SCRIPTURES: Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-50

SERMON: "Would You Invite Jesus?"

by Rev. Laurie Williams

**COMING NEXT SUNDAY:
WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING**

