

THE MESSENGER

“MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH”

February 27, 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!

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for helping to educate the congregation in matters of Christian stewardship, especially of our finances. We are to supervise the financial affairs and procedures of the church. In this, we work with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary as to ways and methods used in handling monies, keeping balances, and reporting balances. By staying aware of financial status we can recommend changes in budget spending to the Board.

Through bulletins, newsletters and announcements, we can keep the congregation informed and increase awareness of FCC Funds. We survey the need for special funds, if and when a need arises.

We order and distribute offering envelopes to new members and all others who use them by way of the Financial Secretary. We make available “electronic giving” to anyone wishing to utilize it.

Each fall we organize a themed campaign inviting people to complete their “Plan of Giving”. This involves letters to everyone asking them to complete their forms so we might plan for the upcoming year.

Also, in the fall we develop the budget for the following year. We ask all committees to supply us with a budget of their projected needs. We then consolidate and present to the Board for approval. We then present the Board approved budget for congregational approval at the annual business meeting.

Ray Coombes, Chair



Meet & Greet for the Parkinson's

You are invited to a “Meet and Greet” for Pastor Mark and Kendala Parkinson, hosted by the Staff Relations Committee, to be held Sunday, March 17, from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. We want to welcome them as they join us in our journey to live for God. We are excited for this opportunity to get to know each other better. Please come and welcome them to our church.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our goal for this year's Week of Compassion offering is \$1,200 to go toward helping those who find themselves in disastrous situations like floods, tornados, earthquakes, etc. like those in Tennessee who are experiencing massive flooding right now. We have received a total of \$412 toward this goal so far. Thank you!

GOD'S GANG & CROSSROADS

Next Wednesday, March 6 - the God's Gang and Crossroads kids and parents are invited to stay for the Ash Wednesday Service from 6:00 to 6:30 PM.



Hospitalized:
Ken Dennison, Union
Home from Hospital: Pam Lobb
Elvis Ward

Congratulations and a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Elsie Jane Jackson, who turned 104 on Feb. 22! Future plans are in the works to glean some of her wisdom and history - stay tuned!

Shirley Edwards turns 90 today, Feb. 27, and you are invited to participate in a "Card Shower." Cards may be mailed to her at: 503 Milton St. Happy Birthday, Shirley!

Our sympathies go to Shirley Yeargin on the loss of her step-mother this week, and to Cathy Melendez on the passing of her uncle.



-- all the volunteers who helped clean & prepare for the Parkinson's;
-- Kathy Peel for the 8:00 piano accompaniment;

-- Steve Webb for the Children's Sermon;
-- The McGee's for the flowers in honor of Elsie Jane Jackson's 104th birthday! (flowers were provided last week, sorry I missed it!);
-- Mary K. Bradford for filling in as leader of the Bible Study this week;
-- Mary Carriere & Mary Helen Hamilton for hosting Golden Age;

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

A mistake repeated is a decision.

MARCH PRAYER

"Lord, no matter what this year has in store for us, we know You are always working for our good. As we grow in strength and grace, let us keep our eyes on You, Amen."



AED CLASS

Thank you to all those who signed up for a class in becoming AED certified. A list of those already certified is now posted by the AED unit. Candi Milam is actually an instructor and has agreed to do the class. We are currently checking on acquiring the equipment and cost. The class will be at night or on a weekend. If you have a preference, let us know.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Trustees - Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:00 PM
- Elders - Thursday, March 7, 5:00 PM
- Board - Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

We are nearing the season of Lent that leads up to Easter. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and FCC will have a service that evening, March 6, at 6:00 PM. The new interim minister, Pastor Mark Parkinson, will be leading the worship time. All are welcome.

LENTEN PRAYER PACKETS

Each year we devote the season of Lent to praying for one another. Our Lenten Prayer Paks will be available on Ash Wednesday. They will contain names of people to pray for and an instruction letter, along with a Lenten devotional booklet. The packets will be available until they are all taken.

BIBLE STUDY

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

CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors and college students - the FCC Scholarships will be available on our website and in the office beginning March 1. Those available to the community are also listed on the PHS website. Deadline for application and references is April 15.

SECRET PLACE

The Secret Place devotionals for March-April-May are available. Look for them this Sunday at the entryways.

PHONE PROBLEMS

If you tried to call in to the office earlier this week, we apologize. The phone rang, but would not pick up the call. A work order was sent in, but the lines weren't fixed until after 3:00 PM on Tuesday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ONE CALL

Update your phone number in the office to receive our auto-calls. When you receive an auto-call, please check your voicemail before calling the office.

CIRCLES IN MARCH

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets Tuesday, Mar. 5, at 6:00 PM at the church. Hostess is Marge Houghland and study leader is Beth Sablotny.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: meets Thursday, Mar. 14, at 6:00 PM at the church.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meets Tuesday, Mar. 19, at 1:30 PM at the home of Corky Davidson. The study leader will be Mary Helen Hamilton.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. Co-hostesses will be Peggy Barath & Coralie Smittkamp, with Peggy Barath bringing the lesson.

CWF BLESSING BOX CALENDAR

The "Blessings" calendar begins this Friday. Follow along each day and thank God for His blessings.

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Disciple's Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 16, at 8:00 AM at the Main Street Café. All men are invited and welcome to join us.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family, I loved the Valentine gift bag with goodies & cards. It is nice to be remembered. Thank you very much. I wish I was able to attend church, I miss all of you.

May God bless - Barbara Walker

Thank you for the Love in a Bag. The candy, fruit and cookies were delicious. The Valentine card was so cute.

- Sue Hooker

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



YG/CR/GG Youth group is every Sunday from 6:30-8; please join us!

Cross Roads and God's Gang has resumed! The theme this year is "Everyday Superheroes," we are learning about how people we know and love can be our heroes. This week our guest hero will be: policemen. Registration is available either at the church or on the youth page on the church website, so sign up now!

Upcoming Events Pastor Mark and his wife Kendala will be leaving Virginia on February 27th. Please pray for their move to continue smoothly and for their travels to be safe. They will have two U-Haul trucks that will need to be unloaded on Friday, March 1st. Praise God for all of you and your willingness to serve, because we have too many people signed up! So if you have not signed up to help unpack, stay home and prepare yourself for the next service opportunity. Thank you for your continued prayers and all the help you have given to help make this move happen.

Saturday, March 2nd, I will be heading to X-Treme Lazer Tag in Terre Haute; I have also invited the youth group to come because they might like it and I'm nice like that. It will cost about \$15+snacks per shooter, and we will leave the church around seven. All are invited to join!

- John Snidle, Youth Minister



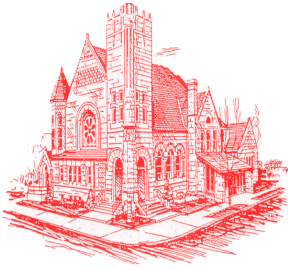
HAM LOAVES

Be looking next week for info on our Ham Loaves!

PRAY FOR PARIS

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

Like our Facebook page: [FCCParis](#) & youth page: [@fccparisym](#)



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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. 24: 8:00 - 45 10:00 - 106 Nursery - 4

TOTAL: 155

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 10, Open Door - 17, New Horizons - 6

TOTAL SS = 35

OFFERING TOTALS

February 24, 2019

General Fund+*E.G.	\$4,314.16*
Envelopes	1.00
Food Pantry	80.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
MICE	10.00
Community Kitchen	50.00
God's Gang	25.00
Youth Fund	55.00
Bell Choir	50.00
Dis.Out./Missions+E.G.*	340.00*
Week of Compassion Offering+E.G.*	257.00*
Scholarship Fund	90.00
Building Fund+E.G.*	590.00*
TOTAL	\$5,912.88*

**includes Electronic Giving*

SERVING SCHEDULE: March 3, 2019

8:00 AM: ELDER: Mary Carriere

DEACONESS: Cathy Clawson

PIANIST: Pete Templeton

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

EAST: Pete, Angel, Will, Graham, Drew Templeton

WEST: Steve & Dena Dosch

ACOLYTES: Nora Adams, Taylor Shewey

WORSHIP LEADER: Dan Smittkamp

BREAD ELDER: David Dick

DEACONESS: Carolyn Ray

DEACONS: Team 2, Ryne Donaldson, Captain; Jenelle

Adams, Jim Bellerud, Dena Dosch, Allen & Nancy

Englebright, Jerry Thomas, Dan Thomey

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Aubrey Sanders, Capt., Mike

Kirk, Lily Smittkamp, Will Templeton

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Nels Kasey

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Kaitlyn Coombes

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Tammy Terry

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Chris Milam

MARCH FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Susan King, James Brooks

MARCH USHERS: Randy Creech, Chris Milam,

Dwight Robinson

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-32

SERMON: "For Love's Sake" by Bret Hammond

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Dan Lynch, Dan Smittkamp



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

SERVING SCHEDULE: March 6, 2019

6:00 PM: ELDERS: Pete Templeton

Rick Kennedy

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

SOUND/PROJECTION: Tony Peel

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:16-21

SERMON: "Discipline of Fasting"

by Rev. Mark Parkinson