

THE MESSENGER

Believing, Behaving, Becoming Like Christ

June 7, 2023

FATHER'S DAY (A Tribute to Father)

You may have searched the wide world over
But I'm sure that you are glad
That when God selected Fathers,
He gave you... your special DAD.

Just close your eyes a moment,
And let mem'ry's cherished scenes
Come rolling back... to tell you
Just what "Father" really means.

In babyhood... he was the one
Who bounced you on his knee
Or lifted you above his head,
Some grand parade to see.

When things went wrong
At home or school
He would counsel or advise;
He was always quick to listen
And would never criticize

Do you remember the thrill it gave you
When you first heard your father pray?
How God suddenly seemed
To come closer and
Stayed with you all through the day?
For Father's the love-tie that
Binds the home.
Putting the warmth inside;
He's the comforter,
Friend and companion,
Our teacher, counselor, and guide.
Yes! Father is faith, hope, and courage;
He is loyal and tender, too;
He is mercy and truth...
Dressed in human form,
Sent to bring out the best in you.

We thank you, Lord, for our fathers;
May we honor and love them, we pray;
Please bless them wherever they are,
Is our prayer for this Father's Day.

- by Doris L. Miskimins



CHURCH YARD SALE

Items for the church yard sale may be brought in until this Friday noon. The Relay For Life Yard Sale will begin Friday, June 9, and be open from 2:00 - 5:00 PM in the church yard. It will reopen on Saturday morning, June 10, and be open from 9:00 - 12:00 NN. Electronics, such as TVs, computers, copiers, etc. cannot be accepted as we have no way of disposing of these items if they don't sell. Help with set-up and tear-down is very welcome.



FCC in the SHRINE PARADE

The Shrine Parade will be this Saturday, June 10, beginning at 2:00 PM. Walkers and bus riders, please meet at the FCC bus that will be at the American Legion at 1:30 PM. Thank you to those helping this weekend and thank you to all those who donated popsicles for this event!



Paris Healthcare: Martha Stephen,
Richard Melendez

Pleasant Meadows: Dorothy Waltz,
Brandon Bell, Linda Driver

Home from the Hospital: Ellen Webb and
June Raymer

To Rehab: Dorothy McGee, Twin Lakes Rehab

Continue prayers for: Janice Nicholson, Louise
Bridwell, Carol Winemiller, and Randy Creech



-- Jacob Thomas, Cody Vaughn
and Chris Milam for the Children's
Sermon;

-- Candi Milam and Emily Thomas
for leading Children's Church;

-- Candi Milam for the Graduate Recognitions;

-- Tammy Terry & Katie Vaughn for the
Scholarship Recognitions;

-- the Mathis family for the flowers in honor of
Mallore and Taylor Shewey's birthdays!

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

"Put off your old nature which belongs to your
former manner of life and is corrupt through
deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of
your minds, and put on the new nature, created
after the likeness of God in true righteousness
and holiness."

- Ephesians 4:22-24

PRAYER

JUNE PRAYER

Dear Lord, Since You have the power to make
all things new, please renew our strength and
hope for the future, Father. Today and every
day, Lord, may we draw comfort and courage
from Your promises and unending love. Amen.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found basket is full of items and
there are so many jackets and sweaters that
they are hung on the coat rack above the lost
and found basket. Please stop by and check for
items that may belong to you or your child.
Some of these items have been here since
God's Gang last fall: there are keys, jewelry,
sunglasses, readers, a belt, backpack, hat, a
charging cord and more! Thank you!



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We are very happy to announce that Pastor Jim
Blue has accepted the Interim Minister position.
In addition to bringing the sermons on Sundays,
he will spend a couple days a week in Paris,
either in office or making visits.

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We also welcome Josh Morgan, who was
baptized here Sunday, to the FCC family. He is
related to the Milam's and was baptized by Faith
Milam. To him we say, "Welcome to the Family!"

SEARCH QUESTION

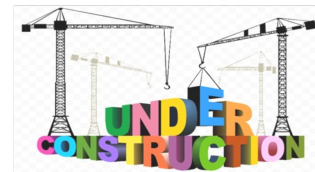
To help the Search Committee, they asked this
question: if you had to rank these four attributes
in your next Pastor, how would you order them?
(Number 1 being the most important to you, and
Number 4 being the least important): Shepherd/
Pastor, Teacher/Preacher, Visionary/Leader, and
Administration/Organizer. They will ask for your
answer this Sunday, June 11. If you won't be
here this coming Sunday, you may call or email
your answer by this Friday.

THE SECRET PLACE

There are new Secret Place devotionals for the
summer quarter available and set out at the
entryways for you to pick one up.

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

The Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign continues
to Father's Day. Fill the bottle with your daily
spare change. A few bottles are still available at
the entryways. Return the filled bottles on
Father's Day, June 18. Thank you for
participating and helping the mothers and
children of Edgar County.



NURSERY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Nursery will be closed Sunday. Kim Woods
has been hard at work, painting, cleaning,
decorating and heading up this much needed
update. The work has been ongoing for awhile
and the flooring arrived this week. New storage
items will be added, as well as updated toys. You
are invited to be a part of this project by
designating monetary donations. Simply indicate
"Nursery" on your check or offering envelope.

Christian Women's Fellowship

KOINONIA CIRCLE

KOINONIA CIRCLE: plans to meet on Thursday, June 15 at FCC at 10:30 AM to take the bus to Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola for their summer outing.

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Disciple Men's breakfast on Saturday, June 17, at 8:00 AM. A sign-up sheet is out on the sign-up desk!

CHURCH YARD SIGNS

There are several Church Yard Signs available to post in your yard. You will find these in the hallway. A sign-out sheet is on the table for each sign/saying. Find the one you like and write your name on the two week timeline you would like to take it. When the two weeks are over, bring the sign back and choose another if you wish! These little messages make a difference to those who see them. Thank you for participating!



CHURCH LIBRARY REOPENING

Emily Thomas has been hard at work on restocking the Church Library with book donations and books for loan, and moving the Historian Books back in place. You are invited to check it out and to participate in providing good Christian books; see Emily for information. A sign-out book will be available soon!

Thank You!

FCC Scholarship Committee, Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Moke C. Owens/FCC Music Scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen and promise to use the reward to further my education as well as strengthen my relationship with Christ.

Thank you, Ethan Vice

First Christian Church, Thank you for your continued and generous support of "Food for Kids" of Paris, IL. Your generosity helps us in our efforts to supply food for kids (175) each weekend of the school year. I appreciate your faithful support and your consideration of our program. Thank you very much, Kurt Speece



Good day from 412 Youth! On May 28, several kids joined us at our home for a cookout and water games and even a wiffle ball game! Apparently the trees in our front yard are the perfect space apart to make a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd base field. The kids had a blast. This past Sunday, we finished our last lesson in the Love Does series. We are meeting a little earlier these next few weeks of summer because so many of the kids are in the Paris City Band. I would encourage you to go watch them every Sunday night at 7pm in the pavilion at the Twin Lakes!

Congrats to our graduates! I am so proud of each of you and can't wait to see where you go in life!! It was so fun to attend your graduation parties and to hear about your future goals.

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it and we almost have all volunteer positions filled so if you haven't let us know yet and would like to help, we could use it for sure! Contact myself or Candi Milam.

Upcoming:

June 11 - youth group 4-5:30pm at the church
June 18 - No youth group for Father's Day
June 25 - No youth group (Faith out of town)
July 7 - Holiday World trip
July 10-14 - Vacation Bible School

Coffee Bar Workers:

June 11 - Drew Templeton
June 18 - Steven West
June 25 - Carlee Longest

- Faith Milam, Youth Director



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS is early this year - July 10-14 - from 9:00-11:45 AM each day. The theme will be "Keepers of the Kingdom" If you can volunteer to help, please see Candi or Faith for more information.



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COME WORSHIP WITH US

COFFEE BAR AT 8:00 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 8:15/10:15 AM • WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT First Christian Church's mission is to grow disciples who are:

"Believing in Christ,

Behaving as Christ,

Becoming like Christ"

ATTENDANCE

We count because you count

May 28: 9:00 - 131 Nursery-2 Online-views 29/44*

TOTAL 177* SS = 21

June 4: 9:00 - 143 Nursery-4 Online-views 33/50*

TOTAL 197* SS = 25

**Per CCIW Regional Office: to allow for additional people watching electronically, the formula is - view count x 1.5*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SERVING SCHED: June 11, 2023

8:00/8:15&10:15 AM: Coffee Bar & Sunday School

9:00 AM: GREETERS: Kenny & Bev McCain

WORSHIP ELDER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: Cody Vaughn

DEACONS: Sue Bennett, Donna Garver, Lisa Smittkamp, Patty Waters

JR. DEACONS: Team #2, Drew Templeton, Capt.

DEACONESS: Emily Thomas

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cassie Boatman

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Steve Webb

SPECIAL MUSIC: Peg Dixon

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 6:9

SERMON: "The Resilience of a Pear Tree"

by Cody Vaughn

SERVING SCHEDULE: June 18, 2023 Father's Day!

8:00/8:15&10:15 AM: Coffee Bar & Sunday School

9:00 AM: GREETERS: Joel Gleckler

WORSHIP ELDER: Ellen Webb

BREAD ELDER: Barbara Dick

DEACONS: Women Deacons

JR. DEACONS: Team #3, Sammy Milam, Capt.

DEACONESS: Lisa Young

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Edna Creech

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Barbara Dick

PROJECTION/SOUND: Tony Peel

JUNE USHERS: Steve Cochran, Dan Smittkamp, and Dean Smittkamp

JUNE FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Cindy Robinson

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Cathy Clawson

SPECIAL MUSIC: TBD

SCRIPTURE: Acts 18:1-18

SERMON: "God Has People On His Heart"

by Pastor Jim Blue

OFFERING TOTAL	May 28	June 4, 2023
General Fund	\$2,947.25*	\$6,155.25*
Sunday School	15.00	13.00
Choices	500.00	
Food Pantry		50.00
Youth Fund	100.00	
Disciples Missions	220.00	550.00*
Pentecost Offering	1,031.00	
Week of Compassion*		75.00*
Life Center	100.00	375.00*
Church Fence	870.00	170.00
Church Nursery		125.00
Church Bus Fund	100.00	10.00
Memorial Fund		25.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00	500.00
Building Fund	775.00	905.00
TOTAL	\$7,158.25*	\$8,953.25*

Includes: Pay Pal ~ Electronic Giving**

EDGAR COUNTY BICENTENNIAL



Edgar County is 200 years old and Paris is celebrating with events June 15-18. The 15th: Music in the Park; 16th & 17th: Children's Activities from 9:30-11 AM & 12:30-3 PM; 18th: Parade at 2:00 PM and Church Service at 4:00 PM. See Mike Dixon for information on helping with activities.