

The Christian Caller



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MARCH 2020

What a cool morning we had together on Sunday, February 16! I loved seeing so many of you respond to the call to extend God's grace by putting your thumbprint on the painting we are going to display for all to see in the church foyer. The thought of a couple hundred or so grace-filled ambassadors of Jesus roaming around our portion of Northern Indiana fills my heart with excitement. I have been praying for you every day and will continue to do so.

As a little encouragement in your own personal outreach, here is something I'll be sharing in our new BLESS series:

In Luke 15:4-7, Jesus tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep.

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

We like it when Jesus comes looking for us. But did you catch where "the found" are when He goes looking for others? He leaves them in the open country. Huh?

I appreciate what my friend Dr. Rick Richardson at Wheaton College says about this in his book, *Evangelism Outside the Box*:

"I have always struggled with the parable of the lost sheep. Jesus leaves the ninety-nine to go find the one lost sheep. I see myself as one of the ninety-nine. Doesn't Jesus care about me? Then one day I realized there was a way to address my dilemma. I could follow Jesus. If I went out looking for the lost sheep, he would never leave me or forsake me!"

What if we went looking too? What if we got on mission WITH Jesus?

That is exactly what we are doing at First Christian Church. We are people on mission with Jesus – full time. Remember to start each day with an outward focused morning prayer, and go out to be a blessing to someone not yet doing life with Jesus! -Matthew



NEW MESSAGE SERIES SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:30 am

February 23	B – Begin with prayer
March 1	L – Listen
March 8	E – Eat
March 15	S – Serve
March 22	S – Story

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—PRAYER CONCERNS—

Thomas Seymore, his sister's passing
Office Jason Dobbins' Family, his passing
Kurt Krueger's Dad passed
Dennis Judd's Family, his passing
Nelson Family
Oliver Nelson, health
Jerry Denny, health
Dorothy Adkins, health
Angela Himes, health
Katrin and Lydia
Hailynn & Skylynn Blue, health
Faye Arnett, health
Jaden Deafenbaug
Warsaw Meadows Staff
Pregnant with twins Granddaughter of
Denyse Williamson, health of all three
Betsy Kridner, health
Tracy Delgado, health & more
Jane Rush, health
Denny England, health
Gary Salyer, health
Amor Family
Thorpe Family
Mike Thomas, health & hip surgery 3/3
Kate Wood, health
Ava Gibson - 4 y.o., health

Mark Demske, throat cancer treatments
Matthew & Kim Rogers & Family
Steph Woodward, cancer
SURGERY RECOVERY:
Tom Williams
Lila Shelburne's grandson
Jeanne Beam
Curt Slone
Chad Wilhite
LONG TERM:
Claudia Turner
Nancy Derry
Cole, child with rare cancer
Dave Mann
Payton Slaymaker, 8 y.o., cancer
Victoria Montel
Christopher Griffin
Christopher Bornes & Family
Delia Navarro
Kenneth Moore
Martha Hancock
Chandler Paul
Our Military Here & Overseas
Those who need the Lord
Healing for America & the World

OUR HOME MISSIONARIES:

Johnson University, Knoxville, TN
Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing, MI
Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL
Ball State University Campus Ministry, Muncie, IN
Purdue University Campus Ministry, Lafayette, IN
Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Woodburn, IN
Michiana Christian Service Camp, Niles, MI
Military Chaplains of Chaplaincy Endorsement Comm.
Destiny Rescue, Fort Wayne, IN
Our Father's House, Warsaw, IN
Heartline Pregnancy Center, Warsaw, IN
Fellowship Missions, Warsaw, IN
Kosciusko County Jail Ministry, Warsaw, IN
World Compassion Network, Warsaw, IN

OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

David & Philomina Morris, India
T. Lunkim, India
Mark & Helen Begarly, Africa
Kevin & Susan Fry, Africa
C.Y. & Patricia Kim, Asia
Ian & Heidi Fry, Africa

ELDER ON CALL

2/2-2/29
Mark Lafountain
260-255-0824

ELDER ON CALL

3/1-4/4
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574-551-3060

DEACON ON CALL FOR SETUP

February
Kieran Jackson
814-671-0717

DEACON ON CALL FOR SETUP

March
Jim Johnson
574-377-1888

REVOLUTION NEWS-YOUTH

Revolution is the student ministry of First Christian Church and is open to grades 7-12. We hope you will join us on Wednesdays for youth group!

Youth Calendar:

- 2/21/20 Nerf War at the Church (7-9:30 pm)
- 2/26/20 Revolution (6:30-8:00 pm)
- 3/4/20 Revolution (6:30-8:00 pm)
- 3/11/20 Revolution (6:30-8:00 pm)
- 3/15/20 Fire and Ice (2:00-9:30 pm)
- 3/18/20 Revolution (6:30-8:00 pm)
- 3/25/20 Revolution (6:30-8:00 pm)

High School Hangouts:

Sunday Night High School Hangouts 7:00-8:00 pm in the youth room.



Questions: Jeremy Welch 574-267-8952
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Follow us on Facebook & Instagram @FCC_Revolution.

FCC KIDS

Join us for our FCC Kids'

March Series:



A 4-WEEK SERIES ON NOAH, BABEL, ABRAHAM, LOT
"I double dog dare you!" Those five words can either make us really nervous or make us really brave. In this series, we're not talking about the kind of dares that challenge you to drink a liquified Happy Meal or lick a frozen telephone pole. We're talking about a better kind of dare — the kind of dare God gives us when He calls us to do something big and bold in His name. In this 4-week series from the book of Genesis, kids will hear the stories of people who responded to God's call with either fear or courage. They'll be challenged to **obey God even when others aren't**, to **obey God by putting Him first**, to **obey God even when they don't understand**, and to **obey God by turning away from sin**.

Upcoming Events:

March 4, 11, 18 and 25
FCC Kids 6:30 pm—8 pm

We love to have you join us!
All children ages 2 - grade 6 welcome!

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WELCOME

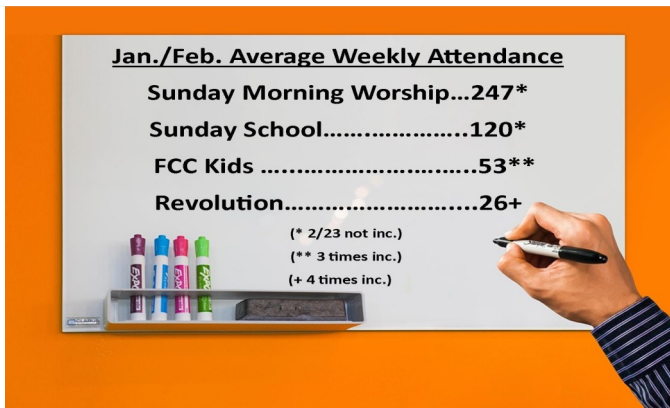
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ATTENDANCE



IN MEMORY

MEMORIAL GIFTS in honor of Isabel Hankins were received from: Jennie Earl, Cindy Nolton, Larry & Vicky Bailey, John & Gayle Pierce, Brad & Cheryl Koomler, Larry & Marcia Guenin, Edna Snyder, Randy & Sonja Hesser, Robert & Waneta Bishop, Dixie Daugherty and were designated to the First Christian Church Vision Building Fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH—3/12 at 12:30 pm. Meet at Boathouse, 700 Park Ave., Winona Lake. Questions, call Sharon Parry 574-551-7252.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—3/14, 8:30 am, Teel's Restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Mentone. ?s, call Dave Turner 574-265-5273.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's
Wednesdays @ 9:30 am, Rm 119
Contact: Phil Gates 574-306-6024

Women's
Tuesday @ 6:30 pm, Rm. 120 (starting March 3) Contact: Beth Knight 574-253-1998
AND / OR

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am, Rm. 126, Contact: Susan Brumley 260-901-9337



UPCOMING EVENTS Cont'd



FIRST STEP Class – Sunday, March 29, 11:00-Noon. First Step is the ideal place to begin your journey at First Christian Church. Over lunch, you'll hear our Lead Minister, Matthew Rogers, share how you can connect and grow by being at the center of the church's vision. To register for this class, contact Jo – jo@fccwarsaw.com, 574-267-8952.



COME JOIN IN THE FUN ON Tuesday, March 10th! First Christian Church hosts a monthly table top game night for ages 14 and older, on the second Tuesday of every month, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. (Child Care is not provided for this event.)

LADIES: Please join us for our '5 Favorite Things Party'. Friday, March 27th from 6-8:30 pm at FCC. Please pick one of your favorite items worth up to \$3 or less. Bring five of that item to share and you will go home with five new items. You can bring anything from beauty products to decorations, food, accessories, trinkets. Anything that you love and want to share with others. Food and drinks will be provided. Please sign up on Women's Bulletin Board or RSVP on Facebook group.

(FYI - LADIES: Chicago Bus Trip being planned for November 2020. More info later)

DANNY PITZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Fund is an on-going scholarship program for First Christian Church members who attend Christian Colleges. If you are considering to further your education at a Christian institution and you are in need of scholarship assistance, you may obtain an application form from the Church Office. Applications must be completed and turned in no later than April 1, 2020 for consideration of a scholarship beginning in the fall.



YARN WARRIORS—Attn: Crocheters & Knitters, A new ministry is starting at FCC. Informational meeting is Wednesday, 3/4 @ 1 pm, Rm. 126. This ministry is being created to provide handmade crocheted and knitted items to those in need in the community & to FCC missionaries. ?s, contact Jociel at 517-320-3172.

THANK YOU to everyone that participated in any way in the Annual Meeting & Chili and Soup Cookoff. It was a fun & informative evening with delicious food!

Chili winners were:

1st place-Matthew Rogers, Bacon Lovers' Chili

2nd place-Kim Rogers, Classic Chili

3rd place-Susie Crouse, White Chicken Chili

Soup winners were:

1st place-Michelle Blue, Loaded Baked Potato

2nd place-Cathy Folds, Chicken Noodle

3rd place-Kelsea DeGaetano, Cheesy Potato



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

MARCH 2020

SMALL GROUPS meet throughout the week!



COMING IN APRIL 2020

5th-9:30 am, Palm Sunday Worship Service
10th-7 pm, Good Friday Service (Childcare ages 0-4 yrs. old)
12th-9:30 am, Easter Worship Service (No Sunday School)
14th-7 pm, FCC's Cards/Boardgames
20th-12 pm, Items due for 'The Caller' to Church Office
24th-25th—Revolution to CIY-Believe, Holland, MI

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11am NEXT STEPS 7:00 HS Hangout	2 6:30 Elders's Mtg.	3 6:30 Women's Bible 6:30 Financial Peace 7 pm Missions Mtg.	4 9:30 Men's / Women's Bible 1:00 Yarn Warriors 6:30 FCC Kids & Revolution	5 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Quilt Tying 7:00 Praise Tm.	6	7 AT BEDTIME 14 8:30 Men's Brkfst.-Teel's, Mentone
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 7:00 HS Hangout	9	10 9:00 Co-op 6:30 Financial Peace 6:30 Women's Bible 7 pm FCC Cards/Boardgames	11 9:30 Men's / Women's Bible Studies 6:30 FCC Kids & Revolution	12 12:30 Ladies' Lunch Bunch-Boathouse 1:00 Quilting 7:00 Praise Tm.	13 	14 8:30 Deacon's Mtg.
15 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Women's Min.Mtg 7:00 H.S. Hangout	16 6:30 Park Ridge Assn. Mtg.	17 6:30 Women's Bible	18 9:30 Men's / Women's Bible Studies 6:30 FCC Kids & Revolution	19 1 pm Quilting&Tying 7:00 Praise Tm.	20	21 8:30 Deacon's Mtg.
22 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 7 pm H.S. Hangout	23 12:00 "The Caller" info due to Jo 	24 9:00 Co-op 6:30 Women's Bible	25 9:30 Men's / Women's Bible Studies 6:30 FCC Kids & Revolution	26 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Quilt Tying 7:00 Praise Tm.	27 6:00 Women: 5 Favorite Things	28 8am Men Following Christ, Alpha Hall, Grace College
29 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 FIRST STEP 7 pm H.S. Hangout	30 7:00 Care Bears	31 6:30 Women's Bible				

BIRTHDAYS—MARCH



2nd-Sarah Fox
2nd-Kaelynn Keplinger
2nd-Matthew Rogers
4th-Dan Beam
4th-Nanette DeGaetano
5th-Michael Blue
5th-Everett Kubley
7th-Theresa Wilhite
7th-Brandon Fear
8th-Jon Heck
10th-Jessica McCoy
12th-Alex Knight
13th-Carol Krider-Martin
13th-Jeremy Blue
15th-Kathy Zehner
15th-Christine Meck
16th-Ken Swain

18th-Nick Bell
19th-Brandi Kelly
21st-Betty Spurlock
21st-Emma Bingamon
22nd-Charlotte Kubley
23rd-Brooke Miller
23rd-Annita Murfin
23rd-Zane Kelly
25th-Eileen Leek
26th-Chris Sanburn
28th-Mayson McCoy
28th-Chris Hopkins
31st-Linda Haughee

ANNIVERSARIES-MARCH



5th-Bill & Lynda Sanner
5th-Jon & Sandra Heck
9th-Joel & Kathy Zehner
16th-Ron & Deb Hunter
22nd-Jack & Theresa Wilhite
28th-Chuck & Kris Pletcher

If incorrect info or omission in the Birthday and/or Anniversary sections, please write a note of correction and place on the Church Office desk. Thank you!