

# The Christian Caller



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I received the following from FCC member, Tom Williams. I hope you will be as encouraged by these words as I am.  
Matthew Rogers, Lead Minister

## **Sometimes You Have to Get Lost to Find Your Way!**

Have you ever been lost? If so, you discovered it can be one of the most disarming, debilitating, disconcerting, disturbing, and dreadful states of mind and body in which to find yourself!

You've lost your sense of direction, you've lost your sense of purpose, you've lost your sense of place, you've lost your bearings, you don't know where to turn, you are totally confused. If you don't solve the problem, you may even lose your mind. You are . . . well . . . LOST!

We are in the middle of a totally unexpected and unplanned for time of being "shut in and shut down" over something unseen by the human eye. Yet, the effects of that invisible dot are being felt in one way or another by every person on the face of the Earth - a round body that is so large it can be seen easily from space! What an ironic and amazing contrast!

This "newest abnormal" is playing a huge number on our sense of direction, our sense of purpose, our sense of place, and our bearings. We don't know which way to turn or how to plan in the midst of all the unknowns now or for the foreseeable future. We are thinking more about a lot of things we don't usually consider. We are reassessing priorities. We are concerned and confused. In effect . . . we're LOST!

How do we find our way again when we discover that we are, indeed . . . LOST!? Our minds can quickly become scattered with thoughts running in circles . . . which often happens when lost! What now? What do I do? It's starting to get dark and I'll be really lost! How do I get out of this mess? Is there any help out there I can trust and believe in? How can I be saved?

May I recommend the Greatest Survival Guide ever written? Though it is penned by many writers, all did so under the inspiration and inerrancy of one Author: God our Creator. He knows all about us, our needs, our struggles, our humanness, our tendency to "get lost in the woods" . . . the good, the bad, and the ugly! And, in His love, grace, mercy, and ultimate sacrifice, He knows the way out and will lead you to safety not just for now, but forever! That "[Survival Guide](#)" is better known as [The Holy Bible](#).

The Book of John, the fourth book in the New Testament, is a great place to start. I encourage you to do so. You'll find your way out of the lostness and confusion through the instructions given there . . . in profound ways a genuine "Treasure Map!" And, what's even better, you'll discover a new path, a new life, and a very special destination that will result in "No Regrets!"

Jesus said, "[Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.](#)" -Matthew 10:39 (NIV)  
Jesus, also, said, "[I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.](#)" -John 10:10 (NIV)

Look to Jesus! His path is true! He will never mislead nor leave you. In your confusion, He is already seeking you. Take His hand, he will lead you out and into an abundant life with more purpose and joy than ever!

**Sometimes you have to get lost to find The Way!**

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### Office Hours (again on 4/7/20):

Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm

Friday 8 am-12 pm

## —PRAYER CONCERNS—

Rob Devine's Family, his passing  
 Coronavirus victims, families, & vaccine  
 creation  
 Jane Rush, health  
 Joel Zehner & His Family  
 Connie, health  
 Erinn Blue, health  
 Danielle, nurse treating Covid-19 patients  
 Chris & Connie Gates, health  
 Wyatt Harmon - 11 y.o., health  
 Judy Weidner, healing from a fall  
 Bells' Friends' daughter, health  
 Terry Bussard, health & surgery  
 Annita Murfin, healing from a fall  
 Mike Thomas, health  
 Laida, travels home to Albania  
 Lance Bell, health  
 Kaelynn Keplinger, health  
 Amor Family  
 Kate Wood, health  
 Rachel Polston, health  
 Autumn Rogers, mouth surgery & braces  
 Thorpe Family  
 Gary Salyer, health

Ava Gibson - 4 y.o., health  
 Matthew & Kim Rogers & Family  
 Mark Demske, health

### SURGERY RECOVERY:

Judy Tinkel  
 David Brumley

### 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

**4/5-5/2**  
**Larry Long**  
**574-269-1830**

### ELDER ON CALL

**5/3-5/31**  
**Brian Graham**  
**574-269-2656**

### DEACON ON CALL FOR SETUP

**April**  
**Bob Jones**  
**574-527-4012**

### DEACON ON CALL FOR SETUP

**May**  
**John Knight**  
**574-527-9845**

## REVOLUTION NEWS-YOUTH

**Revolution is FCC's student ministry & is open to grades 7-12.**

I hope that everyone has adjusted to their new normal of e-learning, staying at home & staying at safe. Hopefully, you have been able to settle into a routine during this season.

For Revolution students, every week we have a Zoom video call just to be able to hang out with one another virtually. I put weekly reminders on Facebook & Instagram for these Zoom calls. If you haven't joined us yet and need an invite, please send me an email with your name and email address so that I can get you invited to these weekly hangouts.

I also want to share about a fantastic resource called Right Now Media that we are going to use for Youth Group. Go to our church website: [www.fccwarsaw.com](http://www.fccwarsaw.com) and sign up for your free account of Right Now Media. Once you have signed up for Right Now Media and are signed in, First Christian Church is listed in the libraries section and Revolution Youth Group is already set up with a series by Francis Chan. Follow us on social media for more information.

CIY Move will be happening in some form this summer. Whether it is on campus in Holland, Michigan or online only, CIY will still take place. CIY will be making decisions about their summer plans very soon and I will keep everyone updated as I know more. Right now, mark your calendar for June 22-27 and contact me if you are interested in attending this year.

**Stay up-to-date: [www.fccwarsaw.com](http://www.fccwarsaw.com) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram FCC\_Revolution.**  
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## FCC KIDS



**Interested in how you can lead your children in their faith during this quarantine season?** For parents new to family Ministry, the task of nurturing their child's faith at home can be overwhelming. Many times there is a gap between the desire to do family discipleship and the knowledge of how to do it. Watch as Timothy Paul Jones, Professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY & family ministry expert, gives 3 practical ways that he discipled his children at home.

<https://www.righnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/76043>



**?s: Contact Bob & Lindsey Jones**  
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## ATTENDANCE

### March 1 & 8, 2020 Weekly Averages (In-Person)

Sunday Morning Worship.....	236
Sunday School.....	124
FCC Kids .....	48
Revolution.....	27

### March 15—April 19, 2020 Weekly Averages (Online)

Sunday Morning Worship (Online Views).....	924
FCC Kids (Online Video Views-Easter wk.).....	130
Revolution (Online Meeting).....	10

## WELCOME BABY



Please join us in welcoming  
**HADDIE SHAY WELCH**  
Born March 30, 2020  
To Jeremy & Megan Welch

## IN HONOR

**May 10th**  
**Happy**  
**Mother's**  
**Day!**

**Marvelously**  
**Overflowing with love and**  
**Touching the**  
**Heart of**  
**Everyone she**  
**Reaches**



*"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:" Proverbs 31:28*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** local service: The Greater Warsaw Ministerial Association & the local National Day of Prayer committee will host the broadcast over both the radio and the internet on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This prayer service can be heard locally on WIOE 101.1FM & for those nearer Fort Wayne on 104.3 FM and 1450 AM. Also available at the same time is a video at the following websites: [www.wioe.com/fumc.shtml](http://www.wioe.com/fumc.shtml), [www.facebook.com/KosciuskoNDP/](https://www.facebook.com/KosciuskoNDP/), or "Kosciusko County Indiana National Day of Prayer" <https://www.youtube.com/>.

**LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH**—5/10 **CANCELED** Questions, call Sharon Parry 574-551-7252.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**—5/9-TBD, 8:30 am, American Table, 3575 Lake City Hwy., Warsaw. ?s, call Dave Turner 574-265-5273.

**RIGHT NOW MEDIA** - have you signed up for Right Now Media yet? What a great FREE online tool to use while in isolation AND when not in isolation! For further information and to sign up, go to FCC's website: [www.fccwarsaw.com](http://www.fccwarsaw.com) and click on **FREE GIFT** in top red bar.

## UPCOMING EVENTS Cont'd



**FIRST STEP Class** – May 31, 2020 @ 11 am.  
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 at: [jo@fccwarsaw.com](mailto:jo@fccwarsaw.com) or call 574-267-8952 (Please leave a message).



**COME JOIN IN THE FUN** as 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.) (May 6th gathering TBD.)

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

**SENIOR SAINTS** in the Smokies is **CANCELED** for this year.



**YARN WARRIORS**—This new ministry provides hand-made crocheted and knitted items to those in need in the community & to FCC missionaries and is meeting at FCC on the first Wednesday of each month @ 1:00 pm, Rm. 126 (Possibly meeting on 5/6/20 unless stay at home order extended by Indiana Governor.)

1. Please feel free to join at anytime.
  2. Yarn donations accepted.
  3. Stop by meeting to pray over items.
  4. Members are teaching crocheting and knitting at meetings.
  5. Can't attend meetings—you can still be involved.
- Contact Jociel Bowling at 517-320-3172.

**NEW MINISTRY PROGRAM:** FCC Church Family members needed to connect to FCC Foreign Missionaries, especially during these difficult times. We have contacted our Missionaries and told them that we would like to have 3 members of our church per missionary commit to be on-going prayer partners for them. Deb Bolt has agreed to be the liaison for this; and as they have prayer requests, Deb will send those prayer requests to their FCC prayer partners to pray for them daily. If you are interested, please send your e-mail address to BOTH Deb Bolt at: [dlbolt1@gmail.com](mailto:dlbolt1@gmail.com) and Steve Kasper at: [skasper1@gmail.com](mailto:skasper1@gmail.com). We have 10 different missionaries who need prayer partners & we would like to see at least 3 for each. If you don't have email and would like to be a prayer partner, call the Church office 574-267-8952 and leave a voicemail for Jo. Let's show the world the power of prayer!!! Thank you, Steve Kasper, Elder

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

(The following Bible Study gatherings are canceled at this time. Enjoy your at-home time with the Lord. We will inform you of when gatherings resume.)

#### Men's

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

#### Women's

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm, Rm. 120

Contact: Beth Knight 574-253-1998

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



# MAY 2020






**SMALL GROUPS** meet throughout the week!



COMING IN **JUNE 2020**

2nd-Primary Elections for local precinct held at FCC (all day)

MORE INFORMATION LATER—please check out our website at:  
[www.fccwarsaw.com](http://www.fccwarsaw.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Due to the Coronavirus, the May calendar's in-person events may be canceled or rescheduled. Check your emails, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fccwarsaw">www.facebook.com/fccwarsaw</a> & <a href="http://www.fccwarsaw.com">www.fccwarsaw.com</a> for more					1	2
3 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School	4  6:30 Elders' Mtg.	5  6:30 Women's Bible	6 9:30 Men's Women's Bible Studies 1:00 Yarn Warriors NO FCC Kids 6:30 Revolution	7 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Quilt Tying 7 pm Nat'l Day of Prayer (radio/online) 7:00 Praise Tm.	8	9 8:30 Men's Brkfst.-American Table, Warsaw 
10 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:30 Worship (ParentDedication?) NO Sunday School NO H.S. Hangout	11 	12 6:30 Women's Bible 7 pm FCC Cards/Boardgames 7 pm Missions Mtg.	13 9:30 Men's / Women's Bible Studies  6:30 Revolution	14 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Quilt Tying  7:00 Praise Tm.	15	16 8:30 Deacon's Mtg.
17 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12 pm Women's Min.	18	19  6:30 Women's Bible	20 9:30 Men's / Women's Bible Studies  6:30 Revolution	21 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Quilt Tying  7:00 Praise Tm.	22 12:00 "The Caller" info due to Jo 	23
24 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 31 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 FIRST STEP	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (Office Closed)	26  6:30 Women's Bible 7:00 Care Bears	27	28 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Quilt Tying  7:00 Praise Tm.	29	30 8am Men Following Christ, Alpha Hall, Grace College

## BIRTHDAYS—MAY



2—Aleta Hankins  
3—Audrey Dempsey  
3—Michelle Blue  
5—Lynn Best  
6—Ashleigh Hughes  
6—Jack Wilhite  
7—Rosemary Parker  
7—Mary Kay Jones  
8—Judy Weidner  
8—Nou Phouleuanghong  
8—Elisa Dreyer  
11—Carol Gaston  
14—Claudia Turner  
14—Collin Bibler  
14—Ed Dempsey  
15—Janet Elam

16—John Titus  
16—Dave Letsch  
16—Stuffy Folds  
17—Sylvia Jeffrey  
18—Deb Parker  
19—Denyse Williamson  
20—Mary Jane Prater  
21—Al Meck  
21—Megan Welch  
21—Heidi Burgess  
24—Nick Parker  
29—Kristina Ammerman  
30—Emily Demske

## ANNIVERSARIES-MAY



11—Griffin & Jessie Swihart  
12—Matthew & Stacy Sova  
13—Clinton & Stacey Judd  
19—Rob & Barb Kiphart  
20—Lorenzo & Kelsea DeGaetano  
21—Cody & Emily Demske  
31—Duke & Sarah Fox

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!