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Join us this Sunday, May 12th, as we celebrate the mothers and caregivers in our lives. Come to receive a special gift of appreciation for all you do!

The Children's Handchimes will be playing as well!

Come Celebrate Our Seniors! Senior Sunday – May 19th



Make plans to join us on Sunday, May 19th, for Senior Sunday. We will be honoring our graduating seniors during a combined worship service at 11:00 AM and a luncheon in the Family Life Center immediately following the service. The luncheon is catered, and a love offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the meal.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 12

Mothers Day

- 9am Contemporary Worship
- 10am Sunday School
- 11am Traditional Worship
- 5-8pm SOLID - God in the Movies (Theater)

Tuesday, May 14

- 9:30am Concerns
- 7pm PDAP
- 7:30pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 15

- 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6pm Cabinet Meeting
- 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 17

- 4:30pm Youth Paintball
- Campout Departs
- 5-10pm SHARE

Saturday, May 18

Youth Paintball Campout Returns
After Lunch

Sunday, May 19

Senior Sunday-One Service

- 10am Sunday School
- 11am Combined Worship
- 12pm Senior Luncheon
- 5-7pm CELEBRATE
- 5-7pm SOLID - Year End Blow Out



Thoughts...

Rev. Mike Hunter
Senior Minister

Outstanding job of being church on Sunday! Patty Walsh and all her helpers did a great job putting on the fried chicken picnic on the front yard. The weather was wonderful and lots of folks went through the children's and youth spaces. Cory and Paula, Jack's project committee, the architect and contractor have all worked hard to bring our facilities to this new moment. It was a great day!

As you were enjoying the chicken and the walk; many of you stopped and asked me several versions of the "what do we do now?" question.

First things first, healthy and holy closure. We will in the act of worship on May 26, have a litany of celebration and closure for Cory's ministry among us. Cory's PRC will be taking the lead in this celebration. Look for word from that group about a gift and remembrance participation. Following late worship on that day we will have a reception and a time of farewell.

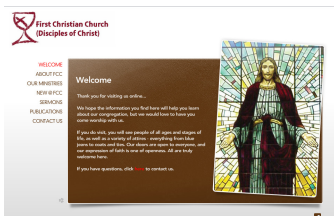
The youth leadership and committee are working to fill the immediate gaps of church camps and summer plans. We will all step up and cover in this interim period. Our youth are ready to lead, too.

Soon after closure, our board will convene to affirm the selection of a search committee as outlined in our Bylaws, and then proceed forward. I've already been in contact with the Regional and General church to make them aware that we will be in the search mode. We have every good hope to secure the staff person by the fall, but in all things, timing is in God's hands.

With the current shape of our youth program, the leadership in place in both the youth and adults, and the new space for youth ministry, we will be a very attractive destination for persons called to ministry of youth.

I invite you to pray, to say goodbye to the Glovers, and to be willing to join the rest of us as we step up to bridge the transition.

May God continue to lead us forward and may we be willing to follow.



Find previous sermons at www.fccmidland.org

This Week's Sermon
Good News For Good Parents
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Visitors Corner

May 5, 2013

Morgan & Linda Brown

Cecilio & Christian Flores

Suzanne Gonzalez

Margy House

Christ & Joan Huff

Melanie Lange & Family

Nic & Aidan Ramsey

Robert Staib

THANKS FOR
WORSHIPPING
WITH US!

Attendance

May 5, 2013

Contemporary Worship	34
Children's Church	6
Nursery	2
Total	42

Traditional Worship	115
Children's Church	8
Nursery	2
Total	125

Combined Total 167

Sunday School

Nursery	3
Children	18
Youth	14
Adult	62
Total	97



Musings...

Rev. Cory Glover
Associate Minister

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth." - John 14:16-17

This morning, I put the final touches on our plans for July's Disciple Summer Mission Trip to New Orleans.

Around the time last year, while planning for the 2012 Disciple Summer Mission Trip to Joplin, we discovered that we didn't have any mission sites open during the July 4th holiday. We then found a Disciples congregation that hosted a 5K fundraiser for local mission on the 4th. So, we offered our services. They were thankful, yet we had far more volunteers than they could use. Thus, we gave all the participants the option of working it...or running it.

Our youth were quick to say that WE were running it. By WE, they also meant me.

Before this point, I was not a runner. It is now a regular discipline for me, but at the time, even a 1-mile run was problematic. The youth weren't taking no for an answer...

Taylor and Corbin came over to my house several times to run with me, encourage me, and teach me how to slow down and pace myself.

On race day, it was Remy who ran alongside me the entire way - start to finish.

These days, my regular runs are longer than 5Ks, but I would not have ran that first 5K without those young men investing in me.

As I prepare for my departure, I hope that our youth feel the same way about me...that they recognize how I've walked (or run) beside them as a shepherd.

There will be more 5Ks in both of our futures.

I leave here knowing that the God who has called me away is calling another here...to occupy that role of shepherd.

That person will walk beside our youth.

And our youth will return the favor.

Just as they have for me...

Upcoming Youth Events

FOCUS

SOLID

- May 12 - God in the Movies 5-8pm
- May 17-18 - Paintball Campout
- May 19 - Senior Sunday
- May 19 - SOLID - Year End Blow-Out 5-7pm



Ponderings...

Rev. Paula Brooks
Associate Minister

This week has been "Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week". To those of you who are teachers and nurses, First Christian Church wants to take this opportunity to express our deepest and heart felt appreciation for all you do.

You have chosen this profession because you care not only about the education and health of others but because you have a heart and a passion for serving. You give hours of care and concern as you serve your students and your patients and often do so under great stress. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as you continue to serve those in your midst.

Our thoughts and our prayers go with you beyond this week. God's blessings upon you, your family and those you serve on a daily basis.

In loving partnership,



On Sunday, May 19, Sabrina Porter, president of Juliette Fowler Homes will be here to give us an update on the ministry of residential care and support for children, youth and the elderly. Juliette Fowler Homes opened in 1904 and has been a member institution of the Christian Church since its founding. Past members of our congregation are among those who have resided there in retirement. Victoria Gilkerson is a member of the Fowler Board.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hilary Ann Howard who is graduating from Texas Tech University on May 17th, 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication studies.



Birthdays

- 5/10 Linda Hyatt
- 5/11 Tom Hill
Jerry Fisher
Lucille Vaughn
Nancy Stanley
- 5/12 Kirk Branum
- 5/13 Bea Lea Somerville
- 5/14 Seth Woodard
- 5/15 Carl Rodgers
Ken Sneed
Ernie Gilkerson



Anniversaries

- 5/12 - Mark & Pam Branum
- 5/17 - J. R. & Amanda Bourland



Lectionary Scriptures

May 12, 2013

Acts 16:9-15;

Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



Elder - On - Call

5/5 - 5/11
Meta Jones

Online Giving

You can now give to FCC through our website! You can make a one-time donation, pay the fees for a children's or youth event, or set up recurring donations.

Online giving is convenient and safe, easy to track, and easy to schedule on a regular basis.



Church Bulletin Board

New Youth & Children Space Now Open!

On Sunday, May 5, we celebrated the opening of our newly remodeled Children and Youth spaces! We enjoyed a picnic on the grounds and tours of the new space. If you were not able to be here Sunday, stop by and take a look around!



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We look forward to all that God has in store for our youth and children in their new spaces as they grow in their faith, build friendships and learn more about being disciples of Christ! If you aren't already involved with our youth and children's ministry, **NOW** is a great time to get plugged in!

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Disciple Mission Offering



On May 12 and May 19, 2013, Disciples churches will collect the Pentecost Offering to fund the new church movement. This offering is creating opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in places that don't have a Disciples witness. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, one half of your gift stays in the Region where you live and one half goes to Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church pastors, spouses and core team members. We are reaching new places to provide Disciples mission and share the good news of Jesus Christ beyond the doorsteps of the Church into the community and throughout the world.

Disciple Summer Mission LAST CHANCE

We currently have a few spots remaining on the Disciple Summer Mission Trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. If any youth or adults would like to attend this awesome trip, please register no later than Wednesday, May 15th. Forms may be found on the church website and the cost is \$125.



Genesis & Friends Gathering

The Genesis Sunday School Class cordially invites you to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will be gathering at Logan's on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 for dinner.

Hope to see you there!

Memorial Food Pantry

Put us on your grocery list! Food focus is peanut butter and jelly.

We also need volunteers on Tuesdays at 1:45 to help unload the truck and Wednesdays from 1-3 to help distribute food to clients.



Adult Sunday School Studies

Mixed Blessings/Pairs & Spares
Topic: Sunday's Scripture

II Chronicles 7:14
Topic: Jesus, the Good Shepherd
Scripture: John 10
Leader: Class Members

Genesis
Topic: Cannonization of the Bible
Leader: Clint Hurst

Fellowship
Topic: Women of the Bible - Naomi
Scripture: The Book of Ruth
Leader: Jim Mauldin

Mike Hunter's Class
Topic: Round One: The Apostles vs. The Sanhedrin
Scripture: Acts 4
Leader: Mike Hunter

Children's Activities for Sunday, May 12, 2013

Sunday School
Celebrating Mother's Day

Children's Church
Topic: Hannah & Samuel
Leaders: (9am) Jeannine Hurst & Jennifer Cooper (11am) Patty Walsh & Delany Kilgore

CELEBRATE (Grades 1-5)
Will not be meeting this Sunday night, May 12. Please spend the day celebrating Mother's Day with your family. We will resume next week, Sunday, May 19.

Social Media

Become a friend of ours on Facebook and "Like" us.



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Follow us on Twitter
(@fccmidland)

Check out FCC's Children's page on Facebook and "Like" us



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We have had several e-mails sent back to us, and solving the problem would help us get accurate and up-to-date information to you.



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Welcome

Thank you for visiting us online...
We hope the information you find here will help you learn about our congregation, but we would love to have you come worship with us.
If you do visit, you will see people of all ages and stages of life, as well as a variety of attitudes - everything from blue jeans to suits and ties. Our doors are open to everyone, and our expression of faith is one of openness. All are truly welcome here.
If you have questions, click to contact us.



Website

Don't forget to check out our website (www.fccmidland.org) for news, publications, and previous sermons!

Prayer Room

Those is the hospital:

George Head - MMH

Those in need of prayer:

Kayla Stone
Pat Kirk
Pat Pickle
Mike Nance
Dee Head
Bruce Stanley
Bill & Char Womack
Judy Spruell
Curtis Pechacek

Those in extended/long term care:

Blanche Alcorn
H.G. Bedford
Nancy Gill
Jerry Johnson
Jackie Hanna
Charlotte Millican
Keith Somerville
Mary Jane Strobel
Dorothy Wadley

Military:

Trevor Forbes - son of Stephen & Betty Forbes
Joe Henderson - son of Holly Moore
Nicky Miller - son of Vicki Miller
Damon Darnell - grandson of Floyd & Doris Miller
Bennett Dobbs - extended family of the Espino's
Eric Schuff - extended family of the Espino's

Families/Friends beyond FCC:

Liz Hickerson - friend of Les;ie Vines
Barry Hardaway - brother of Erich Hardaway
Annetta Arnett - mother of Garry Arnett
David & Sherry Harrington - friend of Jake Spruell
Brooks Black - Friend of Jake Spruell
Teresa Ledford - sister of Martha Fentem
Abbye Irons - friend of Steve Vaughan
Ian Carr - grandson of Dorothy Carr
Blake Woods - friend of John Ross
Walker Hughes - grandson of Steve & Lucille Vaughan
The Hickey Family - Sara Cranford
Debby Leach Wallace - friend of Betty Conly
Pete Herndon - nephew of Vicki Miller
The De Lucas Family - Sara Cranford
Charles Lout - friend of George & Dee Head
Brenda Bradshaw - friend of Lucille Vaughan
Corinne Sandifer - granddaughter of Huey & Kristina Sandifer
Kerry Arnett - brother of Garry Arnett
Phyllis Knauff - aunt of Kristina Sandifer
Jo Smith - daughter-in-law of Donna Lathrop
Tom Hewitt - brother of Anne Schwiening
Sherry Harrington - friend of Jake Spruell
Kim Walters - foster daughter of Diane Bailey Fisher
Teena Atchley - friend of Kay Hill

Families/Friends beyond FCC in long term care:

Lori Hays - cousin of Mary Anne Benton
Sonya Hopkins - friend of Kelley McCullough

For submission to prayer list contact the staff Or submit via web, or e-mail prayerchain@fccmidland.org

Chapel Lock Box Code #1301

Special Note: Prayer list names are renewed every three weeks as we seek to keep the list as current as possible and allow space for new requests. Our joys, concerns and deepest needs are already on God's heart long before we put them to paper.

...for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:8



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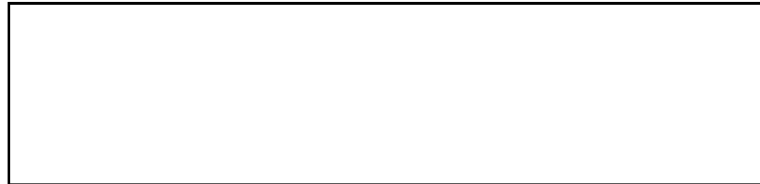
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Farewell for the Glovers

Sunday, May 26th

At the conclusion of worship on May 26 there will be a celebration of ministry and litany of closure for Cory's ministry among us. A reception will follow the 11:00 service in the new Youth Room, hosted by Cory's Pastoral Relation Committee. Drinks and light snack will be provided.

A commemorative gift will be shared during worship. Members are also invited to participate in a love offering for the Glover family.

Please write "Cory Glover" on the memo of your check and give to Dorothy. There be a basket for cards at the reception as well.