

Remarks from Pastor Steve

Different Times Require Different Methods to Grow the Church

Thank you so much for the recognition you all have been giving Marianna and myself this month. You all have been so kind to us in our 3½ years of ministry here at FCC, thank you from our hearts.

I am so excited about our new "Singles @ First" group. We have found a "nitch" to help us grow our church. Thank you to our singles leadership of: Charlotte Castle (246-4552) Peg Bolin (259-2886) Elder Steve Morgan (273-2784) Billy Connelly (848-7469) and Beth Leech (460-1768). Call them if you would like more information. The community's only Christian Single's group held their first LEO (Let's Eat Out) on Sunday. 10 were in attendance and they had a great time. They will be bowling at the Charleston Lanes on Friday, November 6th and meeting at the church at 6:30 pm.

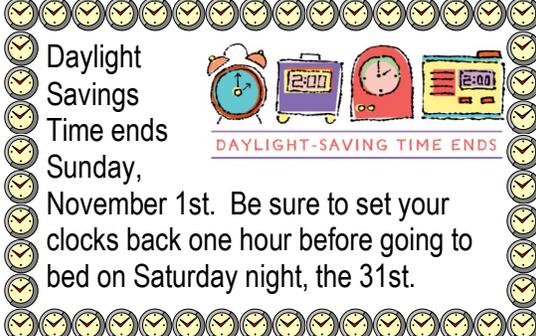
The strategy of the single leaders group is to advertise in the church, build a base and then advertise to the community. The potential of this ministry is quite significant for our church. Please pray for this ministry and if you are an adult, widowed, divorced or married this group is dedicated to healthy fun, spiritual growth and fellowship.

This Saturday is our "Coats 4 Kids" Give-Away. Thank you in advance to all who have worked and prayed and supported this ministry. Many children in our community will be warm because of your love.

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! A generous donor has purchased 100 plastic shoeboxes for us to fill with small gifts for children around the world. To be a blessing to a needy child who may not know Jesus, fill a box or two with simple gifts and bring them back to church no later than November 22nd. The Good News of Jesus Christ is shared with the children as they receive shoeboxes, giving them an opportunity to accept Christ as their savior. More information will be available at the Operation Christmas Child table in the narthex. Please help us fill all these boxes with love and prayers!! If you have any questions, please contact Terri Goings at 276-3032.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, the 31st.



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

90th Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Abe Milburn's 90th Birthday Party on Saturday, November 7th from 2-4 pm in Campbell Hall, no gifts please.



Cookie Walk

The FCC 2015 Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, December 5th from 8 am to Noon. All church members, especially deaconesses, are encouraged to share their culinary talents in the form of cookies, candy and/or crafts to be sold. The sales will benefit the deaconess' contributions to the church. The Mission Team will also be selling hand crafted items made from recycled wood by Dolo Wishard and her helpers. It is time to gear up by contemplating those wonderful cookies and candy. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Goodies can be delivered to Campbell Hall from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday, December 4th or from 6 to 8 am on Saturday, December 5th. Thanks FCC for your continued support.



News from Paul

Where does the time go? When I was a kid, adults would tell me the older I get the faster time flies. Like most kids, I thought, "Yeah right!" Guess what? THEY WERE RIGHT! I cannot believe we are already thinking about Thanksgiving, Christmas and winter! How many of you want to fess up that you turned on your heat? I will have to say we just turned ours on this past weekend (bummer!). I am however still wearing shorts and a t-shirt to work and driving around with my window down. Miss Evelyn thinks I have lost my mind somewhere between the cracks of the floor. I remember a couple of years ago I was running the snow blower with shorts and flip-flops (I did have a fleece-type pullover and socks on). Still, I managed to get strange looks from people going past our house in their vehicles with their windows up. As I type this, I can hear Miss Evelyn say, "Dagummit! It's not summer outside!" then I hear the bathroom window go smartly shut (we did turn the heat off for a bit today). She has no appreciation for fresh, crisp, fall air; enough of that.

As with each week, I sure enjoyed being at FCC Sunday! As I pulled up and got out of my pickup truck in pulls Pastor Steve. He said "Hey Brother Paul how are you!" What a great way to start the day's service! I could not wait to get inside! As I walked across the street and looked at the building, I could not help but think (and know) how fortunate I am to belong to such a great church family. Evelyn and I sure appreciate the people and friendships we have made with everyone. It was nice to see everyone supporting the youth in such a big way for their silent auction. I was also glad to see us take a moment to recognize Pastor Steve and Marianna with a nice video clip. I wanted to ask Richard to report on the Branson trip but I remembered he said, "What happens in Branson..."

Pastor Steve's message was great and I have personally have enjoyed the Romans 8 series! This is powerful stuff which is as relevant today as it was when God inspired Paul to write it! The choir and Praise Team always sound great too! I also saw several new faces in second service and from where I sat, the Spirit was very much present throughout the service. I heard much the same report about first service. Things are changing within our community and you are a part of it. We are blessed at FCC with a lot of things going on within the church body and even better yet, outside the walls of 1600 Wabash. A few things which come to mind are: Singles @ First, Coats for Kids, Operation Christmas Child, Mid-Week Outlet, Tuesday prayer meeting, Seniors' Program, choir, praise team, mission trips and the Backpack Food Program for school children. These are just a FEW of the great things taking place with great people involved in each one. What can you do to get involved in one of the areas I have listed? We all have something to offer for the kingdom. What have you got?

In His Service, *Paul Weber*

Thanksgiving Dinner



Mark your calendars for the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 17th at 6 pm. The turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to share.

FROG/ROCK News

The FROG (6-8 graders) and ROCK (9-12 graders) are meeting each week for meetings and/or activities.



Sunday, October 25 — *Remedy Drive Concert*, meet at FCC at 5 pm

Sunday, November 1 — FROG 5-7, ROCK 6-8 pm

Sunday, November 8 — FROG 5-7, ROCK 6-8 pm

Mid-Week Outlet



The Mid-Week Outlet program meets each Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm for K-5 and JHH Students with supper being provided. They will not meet on Wednesday, November 11th and 25th due to no school being held on those days.

- 1 Mark Scott
- 3 Madonna Moncel
- 6 Judy Smith
- 7 Abe Milburn
- 8 Mary Logan
- 9 Lily Maninfior
- 10 Evlyn Horn
- 11 Jack James
- 12 Helen Daugherty
- 14 Janice Morgan, Delmar Luckey
- 24 Lisa Hatfield, Madonna Johnson
- 26 Katie Landrus, Dakota Arthur, Kay White
- 30 John Greathouse



November Anniversaries

- 1 Steve and Kay White
- 3 John and Robin Myers
- 6 Bud and Betty Miller
- 7 Delbert and Stelma Dunn



Discovery Class Update

Sunday, November 1st the Discovery Class will start a new video series during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 am in Campbell Hall. The series, *True Spirituality-Becoming a Romans 12 Christian* is by Chip Ingram. If you have any questions please contact Paul Weber at 273-6565.

Church Life

Saturday, October 24

Noon-5 pm Coats 4 Kids Give-Away

Sunday, October 25

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center

5 pm Discipleship 201 in the UIC Room

5 pm FROG and ROCK Remedy Drive Concert

Monday, October 26

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, October 28

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

Sunday, November 1 (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

5 pm Discipleship 201

5-7 pm FROG and 6-8 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, November 2

10 am Staff Meeting

5 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 3

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

Noon Community Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 5

6 pm Worship Team Practice

Friday, November 6

6:30 pm Singles @ First Bowling at Charleston Lanes



Singles at First

The group has planned the following social functions: November 6th Bowling at Charleston Lanes and meet at the church 6:30 pm and December 4th play cards and bake cookies for the cookie walk at Charlotte Castles' home.



Board Splinters

The October Board Meeting was held on the 12th.

Elders: reminded the elders of the upcoming meeting on the 13th.

Deaconesses: next meeting is October 20th at 6 pm and they will discuss the Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for November 17th at 6 pm and the Cookie Walk scheduled for December 5th starting at 8 am.

Minister: continuing "Greatness" sermon series, will be on vacation November 9-15 and Steve Morgan will preach on the 15th, will be cooking Baby Back Ribs January 11-16 as a fundraiser for the Philippine Mission Trip expenses and to purchase chairs for the church they will build, and working with Evangelism on some advertising ideas.

Elementary Minister: things are going well, had the first Bible Bucks store and averaging around 20 kids.

Outreach: Raelyne Lane will be added to the Outreach Committee, discussed the Coats 4 Kids Program and will pre-pack at the Food Center on October 25th.

Evangelism: authorized \$300 for the 2015 Lightworks display at Peterson Park and are discussing advertising options.

Christian Ed: purchased softballs for the Ladies Softball team, working with the team of van drivers for the youth, discussed the Youth Mission Trip and implemented a Youth Baptism consent form for parents to sign before a youth is baptized.

Stewardship: reported that September had a surplus of \$1,000 and will be meeting the end of October to prepare the 2016 budget.

Personnel: the committee met and are working on their budget for Stewardship.

Trustees: going to speak to Daily Farms about the land lease, completed their budget and approved for St. John's Lutheran School to borrow the choir risers for their Christmas program.

World Outreach: the Philippines trip is being finalized.

New Business: the nominating committee will consist of: Paul Weber, Teresa Stuttle, Glenda Wright, Jeannie Cunningham, Amy Maninfor, Ed Dowling and Greta Grafton.

Christmas in the Chapel



Lincoln Christian University will present *Christmas in the Chapel. A Designer Christmas: A Christmas tale of a young fashionista, an enchanted boutique and a journey to find the perfect fit.*

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he has fashioned in everything and everyone." Ephesians 1:10-12

Enjoy an evening of warmth, humor and some of the most unforgettable songs of the season as the LCU Chorale (which includes MJ Brand) presents the Christmas story for family members of all ages.

The church will be taking a van on Sunday, December 5th for the 7 pm show for anyone who wants to ride along. They will leave at 4:30 pm and stop in Decatur at Culver's for supper on the way. Each ticket cost \$12 and tickets must be ordered soon! If you are interested in this activity please sign-up in the narthex and pay by November 1st.

Homecoming Gospel Choir

The Homecoming Gospel Choir presents the Homecoming Gospel Reunion at the Toledo Christian Church on Sunday, November 1st at 6 pm. An unforgettable evening of musical worship and praise featuring southern Illinois' 80-voice Homecoming Gospel Choir singing your favorite southern gospel hymns in the Gaither style. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

Nominating Committee

If you know of someone who would like to serve as a Trustee, Deacon or Deaconess for a 3 year term please contact one of the following nominating committee members:
Paul Weber, Teresa Stuttle, Glenda Wright, Jeannie Cunningham, Amy Maninfor, Ed Dowling or Greta Grafton.



The Congregational Meeting to elect the elders, trustees, deacons and deaconesses will be Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$221,595.30

Serving Communion

Sunday, October 25

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Denny Booker, Steve Lane, Bud Miller, Randy Pierce

10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), Randy Albin, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Neil Wofford

Sunday, November 1

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Tim Cyr

10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Jeff Maninfor, Amy Maninfor, Nick Maninfor, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard

Church Attendance

Oct. 11th: Traditional: 118, Contemporary: 78 = 196

Oct. 18th: Traditional: 108, Contemporary: 87 = 195