

Remarks from Pastor Steve

Ham and Beans, Oh My!

Saturday night from 5:00 to 6:45 pm we are gathering at the church to eat Ham and Beans! That's right, no ticket needed, just bring a donation to support our Philippine mission trip. In addition you will have the opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for a grill and extras and there will lots of items to bid on with a silent auction.

This could be a great evening for you to bring a guest or two to eat and then enjoy "Eagles Wings" in concert at 7:00pm.

If that isn't enough God has blessed us with a warm weekend, it's time to get out of the nest and fly to the church on Saturday night.

We took a huge step of faith this year in planning two mission trips. Both teams have been working very hard and with our two food events they are on target for the trips.

If Ham and Beans aren't enough we are cooking up 500 racks of ribs for the week after Easter. The youth and their sponsors have tickets for sale. To make sure you get some ribs, please buy a ticket. The tickets will be for pick-up on Wednesday, March 30th. The proceeds from the rib sale will go to the youth for their Haiti mission trip.

Every week is exciting at FCC, new faces and the messages have even challenged the messenger. If you miss a message they are available to hear on the website at www.mattoonfcc.com

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

Singles @ First

Singles @ First Ministry is open to all singles...never married, widowed or divorced. Below is a list of the activities they have planned:



Fast Food Sunday, February 28th 11:45 pm
Meet at Wendy's, buy your own lunch and fellowship.

Movie Night Friday, March 4th 6-8 pm
Movie in Campbell Hall, bring drinks and popcorn provided.

Blood Drive



American Red Cross

The Local Outreach Committee is

sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, February 21st. The drive will be held from 1-5 pm in Campbell Hall.

The Red Cross suggests to please eat a good meal and drinks lots of water before coming. No ice-tea, it lowers your iron levels. Thanks.

Seniors' Luncheon

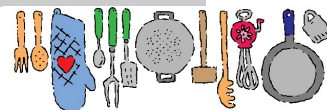
There will be a Seniors' Luncheon on Thursday, February 25th at noon. Chili, Vegetable Soup, dessert and drinks will be provided.



Please bring sandwiches, cheese or veggies to share and sign-up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

Kitchen Remodel

We hope you check out the newly



remodeled kitchen (thanks Dolo!), it looks great! Help us to keep it looking great by putting dishes away, clean up the area you used and if you used dish towels take them home to wash and return.

FROG & ROCK News

All FROG and ROCK Students are encouraged to attend youth group on Sunday nights. The FROG Youth (6-8 graders) meet from 5-6:30 pm and the ROCK Youth (9-12 graders) meet from 5:30—7 pm. *Please note this time change.*



Mark your calendars for Winter Jam on March 18th.

News from Paul

The last couple of weeks have been a whirlwind. Several of you have asked me if the layoff situation at EIU has affected my job. The simple and short answer-I am still employed. I certainly appreciate everyone who has shown concern and the prayers are also appreciated. I ask you to continue the prayers for those who, if the State of Illinois does not come to agreement, will be looking for work. There is not a department on EIU's campus which has not been affected directly by what has happened and ultimately what could happen. Should the layoffs become a reality, I can tell you the upper echelons in our department are meeting trying to plan the course of action to cover more (much more) with less. Time will tell and we should know something by the 12th of March which direction things will go, enough of that.

Miss Evelyn and I went to the youth fundraiser this past Saturday night and we had a great time. The youth did a great job at serving their patrons and the food was great! If you missed it, you missed a great time of visiting and seeing what a great bunch of youth and youth leaders we have at FCC.

Miss Evelyn is fighting the crud and hope she starts to feel better soon. She managed to take a picture of me using our snow blower wearing shorts. She decided it was something the world of Facebook should be exposed to so it is now visible for your viewing pleasure. A few comments were posted with the picture and a few of them were from FCC members! One person had the audacity to mention something about me being unwound, or not wrapped too tight, or something to that effect. Well let me tell you something. I may not be wrapped too tight but I am hanging on the best I can! If all of you did not give me a rash of trash, I would think you were mad at me, so keep it coming! All is good!

The contractor is doing a good job on our remodeling and we are anxious to have things done. I hope y'all are having a great week and hope to see you Saturday at the Ham-n-Bean supper and concert. Take care of each other and remember, keep the coffee hot, the biscuits warm, and change your socks daily.

In His Service, *Paul Weber*

- 2 Robin Myers
- 4 Harold Easton, Michael Davis
- 5 Teresa Stuttle, Beau Scott
- 6 Candy Tate
- 7 Doris Webb
- 9 Lois Carlyle
- 11 Lisa Ballinger, Amber Eident, Bob Young
- 12 Cheryl Ballinger, Roger Freeman
- 14 Bill Daily, Neil Wofford, Cheyenne Jones
- 15 Kenton Albin
- 16 Andrew Edersheim
- 17 Don Inman, Deb McNeely, Charlotte Castle
- 18 Brad Bergstrom, Kelly Armer
- 19 M.J. Brand
- 21 Brian Ingram
- 26 Joyce Camfield
- 27 Reece Newlin, Glenda Wright
- 29 Carolyn Segó



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Max and Arlene Betty
- 20 Mike and Mona Bays
- 21 Gene and Norma Himes
Rob and Kathy Newlin
- 23 Russell and Louise Wiley
- 27 Brian and Heather Hinton



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Kathryn Shook (92) who passed away on February 7th at Mattoon Health Care. Please keep Donnie

Wisner and his family in your prayers on the passing of his mother, Mary Wisner (94) on February 13th.



Barbershop Chorus

On Sunday, March 13th at 4 pm, the twenty-five man Coles County Barbershop Chorus will present their 22nd Annual Lenten Benefit Concert. The one hour program is FREE and it will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church (2206 S. 4th Street in Charleston). Every penny of the free will offering goes to assist area Food Pantry and Homeless Shelter programs and each year the chorus generated nearly \$6,000 through benefit concerts. The program is all sacred music and the chorus will be joined by four local quartets. In addition, twenty area ladies will help form a mixed chorus that closes the program. The church has adequate parking and is wheel chair accessible.

Church Life

Saturday, February 20

5-6:45 pm Ham-n-Bean Dinner

7 pm Eagles' Wings Concert

Sunday, February 21

8 am Prayer with Elders in the Sanctuary

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

1-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

5-6:30 FROG and 5:30-7 pm ROCK

Monday, February 22

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, February 23

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

Wednesday, February 24

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

Thursday, February 25

Noon Seniors' Luncheon

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, February 28

8 am Prayer with the Elders in the sanctuary

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

11:45 am Singles @ First lunch at Wendy's

2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center

5-6:30 pm FROG and 5:30-7 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, February 29

10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 1

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

Wednesday, March 2

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

Thursday, March 3

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, March 4

6 pm Singles @ First Movie Night in Campbell Hall

Saturday, March 5

7 am Men's Breakfast and Fellowship



Board Splinters

The February Board meeting was held on the 8th.

Deaconesses: 30 women attended the Bingo afternoon and we still have cookbooks and pecans for sale.

Minister: just finished up the series "On the Edge" and has begun a new series on "Straight Ahead."

Elementary Minister: they have started a new class for kindergarten students during the 10:30 am service.

Worship: "Open Heart" musical group is coming June 10th and added song titles to the bulletin.

Christian Ed: ordering new SS materials for the middle and high school youth.

Stewardship: we are starting the year out on a good note.

Personnel: adding Randy Pierce and Charlotte Castle to the committee.

Trustees: adding a light in the hallway by the restroom on the second floor.

World Missions: Rib sale went well and will hold a Ham-n-Bean supper/concert on February 20th.

Coats 4 Kids



Be on the look-out for great deals on coats for kids. It's never too early to purchase coats, hats or gloves and store them at your home till October.

Get Well Note

Helen Ashenbramer has been ill but doing better. She would love to hear from her church family. Her new address is:

Helen Ashenbramer

Louis Memorial Christian Village

3400 W Washington Street

Springfield IL 62711



Building Fund balance:
\$222,610.30

Thank You Note

☞ A big thank you to Richard Eident, Jim Long, Tim Buford and Tim Cyr for moving furniture into the garage for me. Also thank you to Paul Weber, Tom Dickerson and Jim Long for moving the furniture back into the house. Thank you and God Bless.

Carolyn Sego

☞ Thank you to the following people who delivered Peace Meals last week: Jack and Barbara Browning, Richard and Joy Eident, Carol Armstrong, Marianna Hayes, Rose Ervin, Cheri Craw, Tony Aghaei, Raelyne Lane, Lisa Ballinger and Rock and Linda Janes.

Deb McNeely

☞ Thank you to everyone who helped us to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Special thanks to our children and their spouses who worked so hard to make it a memorable day. We appreciate all the cards, gifts and best wishes and for the use of the fellowship hall.

Russ and Joyce Camfield

Serving Communion

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson, Don Inman

10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard, Neil Wofford

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Gene Swearingen

10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), Max Betty, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Jeff Maninfior



Members of FCC are invited to apply for the **Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship**.

Scholarships are awarded to members who attend U of I in Urbana-Champaign or EIU in Charleston or Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln (Christian ministry majors only). Recipients must be enrolled in a course of study that culminates in a bachelor's or advanced degree in one of the following fields: Engineering or sciences, Medical sciences or services, Christian ministry or Business.

To complete an application online after January 11th, visit <https://pbaf.org/scholarships/scholarship-application-process/> and click on *Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial*. Scholarship information including an application are available from the church office also. Students currently receiving the Young scholarship do not have to submit a new application. The application and documents are due in the offices of Permian Basin Area Foundation by March 31st. For more information, contact Vicki Rice at 432-617-3213.

H&R Block Donation

If you get your taxes prepared at H&R Block and bring in a referral form (located in the narthex) they will donate \$20 towards the Youth Haiti Mission Trip!

Church Attendance

Feb. 7th: Traditional: 109, Contemporary: 74 = 183

Feb. 14th: Traditional: 90, Contemporary: 52 = 142

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Phone: 234-2928

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Administrative Assistant: Robin Myers

Senior Pastor: Pastor Steven Hayes

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