

Remarks from Pastor Steve

Hi everyone. We have had a very good start to the New Year. Attendance is up over last year and all of our new programs and ministries are off to the good start.

The rib sale was very successful, so successful we will repeat it again from March 25th through April 1st. We will cook 500 racks and the proceeds will go to help fund the Youth Mission Trip to Haiti. We are pre-selling 200 tickets for pick up on March 30th. The tickets will be available beginning March 6th. Hot ribs will be available for the public on Monday, March 28th at 11:30 am.

I would like to thank Kenny and Marilyn Jones for their dedication and long hours they have and are putting in every week to make our technology and worship in 2nd service great. If you haven't visited this service lately you have missed a blessing. I counted nine visitors in the 2nd Service on Sunday. Marilyn and Kenny are excellent trainers and are looking for a person or persons to help with the computer on a rotational basis for first service. If you use a computer and would like some training and a ministry please let me know. We are also looking for vocalists and musicians for the 2nd service, why not spread this need to your friends?

I met with our Singles @ First leaders Sunday evening and they are very excited and are planning activities for March. We will meet once again on February 17th at 6:30 pm to plan March. They are talking about bowling, line dancing, fast food Sundays and more. If you are single, an adult of any age, male or female, divorced, widowed or never married...why not meet some new friends and have fun with some very kind people?

We at FCC are a House of Prayer. God blesses churches that tithe to missions and pray. 10% of every dollar you give goes to local and foreign missions. I lead a prayer group every Tuesday morning at 7:00 am and we pray for 45 minutes from a published list. Generally five to six attend, why not join us? Opportunities for prayer with the elders is given at both services every Sunday.

We are definitely a church on the move. Are you excited?

Invest and invite you co-workers, friends and family members.

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

"A Night In Italy" Dinner

The FROG/ROCK Fundraiser Dinner "A Night in Italy" will be held on Saturday, February 13th in Campbell Hall. The meal will consist of salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink and either baked spaghetti or chicken tetrazzini. The times will range from 5-6:30 pm. Tickets (\$8 each) and sign-up (for a time and pick your entree) will be available in the narthex on Sunday.

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. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex or sign-up online at www.redcrossblood.org. 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.

60th Anniversary



Everyone is invited to come and help Russ and Joyce Camfield celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary

with an Open House on Sunday, February 14th from 1-3 pm in Campbell Hall.

Deaconess Change

Attention Deaconess: due to a scheduling shift we are in need of help with communion for Easter morning, March 27th. We are splitting the communion up into 3 shifts: sunrise, 8:30 and 10:30 service. Please call Nancy if you are able to help at 258-6247.

News from Paul

Hey FCC,

It was nice to be back with you Sunday morning. I am thankful whatever I had last week did not keep me down too long. Miss Evelyn and I are having some remodeling done on our house and things are kind of a wreck around here (more than usual). I am afraid it will be like this for a while but it will be nice when the project is complete. If you have had any work done on your house then you know what we are going through. I will try to keep you abreast of the progress. When it is all done everyone can come out for a cookout to celebrate! No, I have not cleared this with Miss Evelyn but all will be fine. We have plenty of parking to the east of our house and a big back yard to set things up.

The Philippine mission team is gearing up for a Ham-n-Bean Fundraiser Supper on Saturday, February 20th from 5-6:45 pm. Eagles Wings will perform the same night at 7 pm in the sanctuary and we will have a few items in Campbell Hall for a silent auction. Tickets are not needed for this event, just come enjoy and make a donation. We hope you can make it.

As the weather will be turning to spring before long, try to keep in mind people who might need help with yard work and the usual winter clean up. It can become a real chore not everyone is up to doing but will not always ask for assistance. We have many people at FCC who can use a hand and many who are able to help. If you are able to serve in this capacity, this is certainly an area of service which often gets overlooked. I look forward to seeing all of you this Sunday and hope you have a great rest of the week.

Keep the coffee flowing, the eggs over-easy and remember to say a kind word to someone each day. When a person leaves their house each day, we never know what burden they are carrying with them and how what we say or do can make or break their day.

In His Service,
Paul Weber

Ham & Bean Fundraiser

The Philippine mission team is hosting a Ham-n-Bean Fundraiser Supper on Sunday, February 20th in Campbell Hall. The supper will be a "by donation" offering and a concert by *Eagles Wings* will follow. During the event you can also see what the team has set up for a silent auction in Campbell Hall. The supper will be from 5-6:45 pm with the concert to follow at 7 pm. The entire event is open to the public so invite your friends and family for a great supper and music to wrap up the evening. All proceeds will go toward the team to help fund their upcoming trip in July.



FROG & ROCK News

All FROG and ROCK Students are invited to a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 7th at 5:15 pm at Dolo Wishard's home (3213 Marion). All guys need to bring drinks and girls bring snacks.



TIME CHANGE FOR YOUTH MEETINGS
Starting Sunday, February 14th the FROG and ROCK Groups' Sunday night meetings will have the following times:

FROG (only) 5-5:30 pm
Mixer (both groups) 5:30-6:30 pm
ROCK (only) 6:30—7 pm

Mark your calendar for Winter Jam on March 18th.

Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, February 6th at 7:00 am in Campbell Hall. The usual menu of biscuits and gravy, bacon, eggs, hash browns, juice, milk and coffee. Pastor Steve will have the lesson and we should be done around 8:00 am.

Church Life

Friday, February 5

6-8 pm Singles @ First Movie Night in Campbell Hall

Saturday, February 6

7 am Men's Breakfast and Fellowship

8:15 am Elders' Meeting

Sunday, February 7

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

5-7 FROG and 6-8 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, February 8

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

Wednesday, February 10

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 11

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, February 13

5 pm A Night in Italy Fundraiser Dinner Starts

6:30 pm Singles @ First Dinner/Dance at American Legion

Sunday, February 14

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

1-3 pm Camfield's 60th Wedding Anniversary Open House

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

Monday, February 15

No Staff Meeting, office closed for President's Day

7 pm Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, February 16

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

Wednesday, February 17

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

Thursday, February 18

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal



Peace Meals

It is time to deliver Peace Meals on February 8th-12th. Please call Debbie McNeely at 259-1842 if you are willing to help out.



Discovery Class

This coming Sunday the 7th, the Discovery Class will be starting a new video series on Philippians titled *To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain* by Matt Chandler. If you are not connected to a Sunday school class and would like to enjoy time together with your FCC family come to Campbell Hall at 9:30 am. Coffee and donuts are also available.

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:



Movie Night Friday, February 5th from 6-8:00 pm

Watch a movie in Campbell Hall, fellowship and fun.

Bring a 2-liter of pop and popcorn will be provided.

Saturday, February 13th 6:30 pm Valentine's Party

Meet at the American Legion for dinner (rib-eye or shrimp for \$10 or surf and turf for \$15) followed by a dance with the band "Radio Kings."

Fast Food Sunday, February 28th 11:45-1:00 pm

Meet at Wendy's, buy your own lunch and fellowship.



Building Fund balance:

\$222,610.30

Thank You Note



Thank you for your prayers for James and for the cards sent on his passing. He is in a better place and I'm at peace with that.

Your Friends in Jesus,
Martha Nale

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Janice Haga and family of the passing of Jerry (72) on January 24th.



Serving Communion

Sunday, February 7

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

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

Sunday, February 14

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

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 say you were referred by the First Christian Church they will donate \$20 towards the Youth Haiti Mission Trip!

Church Attendance

Jan. 24th: Traditional: 106, Contemporary: 72 = 178

Jan. 31st: Traditional: 94, Contemporary: 77 = 171

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