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## News From Ty

Greetings FCC Congregation,

I am pleased to give you an update on the FCC Youth Ministry Department. Coming on staff in February was a complete blessing and Godsend. For months I have prayed for this position in total dependence on God. I also prayed for the youth as well, for their hearts to yearn for His teaching through my leadership. My answers to prayer have become my reality. I am honored to serve alongside such an incredible team of youth leaders, (*Angela & Roger Freeman, Steve Morgan, Dolo Wishard, Paul Weber, Donica Brand and Dawn Albin*). All of which are an incredible ministers of their own. As for the students, God has completely prepared their hearts for His Word. The Students are in pursuit of growing closer to Him, and growing their own youth group.

My vision is for the youth group to expand and out-grow their comfort zone, loving on all youth in Mattoon. My vision is for the youth of FCC to:

- Grow them in a personal relationship with God
- Equip them to be able to understand and minister the Word, and Disciple their peers
- Love them in the place where they are, in pursuit for them to love the city, and so on, the world that they live in.

I thank you wholeheartedly for your prayers and your contributational gifts you have made at this point. I ask that you continually pray for the youth of Mattoon, and the youth of this Church. Thank you for your willingness to love and care for your students. This is now my flock of sheep, and I am their shepherd, and with God's grace we will abundantly grow together. Thank You.

By His Grace,

*Ty Stinson*

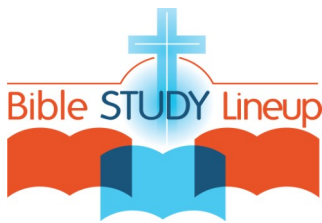
## Good Friday Service



This year we will be offering a Good Friday Service instead of a Maundy Thursday Service. The Good Friday Service will be on Friday, April 3rd at 7 pm. At this service a representative from the Jews for Jesus Organization will present the Seder Meal.

## Recovering Redemption

A new video series Bible Study "Recovering Redemption" has begun in the Discovery Sunday School Class and the Noon Community Bible Study (you can join at anytime). The author and speaker of the video series is Matt Chandler, the teaching pastor at The Village Church in the Dallas/Fort-Worth area. There are people out there who are starving and looking for answers but have come up short. This is where Matt comes in with this study. He will show us how Christ changes everything. Sunday School starts at 9:30 am each week with a fellowship time where coffee and donuts are available from 9-9:30 am in Campbell Hall.



## Names of God Study

The HIS Sunday School Class will begin a new series "Names of God" on Sunday, March 15th. This series will last 6 weeks and all are invited to join in.

## Marriage Class

A new Marriage 101 Class will start March 22nd during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in this class contact Pastor Steve.

## Bible 101 Class

A new 7 week Bible 101 Class will begin Sunday, April 12th from 5-6 pm. If you are interested in this class sign up on the bulletin board in Campbell Hall. There are only 8 spots open so if you're interested sign up on Sunday.



Be sure to set your clocks up one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th. Spring is coming so "spring forward" your clocks.

## Thank You Note

Thank you to the First Christian Church for bringing me communion every Sunday. It means a lot to me, God bless all of you. I look forward to every Sunday.

*Veronika Burks*

## Men's Breakfast



All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 7th at 7 am. The meal

and Bible Study are held in Campbell Hall. This is a great time of fellowship and study.

There will be a Senior Outing to Richard's Farm in Casey on Thursday, March 26th. They will leave from the church at 10 am. Please sign up in the narthex so adequate transportation can be arranged. Why not use this time of fellowship to invite a friend who might be looking for a great church and a wonderful Seniors Group?



## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Purcell (95) who passed away on February 26th at Mattoon Health Care and to the Sid Guill family on the passing of his sister, Minerva Crossin (91) on March 2nd at Douglas Nursing Home.



## Flowering the Cross



We will "Flower" the Cross on Easter Sunday. Please bring your fresh cut flowers on Easter and place them on the cross before your service starts.



Barb Wisner, our Chancel Choir Director, is looking for a few extra voices to join them with Easter music. This commitment would only consist of 4 Wednesday night practices at 6:00 pm starting on March 11th. They will sing on Palm Sunday, March 29 and Easter Sunday, April 5th during the 8:30 am service. Please contact Barb if you have any questions at 234-2640.

## Heartland Christian

Heartland Christian Village is holding their March "Circle of Friends" Fundraiser. If you would like to donate to this please write your check to HCV and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

## Concert

The Coles County Barbershop Chorus will present their 20th Annual Lenten Benefit Concert at the First Baptist Church, 1804 South 9th Street, in Mattoon at 4 pm on Sunday, March 29th. The one hour all sacred music program will feature the 30 man Coles County Barbershop Chorus and four different quartets. In addition, 25 area women will join the men for several numbers as a mixed chorus. The program is FREE, however an offering will be taken for area food pantry and homeless shelter programs. Each year, the concert raises more than \$2,000 for those causes. There is ample parking and the church is wheel chair accessible.



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$212,967.94

## Serving Communion

### Sunday, March 8

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Denny Booker, Tim Buford, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham

**10:30 am** — Dave Whitley (captain), Randy Albin, Jeff Maninfor, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard, Neil Wofford

### Sunday, March 15

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson, Gerry Englund, Don Inman, Steve Lane

**10:30 am** — Donica Brand (captain), Kyle Carter, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Amy Maninfor, Nick Maninfor

## Church Life

### Saturday, March 7

7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Sunday, March 8

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

5 pm FROG/6 pm Mixer/7 pm ROCK Meetings

### Monday, March 9

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

### Tuesday, March 10

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

### Wednesday, March 11

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 14

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

5 pm FROG/6 pm Mixer/7 pm ROCK Meetings

### Monday, March 16

10 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, March 17

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

### Wednesday, March 18

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir in the Sanctuary

6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 21

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study



## Address

Periodically people ask the office for Virginia Warren's address and we finally have it. She is in a nursing home in Bloomington and doing well.

Virginia Warren  
Heritage Health Care  
700 East Walnut, Room 104  
Bloomington, IL 61701

## Church Attendance

Feb. 22nd: Traditional: 109, Contemporary: 90 = 199

Mar. 1st: Traditional: 41, Contemporary: 59 = 100