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Mattoon First Christian Church

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Remarks from Pastor Steve

Hi everyone! Its springtime! What a blessing to see the flowers, the grass, the growth. When we lived in Florida we missed the spring, summer and the fall in the Midwest. As for the winter, Thanksgiving and Christmas was great!

A great analogy we can draw from the spring is growth. Last Sunday night I had the privilege of teaching the Bible 101 course. It's full and filled with the Holy Spirit. Every class member discovered things about God's Word they had never heard. That's spiritual growth and this growth will continue as each disciple is sanctified by the truth of God's Word.

We can grow spiritually by faithfully attending church. I endeavor to fill your cup and challenge you with every sermon. We have small groups (classes) for every age group. Beginning April 26th at 9:30 they will all be teaching six lessons drawn from the movie "Acts of God."

Beginning this Sunday I am beginning a brand new series, entitled; "**Make Your Mark.**" Here's a preview.

"Make Your Mark"

Life is about more than just working and retiring. It's about more than just the accumulation of things. Every follower of Jesus Christ desires to make a difference in the world, to leave a legacy that outlives us.

This is also true of the church. We've been given a mission: Go and change the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This series shows us how we, together and individually, can make a mark that makes a difference. These messages focus on 8 key values that were evident in the ministry of the early church---and must be evident in our lives today. Why not invite a wanderer or a friend or neighbor to come and visit FCC.

Pastor Steve

Men of FCC

Let's start the summer out with a great time in Music City! The "Main Event" conference for men will be June 19th-20th in Nashville, Tennessee. It will be a time of worship, learning and should give each of us a fresh start for the summer. Most of all, we will be ready to serve our families, our church and most importantly, God!

A few of the guest speakers will be Tony Evans, Mike Huckabee, Jim Kelly and David Akers with nationally known Christian music group, "Big Daddy Weave" performing. All this for the discount price of \$69 if we order the tickets by May 1st with the price being \$89 after that. Hotel rooms are being arranged so I need to know how many are going NOW! We have 5 rooms blocked and if more are needed, reservations will need to be made soon.

Ticket and hotel money are due by April 24th. If you are not sure you can go and want to order tickets on your own the information can be found at lifeway.com/mainevent. If you are interested in going please let me know at church or call 273-6565. I am looking forward to a great conference with you and the next Men's Breakfast will be May 2nd.

Paul

Thank You

A big thank you to my church friends for the prayers for my son-in-law, David Fancil who passed away. I so appreciate my church family.

Carolyn Sego



Sympathy



We extend our deepest sympathy to Harold Easton and family on the passing of Olive (89) on April 3rd. Our sympathy is also extended to Margaret Merriman and family on the passing of her brother, Bill Davis (73) on April 6th.

Peace Meals

May 4th—8th is the next time we need to deliver Peace Meals. Please call Deb McNeely at 259-1842 if you can help.

Sr. Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon will be Thursday, April 30th at noon. Mattoon Health Care will provide the meal and have a 10 minute program about their facility. Please sign up in the narthex if you are planning to attend.

Church Camp

We encourage all youth to attend Little Galilee Christian Church Camp. Registration forms and camp brochures will additional dates are available in the narthex. The church will pay 1/2 of the cost for kids who attend FCC. The deadline to turn in your form and money for the week long camps to the church office is May 26th. The suggested week for Middle School is July 12-17 and High School is June 14-19.



Serving Communion

Sunday, April 19

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Carroll Gibbons, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Bud Miller, Jim Long
10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Jeff Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard, Neil Wofford

Sunday, April 26

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr
10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), Randy Albin, Vern Belt, Kyle Carter, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings

Board Splinters

Deaconesses: served 1 funeral dinner.

Minister: he will begin a new series "Make Your Mark". A new Bible 101 class is going well. Ty Stinson has been with us for 2 months and is developing relationships with the youth and sponsors. We had a combined total of 415 in attendance for Easter.

Elementary Minister: reported that VBS will be June 26th and 27th. There are 3 weeks of Mid-Week left for the school year and 5th grade graduation will be May 6th.

Youth Minister: The average youth group attendance is 26. They made \$431 from the Easter Breakfast, need van drivers, a mission trip has been planned for this summer (looking into CIY engage in Ohio) and he is going to volunteer and help with the MHS football team.

Worship: They will give away flowers for Mother's Day and tire gauges for Father's Day. October 4th will be "I'll Be Here Sunday" with a special guest speaker.

Outreach: raised \$1,809 for Camp New Hope from the Easter Offering and will hold the Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

Evangelism: Debi Buford reported that we will show the "Acts of God" movie on April 17th and 25th. The pulled pork fundraiser will be July 30- August 7.

Christian Ed: The youth leaders and Ty have met and are planning the summer events.

Stewardship: John Greathouse reported that our investments at Wells Fargo have grown over the last year.

Personnel: Steve Huckaba reported that they met and will increase MJ Brand's pay by \$25 per week.

Trustees: Steve Ballinger reported that the sanctuary west window has been repaired and re-installed and they are going to check on a price for a blind for the window. In the evening the sun shining thru that window makes is almost impossible to see in the sanctuary.

New Business: a Sick Leave Policy is in effect with 3 days for full-time staff and 1 day for part-time staff with no days to carry over to the next year. Steve Morgan will join Personnel, Beth Leach join Evangelism and Beau Scott will join the Worship Committee. The Personnel Committee is looking into hiring Beau Scott as the Tech Person to manage the computer and Facebook Account for \$25 per week.

Laptop Needed

If anyone has a used laptop they are not using and would consider giving it away, a child in the church could use it at home to help with a learning disability. Call the church office if are interested.



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$216,247.94

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Church Life

Friday, April 17

7 pm "Acts of God" Movie

Saturday, April 18

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, April 19

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

No FROG or ROCK Meetings

5 pm Bible 101 Class

Monday, April 20

10 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, April 22

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 25

9 am Smart Choice Distribution

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

7 pm "Acts of God" Movie

Sunday, April 26

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 FROG/6 pm Mixer/7 pm ROCK Meetings

5 pm Bible 101 Class

Monday, April 27

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, April 29

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir in the Sanctuary

6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program (last one for school yr)

6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 30

Noon Senior Luncheon

Saturday, May 1

7 am Men's Breakfast (last one till fall)

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study



Church Attendance

April 3rd: Good Friday: 115
 April 5th: Sunrise: 75, Traditional: 178,
 Contemporary: 162 = 415
 April 12th: Traditional: 126, Contemporary: 103 = 229

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