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Remarks from Pastor Steve

We are in a very successful program with the Acts of God. The movie was powerful and the classes are going well.

I recently ordered 1600 pounds of pork for our annual pulled pork drive through. This cooking on this fundraiser will begin July 31st and continue through August 7th. The proceeds will be used to put coats and shoes on kids and possibly help build a habitat house.

The church continues to attract new families and now is experiencing steady growth over last year's attendance. This and so much more is being accomplished in a struggling community that is over-churched and welfare dependent.

Thank you for all you do to make your church a successful, gospel preaching, mission oriented, and very friendly family church.

Beware when things seem to be heading up, the enemy is looking for ways to lie, steal and kill the joy and reverse our growth. One primary way he accomplishes this in disunity. When we live in unity with others, the world pays attention and the church receives power.

We will always have differences; we will often disagree on everything from staff to ministries, to programs, to music, even maintenance. The correct place to have the discussions and make decisions is at our committee meetings. Every committee is elder represented. This is where we find strength, wisdom and common ground.

The Board of Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees and Elders have the final say on all financial decisions including ministry budgets per the committee's request. The church is leading the church.

It is unusual in church governance and wonderful that the members of First Christian Church lead the church. There is strength in this form of governance. Let's focus on the majors and less on the minors. Unity is a major. When we build on the foundation of common ground with others we are able to increase the impact we have on the community and world around us.

Pastor Steve

Graduates

Please let the church office know of any student from FCC graduating from college or high school. We would like to recognize the college graduates in the newsletter and high school graduates on Youth Sunday, May 17th.



New Members

We welcome Carl and Janice Pacetti to our church family. Carl was baptized on April 26th and Janice transferred her church membership.

Nursery Attended

We are currently looking for a Nursery Attendant to work on Sunday mornings and periodically during the week. If you are interested in this paid position or want to know more please contact Stephanie.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School "Outback Rock" on June 26 and 27. VBS will be for kids entering K-6 and the JHH class.

Church Camp

We encourage all youth to attend Little Galilee Christian Church Camp. Registration forms and camp brochures with 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.



Thank You Note

Thank you for all the food, prayers and many visits while I am recuperating. I truly appreciate you all.

Mona Bays

Church Attendance

April 19th:

Traditional: 129, Contemporary: 96 = 225

April 26th:

Traditional: 145, Contemporary: 81 = 226

- 1 Arlene Betty
- 3 Kamdyn Dunn
- 8 Jean Bergfeld
- 11 Bob Clark, Gretta Kearney, Dianne Porter
- 13 Bob Morgan, Michelle Mathews, Adeline Kimery
- 14 Sally Dickerson
- 15 Vern Belt
- 17 Tom Dickerson
- 18 Steve Lane
- 22 Joey Dickerson
- 28 Kierstyn Albin



- 6 Fred and Kayla Grissom
- 8 Paul and Evelyn Weber
- 12 Eric and Debbie Rodewald
- 14 Ron and Annetta Kerans
- 26 Kelly and Sue Ann Himes
- 27 Jack and Jan Little
- 31 Philip and Marilyn Purcell




Serving Communion

Sunday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 10

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons
10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), John Holmes, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$216,447.94

Church Life

Saturday, May 2

7 am Men's Breakfast and Study (last one till fall)
 6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, May 3

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
 5 pm Bible 101 Class

Monday, May 4

10 am Staff Meeting
 5 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

Noon Community Bible Study
 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, May 6

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6 pm 5th Grade Graduation Celebration
 6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 9

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, May 10—Happy Mother's Day

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
 No FROG and ROCK Meetings
 No Bible 101 Class

Monday, May 11

NO Staff Meeting
 6 pm Trustees Meeting
 7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12

NO Community Bible Study
 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, May 13

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
 5:15 pm Bell Choir in the Sanctuary
 6 pm Mid-Week Volunteer Cookout at the Freeman's house
 6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary



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