

## Remarks from Pastor Steve

### “Different Times Different Methods to Grow the Church”

I am so very proud of you. We are a independent Christian church with a strong local and foreign mission presence that is growing. God is blessing your faithfulness.

Churches in our community are reducing staff and cutting mission programs. Some of the smaller churches are on life support and are near closing. In the midst of these startling facts we continue to grow our local missions, we are planning an aggressive youth and elementary summer and are trying new ways to give you opportunities to go get the “wanderers.” These are the one timers or un-churched people who need a church home.

Why not make an effort to invite “someone” the Lord has put on your heart to our unified “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service” on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. Feed them and they will come! Our goal is 275 in attendance in one service!

That’s right, mark your calendars we are gathering as one church for worship followed by a potluck! Gary Kepley will be grilling pork chops and we know you all will bring loads of covered dishes and desserts to share! We will provide the pork chops and the drinks!

What will this service look like? When you arrive everyone will receive a name tag and we would like for you to wear it though-out the morning. The service will be a blessing including the adult bell choir, a kids sing, MJ Brand and Kenny Jones leading choruses and hymns, a traditional style communion service and a choir special. I will share a lesson, we will visit and have a wonderful meal together.

### May 31<sup>st</sup> Schedule


9:30 am Worship (Nursery open)

Kids will be dismissed to Outlet during the offering time  
No Sunday School classes

10:30 am Close the service “Get to know some new people”

11:00 am Potluck lunch begins

*Pastor Steve*



Congratulations to the following college graduates from our church: Stephanie Freeman with an Associates Degree in Human Services from Lake Land College, Dalton Manning with an Associates Degree from the Ag Pro Program from Lake Land College, Terri Goings with a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Technologies from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Matt Anderson from EIU with a teaching certificate.

## Recipes Needed



The Deaconesses want to put together a church cookbook and they need your recipes. The categories are: appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy, and this and that. Please email your recipes to Kelly Armer at: [Purcell80@hotmail.com](mailto:Purcell80@hotmail.com) or if you don’t have a computer please drop the recipes off in the office.

## Senior Outings

The next Senior Outing will be May 28th! The group will go see the cross in Effingham



and eat at Neimerg’s Restaurant. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend so adequate transportation will be available.

You can still purchase a ticket for the trip on July 15th to see “Half-Stitched” in Arcola, sign up in the narthex.

## Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School “Outback Rock” on June 26th from 6-8 pm and 27th from 10 am-12:30 pm. VBS will be for kids entering K-6th and the JHH class.

## Church Camp

Registration forms and camp brochures for Little Galilee Camp are available in the narthex. The church will pay ½ 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.



## 95th Birthday



Everyone is invited to attend Adeline Kimery’s 95th Birthday Open House on Sunday, May 17th from 2-4 pm in Campbell Hall.

## Open House

Everyone is invited to a High School Graduation Open House for Sara Hardin on Saturday, May 23rd from 2-4 pm in Campbell Hall. Sara will be attending college in the fall at Trevecca Nazarene University in Tennessee.



## Board Splinters

The Official Church Board meeting was held on Monday, May 11th with chairman, Tim Buford, presiding.

**Deaconess:** served 1 funeral dinner, had 29 at the April 14th meeting, have pecans for sale (\$10 a bag), work is beginning on a church cookbook, Cookie Walk will be December 5th at 8 am, Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 17th at 6 pm, the funeral dinner list has been reorganized, and a nominating committee was formed to look for 2016 officers.

**Sr. Minister:** continuing the series "Make Your Mark", going to start a class on parenting in late July, the Acts of God program is going well, had 1 baptism and attended many meetings.

**Elementary Minister:** Mid-Week is over for the school year, VBS will be June 26 and 27, graduated seven 5th graders into the FROG group and she will be the dean at Little Galilee Camp the week of June 14th.

**Worship:** We will have 1 service on May 31st at 9:30 am with lunch to follow and Lance stopped by to help us with the computer system in the sanctuary.

**Outreach:** we are having our baby bottle campaign for Choices (CPC) until June 21st and donated money towards a computer for a child.

**Evangelism:** Teresa Stuttle will head up Relay for Life for our church and approved the telephone book advertising.

**Christian Ed:** Jerika Morgan resigned as the nursery worker and they are looking into filling that position, the youth mission trip has been changed from Ohio to St. Louis.

**Stewardship:** went over the monthly statements.

**Personnel:** held an emergency meeting.

**Trustees:** we have termites in the narthex and getting bids and the bell tower area is leaking and the roofers have been called.

**New Business:** approved Ty Stinson's resignation as Youth Pastor, approved \$600 for missionary Ed Thomas to come and what budget line the money will come from will be decided later.

## Serving Communion

### **Sunday, May 17 — Youth Sunday**

The FROG and ROCK Students will be serving at both services.

### **Sunday, May 24**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Bud Miller, Randy Pierce

**10:30 am** — Donica Brand (captain), Randy Albin, Vern Belt, Kyle Carter, Chanon Fine, Neil Wofford



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$216,687.94

## Church Life

### **Saturday, May 16**

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### **Sunday, May 17—Youth Sunday**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

2-4 pm 95th Birthday Open House for Adeline Kimery

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

No Bible 101 Class

### **Monday, May 18**

10 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 19**

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

### **Wednesday, May 20**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

### **Saturday, May 23**

6:36 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### **Sunday, May 24**

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

No FROG and ROCK regular meetings

No Bible 101 Class

### **Monday, May 25 (office closed, Memorial Day)**

### **Tuesday, May 26**

Noon Community Bible Study

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

### **Wednesday, May 27**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir in the Sanctuary

6 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

### **Thursday, May 28**

Seniors Outing to Effingham



## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Roger and Angela Freeman and family on the passing of Angela's mother, Betty Layton (71) on April 30th; to Denny and Jan

Booker and family on the passing of their niece, Marla McKenzie (31) on May 2nd; the family of Lelia Mae Myers (92) who passed away on May 5th; and to the family of Marge Maxey (95) who passed away on May 5th.



### **Church Attendance**

May 3rd: Traditional: 132, Contemporary: 81 = 213  
May 10th: Traditional: 132, Contemporary: 112 = 244

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