

Remarks from Pastor Steve

“Different Times, Different Methods to Grow the Church”

We were all reminded of the strength of the Body of Christ in the unity and outpouring of love and forgiveness in Charleston, South Carolina. Please pray for their elected officials to lower that flag!

Please keep our country and “the church” in your prayers. Satan hates the church and will use any method or any deceived person he can to influence and destroy it. It is not easily harmed when God’s people stand and pray together. Prayer is a powerful tool, every Tuesday morning we gather at FCC to pray. Please join us and you will not be asked to pray just come and support those who do.

I was disappointed that no one signed up for the Bible 101 class for June 28th. The summer time is a difficult time to give up a Sunday evening. We will offer this class again this winter. If you haven’t taken it please do so. For those who have taken it, a brand new Discipleship 201 class will be offered on Sunday evenings starting September 20th.

We will also offer the Marriage 101 class as a Sunday morning offering beginning September 27th. Marriage 101 is a great way to enhance your marriage or prepare for marriage. Those who complete this class will find healing and encouragement in their marriages.

Please block out some time beginning July 31st through August 6th. Our biggest fundraiser for Outreach for the year is coming! This year, I’m cooking 1600 pounds of pork! We will sell 1360 pounds of sauced pulled pork via a drive through for \$10 per pound. It is absolutely delicious and sells itself. A sign up table is coming soon and we will need everyone’s help to make this happen. We are asking everyone to help pre-sell 500 tickets to cover our expenses. The goal is to earn \$10,000 in profit. These funds will purchase school supplies, equipment, coats and shoes for kids. This year we plan on purchasing new computers for the Bridges School.

Brother Paul Weber is beginning a new door to door calling ministry. We will ask people if we can pray for them and give them information on our church if they are interested.

We are a great church, why not make an effort to invite “someone” the Lord has put on your heart to visit our church.

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve



Tickets for the Women of Faith Simulcast are now available in the church office. Each ticket will be \$20 which includes lunch on Saturday. There are a limited supply of tickets, so get yours soon.

The Christian Women from Mattoon Area Churches is hosting a Women of Faith LOVED Simulcast. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church on south 9th street on October 2 from 7-10:30 pm and October 3rd from 9-5:30 pm. Speakers will include: Patsy Clairmont, Mary Graham, Korie Robertson, Sandy Patty, Luci Swindoll and more. Through stories of their own experiences and the stories found on the pages of the Bible, Women of Faith has served over five million women and thousands of churches across the Nation through their arena and simulcast events.



Get your calendars and “ink” in August 22nd for the Coles County

Relay for Life and move forward with a vengeance against cancer! Many of us here at First Christian have signed up to contribute to the fight. Thank you! If you have not already pledged a donation of money or time, we still need people to sit and work at the camp site, walk, purchase Luminaries, contribute desirable items for silent auctions or raffles, hand out pens at the campsite, or even help sign up people before and after either or both church services. Please see the person in the sandwich sign in the narthex before and after church service.

Branson Trip

There is still time to sign-up for the Branson trip planned for October 12-15. They will see shows by: Shoji, Six, The Duttons, Oak Ridge Boys and Jonah. Itinerary sheets are available on the Welcome Center to explain the entire trip. A \$100 per person deposit is required at the time of sign-up. When paying this deposit you are making a commitment that you are going or you will find a replacement.

Recipes Needed



The Deaconesses want to put together a church cookbook and they

need everyone’s recipes. Please email your recipes to Kelly Armer at: Purcell80@hotmail.com or if you don’t have a computer please drop the recipes off in the office. The deadline to turn in recipes will be August 1st. Everyone (men and women) please turn in as many recipes as you want...we need at least 150 recipes.

Help Us, Help You

Please let us minister to you! If you are going to have surgery, please call the office at 234-2928 and let us know. Pastor Steve would love to pray with you before the surgery. If you don’t want a visit, please still let us know so we can pray for you.

- 1 Virginia Gillenwater, Jason Mathews, Joan Young
- 6 Sandy Herren, Stephany Rives
- 7 Barbara Bridges
- 8 David Arthur
- 9 JoAnn Mattox, Jack Little
- 10 Kathryn Shook, Mona Lee Healy, DJ Arthur
- 11 Amy Hall
- 12 Genna Brand, Matthew Whitley
- 13 Shania Arthur
- 14 Steve Morgan
- 15 Jared Armer, John Janes
- 17 Mike Craig, Rylan Armer
- 19 Reese Bergstrom
- 20 Janice Haga, Debra Shaw
- 23 Blake Maninfior
- 24 Marcia Roetker, David Arthur II
- 27 Rod Fleming, Shelbi Hinton
- 29 Jeanne Siford, Virginia Warren



- 4 Hubert & Mary Aleshire
- 9 Tony and Marcia Orndorff
- 11 Charlie & Linda Adams
- 12 Neil and Brenda Wofford
- 21 Dan & Jeanne Cunningham
- 24 Bob & Janice Morgan
- 27 Pat & Teresa Stuttle
- 29 Jason & Kelly Morgan
- 30 Mike & Donica Brand



Free Music Classes

Would you like to learn to read music? Classes will begin soon. If you are interested call Barb Wisner at 234-2640 and sign-up today.



Thank You Note

Thank you all for the many prayers, cards and visits while Bob was in recovery from his stroke. May you all be blessed for all the kindness you have shown us. Knowing you all were there for us made it so much easier. Thank you and God Bless you.

In Christian Love,
Bob and Joan Young



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$217,127.94

Church Life

Sunday, June 28

- 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

Monday, June 29

- 10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

- 7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, July 1

- 9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Friday, July 3

- Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, July 6

- 10 am Staff Meeting
- 6 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

- 7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, July 8

- 9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Sunday, July 12

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service



Serving Communion

Sunday, June 28

- 9:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily
- 10:30 am** — Dave Whitley (captain), Jeff Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Neil Wofford

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons, Don Inman, Steve Lane
- 10:30 am** — Donica Brand (captain), Randy Albin, Vern Belt, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings

Church Attendance

- June 14th: Traditional: 140, Contemporary: 87 = 227
- June 21st: Traditional: 121, Contemporary: 101 = 222

Return Service Requested

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