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Remarks from Pastor Steve

I know of no other church anywhere that has the heart we have for kids who are at a disadvantage. Let's grow our Outreach and let the community know our hearts. Talk about your church and its mission programs.

Would you help us raise \$10,000 to purchase school supplies, shoes, coats 4 kids, blankets for One Stop Christmas and new computers for Bridges School? All this is possible, if we work hard on the "Giant Pork Fundraiser." The event runs from July 30 through August 6th.

We have two teams of volunteers to help you find your way through our work schedule. Many thanks to Tom and Sally Dickerson and Charlotte Castle and Peg Bolen for helping with the pork sign-up volunteer table and ticket distribution on Sundays in the Narthex.

You need not to purchase the tickets on Sunday, just pick them up and pay before July 27th which gives you three weeks to sell. A little hint, "businesses will buy for future staff functions."

We will sell 1360 pounds of sauced pulled pork via a drive through for \$10 per pound. It is absolutely delicious and sells itself. The pre-sale of tickets ensures success.

Thank you to the Lion's Club for committing to the sale of fifty tickets. The Lions are committed to bringing sight to the blind. They do a great job and are a club worthy of consideration. They are looking for members, contact John Greathouse for more information at: jgreat@consolidated.net The Lions meet once a month on Thursday evening.

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

Sweet Corn for Sale

The FROG and ROCK Students will be soon be selling sweet corn! They think the crop will be ready the week of July 13th. They will sell 13 ears for \$5.00 and all the proceeds will go to the youth mission fund. They will be selling the corn in front of the church. Call the office to see if they are selling or drive by.



Canoe Trip

The FROG and ROCK Canoe Trip will be July 31-August 2 and the cost is \$27 per student.



Deadline to sign-up and pay (give you money to a youth leader) is this Sunday, July 12th (no exceptions since canoe rental must be confirmed). Sign-up and Information Sheets are available on the bulletin board

"Half-Stitched" Play

If you are going with the Seniors' Group to see the "Half-Stitched" play in Arcola please meet at the church at 10:30 am on Wednesday, July 15th. They will first go eat at the Dutch Kitchen before going to the show at 1:00 pm.



We have some wonderful volunteers for Relay for Life and

contributions are beginning well. Luminarias will be available Sunday July 19, for \$10 each. During the Luminaria Ceremony, we honor and remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Their lights burn throughout the night and illuminate our path as we continue walking to raise funds for medical research and patient support services offered by the American Cancer Society. Thanks to all who are helping.

News from Paul

Hey there FCC!

Seven of our men recently attended the "Main Event" conference in Nashville, Tn. It was a great time of getting to know one another a little better and each of us were challenged in one way or the other by the fabulous speakers we heard. I look forward to next year's conference and if you were not able to attend this year, please consider next year.

You may have noticed the Discovery Class has really grown over the last several weeks. This is great to see several people getting together each week. On the 19th of July, we will be starting a new video series titled *The Grave Robber* by Mark Batterson, New York Times bestselling author of *The Circle Maker*. With all that is going on around the world and even right here in Coles County, you might wonder if miracles still exist today. Mark will take us on a "journey to the Holy Land, to the very spots where Jesus chose to reveal His power through miraculous signs." The same type of signs that were prevalent in Jesus' day can still be found today. Through this study we will learn, "How Jesus can make the impossible possible." If you are not involved in a Sunday school class, come check us out. There is coffee, water and donuts available. We are a class who believes fellowship outside the church building is important. We have had a couple of wonderful outings with more planned. The class has really become a great outlet for a mixed age of adults and everyone is welcome to join us.

With the help of a few people I am journeying around town introducing our local population to what FCC has to offer. By visiting neighborhoods and knocking on doors, we are making progress by letting people know FCC is a praying and caring church. I appreciate your prayers as we travel about into the local mission field. If you are interested in this rewarding service, please let me know and I will set up a day for you to travel with me.

In His service,

Paul

WOMEN OF FAITH®

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.

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

Deadline: August 1st



August 1st is the deadline to submit recipes for the church cookbook. 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. We do have 150 recipes turned in but can always use more.

Prayer Ministry



PRAYERS

A Prayer Ministry meets each Tuesday at 7 am in the UIC Classroom. There is a brief 5 minute devotional followed by a time of prayer. If someone does not want to pray aloud, they can pray silently or just add their support by being there. Everyone is welcome!

Church Life

Sunday, July 12

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, July 13

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, July 15

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

10:30 am Seniors leave for Arcola

5 pm Music Lessons

Sunday, July 19

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, July 20

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, July 22

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5 pm Music Lessons

Saturday, July 25

9-10 am Smart Choice Distribution

Sunday, July 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

Monday, July 27

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting

6:30 pm World Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC Room

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, July 29

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5 pm Music Lessons

Friday, July 31

8 am leave for the Canoe Trip



Scholarship Awards

The Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship was awarded to MJ Brand, Steven Morgan and Paul Weber. Mr. and Mrs. Randal Decker of Midland, Texas established the scholarship in 2012 as a loving tribute to Mr. Decker's grandmother, Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young, an active member of First Christian Church.



Discipleship 201 Class



DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

If you have taken the Bible 101 Class then Discipleship 201 is for you! This class will start Sunday, September 20th and meet from 5-6 pm. The class is limited to 18 people so sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Campbell Hall.

Marriage 101 Class

Pastor Steve will offer a Marriage 101 class starting Sunday, September 20th at 9:30 am. This class is a great way to enhance your marriage or prepare for marriage. If you are interested in this class please contact Pastor Steve.



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.



Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Bob Morgan and his family on the passing of his Aunt Mary Alice Morgan (96) on June 25th, to Kathlene Shank on the passing of her husband Doug (74) on June 27th and Peyton Purcell on the passing of his grandfather, Albert Purcell (55) on July 2nd.



Thank You Note



Dear Christian Friends,
I want to say "thank you" to everyone for your kindness while I was at Mattoon Health Care. To Rev. Hayes and Rev. Eident for their visits and prayers, to the elders for the communion on Sunday mornings and to all for your visits and cards. I enjoyed everyone.

Bless you all,
Lois Carlyle



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$217,272.94

The next newsletter will be mailed on Thursday, July 30th due to staff vacation, thanks.

Serving Communion

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Bud Miller, Randy Pierce

10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), John Holms, Jeff and Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan

Sunday, July 19

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Tim Buford, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham

10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), Randy Albin, Vern Belt, Neil Wofford

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons, Don Inman

10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Jeff and Amy Maninfior

Church Attendance

June 28th: Traditional: 133, Contemporary: 108 = 241

July 5th: Traditional: 140, Contemporary: 85 = 225

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