

## Remarks from Pastor Steve

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

I want to thank everyone for the love, support and labor you all put in on our pulled pork fundraiser! The numbers are in and we raised \$3,715.83. That's amazing and will provide new computers for Bridges School, school supplies, blankets and some coats for our Coats 4 Kids campaign. We learned a great deal and will be able to raise an even greater amount next year.

Last year we received some very large cash donations, they were surprising absent this year. Special thanks to those who gave and especially the one that sent in a check for \$500. If you wish to make a donation to this fund over and above your normal giving, we have a few more things we would like to do for our kids.

Please mark your calendars for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We have rented a 288 seat theater at Showplace 10 at 2509 Hurst Drive, to watch the “War Room.” The “War Room” is from the makers of Fireproof and Courageous. It is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships and every other area of life. The movie is rated PG and is appropriate for the entire family. The ticket price is \$5.00 each and you can purchase a ticket on Sunday at the Ticket Table in the narthex. Only 262 tickets will be sold with 26 tickets given away by the local Cromwell Radio group for first callers and we sold 44 tickets this past Sunday. The Discovery Class will be following up the movie with five lessons with free study guides for all.

This event is a “golden opportunity” for you to invite loved ones, friends and neighbors. Why not invest in a few extra tickets and bring family, neighbors or friends. People will not respond to an invitation without a relationship. Someone asked me how can I help our church grow? I had a very simple answer. Develop relationships with people who are non-churched and share your love and passion for the Lord with them. Tell them about our missions and ministry. No church in our area comes close to what we are doing for the community. Every committee in the church is fired up for growth. I am working on casting vision for the future of this church, please pray for me. Without vision “the people” perish. Please stay positive and support your church and its ministries.

May God Enlarge His Territory,  
*Pastor Steve*

## Senior Game Day

Attention to Game Playing Seniors...August 20th at 1:30 pm in Campbell Hall is the place to be if you enjoy playing games. Maybe a game of cards but remember no gambling!



How about dominos, helping to put a puzzle together. I hear we will have a putting green set-up. Please bring whatever game that you enjoy and maybe you can teach others how to play. We encourage you to bring a snack and understand this is not a meal. You do not need to sign up for this event. Come and fellowship with other seniors.

*Richard Eident,*  
Minister to Seniors'

## 5th Sunday Service



We will have a combined 5th Sunday Service on August 30th at 9:30 am.

Following the one service a meal will be held in Campbell Hall at 11 am. The baked ham and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service and a salad or dessert to share.

## Coats 4 Kids

We will hold our annual Coats 4 Kids give-a-way on Saturday,



October 24th. Please start collecting new coats and blankets for kids. Please store the items at home and we will let you know when we can start collecting them.

## Worship Team Needs



Do you sing or play an instrument? Our Second Service is looking for help in this area. We could especially use a bass guitarist but are also looking for vocalists and other desired instruments such as (but not limited to) electric lead or rhythm guitar, piano and percussion. See Kenny Jones if you have questions.

## News from Paul

Hey there FCC,

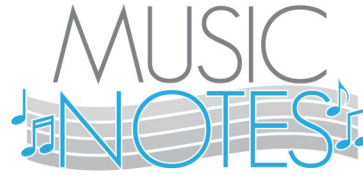
I hope you are having a great week and enjoying the summer. There are so many activities going on at FCC it is difficult to keep up with who is involved with what and where everyone is. I am looking at the calendar and the Men's Breakfast is just around the corner. This group meets in Campbell Hall at 7 am on the first Saturday of each month. The menu will consist of biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, hash browns, juice, milk, coffee and we may even have some healthy fruit! Have you ever wondered why we were put on earth and what God has in store for us? We will be able to understand these questions a little better through a video series by Rick Warren titled, *Better Together-What on Earth Are We Here For?*, which will be led by Pastor Steve. To be sure you do not miss out on this great time, set your smart phone calendar or if you are like me and still use paper and pen, mark your calendars, write a sticky note to remind yourself or whatever it takes...just BE THERE!

Another event coming up for the entire FCC family is the movie *War Room*. I have seen the trailer for this and it is powerful! Just imagine all that can be accomplished by utilizing the power of prayer as your weapon against the forces of evil! We have the local theater reserved for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The following Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> a study series on the movie will begin in the Discovery Class during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 am in Campbell Hall. This will be the only Sunday School Class offering this study and all are welcome to attend.

I look forward to seeing all of you this Sunday. Invite someone you have not seen in church for a while or why not a family member, neighbor or a complete stranger? The mission field is right outside your front door. Have a blessed day!

In His service,  
Paul Weber

## Chancel Choir News



The Chancel Choir will have a rehearsal on Wednesday, August 19th at 6 pm. They will have a combined rehearsal with

the praise team on Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 pm.

All Chancel Choir members are invited to a party on Sunday, August 23rd at 4 pm at Jan Kepley's house. Please RSVP to Barb Wisner by Sunday, August 16th.

## Mid-Week Outlet

Mid-Week Outlet will begin for all Kindergarteners through 5th graders and JHH students on Wednesday, August 26th from 6-7:30 pm.



There will be a Volunteer meeting on Wednesday, August 19th at 6 pm in Campbell Hall. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer contact Stephanie Freeman.

## FROG and ROCK



All 6th-12th graders are invited to the FROG and ROCK Youth Kick-Off on Sunday, August 30th. Students need to meet at the church at 4:00 pm.

Regular weekly meetings will start Sunday, September 6th with FROG students from 5-7 pm and ROCK students from 6-8 pm, meeting at the church.



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 2nd from 7-10:30 pm and October 3rd from 9-5:30 pm. Speakers will include: Patsy Clairmont, Mary Graham, Korie Robertson, Sandi 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.

## Church Life

### **Sunday, August 16**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

### **Monday, August 17**

10 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Ed. Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 18**

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

### **Wednesday, August 19**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5 pm Music Lessons

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Volunteer Meeting

### **Thursday, August 20**

1:30 pm Seniors' Game Day in Campbell Hall

### **Saturday, August 22**

4 pm Relay for Life at Peterson Park

### **Sunday, August 23**

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

4 pm Chancel Choir Party at Kepley's home

### **Monday, August 24**

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 25**

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

### **Wednesday, August 26**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5 pm Music Lessons (last one)

6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Kick-Off

### **Thursday, August 27**

6:30 pm All Music Practices for 5th Sunday Service

### **Sunday, August 30**

9:30 am 5th Sunday Worship Service

11 am Lunch in Campbell Hall

4:00 pm FROG and ROCK Groups Kick-Off Event



- 1 Dee Hutton, Keith Summers, Sierra Arthur
- 2 Joy Eident
- 3 Sue Craig
- 5 Kelly Morgan, Kayla Myers, Martha Nale, Thelma Milburn
- 7 Sarah Goings
- 11 Mabelle Morgan, Shelly Scott
- 12 Cydney Myers, Amber Whitley
- 13 Philip Purcell, Carol Wilson
- 14 Steve Huckaba
- 16 Stephanie Freeman, Paul Weber
- 20 Randy Albin, Nancy Huckaba
- 21 Cooper Bergstrom
- 22 Gerry Englund
- 24 Cora Ruth Turner, Jan Booker
- 26 Jo Daily, Ron Hatfield
- 28 Nancy Long
- 30 Vera Tooley
- 31 Tammy Rentschler



- 1 Kenny and Mary Logan
- 4 David and Mary Whitley
- 11 Jack and Sandy Herren
- 16 Steve and Nancy Huckaba
- 18 Steve and Raelyne Lane
- 25 Gordon and Judy Smith

## 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.

## Peace Meals



contact Deb McNeely at 259-1842.

The next date to deliver Peace Meals for our church is August 24-28. If you are available to help all or any of the days please

## 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.



## Board Splinters

Board notes from the August 10th Board Meeting.

Elders: they met in August and worked on a new schedule.

Senior Minister: A new Singles' Group will start soon, Steve Morgan will preach on November 15th and we have seen a decline in June and July attendance.

Elementary Minister: There will be a Mid-Week Outlet Volunteer meeting on August 19th and Mid-Week Outlet will start on August 26th at 6 pm.

Worship: The choir and praise team will rehearse together on August 27th at 6:30 pm. When youth return from a mission trip the committee would like to be notified when they will speak during church, have all kids in attendance, rehearse their parts and try to keep it under 7 minutes.

Outreach: the Coats 4 Kids give away will be Saturday, October 24th from noon—5 pm.

Evangelism: they are preparing for the 5th Sunday Lunch and setting up Campbell Hall on August 29th and will provide ham and drinks, will be at Relay for Life on August 22nd and are organizing the "War Room" movie effort.

Christian Ed: no meeting but youth leaders met twice. It was approved for a youth mission trip to Haiti next summer for 10-12 people and they will do fundraising for the trip which will cost around \$1,500 per person.

Stewardship: went over the financial statements and we are currently behind \$26,422 with budget expenses compared to income.

Trustees: there is now a Van Usage Log in both church vans and the mileage must be recorded each time the van is used and cleaned out after each use.

World Outreach: they met on July 27th and reviewed the mission activities. A Philippine Mission trip was approved for the summer of 2016 to build a church and equip people to be pastors and they will hold fundraisers for the trip.

New Business: added Kenny Jones to the Worship Committee.

## Branson Trip

If you are going on the Branson Trip the balance is due in the church office by September 10th. If anyone else is interested in going we will put your name on a waiting list.





The Building Fund has a balance of: \$217,497.94

## Serving Communion

### Sunday, August 16

**9:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons

**10:30 am** — Donica Brand (captain), Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan

### Sunday, August 23

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Mike Craig

**10:30 am** — Dave Whitley (captain), Randy Albin, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, Amy Maninfior

### Church Attendance

August 2nd: Traditional: 140, Contemporary: 69 = 209  
 August 9th: Traditional: 135, Contemporary: 69 = 204