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Remarks from Pastor Steve

Please mark your calendars for September 11th 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 will be given away by the local Cromwell Radio group for first callers. 116 were sold as of this past Sunday. The Discovery Class will be following up the movie with five lessons with free study guides starting September 20th. **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 and our Mid-Week Outlet is second to none.

This Sunday we are coming together for a combined service at 9:30 am. A ham dinner will follow at 11 am. **Let's be the church! This is another golden opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor to church.**

Mark your calendars, the Community Bible Study returns on Tuesday September 15th at noon. This is a no homework 45 minute Bible Study led by me and Matt Chandler teaching *To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain*. Join us and put some perk in your week. Bibles and syllabus are provided as well as homemade cookies, fruit, yogurt, coffee and water. **This is another golden opportunity to invest and invite a neighbor or co-worker to visit our church.**

Seems like a pattern doesn't it?

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

First Christian Church is organizing a new ministry called "Singles at First." This group will be for singles "never married, divorced, widowed" who have an interest in meeting once a month to socialize and have fun on perhaps a Friday or Saturday evening? Activities will be decided by the group and could be a movie, dinner, cards or board games.



We are looking for people who are interested in helping organize the group and/or to participate. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Campbell Hall for organization and to participate in the group.

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.

Seniors' Outing

The next Seniors' Outing will be lunch on Friday, September 18th at the Beef House. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and the vans will leave at 9:45 am.



Richard Eident,
Minister to Seniors'

Coats 4 Kids

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



October 24th from noon-5 pm. Please start collecting new coats, hats, gloves and blankets for kids. Please store the items at home and we will let you know when we can start collecting them.

News from Paul

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the cooler temperatures we are experiencing. I know I sure am! As summer nears the end and fall just around the corner, we have a lot to look forward to at FCC. To start with, we will all worship together this coming Sunday. I sure enjoyed the last combined service we had and I am looking forward to this one, I hope to see you there.

Next week on September 5th at 7 am in Campbell Hall, the men's breakfast season will kick-off. This has been an awesome time for the guys to get together each month. I cannot think of a better way to start a Saturday morning than with biscuits, bacon and brothers (in Christ). Follow that with a side of devotion time and you have a complete meal. Pastor Steve has a study titled, *Better Together* by Rick Warren lined up for us. Come out and enjoy about an hour of your Saturday and invite someone to come with you.

I would like to say how proud I am of FCC! Someone recently told me how comfortable they are at our church. This is something they have not felt for years prior to coming to FCC. When you see a visitor, it is so important to make them feel welcome. People are really struggling with storms and valleys through finances, health, relationships and much more. They are simply searching for answers to these life altering circumstances. Mattoon and the surrounding community is loaded with dozens of churches they can choose from. This is why when they happen to darken the doorway at 1600 Wabash, we do our best to show them we are glad they came and hope to see them again.

Please tell others what they are missing and try to invite at least one person or family to church. So much is at stake with our future and as a church we need to recruit people to serve alongside us.

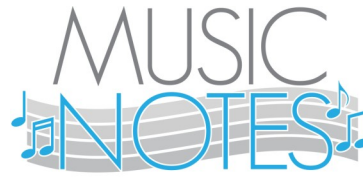
I would like to announce that Phil Swiech was baptized after second service this past Sunday. He and his wife Trish along with their children have been coming to FCC the past few weeks. Phil and their family want to become involved with their FCC family and Evelyn and I will be working with them to become more acquainted with you. Please welcome this family into the church as they try to become grounded in their faith

In His service,
Paul Weber

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mary Guill on the passing of her brother, Richard Basham (73) on August 19th.

Choir News



The Bell Choir will practice each Wednesday at 5:15 pm starting September 9th.

The Chancel Choir has already started practicing each Wednesday night at 6 pm and new members are always welcome.

Mid-Week Outlet

Mid-Week Outlet Program has begun for all Kindergarteners through 5th graders and JHH students. The program meets each Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm with dinner being provided.



FROG and ROCK



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

4:00 pm to fill out registration forms.

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



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 available in the church office. Each ticket is \$20 which includes lunch on Saturday.

Church Life

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am 5th Sunday Worship Service
11 am Lunch in Campbell Hall
4 pm FROG and ROCK Kick-Off Event

Monday, August 31

10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

Saturday, September 5

7 am Men's Breakfast and Fellowship

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
5-7 pm FROG and 6-8 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, September 7

Office Closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room
5 pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, September 9

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, September 11

6:30 pm War Room Movie at the AMC Theater

Saturday, September 12

5 pm Cook-Out at Dolo's home for past Philippine Mission Team Members



- 1 Dolo Wishard
- 2 Sue Ann Himes
- 3 Janice Pacetti, Russell Camfield, Judy Hatfield
- 6 Dawn Albin, Elizabeth Edersheim, Carroll Gibbons
- 7 Kara Brand, Richard Johnson, Evelyn Weber
- 9 Jim Long, Hubert Aleshire
- 11 Veronika Burks, Selma Sweeney
- 14 Jacob Edersheim, Jim Lindley, Beth Bergstrom, Andrew Inman
- 17 Bruce Morgan
- 18 Dave Wright
- 19 Mike Brand
- 23 Sid Guill
- 28 Marilyn Walk, Richard Eident
- 29 Gabe Freeman, Riley Klasing
- 30 Marianna Hayes



- 1 Brian and Laura Dunn
- 2 Don and Kathleen Inman
- 6 Jason and Michelle Mathews
- 7 Brad and Beth Bergstrom
Dennis and Terri Goings
- 8 Craig and Amber Whitley
- 11 Jack and Sandy Herren

Cook-Out

All members of the past Philippine Mission Teams are invited to a cook-out with Ed Thomas on Saturday, September 12th at 5 pm at Dolo's home (3213 Marion). Please bring a covered dish to share and a lawn chair. If you plan on attending please call Dolo at 259-8105 by September 11th.



Missions



We have an easy way for you to donate to church Mission Trips that actually costs you nothing. We have enrolled in the Smile Program through Amazon.

When you order items from Amazon just log on to the website listed below and .5% of your eligible Amazon Smile Purchases will be directed to First Christian Church Missions. Just type in <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0730120> and order the items you were already going to purchase anyways. If you have any questions please call the church office.

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.

Attention Van Drivers

Each time the church van is driven please write down the mileage in the Usage Log Binder that is located in each van. If you are going out of town please follow the inspection sheet (it is in the binder) before leaving town.

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.



Drivers Needed

Gary Stephens with Wing Man Ministries is looking for men and women to help drive people to appointments usually during the day-time hours. Most of the appointments are in Coles County but sometimes could be farther away like Effingham, Decatur, etc. If this ministry interests you please give Gary at call at 273-8214 to find out more and/or to volunteer.

Discipleship 201 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.

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: \$216,985.30

(Balance is less due to property taxes paid on the land.)

Serving Communion

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Carroll Gibbons, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Bud Miller
10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Jeff Maninfiore, Neil Wofford

Church Attendance

August 16th: Traditional: 138, Contemporary: 103 = 241

August 9th: Traditional: 130, Contemporary: 79 = 209

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