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From the Pastor's Heart

How important is leadership in the local church? The Bible answers that question. ***"Where there is no vision the people perish."*** **Proverbs 29:19 KJV**

What is visionary leadership? Visionary leadership includes strategy, change management, innovation, and developing next-generation leaders.

It is our goal to provide opportunities to develop those who God has called to leadership positions for the future of First Christian Church. If you are an elder, deacon, deaconess, or interested in becoming a leader in our church you are encouraged to take advantage of our first training opportunity. The first opportunity will be at Lincoln Christian University on Saturday, February 17th. We will pay the fees and provide transportation to attend this event. We will leave the church at 7:00 am and return around 6:00 pm. You will experience great worship, with great speakers, and have the selection of choosing workshops.

Some of the workshops are:

The Challenge of Leaning into the "Now"...and "What's Next,"

The Challenge of Making a Global Impact,

The Challenge of Doubts and Church Prodigals,

The Challenge of Declining Finances and

The Challenge of Incorporating Millennials.

If you are interested in attending a sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Let's make a decision to adjust our schedules and make a sacrifice to give this day to the Lord.

May God Enlarge His Territory,

Pastor Steve

Scholarship Changes

The Laura Catherine Van Gundy Memorial Scholarship will under go some changes for the 2018-19 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarships will be awarded to members of FCC who are pursuing higher education in *Christian Ministry only*. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact Robin in the church office by phone at 234-2928 or email at fcchurch@consolidated.net by March 31st.



All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 6th at 7 am. This would be a great way to start off the New Year!

Deaconesses

Maybe you have some ideas for the deaconesses, if so please come to a get together on Sunday, January 7th at 9:30 am in the office across from the church library or you can call me at home 258-6247.

Thanks, *Nancy Huckaba*



Congratulations to Julie Nichols on her baptism on December 17th. Welcome to the family of God!

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kenny Jones and family on the passing of his father. We also remember John Greathouse on the passing of his brother, Leroy.

Serving Communion

Sunday, January 7

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Dan Cunningham

10:30 am— Herb Ault, Max Betty, Jeff Maninfior, Josh Recker

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Tom Dickerson, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Gene Swearingen

10:30 am — Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior

Church Life

Saturday, January 6

7 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 7

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

5-7 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, January 8

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Worship Meeting/Bride's Rm

6 pm Trustees Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, January 10

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Program

6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 11

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

5-7 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, January 15 (office closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday, January 16

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, January 17

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Practice

6 pm Choir Practice

6-7:30 pm Mid-Week Program

Thursday, January 18

6 pm Praise Team Practice



Thank You Notes

✉ It has been 8 months since I left the house. Words can not express how much I love my church family and friends who cleaned my house on the first floor and the basement. Thank you to those who bleach the basement due to the mold and mildew. I especially thank and pray for the following people: Scott and Dolo Wishard; John, Robin and Cydney Myers; Steve and Nancy Huckaba; Pastor Steve; and anyone else who helped, a special thanks to you. If you happen to be in the area please stop by (use the front door) and see me and see how the house has stayed clean. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart.

God bless,

Mona Lee Healy



✉ Thank you to Nancy Huckaba for filling in for me with the Wassail since I couldn't do it this year. Thank you to Dolo Wishard, Donica Brand, Kayla Grissom, Raelyne and Steve Lane, Joy and Richard Eident, Charlotte Castle, Doris Webb, Rose Ervin, Jan Kepley, Curtis Pennington and Peggy Bolin for your help with the Wassail. This church and the Wassail mean so much to me. I spoke with Rev. Bob and he said the Wassail has been a tradition that our church has had for many years. I hope you enjoyed the sweet and salty menu.

Love to all and God Bless,

Mona Lee Healy

Church Attendance

Dec. 17th — Traditional: 110, Contemporary: 101 = 211

December 24th Christmas Eve AM = 178

December 24th Christmas Eve PM = 150

December 31st = 132



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