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## Riches from Richard

A Sunday school teacher was teaching a lesson on getting to heaven and trying to help the students understand the importance of accepting Jesus by faith, since you can't get to heaven by your works alone. The following question was asked to illustrate the point: "If I sold my house, car, material possessions and cashed in all my investments, then gave every penny to the church, would that be good enough to buy my way into heaven?" The class dutifully responded with a resounding, "NO!" So the teacher pressed the point. "What if I never told a lie, donated all of my time to work in the church, led many Bible studies, witnessed to lots of people about becoming a Christian and personally led thousands of people to Jesus so He can save them. Would all of these good things get me to heaven?" Again, the class replied, "NO!" "So," the teacher said, "How does a person get to heaven?" One lad said, "Well, first you have to be dead."

I have never met a person who doesn't want to be in heaven when they die. Some don't believe there is such a place but on their death bed, hope they were wrong. Some don't think they will go there because they were never good enough in this life. I think the lad's reply to the teacher is accurate. Getting to heaven begins with death. Dying to the old nature so we are ready, by faith, to put on the new nature given us as a gift in Christ Jesus, through God's grace.

If you have questions about this most important matter please talk with any of our staff and we will be more than happy to share with you.

*Richard Eident*

The Chosen Ones will be here to lead worship on Sunday, October 22nd at the 8:30 am service and Richard Eident will bring the message. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends.



## Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take time to let our pastors (Pastor Steve, Steve Morgan, Stephanie Anderson and Richard Eident) know how much their ministry means to you. There will be a basket in the narthex October 15-29 to receive notes, cards and expression of your appreciation.

## Thank You Note

I want to thank Steve Morgan and First Christian Church for recognizing my 50 years in ministry. I preached at the Wheeler Christian Church beginning on October 1, 1967. I was a sophomore at St. Louis Christian College and preached every Sunday morning and night as well as holding down a part time job and carrying a full load of classes at SLCC. Thanks for the gift cards, the Cardinal shirt and yes, even the cub hat.

*Richard Eident*



## Deaconess Meeting

All Deaconesses please mark your calendars for the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 6 pm. There will be many items to discuss and sign-ups for the 2018 communion preparation and funeral dinner schedules.

FCC will hold the Coats 4 Kids Drive on Oct. 21st from 8 am-noon. They are in need of coats sizes 6-14 for girls and boys. Please support this outreach with donations of coats or money. They are accepting new or like new coats and please place the coats in the box in the narthex. Volunteers are needed and a sign-up sheet is in the narthex to help with set-up and the give-away on Saturday.



## Crafts R Us Group/Quilt

The Craft Ladies are raffling off a Sports Quilt to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased on Sundays with the drawing on October 29th.

## One Service on 10/29



We will have one service on Sunday, October 29th at 9:30 am. We hope that everyone will make plans to attend and enjoy the combined fellowship with Steve Morgan preaching.

## Samaritan's Purse



It is time to prepare Operation Christmas shoeboxes for children overseas. This year there can be no food items of any kind including candy or toothpaste in the boxes.

Labels and instructions for packing are available in the narthex. All boxes must be turned in by Sunday, October 29th.

The UIC Sunday School Class will hold a Packing Party on Sunday, October 22nd at 9:30 am in their room. All are invited to come and join in. Please bring items to donate in lots of 10 like toothbrushes, Ivory soap, crayons, etc.

Pecans and Cookbooks are available to purchase in the office during the week for \$10 each.

## Phone Tree/Prayer

If you want to receive the Phone Tree messages for **prayer concerns** please let the office know by November 12th. You may sign-up in the narthex, call the office at 234-2928, send an email ([fcchurch@consolidated.net](mailto:fcchurch@consolidated.net)) or mark on your bulletin and put in the offering plate if you are wanting to receive the prayer calls. We are wanting to only call people who want to receive prayer messages. We will continue to call everyone with all church announcements.

## Church Life

### Sunday, October 15

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Service  
5-7 pm F/R Meeting

### Monday, October 16

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting  
7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

### Tuesday, October 17

7 am Prayer Time  
6 pm Deaconess Meeting

### Wednesday, October 18

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

### Thursday, October 19

6 pm Praise Team Practice  
6:30 pm "Marriage on the Rock" Small Group

### Saturday, October 21

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### Sunday, October 22

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center  
5-7 pm F/R Meeting

### Monday, October 23

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting  
6 pm Evangelism Meeting

### Tuesday, October 24

7 am Prayer Time

### Wednesday, October 25

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
3:30 pm Stewardship Meeting  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm Mid-Week Program  
6 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, October 26

6 pm Praise Team Practice  
6:30 pm "Marriage on the Rock" Small Group



**Facebook News...** If you want something on the church Facebook page please email Stephanie with all the details to: [kidminfcc@gmail.com](mailto:kidminfcc@gmail.com)

### Church Attendance

Oct. 1st — Traditional: 123, Contemporary: 82 = 205  
Oct. 8th — Traditional: 122, Contemporary: 64 = 186

Jim and Thelma Whetsell's new address is: 201 Lafayette Ave E Room 131. 📮

## Board Splinters 10/9

**Deaconesses:** served 1 funeral dinner, having a meeting 10/17, Thanksgiving Dinner 11/14 at 6 pm, Cookie Walk 12/2, and they have pecans for sell at \$10 per bag.

**Minister:** reported that attendance was up 8-10 people from last year and thanked for the time off during surgery.

**Associate Minister:** reported he helped plan the SYATP Rally, helped counsel students and teachers at MHS after the school shooting, made 7 hospital visits, continue in graduate studies at LCU and preached 4 sermons.

**Elementary Minister:** Mid-Week Kick-off was 9/13, the Cook-out at West Park was successful and having a Halloween Party with the Methodist Church.

**Worship:** working on a handbook/guidelines for weddings and finalized the September specials and song leaders.

**Outreach:** finalized the budget and the Thanksgiving Offering (no Christmas Offering this year) will be Nov. 5 and 12 and will go for Thanksgiving Baskets given out at the Food Center.

**Evangelism:** submitted their budget and raised \$571 at the church picnic for a new refrigerator.

**Christian Ed:** looking into online training for mandated reporters and discussed CPR training.

**Stewardship:** reviewed the budget and expenses are up \$10,000.

**Trustees:** accounts at Wells Fargo are doing well, sidewalk is finished at a cost of \$2,000 and they submitted their budget.

**Seniors Minister:** took 23 to Branson, served at the communion table 3 times, packed for the Back Pack Program, 4 hospital visits and led the lesson at the Men's Breakfast.

**New Business:** Nominating Committee: Mark Scott, Linda Fleming, Candy Tate, Dawn Albin, Greta Grafton, Linda Janes and Mike Brand.

The office will be closed on Fridays while Robin has Proton Treatment in St. Louis, thank you for your understanding.

## Serving Communion

### Sunday, October 15

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons

**10:30 am** — Herb Ault, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker

### Sunday, October 22

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Bud Miller

**10:30 am** — Max Betty, Donica Brand, Dennis Goings

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