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## From the Pastor's Heart

Do you find it hard to manage your schedule, find time for worship and service to the church. Our number one priority as a Christian is to lead the lost to the Lord. Investing and inviting others to church is priority number one.

Stephen Covey (*7 Habits of Highly Effective People*) said ... **"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities."** Effective disciples put what matters most at the top of the list, every day.

No doubt you already have a long list today of things that *have* to get done. **But what about those things that *need* to get done?** When and where will they fit in?

When Jesus visited his friends in Bethany, Martha spent the morning doing what *had* to be done: cooking and cleaning (and then complaining). Mary, however, did what matters most: she spent the morning sitting at the feet of Jesus. When Martha objected, Jesus said, "You are worried and upset about many things, but **only one thing is needed.** Mary has chosen what is better, and **it will not be taken away from her.**" (Luke 10:41-42)

We all have Martha-type chores to do. They can't be ignored forever, or even for long. Eventually, they *have* to get done. But today, before you get to what *has* to be done, get to what *needs* to be done. **Consider doing first that which matters most.** You do so with a promise: it will never be taken away from you. (Matthew 6:33)

Seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

*Pastor Steve*

## Noodle Making

Anyone wanting to help make noodles for the Church Thanksgiving Dinner please come to the church on Saturday, November 11th at 9 am and bring a knife, cutting board, rolling pin and apron.

## November 19th

Students from Lincoln Christian University will lead worship at the 10:30 am service on November 19th. Isaiah Crowl, a senior preaching major, will bring the message. Pastor Steve will continue the names of God series at the 8:30 am service this day.

## 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.

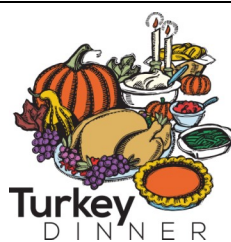


The Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:30 am—noon. There will be lots of homemade cookies, candy and treats for sale. **This year's event will feature a quilt exhibit. Beautiful homemade quilts will be on display for viewing. Purchase your Christmas goodies while enjoying the beautiful quilts.**

Donations of cookies and candy will be accepted on Friday, December 1st from 8:30 am—4:30 pm or the day of the event by 7:30 am. All proceeds from this will be used for funeral dinners and the church Thanksgiving dinner.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The Local Outreach Committee will collect a Thanksgiving Offering on November 12th instead of a Christmas Offering this year. This offering will be used to provide Thanksgiving Baskets which will be given away at the Mattoon Food Center and cost \$20 each.



The All Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 6 pm. The turkey, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

## Ladies Night

All ladies are invited to a "Holiday Fun Party" on Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 pm in Campbell Hall. Take a moment for yourself during the busy holiday season and grab your girlfriends, your momma, your sister or your neighbor and spend the evening sharing conversation, laughter, delicious food and time celebrating our Savior.

Thank you to everyone who donated coats and/or money for the Coats 4 Kids Program. Also a big thank you to all who came and volunteered for the set-up and give away.



*Charlotte Castle and Raelyne Lane*

Thank you to all who donated shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Program, FCC gave a total of 45 boxes.

## Singles @ First



The Singles @ First Group will have a Game Night playing Dominos on Friday, November 10th from 6-8 pm in Campbell Hall. Please bring snacks and drinks to share.



Building Fund balance:  
\$259,656.68

## Church Life

### **Friday, November 10**

6-8 pm Singles @ First Game Night in Campbell Hall

### **Saturday, November 11**

9 am Noodle Making Party in the Church Kitchen

### **Sunday, November 12**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

5-7 pm F/R Meeting

### **Monday, November 13**

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Board Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 14**

7 am Prayer Time

6 pm Church Thanksgiving Dinner

### **Wednesday, November 15**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Program

6 pm Choir Practice

### **Thursday, November 16**

6 pm Praise Team Practice

6:30 pm "Marriage on the Rock" Small Group (last one)

### **Sunday, November 19**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Congregational Meeting

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship/LCU Worship Band

5-7 pm F/R Meeting

### **Monday, November 20**

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 21**

7 am Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, November 22** (office closes at noon)

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

No Bell or Choir Practice

No Mid-Week Program

### **Thursday, November 23**

Happy Thanksgiving-Office Closed

### **Sunday, November 26**

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, November 27**

5 pm Deck the Halls (Decorate the church)

6 pm Evangelism Meeting



Due to how the Thanksgiving Holiday falls,  
the next newsletter will be published November 30th.

5 Amy Maninfor  
 8 Barbara Browning  
 10 Marilyn Purcell  
 12 Beverly Beeler  
 13 Mary Guill  
 15 Aaralynn Maninfor  
 16 Linda Adams, Brenda Wofford  
 17 Don Wisner  
 20 Max Betty  
 21 Marlee Brand, Gene Himes  
 24 Gene Swearingen  
 27 Donica Brand  
 31 Barb Wisner



1 Brian and Lisa Ingram  
 7 Gene and Jeanette Swearingen  
 14 Sid and Mary Guill  
 27 Jeff and Amy Maninfor  
 28 Dave and Glenda Wright  
 29 Jack and Bonnie James  
 30 Jim and Thelma Whetsell  
 31 Richard and Madonna Johnson  
 Scott and Dolo Wishard



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. At this meeting members will be asked to vote on Elders, Trustees, Deacons and Deaconesses for new 3 year terms.

## Serving Communion

### **Sunday, November 12**

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

**10:30 am** — Herb Ault, Max Betty, Donica Brand

### **Sunday, November 19**

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

**10:30 am** — Dennis Goings, Amy Maninfor, Nick Maninfor, Bob Morgan

### **Sunday, November 26**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Gene Swearingen

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

### **Church Attendance**

Oct. 29th — One Service: 160

Nov. 5 — Traditional: 105, Contemporary: 72 = 177

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