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The Associate's Corner

After the Easter celebration this coming Sunday, the following three weeks, the associate/youth pastor will be preaching. That would be me! I am both excited and a little nervous to be able to present a small, three week series focusing on the growth of the church after Jesus' resurrection and the growth of the church today. The series is entitled, "Can the Church Still Grow Today?" I hope so!

Week one we will take a look at what the disciples faced the first week after the resurrection, which I call the birth of the Church. No resurrection, no Church! That first week we find the disciples locked in a house, fearing for their lives. Not only were they overcome with fear, but doubt had crept into their minds. I am sure we all have had fear and doubt creep into our lives. How do we conquer fear and doubt?

Week two takes us into the book of Acts, where the disciples are brought out of a house of fear and doubt, and into the public eye, full of power and boldness. How does that happen? The Holy Spirit has arrived in all His fullness. We also see the church in Jerusalem added people to the church daily, not just on Sunday. How did they accomplish that? Devotion!

The last week we will try and answer the question: "How can our church grow?" We will take a look at a couple of New Testament churches; the church at Philippi, who we will call "good church", and the church at Corinth, called "not so good church". We can look at their strengths and weaknesses and apply them to our lives. Jesus also offers up sound advice from the Sermon on the Mount which I believe is crucial to church growth.

May God add to our numbers, those who are being saved.

Steve

SALT Luncheon



The SALT Group will have a luncheon on Thursday, April 27th at noon in Campbell Hall. The hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. There will be a special program by Shelby Bells from Shelby County Community Services which Amber Eident is a member of!

Thank You Note

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and support through Mike's surgery and recovery. He is doing well and gaining strength every day.

Mike and Mona Bays

50th Anniversary

Everyone is invited to an Open House in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Dennis and Janice Booker on Sunday, May 7th from 2-4 pm in Campbell Hall. Your presence is the only present needed.



Friday, April 14

Good Friday Service at noon
Combined with the FUMC

Sunday, April 16

Sonrise Service 7 am
Easter Youth Fundraiser Breakfast 8-9 am
Easter Service at 9:30 am and
a Kids' Easter Egg Hunt during Jr. Church

30 Pieces of Silver

If you participated in the 30 Pieces of Silver Fundraiser please return your donation by Easter Sunday. This fundraiser focuses on the events leading up to Jesus' betrayal from Judas. All donations will be gathered to help support the Student Ministry at FCC.



We will collect the Easter Special Offering on Sunday, April 16th. The offering will be used to send people in our church to summer camp at Camp New Hope.

Please use the Easter Envelope from your envelope box for this donation.

Deaconess Meeting

There will be a Deaconess meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 6 pm. All Deaconesses are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, April 30th

On Sunday, April 30th we will have one Worship Service at 9:30 am with Steve Morgan preaching. Following the service Gary Woods, our missionary to Africa, will speak in Campbell Hall. At around 11 am we will have a Baked Potato Bar which will be a fundraiser for the Wishard Kidney Fund. This by donation luncheon will consist of a baked potato with all the fixings, salad, dessert and a drink.

Little Galilee Camp

The 2017 Little Galilee Christian Camp dates are out! We are planning on students entering the 7th or 8th grades to attend July 9th-14th and students entering 9th-high school graduates to go attend June 11th-16th but other dates are also available. Children as young as entering the 2nd grade can start attending day camp! Please check out the complete list of dates on the bulletin board across from the church office or visit www.littlegalilee.com. The church will pay 1/2 of the cost for one camp for any child who regularly attends FCC. You must register by June 1st to get the early-bird discount for week long camps. To register go to the camp website and pay your half with a credit card and they will send a bill to the church for the other half.





Building Fund balance:
\$256,724.54

Church Life

Friday, April 14

Noon Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 16

7 am Sunrise Service

8-9 am Youth Fundraiser Breakfast

9:30 am Easter Worship Service

No FROG/ROCK Group Meeting

Monday, April 17

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday, April 18

7 am Prayer Time

6 pm Deaconess Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

No Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

No Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Line Dancing at the Eagles

Thursday, April 20

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, April 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

5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Group Meeting

Monday, April 24

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, April 25

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, April 26

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

1:30 pm Joy's Ladies Small Group Study

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program (last one for the school year)

Thursday, April 27

Noon SALT Luncheon in Campbell Hall

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am One Service

10:30 am Presentation from Gary Woods in Campbell Hall

11 am Baked Potato Wishard Kidney Fundraiser Event

5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Group Meeting

Church Attendance

April 2: Traditional: 110, Contemporary: 82 = 192

April 9: Traditional: 122, Contemporary: 93 = 215

Please welcome the following new members to FCC: Doug Bunyard joined church by letter of transfer on March 29th and Jill Shasteen joined church by letter of transfer on April 9th.



Membership Transfer

Board Splinters

Notes from the April Board Meeting:

Elders: discussed how to handle the large number of shut-ins for communion and met with Paul Weber for an interview for his Ordination.

Deaconesses: they served 2 funeral dinners in March and will have a Deaconess meeting on April 18th.

Minister: Pastor Steve reported that the series on worship was very effective, is happy with the music at both services and liked the addition of drama to the Easter service.

Associate Minister: Taylor Starwalt made a decision to follow Christ, took 9 youth to work at PADS on March 25th, will be showing the Passion of Christ to some of the youth with parent permission and the youth will be serving the Easter breakfast.

Elementary Minister: they have 2 weeks of Mid-Week left, VBS will be June 2nd-3rd, helping a family get organized and will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Friendship Park.

Worship: finalized Easter services and decided on Mother's Day gifts.

Christian Ed: discussed VBS details, CPR training and chaperon to student ratio.

Stewardship: went over the March statements.

Trustees: went over the Wells Fargo accounts, renewed the Terminix contract and discussed the elevator repair.

Seniors Minister: showed the movie "Ruth" and had a total of 36 in attendance and April 27th will have a SALT luncheon.

Singles @ First

Below is a listed of events for the Singles @ First Group:

May 18th—Quarter Auction at the Mattoon Legion

June 24th — Lunch in Casey and touring the area

July 22nd—Bagelfest Concert

August 12th — Picnic at Fox Ridge State Park

September 2nd — Rodeo in Palestine, IL

Serving Communion

Easter Sunday, April 16

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tom Dickerson, Steve Lane, Jack Little

Sunday, April 23

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

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

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