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Riches from Richard

Here is an I.Q. test for you. No, it's not Intelligence Quotient, but it's an interesting test about something very important. Take the I.Q. test, and see how you rate.

Have you spoken to anyone since church services this past Sunday to share with them what Christ and His church mean to you? (Yes) (No)

Do you often speak to someone who has been absent from the services to express your concern for them? (Yes) (No)

Have you invited a newcomer to the community to come with you to church anytime in the past four months? (Yes) (No)

Have you encouraged or invited anyone who does not attend any Sunday school or church to visit yours with you? (Yes) (No)

Have you spoken to someone you did not know personally who was in the church services to extend your personal word of greeting and welcome? (Yes) (No)

Have you taken time to greet the people who sit next to you in the pew before or after the church services? (Yes) (No)

Do you pray for the aforementioned opportunities or pray for the ability to use opportunities as He presents them to you? (Yes) (No)

Do you pray that the Holy Spirit will burden you with the souls of lost people around you? (Yes) (No)

Now that you have taken the test, how well did you score? If you got eight "Yes" answers, your I.Q. is terrific. Five "Yes" answers rates you in the category of a "struggling evangelist." Three "Yes" answers rates you in the category of a "cold fish." And with only 2 or less "Yes" answers ... take your pulse!

Seriously, there are people all around you every day who are waiting for someone to care enough about them to offer a warm, genuine invitation to the fellowship of First Christian Church. Increase your I.Q. this week. Invite someone to worship and study God's Word with you this Sunday at FCC. Invite them to become a part of the grand fellowship of the family of God.

Richard

Branson Trip

A Branson Trip will be offered on September 11th-14th. The cost per person will be \$300 which will include the hotel, transportation and 4 shows. More information is available on the Welcome Center in the narthex with deposit information.

We are pleased to welcome Chase Beason and Taylor Beason into the family of God. Chase and Taylor were baptized by Steve Morgan on Sunday, April 23rd.



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.

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 6th at 7 am. All men are invited to attend.



Ordination Service

The Elders will perform an Ordination Service for Paul Weber on Sunday, May 7th at 10:30 am. We hope you all will try and attend this special service.

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.



Children & Youth

The FROG/ROCK Group will have their last regular scheduled Sunday night meetings for this school year on April 30th.

The Mid-Week Outlet Program is done meeting on Wednesday nights for the summer. Watch for more information on special summer activities including VBS on June 2nd and 3rd.

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 gradates 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.



Church Life

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am One Service
10:30 am Presentation by Gary Woods, missionary in Africa
11:00 am Baked Potato Fundraiser for the Wishards
5 pm Last Regular FROG/ROCK Group Meeting

Monday, May 1

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, May 3

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Last Bell Choir Practice
6 pm 5th Graders & F/R at the Skating Rink
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice
6 pm Line Dancing at the Eagles

Thursday, May 4

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, May 6

7 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 7

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Paul Weber's Ordination Service
2-4 pm Bookers' 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Monday, May 8

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Trustees Meeting
7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, May 10

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
1:30 pm Joy's Ladies Small Group Study
4:15 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice
6-6:30 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, May 11

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Please let the church office know of any student from FCC graduating from college or high school. We would like to recognize the college graduates in the newsletter and high school graduates on Youth Sunday, May 21st.



Church Attendance

Good Friday Combined Service: 120
April 16: Sunrise: 38, 9:30 Service: 215 = 253
April 23: Traditional: 128, Contemporary: 87 = 215

- 1 Arlene Betty
- 3 Kamdyn Dunn
- 8 Jean Bergfeld
- 11 Bob Clark, Gretta Kearney,
Dianne Porter
- 13 Bob Morgan, Michelle Mathews,
Adeline Kimery
- 14 Sally Dickerson
- 17 Tom Dickerson
- 18 Steve Lane
- 22 Joey Dickerson
- 28 Kierstyn Albin



- 6 Fred and Kayla Grissom
- 14 Ron and Annetta Kerans
- 27 Jack and Jan Little
- 31 Philip and Marilyn Purcell



Thank You Notes

Thank you for the pretty Easter card and good wishes! I pray for you and all your families. May God continue to supply all your needs, and give you good health, safety and happiness.
Love, Cora Ruth Turner

Thank you for your Easter donations. \$1,868 was donated for Camp New Hope to send people to summer camp and \$712 was donated from the 30 Pieces of Silver fundraiser for youth summer trips.

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

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham

Sunday, May 7

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tom Dickerson, Steve Lane, Jack Little
10:30 am — Herb Ault, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker

Return Service Requested

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