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Remarks from Pastor Steve

From the Pastor's Heart

I hope you are experiencing with the church what is happening at FCC. **We are in revival!** In the past two months we have baptized 6 adults: Herb Ault, Marlin LoPiccolo, Josh Recker, Vicki Rauwolf, Kathy Randolph and Laurel Lewis and they are each receiving personal discipleship training. This is wonderful and exciting!

We have prayed for a higher level of musical worship in our church. It is developing. The 2nd service band and Kenny Jones are getting better and better. Kenny Jones and selected worship team members will be leading the 1st service the first Sunday of every month. Many wonderful specials are being planned for the summer months, this is wonderful and exciting.

On Saturday night, June 4th we are kicking off Saturday Night Church. Mike Brand will be preaching "A Man for Others, A Servant of All" and his son, MJ and some friends will lead the worship. The K-5th graders will have their own church program. When folks arrive they will be offered a homemade cookie and a bottle of water. This is wonderful and exciting.

You can do several things to make Saturday Night Church successful: 1) Pray, 2) Put out a Saturday Night Church Yard Sign, 3) Help us hang 10,000 Door Hangers, 4) Join the Cookie Brigade (Bake Cookies –Call Robin to Sign-Up) and 5) Attend and Invite Friends.

Families Matter at FCC, Pastor Steve

Attention All Guys!

Wind down your summer with *The Main Event* Men's Conference in Kansas City on August 26th -27th. The cost is \$59.00 before June 1st and \$79.00 after. The conference is a high-energy event with nationally-known speakers and pastors, worship music, and Brad Stine is on the docket to entertain us with some comic relief!

Hotel and fuel costs are to be determined. If ANY guy is interested in going, Paul needs to know ASAP by May 30th to get the early rate. To be put on the list or for questions call Paul at 272-6565.

Saturday Night Promo

The yard signs and door hangers will soon arrive. Upon arrival, the yard signs will be available in the narthex. We are still in need of a few people to help lessen the workload distributing the door hangers from May 18th-31st in Mattoon neighborhoods (NO DOOR KNOCKING INVOLVED). If you are able to help please call Paul Weber at 273-6565.

Fundraiser Event



The Haiti Mission Team will hold a Nelson Catering Drive-Thru Meal Fundraiser. Each meal will cost \$10 and consist

of: 1/2 baked chicken, mashed potatoes/ gravy, green beans, roll, dessert and table service. All meals will be hot and ready to eat. The Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 15th from 11:30 am—1:30 pm by a Drive-Thru in front of the church. After 1:30 pm all unclaimed meals will be donated unless prearrangements are made. Tickets will be for sale in the narthex after church.

50th Anniversary

Please join us to celebrate Fred and Kayla Grissom's 50th Wedding Anniversary at an Open House. It will be Sunday, May 15th from 2:30—4:30 pm in Campbell Hall. Light refreshments will be served. The open house is hosted by their daughters: Donica Brand and Corina Friedrich.



5th Sunday Service



We will have one service on Sunday, May 29th at 10 am. Following the service we will have a Pork Chop Dinner in

Campbell Hall. The pork chops and drinks will be furnished. Please bring table service and a dish or two to share.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Joe Daily (80), who passed away on May 2nd and to the family of Abe Milburn (90) who passed away on May 3rd.

Baby Bottles

Crisis Pregnancy Fundraiser...your "change" can make a difference in the future of our community. Please pick up a baby bottle in the narthex and fill with cash or checks payable to CPC and return to the narthex by June 19th.



K-5th Graders!

The Spirit wants to move us forward, covering new ground. He doesn't sulk for a return to the "good old days." He has moved on and wants to do something better, something new. That is exactly what we are doing this summer starting June 4th during our Saturday Night Service.



During this summer's Saturday Night Service we are going to have a full blown children's program. Our theme for the summer is *Deep Sea Discovery*. Throughout the 10 weeks of summer your kids will dive into God's word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. Every week we will experience different hands on service projects, sea science experiments and lots of fun Bible activities for Kindergarten thru 5th grade.

I hope you and your children can make it!

If you have any questions feel free to call Stephanie Freeman anytime at the church office 234-2928.

FROG/ROCK News



Below is the FROG/ROCK Calendar for the rest of this school year:

Sunday, May 15 — Last Regular Meetings
 Sunday, May 22 — Youth Sunday and End of the Year Cook-Out at Fox Ridge State Park. Meet at the church at 11:30 am and return at 5 pm

News from Paul

I wish it would rain. I really like when the dogs come in with muddy feet and we have to wipe their paws off before coming in the house. It is the most wonderful experience having a backyard which sits in a low spot and three pouncing pooches which have no concept what it means when we say, "Stay out of the mud!"

Miss Evelyn and I sure appreciate all the well-wishes everyone has sent us through text messages, Facebook, and the like. She is really having a difficult time with her boot she has to wear, wait a minute, she just had one of her moments. She just went into the living room and said "It is freezing in here and you have the (ceiling) fan on!" I informed her "I was hot" and she rebutted with, "Well you're not in there and the dogs are going to freeze." I returned fire upon her position with "They didn't seem cold." In which she replied, "Like they are going to tell you." Even when we are not feeling well we are still the same modern-day Archie and Edith you all have grown to love (or be annoyed with). Okay now back to what I was saying. She has to wear this boot until her foot heals and taking it off each time she gets out of the car is a real drag not to mention wearing it throws her back out of whack. I am feeling a bit better and hope to make it back to work. Anyway, it is nice to have a caring church family who cares and asks about us.

The Saturday night services will soon start back up! The news has been well-received and we are looking forward to this. We have promotional materials coming in and will start going around the neighborhoods distributing door hangers. We have most of the city covered but could still use a few people to help lessen the workload. No door knocking involved. We will also have yard signs for people place out. More info as it comes in.

Warmer (and drier) days are ahead folks. Look past the wet weather and envision what you can do to help FCC in wherever your gifts lie. FCC has been growing in numbers but most importantly, we have grown spiritually and in unity. The new baptismal has been used each Sunday since it was installed, kids are being fed through the backpack program, we have two mission teams leaving soon, the music and worship is great in both services, the youth are winding down another successful year, and the list goes on. The point is, we are doing great in a number of ways so why not get others involved in what you are blessed to be a part of? "I do not ask for these only, but also for those...that they may all be one... so that the world may know that you have sent me and loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:20-23, ESV). Also see Psalm 133.

Well friends. It is time for this old infantryman to sign off and grab a cup of Joe. Take care of yourselves, stay dry, and for Pete's sake, stay out of the mud so your mom doesn't have to wipe your shoes off! I hope to see you all this coming Sunday.

In His service, *Pauly*

SALT Activity

The SALT Group will go to Moonshine on Thursday, May 26th. They will leave from the church at 10 am. All seniors are invited and please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

Church Life

Sunday, May 15

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
11:30—1:30 pm Chicken Dinner Drive-Up Open
2:30 pm 50th Anniversary Party for Fred and Kayla Grissom
5-6:30 pm FROG and 5:30-7 pm ROCK Meetings

Monday, May 16

No Staff Meeting
7 pm Christian Ed. Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

7 am Prayer Time in the Library

Wednesday, May 18

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6 pm Line Dancing at Eagles' (open to everyone)
6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, May 22 — Youth Sunday

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
11:30 am FROG/ROCK Cookout at Fox Ridge State Park
2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center

Monday, May 23

10 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, May 24

7 am Prayer Time in the Library

Wednesday, May 25

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 26

10 am SALT goes to Moonshine for lunch
6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal



Peace Meals



Peace Meals need to be delivered May 31st—June 3rd. Please call Deb McNeely at 259-1842 if you can help.

Board Splinters

The Church Board held their monthly meeting on May 9th. Informational Reports:

Deaconesses: they met in April and served no funeral dinners.

Elementary Minister: Youth Sunday will be May 22nd and we will be promoting the 5th graders. Pastor Steve will starting teaching the 6th and 7th grade Sunday School class in June. Mid-Week ended on a high note with a change of format that worked well. Had the 5th grade graduation for Mid-Week at the Skating Rink and graduated 8 5th graders to the FROG Group. The Saturday night kids program is in the works with the starting date of June 4th.

Worship: Kenny will lead the first service the first Sunday of each month. Deaconesses need to prepare for the second service 4 full trays of communion.

Outreach: we are running the Baby Blessings Campaign for the Crisis Pregnancy Center and bottles can be picked up in the narthex and returned by June 19th.

Christian Ed: they are working on the fundraiser for the Catered Meal on May 15th.

Stewardship: 2016 income and expenses compared to 2015 looks better due to the large expense of fixing the stain glass window last year.

Personnel: they had a meeting in April and need a vice-chairman for the committee.

Trustees: the new knobs and element covers are on order for the stove.

New Business: Barb Wisner resigned at the Worship Committee Chairperson.

Singles @ First Ministry is open to all singles...never married, widowed or divorced. Below is the next activity:



Amish Lunch, June 11th at noon and leave the church at 10:45 am. The meal will be at Sarah and Marvin Helmuth's home, Sarah's Home Cooking. The cost is \$20 per person and plan about 1 1/2 hours for lunch and a walk on the farm afterward. Lunch will be served family style and the menu is: Oven fried boneless chicken, BBQ meatballs, lettuce salad with 2 dressings, homemade bread with butter and homemade peanut butter, mashed potatoes, green beans, noodles, 2 kinds of pie to choose from and Water, Tea and Coffee.

A minimum of 10-15 people need to sign up by June 4th. To sign-up or for questions call Charlotte Castle at 258-6054.



Building Fund balance:
\$226,335.30

National Waiters Day

Saturday, May 21st is National Waiters and Waitresses' Day. This day is an opportunity to appreciate beyond the customary tip, the value of excellent restaurant service. We are encouraging church members to go out to eat on this day and leave a larger than normal tip. Give them a thank-you card signed by everyone in the party, including a personal note of encouragement. Let them know it's National Waiters and Waitresses Day and that you and your church want to thank them for their hard work.

Thank you notes and Pastor Steve's business cards (to be inserted in the thank you card) are available on the Welcome Center for you to use for this outreach ministry.

Graduation Party

Everyone is invited to Alyssa Cravens' High School Graduation Open House on Sunday, May 29th from 1-4 pm. The party will be at her home, 589 CR 750N, Neoga (directions: take route 121 towards Toldeo just past the curve take the first left at 550E and follow that road).



Branson Trip

The SALT Group is invited to go to Branson November 7-10 to see Christmas Shows. The schedule will be: Tuesday — Hughes Brothers at 10 am, Christmas Wonderland at 2 pm and the Dixie Stampede at 5:30 pm; and on Wednesday — will tour the College of the Ozarks and eat lunch at the Dobyans Dining Room, see Moses at the Sight and Sound at 3:30 pm and the Andy Williams show featuring the Osmonds and Lennon Sisters at 8 pm. Housing will be at the Southern Oaks on the Shepherd of the Hills Expressway. This motel features indoor hallways to rooms and an indoor swimming pool. The cost per person will be \$300 and please contact Richard Eident if you are interested in going.

College Graduates

Congratulations to the following college graduates: Shelbi Hinton graduated in December from SIUE with a Bachelors Degree in Nursing and Kayla Myers graduated in December from EIU with a Bachelors Degree in Communication.

Serving Communion

Sunday, May 15

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons

10:30 am — Jeff and Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan

Sunday, May 22 — Youth Sunday

Thank You Notes

📧 Paul and Evelyn Weber would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support while we have been under the weather. It helps to know we have the support of FCC!

📧 My sincere thanks for the cards, food, prayers and kind words upon the passing of my friend, Joe Daily. You are all so appreciated. The meal the deaconesses served was great. Thanks to Pastor Steve for the visits to the hospital and the delivery of the sermon at the funeral, it was very touching. It is rewarding to be a part of this great church. Love to all!
Doris Webb

📧 Thank you for the food you provided the family and the funeral dinner afterwards. We can't tell you how much that meant to us! We appreciate all that you have done for Abe and Thelma through the years. God bless you.

Family of Abe Milburn

Church Attendance

May 1st: Traditional: 127, Contemporary: 63 = 190

May 8th: Traditional: 124, Contemporary: 100 = 224

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