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From the Pastor's Heart

What a busy time at church. We are so excited, six baptisms have been conducted within the last few months, five in our new baptismal.

If you missed the youth service Sunday, you missed a blessing! The Spirit is so present. Our children's lives have been changed as a result of First Christian Church. Well done church!

The Church is the body of Christ. This Sunday at 10:00 am we will celebrate the diversity of our church. We are conducting a "Unity Service." Bringing the entire church together to honor our veterans on Memorial Day weekend, hear the choir and praise team sing and lead the worship. Hear a message about Jesus, visit and greet some folks you haven't met and eat a "free pork chop dinner" in Campbell Hall at 11:30 am with hot dogs for the kids.

Someone reading this might be thinking, "Well I don't like the mixed music, or any changes in the worship service, for whatever reason, I just won't go." Here's what Paul said about the church in **1st Corinthians 12:12. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though its parts are many (1st and 2nd service) they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one bodyand we were all given one Spirit to drink.** Let us unify with Christ Spirit as one body in worship and fellowship this Sunday.

Here's how you can help make Sunday a blessing:

- Attend the worship service at 10:00 am and pick-up a name tag to wear
- Bring table service and several dishes and desserts to share
- Invite missing church members, friends and neighbors to attend our special service and then enjoy a grilled pork chop dinner. We have ordered plenty of chops for our anticipated guests. (As an extra incentive, the person who brings in the largest number of guests will receive two rib tickets for our October rib event.)

Want more? Next Saturday Night, June 4th we begin our new and greatly improved Saturday Night Church. I need no further promotion on this event, as I'm quite sure you will hear about it. We are FCC, a unified, mission-minded church in revival.

May God Enlarge His Territory, *Pastor Steve*

Memorial Day Dedication

On Memorial Day, May 30th an addition to the existing Coles County Vietnam Memorial will be dedicated at the Memorial Day Services. The new addition is a granite block with the faces and names of our Coles County service members who died in the Vietnam War. The services are open to the public and will be held at Peterson Park at approximately 10 am.



Saturday Night Church

Saturday, June 4th will be the first Saturday Night Church at 5 pm. Mike Brand will deliver the sermon on the 4th and there will be a children's program for K-5th graders and nursery available. This service will meet each Saturday night through the summer in Campbell Hall.

K-5th Graders!

During this summer's Saturday Night Church starting June 4th we are going to



have a full blown children's program. Our theme for the summer is *Deep Sea Discovery*. Throughout the 11 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.

Men's Breakfast



All Men are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast on June 4th at 7 am. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

Saturday Night Promo

The yard signs and door hangers have arrived! The yard signs will be available in the narthex this Sunday. We are still in need of a few people to help lessen the workload distributing the door hangers from now until the 31st in Mattoon neighborhoods (NO DOOR KNOCKING INVOLVED). If you are able to help please call Paul Weber at 273-6565.

Singles @ First

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.

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.

News from Paul

What a beautiful day it is today! The birds are singing, the sun is shining, and the dogs do not have mud on their feet! Miss Evelyn and I just finished a great meal at Paradise Café. The food is good and the coffee is non-stop. For those folks who like fresh air there is outdoor seating available. During the fall, they have wiener roasts and sometimes they cook ham-n-beans over a fire in a cast iron pot just like the cowboys did. If you are interested in dining there let me know and I will give you the number.

The FCC youth did a great job Sunday! Even though we have only been at FCC a few years, Miss Evelyn and I can see we have some great young people within the church.

Are you looking for something different to do on Saturday nights this summer? Look no further than 1600 Wabash. Saturday Night Church is back starting on June 4th and will run until August 13th. This will be a contemporary service with childcare available for infants to Pre-K and a weekly Children's program for K-5th grade. What more could you ask for? Oh yeah, there will be a message too! From what I understand, Mike Brand; Steve Morgan; Kenny Jones and yours truly will rotate each week to deliver the Word.

I read something this past week from Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest* May 19th devotional which really hit me. "Out of the wreck I rise" says Chambers, and he uses various scriptures to show the reader how God will not abandon us. When our life seems to be a wreck, we can rely on what God tells us through scripture that He will always be here. The secular worldview will tell us we are crazy to rely on something we cannot see, which is our faith. For all the trouble and strife we face each day, we can look at it in one of two ways. According to Chambers, "Either Christ is a deceiver...or else some extraordinary thing happens to someone who holds on to the love of God when the odds are against him. Logic is silenced in the face...which come against him. Only one thing can account for it-the *love of God in Christ Jesus*. Out of the wreck I rise every time." The point is, we can rise above whatever life throws our way. When we feel as though we are trapped in the wreck of life, reach out for the hand of Him who can rescue you.

Well friends, it is time for me to go and see what Miss Evelyn is up to and I would like to also enjoy sitting outside for just a bit before the sun settles in the west. Remember to keep your chin up. Otherwise, people will think you are asleep.

In His service,
Pauly

Ladies Salad Supper

All ladies are invited to a Salad Supper on Tuesday, June 21st at 5:30 pm in Campbell Hall. Please bring a salad to share and an apron.



Church Life

Sunday, May 29

10:00 am 5th Sunday Service

11:30 am Pork Chop Lunch in Campbell Hall

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day — Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

7 am Prayer Time in the Library

Wednesday, June 1

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

6 pm Line Dancing at Eagles' (open to everyone)

Thursday, June 2

No Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, June 4

7 am Men's Breakfast

5 pm Saturday Night Church

Sunday, June 5

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, June 6

10 am Staff Meeting

5 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

7 am Prayer Time in the Library

Wednesday, June 8

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, June 9

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, June 11

Noon Singles Lunch at Amish Home, leave at 10:45 am

5 pm Saturday Night Church



Barbershop Show

On Saturday, June 4th at 4 pm in the Dvorak Concert Hall on the EIU campus in Charleston, the Coles County Barbershop Singers will present their 47th Annual Summer Show. The 25 man group with four local quartets have a theme titled "Georgia on My Mind" and most songs and skits will involve the southern part of the United States. The feature quartet is call Instant Classic and they won the International Barbershop Quartet Contest in Pittsburgh last summer. The family show lasts two hours. There is plenty of parking and the facilities are wheel chair accessible. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member or at Porter Auto Body (Mattoon and Charleston) or Ron Hawkins (276-3312) is the Ticket Chairman.

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).



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 by May 30th to get the early rate. To be put on the list or for questions call Paul at 272-6565.

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 Dobyys 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.

Serving Communion

Sunday, May 29

10:00 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Bud Miller

Sunday, June 5

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

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



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23 Bryce Wofford
24 Norma Himes, Rob Newlin
26 Gwen Watts
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2 Jared and Kelly Armer
5 Richard and Joyce Eident
12 Ed and Helen Dowling
15 Randy and Dawn Albin, Rod and Linda Fleming,
John and Carol Armstrong
17 Don and Barb Wisner
19 Jack and Barbara Browning
26 Robert and Janet Clark
27 Steve and Cheryl Ballinger



Church Attendance

May 15th: Traditional: 120, Contemporary: 64 = 184
May 22nd: Traditional: 118, Contemporary: 83 = 201

Return Service Requested

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