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From the Pastor's Heart

**Coming to Campbell Hall Sunday, June 18th at 9:30 am
Facilitated by Pastor Steve, Taught by Bill Hybles,
from Willowcreek Community Church
"Walk Across the Room"**

The preview is over, the reviews are in and you don't want to miss this unique opportunity. If you cannot make all four weeks, that's okay, we have a book for you and a workbook.

I feel very strongly that every member of FCC should experience this teaching.

Here is what you will learn:

What if you knew that by simply crossing the room and saying hello to someone, that you could change that person forever, just a few steps to make an eternal difference. It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. All you need is a heart that's in tune with the Holy Spirit and a willingness to venture out of your "Circle of Comfort" and into another person's life.

The highest value of personal evangelism is cooperating with the Spirit. This means playing only the role you're meant to play...walking when the Spirit says to walk, talking when he says to talk, and falling silent when he says you've said enough.

Bill Hybels encourages us to live in 3D:

Developing friendships, Discovering stories and Discerning the appropriate next steps...as a means of learning to understand the Holy Spirit's promptings.

The stakes are high the implications are eternal. I hope you all will support and attend these classes.

Singles @ First

The Singles @ First Group will go to Casey for lunch and tour the area on Saturday, June 24th leaving from the church at 10 am. People will be responsible for their own lunch. There are many options to choose from like Mexican, sandwiches and pizza and the group will decide where to eat that day. They will visit the world's largest chine, rocking chair, wooden shoes, mailbox and more. Hope all singles can attend.

Below is a list of Summer Activities for children entering K-6th grade. We will meet each Wednesday from 2-3 pm at different locations unless it rains meet at the church. If your child needs a ride please call Mrs. Stephanie at 234-2928.

- June 14th at Sonic
- June 21st at Peterson Park Pavilion
- June 28th at Lytle Park Fountain
- July 5th at Sonic
- July 12th at Peterson Park Pavilion
- July 19th, Break Week
- July 26th at Dairy Queen on Charleston Ave
- August 2nd at Sonic
- August 9th at Lytle Park Fountain

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday, June 10th at 7 am.



SALT Amish Luncheon

The SALT Group will have lunch at an Amish home on Thursday, June 22nd. They will leave from the church at 11:15 am and there is a 30 person limit. Each meal will cost \$16 and consist of: fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, noodles, salad, homemade bread, jelly/jam, drinks, strawberry pie and coconut cream pie. Please sign-up in the narthex and pay to reserve your spot.

The SALT Group is going to the Greenmill Theater in Arcola to see the play "Adam and Eve Go to Marriage Counseling" on Wednesday, July 12th at noon. The lunch and play will cost \$35 per person. We have 30 tickets reserved so please sign-up in the narthex if you are for sure going.

The Associate's Corner

Right now the NBA Finals are being played, with the Golden State Warriors leading the Cleveland Cavaliers 2-0 in a best of seven series. I am not a big Lebron James fan, so go Warriors! If I had to pick an MVP right now, it would have to be Kevin Durant, he is pretty much unstoppable. Do you know that Jesus picked an MVP of the World? In Matthew 11:11 Jesus states, "I tell you the truth: Among those born of women no one greater than John the Baptist has appeared." Wow! John the Baptist beat out some stiff competition; Moses, Joseph, Noah, David, Daniel, to name a few. John did prepare the way and baptize the Son of God, the Savior, the Messiah! What a privilege.

And what was John's acceptance speech? In John 3:30 John tells us about his relationship with Jesus, "He must become greater, I must become less." John's work, his mission was finished. And soon his life on earth would be finished too. He was allowed to see and hear the Messiah which fulfilled and completed his joy. But what does it mean to make Jesus greater in our life? How do we fade into the background and bring Jesus to forefront of our life? We imitate Him, we mimic Him.

Jesus had a devotional life. The gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus went off to spend time in prayer constantly. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, He prayed alone, He prayed in public, He prayed before His death and He prayed on the cross.

Jesus was a servant. Mark tells us that Jesus did not come to be served like earthly kings, but that He came to serve others. He healed the lame, the deaf, and the blind. He fed the hungry. He washed feet. He raised the dead. He had compassion for people.

Jesus attended church. From an early age, we see that Jesus spent a lot of time at the synagogue. Many of His teachings were at the synagogue. Many of His "discussions" with the Pharisees were at the synagogue. He taught His disciples the importance of worshiping God on the Sabbath.

You want to be like Jesus? Pray daily, serve others with compassion and worship God on the Sabbath day.

Serving Communion

Sunday, June 11

8:30 am — John Armstrong, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Carroll Gibbons, Steve Lane, Jack Little

10:30 am — Donica Brand, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, Jeff Maninfior

Sunday, June 18

8:30 am — John Armstrong, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Bud Miller, Gene Swearingen

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

Church Life

Saturday, June 10

7 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am Elders' Meeting

Sunday, June 11

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Service

2-5 pm Mabelle Morgan's Graduation Open House

Monday, June 12

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 13

7 am Prayer Time

6:30 pm Men's Church League Softball Games

Wednesday, June 14

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

2-3 pm Kids Summer Activity at Sonic

Thursday, June 15

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday, June 16

8:10 pm Men's Church League Softball Games

Sunday, June 18—Father's Day

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School and Walk Across the Room Class

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, June 19

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Ed. Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 20

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, June 21

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

2-3 pm Kids Summer Activity at Peterson Park

6-7 pm Line Dancing at the Eagles

Thursday, June 22

Noon SALT Amish Luncheon

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, June 24

10 am Singles @ First Lunch in Casey



Everyone is invited to Mabelle Morgan's Graduation Open House on Sunday, June 11th from 2-5 pm in Campbell Hall.

Bagel Fest Parade



The Evangelism Committee is organizing a FCC parade entry where you can walk or ride on a trailer in the Bagel Fest Parade on July 22nd and they need everyone's participation and all parade participants will get a free t-shirt! All you need to do is sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

Branson Deposits Due

A Branson Trip will be offered on September 11th-14th for \$300 per person. If you are interested in going please fill out the form on the Welcome Center and turn in with your \$50 deposit. The slots are filling up fast!



Building Fund balance:
\$257,031.68

New Member

We welcome Angie Johnson as a member to First Christian Church as she transferred her membership here.

We extend our sympathy to the Mark Scott family on the passing of his son, Adam (39) on May 30th in Orlando, Florida.



Baby Bottle Blessings

The Local Outreach Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. This fundraiser will end on Father's Day, June 18th.

Wishard Kidney Fund

The church is temporarily not taking any donations to the Wishard Kidney Fund. The procedure that was to take place at Cedar Sinai Hospital will not be happening and they are referring Scott to Mayo Clinic.

Church Attendance

May 28: Traditional: 108, Contemporary: 52 = 160

June 4: Traditional: 117, Contemporary: 45 = 162

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