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Mattoon First Christian Church

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Associate's Corner

This coming Sunday, July 23rd, our youth group is taking 10 high school students down to southeastern Tennessee right next to the Appalachian Mountains to attend a 5 day Christ in Youth conference. It is always a great experience for our students to meet other students who are trying to live for Jesus in this sometimes dark and crazy world. We could not experience an event like this without the support of a church family. So we say to our church family, Thank You!

The theme for this conference is: "And Then...." Life is going smooth, everything is in perfect sync, and then the unexpected happens. You lose a job. A family member hears that dreaded word cancer. Your marriage is falling apart and your kids can sense it. "And Then", turns into, "Now What."

Life is going to be full of change and challenges that we have to somehow adapt to. Peter was out fishing, minding his own business, frustrated after a night of fishing with nothing but empty nets. And then.... He met this man named Jesus. At this first encounter with Jesus, Peter tells Him, "I am a sinful man." That doesn't faze Jesus. He tells Peter that from now on you will fish for men with me! And with that, Peter leaves his fishing business to follow this man named Jesus.

Even though Peter is one of the most influential disciples, he is probably best known for what he did wrong. He denied even knowing Jesus three times. There is a reason why Jesus called Peter the Rock. After this very public humiliation, Peter rebounds, he regroups, he gets back up to follow Jesus. Jesus calls us to follow Him, to obey Him. Even though we will fall at times, He patiently waits with an outstretched hand to help us up. We eventually have to reach out to Him.

Steve Morgan

Dinner 4 Eight

We are encouraging everyone to sign-up for "Dinner 4 Eight." This would be a one time commitment to have dinner with others from the church in a members home. All you need to do is sign-up in the narthex and then someone from the church will call you with a date (to see if that works for your schedule) and where to meet. This sign-up is only for people wanting to go to a dinner, not to be a host.



We will hold a Baby Dedication on Sunday, August 20th for anyone wanting to dedicate their baby. If you would like to participate please call the church office.

Update on the Woods

Please keep Gary and Judy Woods, our missionaries in Africa, in your prayers. Gary has developed a Atrial fibrillation and had his heart shocked. They will be returning to Tanzania later than they thought. Please pray for Gary's health and housing and transportation issues since they will be staying in the U.S. longer than planned.

We will be helping Habitat with the building of the house at 612 Wabash Ave. The first part we will be involved with is framing which will take place on Saturday, July 22nd, July 29th and August 5th from 8 am—2 pm with lunch and drinks provided. All the tools will be furnished but you can bring your own if you wish. Experience is not necessary because each team will be led by an experienced leader. If you have any questions please contact Tom Dickerson at 254-5699 for more details and any questions.



Parade T-Shirts

The parade t-shirts will be available to pick-up at the parade line up at 9:30 am (check the newspaper for the exact spot or look for the church van and our orange shirts) on July 22nd. Candy will be provided for you to pass out but you will need to bring a container with a handle like a gallon ice cream bucket to put the candy in.



Building Fund balance:
\$257,216.68



FCC has started their Relay for Life Campaign and you can purchase luminary bags in the narthex for \$10 in memory or honor of a cancer survivor or victim. Let's sign-up and represent our church to fight cancer. Relay for Life will be August 19th at Peterson Park from noon to midnight.

- 1 Dee Hutton, Keith Summers, Kathy Randolph
- 2 Joy Eident
- 3 Sue Craig
- 4 Josh Recker
- 5 Kelly Morgan, Martha Nale
- 7 Sarah Goings
- 11 Mabelle Morgan, Shelly Scott
- 13 Philip Purcell, Carol Wilson
- 14 Steve Huckaba, Michael Davis Jr.
- 16 Stephanie Anderson
- 18 Allison Rosine
- 20 Randy Albin, Nancy Huckaba
- 21 Cooper Bergstrom
- 22 Gerry Englund
- 24 Cora Ruth Turner, Jan Booker
- 25 Linda Dilley
- 26 Ron Hatfield, Scott Wishard
- 28 Nancy Long
- 30 Vera Tooley
- 31 Tammy Rentschler



- 1 Kenny and Mary Logan
- 11 Jack and Sandy Herren
- 16 Steve and Nancy Huckaba
- 18 Steve and Raelyne Lane
- 25 Gordon and Judy Smith



Church Life

Saturday, July 22

8 am—2 pm Habitat Frame Building at 612 Wabash Ave

9:30 am Parade Line-Up on Western Ave

Sunday, July 23

7 am Youth leave for CIY trip to Tennessee

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Service

1:45 pm Pre-Pack at the Mattoon Food Center

Monday, July 24

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, July 25

7 am Prayer Time

6 pm Practice for Sunday

6:30 pm Men's Church League Softball Games

Wednesday, July 26

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

2-3 pm Kids Summer Activity at DQ on 19th Street

Thursday, July 27

6:30 pm Men's Church League Softball Games

Saturday, July 29

8 am—2 pm Habitat Frame Building—612 Wabash Ave

12-1:30 pm Intervention Training

Sunday, July 30

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday, July 31

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 1

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, August 2

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

2 pm Kids Summer Activity at Sonic

6-7 pm Line Dancing at the Eagles

Thursday, August 3

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday, August 4

Leave for Canoe Trip

Saturday, August 5

7 am Men's Breakfast

8 am—2 pm Habitat Frame Building at 612 Wabash Ave

Serving Communion

Sunday, July 23

8:30 am — John Armstrong, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Mike Craig

10:30 am — Dennis Goings, Jeff and Amy Maninfior

Sunday, July 30

9:30 am — Donica Brand, Amy Maninfior, Josh Recker, Max Betty, Mike Bays, Dan Cunningham, Tim Cyr, Tom Dickerson

Board Splinters

Deaconesses: served 2 funeral dinner in June.

Minister: we are going through a period of transition from a program driven church to a people driven church and are gearing up to offer increased fellowship opportunities and emphasizing relational evangelism.

Associate Minister: Mitchell Gergeni was baptized at LGCA on June 30th, 16 youth and 5 leaders participated in the 30 hour famine and raise \$520 for World Vision which will feed a child for 14 months and will start a Marriage on the Rock small group study.

Elementary Minister: Mid-Week will start on September 13th.

Worship: started to plan a Praises/Testimony Sunday at both services for September 3rd.

Outreach: we collected \$716.25 for the Baby Bottle Blessing.

Evangelism: purchased 62 t-shirts for the Bagel Fest Parade and Relay for Life will be August 19th.

Christian Ed: decided on a kick-off day for the F/R Group.

Stewardship: we have incurred a \$3,714 deficit for the month of June and a year to date deficit of \$31,658.

Trustees: approved for 13 security cameras to be installed and signs will be installed at our parking lot.

Seniors Minister: took 20 seniors to an Amish house for lunch and visited many in the nursing home and hospital.

New Business: discussed hiring off duty police officers as security for 3.5 hours per Sunday, an intervention class will be held July 29th at noon and all are invited and approved \$2,500 for security officers and then to evaluate at the end of the year.

Thank You Notes

Oh behalf of Jacob Boyd, we wanted to thank the congregation for your generosity and love. Jacob enjoyed Camp New Hope so much during the summer. We appreciate you all!
Love, *Jim and Julia Whitmore*

Thank you so much for the wonderful dinner for my family on one of the hardest days to endure, burying my mother, Edith Read. Thank you for the prayers and cards.

Linda Dilley and Family

Thank you to Pastor Steve for coming to Springfield for my surgery. A big thank you to Richard and Joy Eident and Rod and Linda Fleming for making the trip to see me. Thank you to all my friends and church members that sent me cards, calls and came to see me. A very big thank you to Debbie Buford for taking the board minutes. Without all of your love and prayers, I could not have made it.

Mona Lee Healy

Church Attendance

July 9: Traditional: 111, Contemporary: 77 = 188

July 16: Traditional: 119, Contemporary: 70 = 189

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