

## From the Pastor's Heart

Our Saturday Night Church is bearing fruit, Don Tucker joined our church and six new visitors are becoming regulars. Don Tucker will be receiving eight weeks of discipleship training. We are averaging over 40 in attendance.

Three youth were baptized at Little Galilee Christian Camp last week, Gabe Freeman, Nathan Morgan and Bryce Wofford. A discipleship program will be offered for all of our youth converts.

We are leaving the "Church in Revival" on the marquee as we are experiencing a movement of God in our church. May it continue here and spread to every Church in Coles County, Amen.

Would you help us bring people to Jesus? We are not a "holy huddle", this revival is not about you. Would you make an investment in a disenfranchised Christian neighbor or friend who has lost their way, or someone at work, or someone the Lord puts in front of you? Would you invite them to church, watch for them, and build a relationship with them?

You have three service opportunities: Saturday Church at 5 pm and Sunday Church at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Please don't forget a complete offering for all ages with classes at 9:30 am every Sunday. We are experiencing dramatic growth in our 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class.

We need your prayers. We know from experience that the enemy will pick up his attack when the Holy Spirit is moving in the church. Listen to the words of Paul, who faced the same enemy:

***Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes (and he will come with help) you may be able to stand your ground. And after you have done everything, to stand. (Give the Lord your best effort.)***

***Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.***

***In addition to all of this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (The prayer of faith can come only from one who has recognized his impotence and other helplessness without God. And that is the only type of prayer that brings an answer.)***

***Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. (Read our Bible daily, put it in your heart)***

***And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.***

Let's keep the fire going!

May God Enlarge His Territory,  
Pastor Steve

## Quilt Raffle

The Crafts Are Us Group at the church are raffling off a Cubs Quilt and a



Cardinals Quilt. Each ticket is \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. You can purchase tickets after church and/or if you are

willing to help them sell tickets that would be great too. The ladies are at the church each Wednesday at 9 am if you questions or call the church office.

## Lights Out



Please help the church save money! When you are the last one to leave a room or hallway please make sure the lights and air conditioners are turned off. Thank you!

## Singles @ First

The Singles @ First Group will have a cookout on Friday, July 15th at 6 pm at the church. The



hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided and please bring a side dish to share. The group will also learn how to play Mexican Dominos taught by Joy Eident.

Friday, August 5th Cinda Moran will teach Line Dancing from 6-7 pm and then they will have a social time from 7 -8 pm. Please bring drinks and popcorn will be provided.

## Coats 4 Kids

The Coats 4 Kids Committee needs coats for boys and girls sizes 8-20. We are requesting that all the coats be new, no used or gently worn coats please. They will give the coats away on Saturday, October 29th from 11 am—3 pm. If you would like to help with this ministry please mark your calendars and set-up will begin at 7:30 am that morning. Please be on the lookout for sales on coats and store them at your home until we are ready for them.



## New Members

We welcome Allison Rosine to the family of God. Stephanie baptized Allison on June 26th. We also welcome Don Tucker to FCC by letter of transfer on July 3rd. Welcome Allison and Don to First Christian Church.

Congratulations to Gabe Freeman, Bryce Wofford and Nathan Morgan who were all baptized at Little Galilee Christian Camp on July 1st!

## Attention Deaconesses

Just a reminder that it is the Deaconesses' responsibility to wash, dry and bring back the baptismal robes and towels. So, if it is your week to prepare communion please check after each service to see if there was a baptism. Especially in the summer the wet items can not sit in the baptismal rooms for too long before becoming smelly.

## Peace Meals

It is FCC's turn to deliver Peace Meals July 25th-29th. If you are available to help any of the days please call Deb McNeely at 259-1842 to volunteer.

## Discovery Class Outing

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is our class beach/boat/picnic at Lake Mattoon Beach and pavilion. The time is 10:00 am-5:00 pm (come and go). Bring the dish you signed up for as well as table service, drinks, lawn chairs, and any outdoor games you might want. If you are not part of a Sunday School Class please feel welcome to join us. See or call Paul Weber at 273-6565 for directions to the beach. In case of rain we will keep things under the pavilion.

## Relay for Life



Sign-up to participate in Relay for Life. You can sign-up to be a fundraising team member, a participating team member at the Relay event, and other roles that help. You can sign up in Narthex, or on line at: [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org)

team First Christian Church – Mattoon. Each one of us can do a little, but together we can do much.

With \$100 in donations, you will receive a Relay T-shirt. With signing up and participating on our team, you will receive a coral colored FCC team t-shirt. Survivors will receive a Relay for Life survivor T-shirt and a free meal at the event if you sign up by the end of July. Talk to Tammy Rentschler or Teresa Stuttle if you have questions.

## Come Grow With Us

Part-time Choir Director  
Traditional/Blended Worship

**Qualifications:** Experience as a choir director or significant participatory experience in a choir.

**Pay:** Commensurate with experience

**Travel Allowance:** Negotiable

**Review of Applications:** To begin July 18th

**Submit:** resume with three references

Apply by mail or on-line at:  
[fcchurch@consolidated.net](mailto:fcchurch@consolidated.net)

First Christian Church  
1600 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon IL 61938  
[www.mattoonfcc.com](http://www.mattoonfcc.com)

## Philippines Team

The Philippines mission team would like to invite anyone wanting to see and pray with them before they ship out to please do so. There will be three opportunities for you to do this: July 9<sup>th</sup> at Saturday's 5 pm worship service and Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services.

## 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 Doby's 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 if you are interested in going, please fill out a registration form that is located on the Welcome Center in the narthex. Spots will remain open till July 31st for FCC people, then the trip will be opened up for anyone to go. So reserve your spot with your \$50 deposit today!

## First Student

The First Student Transportation business in Charleston is looking for school bus drivers. They are taking applications at the Charleston Facility, with the starting wage of \$11.45 per hour.



They will provide free CDL training, have a sign-on bonus, and no previous experience is necessary. They offer flexible hours; meaning nights, weekends and holidays are not required but there are opportunities for additional hours with Charter trips.

To qualify, the applicant must be 21 years of age, have a valid drivers' license for 3 years, have a safe driving record and be able to pass a background check, DOT physical and drug screen. This is a part-time job, but most part-time jobs do not have the competitive wages and benefits that this company offers.

If you would like to apply please do so at: [apply.firstgroupcareers.com](http://apply.firstgroupcareers.com) or you if you have questions please call 294-6260.

## News from Paul

Hey FCC,

I hope this finds you doing well and all is well with your family and household. Miss Evelyn and I are sitting at home on this dreary 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I sure hope the weather clears up for the fireworks tonight at the airport. The guys had a great time Saturday morning at the Men's Breakfast. I believe there were 22 of us and we almost cleaned up all the food! When they found out I was leading the study they sure had fun giving me a hard time when the video and TV did not work right away! I know, I know. What happens at Men's Breakfast stays...! I will say Richard "The Lion-Hearted" Eident and "Fast Eddy" Dowling did not hold back and might have been the instigators of much of the ribbing. We enjoyed the morning and I told all the guys if they did not give me a hard time I would think there's something wrong. As I was helping to clean up the tables I noticed someone left a flier for a blood drive coming up. I told one of the guys there was enough blood shed with the comments we had our own drive that morning and did not need to go (HA)!

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about our mission trip to the Philippines. Where did the time go? It was just last fall when people started signing up and now here we are. "Go time" is closing in quick and team is looking forward to the trip. We will ship out on the 16<sup>th</sup> and return on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Since this weekend will be our last chance to see most of you, please join with us at this Saturday's 5 pm worship service as the Elder's pray for a safe journey. If you cannot make Saturday, we will also be at both services on Sunday morning. Each of us could not have come this far without the prayers and support of each of you. There are eight on the team and five have not been before. This will be a great experience for all of us and I am excited to lead the first-timers on their maiden journey. On behalf of the team-Casey Brandt, Tom Dickerson, Dennis Goings, Terri Goings, Mabelle Morgan, Steve Morgan and Dolo Wishard; I want to thank all of you for sending us out to serve the kingdom.

We are slotted to host a short trip presentation on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the 5 pm Saturday worship service and a full length presentation on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in Campbell Hall and we hope you will come down to see and hear about what we did for the two weeks while in the Philippines.

Well friends, it is time for me to sign off for now. My cup of Joe is getting cold and needs a warm-up. I also need to see what Miss Evelyn is up to. Hey I just thought of something. I am not sure who will keep an eye on her and also Bo, Luke, and Roscoe (our pooches) while I am gone. For that matter, who will keep an eye on me!? Have a great day and rest of the week and remember, don't take life too serious. It takes all the fun out of it.

In His service,  
Pauly

## Church Life

### **Saturday, July 9**

5 pm Saturday Night Church

### **Sunday, July 10**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

### **Monday, July 11**

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 12**

7 am Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, July 13**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

### **Thursday, July 14**

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

### **Friday, July 15**

6 pm Singles @ First Cookout

### **Saturday, July 16**

Philippine Team Leaves

5 pm Saturday Night Church

### **Sunday, July 17**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

### **Monday, July 18**

7 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 19**

7 am Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, July 20**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

### **Thursday, July 21**

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

### **Saturday, July 23**

5 pm Saturday Night Church



The next newsletter will be published on July 28th due to Robin being on vacation the week of the 18th.

## Thank You Note

I would like to thank the following ladies who made the ladies salad dinner a success last month. They are Jan Kepley, Cheryl Ballinger, Jan Little and Dolo Wishard. It was a great evening of fellowship, food, fun and a great program about Aprons.

Many thanks,

*Nancy Huckaba*, Chairman of the Deaconess



Building Fund balance:  
\$227,758.98

## Serving Communion

### **Sunday, July 10**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson

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

### **Sunday, July 17**

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

**10:30 am** — Max Betty, Donica Brand, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings

### **Church Attendance**

June 25th: Saturday Church: 30

June 26th: Traditional: 142, Contemporary: 69 = 211

July 2nd: Saturday Church: 50

July 3rd: Traditional: 91, Contemporary: 65 = 156