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Riches from Richard

One problem that plagues us all is "Procrastination"... The following words would be most appropriate for us all to apply to our lives.

So much of what we intend to do is going to be done tomorrow. In a sense it can be said that tomorrow will be the most wonderful day in history, for that is the day when most of us are going to begin to do better. But today the "tomorrow" that you looked at yesterday. You could begin today to do better and be better... WHY PUT IT OFF? You'll never find a better day than today to begin to be what you've always wanted to be; to begin to live your dream instead of just dreaming. Don't allow your desires to become museum pieces!

So many people never do anything tomorrow because they never do anything today. The people who are accomplishing things are the ones who are doing it today not tomorrow.

Watch out, if all the "intend to's" begin doing what they intend to you'll get run over in all that activity.

What would you like to see us as at First Christian Church, Mattoon accomplish? What are you willing to do to help us accomplish these goals. Will you do your part in helping us reach greater heights as a congregation for the glory of Him who died for us.

Looking forward to a great last four months of this year as we serve and fellowship together as the family of First Christian Church, Mattoon.

 We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Russell Wiley (91) who passed away on August 10th.

Singles @ First

The Singles @ First Group will go Bowling at Mattoon Lanes on Route 45 on Friday, September 9th from 6-8 pm. The church will provided the shoe rental cost so please bring money to cover the cost of your bowling.



The Group will also meet on Friday, October 7th at the church to play Dominos from 6-8 pm, bring a drink to share and popcorn will be provided.

Sports Sunday



Sunday, August 28th is going to be "Sports Sunday" and the Worship Committee is encouraging everyone to wear a shirt to support their favorite sports team.

 The Discovery Class is hosting a baby shower for their class member Patricia Swiech and her baby, Prudence. The shower will be on Sunday, August 21 from 2-4 pm in Campbell Hall. All ladies are invited and she is registered at Walmart.

Back-Pack Program

With school starting this month we will once again start packing food for area students to take home. The committee is in need of: individual packets of cheese and crackers, individual packets of peanut butter and crackers, individual raisin boxes, individual applesauce cups, individual pudding cups, pop-tarts and packets of instant oatmeal. Any donation would be appreciated.



Meet Julia Degler



The Board approved the hire of Julia Degler as the new Chancel Choir Director. There will be a special Meet-n-Greet time with a dinner on Sunday, August 21st at 5:00 pm in Campbell Hall.

All (present and past) choir members and anyone interested in being in the choir are invited to attend.

Coats 4 Kids

The Coats 4 Kids Committee needs coats for infant to high school age youth all sizes and especially 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 store the coats at your home until we are ready.



Thank You Note

Thank you to the following people who delivered Peace Meals: Teresa Stuttle, Bud and Betty Miller, Raelyne Lane, Joy Eident, Carol Armstrong, Rose Ervin, Cheri Craw, Tony Aghaei, Kathy Newlin, Rock and Linda Janes, and Barb and Jack Browning.

Deb McNeely

Board Splinters

Elders: had a meeting and went over the shut-in list and will contact the constitution committee.

Deaconesses: no funeral dinners in July.

Sr. Minister: attendance is up 2.28 %.

Elementary Minister: Mid-Week Outlet will begin on September 14th.

Worship: added new lighting in Campbell Hall for Saturday night church, new shorts and shirts are added to use for baptisms and Mabelle Morgan and Jackie Boyd will be the Saturday Night Worship Leaders.

Evangelism: preparing for Relay for Life.

Christian Ed: talked about Mid-Week and the Ministry Fair.

Stewardship: we are on target with the budget.

Trustees: parking lot should be re-surfaced on 8/12.

World Missions: Philippine Mission Trip went well.

New Business: Personnel recommended to hire Julia Degler as the new Chancel Choir Director.

Church Life

Saturday, August 20

5 pm Saturday Night Church

Sunday, August 21

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Philippine Team to Speak in Campbell Hall

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

2 pm Baby Shower for Patricia Swiech

Monday, August 22

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, August 23

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, August 24

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Thursday, August 25

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, August 27

5 pm Saturday Night Church

Sunday, August 28 (Sports Day)

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

4-8 pm FROG and ROCK Kick-Off

Monday, August 29

10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 30

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, August 31

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Thursday, September 1

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, September 3

7 am Men's Breakfast

5 pm Saturday Night Church



News from Paul

It is great to be back home from the Philippines and it was great to see many of you the last couple of weeks. I have been trying to catch up after the trip and it seems like it takes me a while to get myself adjusted again. It would seem like everything would flow like it should but if you have been gone for any length of time you know what I am saying. Getting adjusted to the time zone changes alone can be tiring. All in all the team had a successful trip and we will share all about it with you this coming Sunday in Campbell Hall during the Sunday school hour. We hope you will plan to attend.

Miss Evelyn did the best to keep the grass mowed while I was gone but the mower had some issues. If it were not for Richard and Joy Eident, and Sally Dickerson calling her neighbors to help she would have had a real problem. It is great to have friends to help when called upon. I was able to fix one part of the mower but still have a minor issue to repair.

I have been hearing great things about FCC and all that has taken place the last few weeks. Even though the A/C in the sanctuary is down, it was a great service in Campbell Hall this past Sunday. We tend to get comfortable with things we do on a regular basis yet we were able to adapt and overcome this past Sunday. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we had to make adjustments. The Word was still preached and praises were still sung. FCC one, discouragement from Satan, zero!

I cannot believe school is starting already! Along with this comes youth activities at FCC and I am sure they are ready to start another successful year. We have a great youth program with several dedicated people to help Stephanie. We are also blessed with great youth leaders for the FROG and ROCK groups. When you see the children and leaders please encourage them by telling them how much they are appreciated.

I better sign off for now and see what else I can get done. It is raining like crazy so whatever I do will have to be inside. I hope you all have a great day and things are going well for you. Take care of yourselves and remember what your mom always told you. You fill in the blank because what my mom told me may not be the same as what your mom told you. Some of us were easier to raise than others so our moms did not have much to tell us.

Church Attendance

August 6th: Saturday Church: 57

August 7th: Traditional: n/a, Contemporary: 71 =

August 13th: Saturday Church: 37

August 14th: Traditional: 105, Contemporary: 57 = 162

	<p>Building Fund balance: \$227,782.98</p>
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Serving Communion

Sunday, August 21

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

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

Sunday, August 28

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tim Buford, Mike Craig, Tim Cyr

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

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