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Mattoon First Christian Church

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From the Pastor's Heart

We are on a wonderful journey as a body of believers right now. We are baptizing many and all are being trained in discipleship. Born again believers reproduce, there is a lesson to learn here.

If we as mature believers once again entered the waters of baptism and received the filling of the Holy Spirit and committed our loves to Christ again, what would we do different, and who would we seek out to share our joy with?

The fact is folks, many of our neighbors, our children and our grandchildren in our community are not in consistent worship in any church. They feel as if the church isn't important or they are too busy.

For some and not for all, there is a good acronym for busy: B-Being, U-Under, S-Satan's, Y-Yoke.

We offer a wonderful worship service at 5:00 pm on Saturdays for those who cannot come to one of the services on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:30 am.


Would you faithfully attend church? Would you pray for those who are busy? Would you invest and invite friends, family, co-workers to the best overall church in Coles County? Let's be the Church.

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

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.



	The Men's Breakfast/Fellowship will meet on Saturday, August 6th at 7 am in Campbell Hall. All men are invited to attend.
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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

team First Christian Church – Mattoon. Each one of us can do a little, but together we can do much. Talk to Tammy Rentschler or Teresa Stuttle if you have questions.


Quilt Raffle

The Crafts Are Us Group is raffling off a Cubs Quilt and a Cardinals Quilt. Each ticket is



\$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. You can purchased tickets after church in the narthex. The drawing will be Sunday, August 28th.



	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.
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Camp Day

Bob Phillips the Development Director from Little Galilee Christian Camp in Clinton will be here on Sunday, August 14th. He will give a short presentation at both services and a full presentation during the Sunday School Hour in Campbell Hall. He will talk about what LGCA has to offer as well as the Vision 2020 promo for a new dining hall.

Board Splinters

The July church board meeting was held on the 11th. Elders: they will have a meeting on August 1st at 8:30 am. Deaconesses: the Ladies Salad Supper was a success and they served 1 funeral dinner. Sr. Minister: Saturday Night Church is going well and 13 people have been baptized since March. Elementary Minister: Saturday night children's program is going well. Christian Ed: they didn't meet in June but had a youth leaders meeting and August 28th will be the FROG and ROCK kick-off event. Stewardship: we are still behind income verses expenses. Personnel: they will meet on July 13th at 7 pm. Trustees: approved resurfacing the parking lot for \$11,853 which will come from an estate donation. World Missions: Little Galilee Camp Day will be Sunday, August 14th. Seniors' Minister: 15 have already signed up for the Branson trip for November 7-10. New Business: motion to pay Saturday Night Worship Leader a \$100 per week starting August 6th.

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.



Church Life

Friday, August 5

6 pm Singles @ First Line Dancing and Fellowship

Saturday, August 6

7 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am Elders' Meeting

5 pm Saturday Night Church

Sunday, August 7

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, August 8

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 9

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, August 10

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Thursday, August 11

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, August 13

5 pm Saturday Night Church

Sunday, August 14

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Little Galilee Camp Speech in C. Hall

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, August 15

7 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, August 17

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Thursday, August 18

6 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, August 20

Noon Relay for Life at Peterson Park

5 pm Saturday Night Church

Serving Communion

Sunday, August 7

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, August 14

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



Building Fund balance:
\$227,782.98



- 1 Dee Hutton, Keith Summers, Sierra Arthur, Kathy Randolph
- 2 Joy Eident
- 3 Sue Craig
- 4 Josh Recker
- 5 Kelly Morgan, Martha Nale, Thelma Milburn
- 7 Sarah Goings
- 11 Mabelle Morgan, Shelly Scott
- 13 Philip Purcell, Carol Wilson
- 14 Steve Huckaba, Michael Davis Jr.
- 16 Stephanie Freeman, Paul Weber
- 20 Randy Albin, Nancy Huckaba
- 21 Cooper Bergstrom
- 22 Gerry Englund
- 24 Cora Ruth Turner, Jan Booker
- 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



Help Needed

Each Thursday morning Dianne Porter straightens up the sanctuary pew areas. She makes sure there are pencils, Kleenex and offering envelopes in each section. If you would be willing to help her out with this ministry please give the office a call.

Church Attendance

July 9th:	Saturday Church: 53
July 10th:	Traditional: 131, Contemporary: 67 = 198
July 16th:	Saturday Church: 47
July 17th:	Traditional: 117, Contemporary: 70 = 187
July 23rd:	Saturday Church: 12
July 24th:	Traditional: 117, Contemporary: 58 = 175
July 30th:	Saturday Church: 40
July 31st:	Traditional: 112, Contemporary: 61 = 173

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