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From the Pastor's Heart

We are on a wonderful journey as a body of believers right now. The Lord is bringing some great people to our church. Welcome to Julia and Jim Whitmore and they love the Lord. Choir practice officially begins Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 pm. Julia is very excited to bring her musical gifts to our church.

We are reforming the choir with 1st and 2nd service adults and youth included. I will bring a brief devotion and prayer time at the end of each fun practice.

We are baptizing and all are being trained in discipleship, born again believers reproduce. The revival continues.

We offer a wonderful worship service at 5:00 pm on Saturdays for those who cannot come to one of the two services on Sundays. We have the two best up and coming worship leaders in the county leading our worship. Come and hear Jackie Boyd and Mabelle Morgan sing to the Lord.

Do you have any K-5th grade grandkids or neighbor kids that you could invite to our Mid-Week Outlet program? We are giving away a Kindle Fire Tablet as a registration prize! Isn't that fun? Why not register some kids?

Our kids need to learn the Bible and many are not regularly in any church. Why not pick up a car load and bring them to the church on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm. We will love them, worship together and feed them all for free!

Thanks for being so patient with our air conditioning problems, but hasn't Campbell hall been a blessing?

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

SALT Luncheon

All Seniors are invited to a Seniors Birthday Celebration on Tuesday, September 13th at noon. The chicken, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. If you plan to attend please sign up in the narthex.

Music News



All music rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 7th. The Bells will practice at 5:15 pm, Chancel Choir at 6 pm and the Praise Team at 7 pm. If you have any questions please call Jan at 246-4462 for Bells, Julia at 273-4793 for Choir or Kenny at 273-9938 for Praise Team.

Children/Youth News



The Mid-Week Children's Program for K-5th graders and JHH students will begin on Wednesday, September 14th. The program will be from 6-7:30 pm with supper being provided.

The FROG and ROCK (middle and high school students) will begin their regular meetings on Sunday, September 4th and everyone will meet from 5-7 pm each Sunday night.



We would like to thank all who purchased tickets for our raffle. The Cub Quilt went to



Dianne Porter and the Cardinal Quilt to Mary Guill. We were able to donate \$500 to the Deaconess Fund. Watch for our next project!



The Crafts R Us Group

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.



Staff Meetings

Just a reminder that the staff holds meetings each Monday from 10 — 11:30 am. Please do not call or stop by the office during this time unless it is an emergency. The staff takes this time each week to organize calendars and for a time of prayer. Thank you.

Thank You Notes

📖 Thanks to the First Christian family for a stellar job with Relay for Life. So many benefit from your contributions, time, and dedication. Well Done!



Thank You!

📖 Thanks for all the prayers, cards and concerns during my procedures and test. God Bless you All.
In Christian Love, *Bob Young*

📖 Thank you to the FCC family for the calls, cards and prayers during the death of Steve's nephew, Chad Trover, and the hospitalization of Nancy's mom Betty.
Steve and Nancy Huckaba

📖 A special thanks to Rev. Steve and all our church friends for their prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. God Bless.

Gerry Englund

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday at 7 am. Breakfast will be served and a lesson will be led by Pastor Steve.



The First United Methodist Church is offering a Grief Share Seminar/Support Group starting Wednesday, September 7th. Grief Share is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Child care is provided for children up to the 5th grade. Please call Mike Smith at 235-5676 if you have any questions.

Peace Meals

FCC people need to deliver Peace Meals on September 19th -23rd. Please call Deb McNeely at 259-1842 if you are interested in helping.

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.

Church Life

Saturday, September 3

7 am Men's Breakfast
5 pm Saturday Night Church

Sunday, September 4

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Meeting

Monday, September 5

Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

7 am Prayer Time
5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Volunteer Dinner at Pagliacci's
7 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday, September 9

6-8 pm Singles at Mattoon Bowling on Route 45

Saturday, September 10

NO Saturday Night Church

Sunday, September 11

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Meeting

Monday, September 12

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Trustees Meeting
7 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

7 am Prayer Time
Noon SALT (Seniors') Luncheon in Campbell Hall

Wednesday, September 14

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Program Kick-Off
7 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, September 17

5 pm Saturday Night Church



- 1 Dolo Wishard
- 3 Gabe Leach
- 4 Russell Camfield, Judy Hatfield
- 6 Dawn Albin, Elizabeth Edersheim, Carroll Gibbons
- 7 Kara Brand, Richard Johnson, Evelyn Weber
- 8 Kaylyn Armer
- 9 Jim Long, Hubert Aleshire
- 11 Veronika Burk
- 14 Jacob Edersheim, Jim Lindley
- 16 Beth Bergstrom, Andrew Inman
- 17 Bruce Morgan
- 18 Dave Wright
- 19 Mike Brand
- 23 Sid Guill
- 24 Logan Maninfior
- 28 Richard Eident
- 29 Gabe Freeman, Riley Klasing
- 30 Marianna Hayes



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- 1 Brian and Laura Dunn
 - 2 Don and Kathleen Inman
 - 6 Jason and Michelle Mathews
 - 7 Brad and Beth Bergstrom
 - Dennis and Terri Goings
 - 11 Jack and Sandy Herren



IRA Tax Free

Are you over 70 years old and want to make a donation to First Christian Church and want to save some taxes? The law states if you are over 70 ½ you must take a distribution from your IRA. When you take the money out of your IRA you must pay tax on it. But if you want to send some or all of your IRA distribution to the church, you will NOT pay any taxes on it.

Back-Pack Program

With school starting 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.



Saturday Church

There will not be a Saturday Night Church Service on September 10th. Saturday Night Church will resume on September 17th.



Building Fund balance:
\$228,003.98

Serving Communion

Sunday, September 4

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, September 11

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

August 20th: Saturday Church: 20
August 21st: Traditional: 114, Contemporary: 58 = 172
August 27th: Saturday Church: 25
August 28th: Traditional: 119, Contemporary: 57 = 176

Book Club

All ladies are invited to this event...

Ladies Literary Event
Sponsored by the United Methodist Women
Mattoon First United Methodist Church
October 6th from 5:30-7:30 pm

They have selected 3 exceptional books for this year's event:

Ardis Larvick will lead us in the discussion of *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. This Classic, first printed in 1960, has been on high school reading lists for 3 generations and has had significant impact on our culture. Perhaps you saw the movie with Gregory Peck. Told through the voice of a young girl named Scout, this book helped bring about social change during the turbulent 1960s.

The second book is *Fields of Grace* by Hannah Luce and the discussion leader will be Linda Hance. Hannah is the daughter of the founders of Teen Mania. She tells her story of tragedy by sharing about "Faith, Friendship, and The Day I Lost Nearly Everything." Hannah was the only survivor of a plane crash. Her story is both heart breaking and heartwarming.

Our third book is by Joyce Meyer and is titled *God's Greatest Gift, His Word, His Name, His Blood*. Phyllis Dickson will be the leader. Joyce asks the question "What if someone told you there are gifts available to you right now that can revolutionize your life, fulfilling the deepest desires of your heart?" She addresses this question in this small but powerful book.

Buy a book, start reading and sign up at the First United Methodist Church at 235-5676 to participate. Come on the 6th to enjoy a light supper (\$7) and join in our Literary Event.

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