The Mountain Messenger

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Outdoor Summer Evening Services

It is time again for our Outdoor Summer Evening Worship Services! This is a great time of worship and fellowship! The hostesses will provide the place, paper products and the drinks. All other refreshments will be carried in. Bring your chairs and make plans to join us each Sunday evening at 6pm.

June's Services will be held at:

June 2nd - Steve Arnold - 299 Fairground Lane, Mountain City
June 9th - Bobbie & Starla Brooks - 4170 Hwy 67 W., Mountain City
June 16th - No Evening Service - Father's Day
June 23rd - Kevin & Mary Ellen Golding - 8265 Hwy 91N, Laurel Bloomery
June 30th - No Evening Service - 5th Sunday

If you need directions to any of our locations, please contact the church office. If the weather is on the wet side watch for updates and the gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall. No Sunday Evening services will be held on the church campus.

Special Speaker & 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner

On Sunday, June 30th we will be having our Fifth Sunday Services. Dr. Bill Greer, Virginia Greer's son, will be bringing us the message at a combined service at 11am in the Sanctuary. Dr. Greer is retiring as President of Milligan University and will become the Chancellor for the University. Following the service we will gather in the CLC for a Fellowship Dinner. There will NOT be an 8:30am service or evening services that day. We will be having Sunday School as usual. Please make a point to attend and celebrate with us his accomplishments with the University. Please bring some food to share for the meal.

Friday, June 21st 6pm

All the ladies are invited to Pizza and Game Night in the Fellowship Hall! Please bring something for the meal and be ready to have laughter and fellowship with your Christian Sisters! If you have a game you would like to share, bring it too!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

With Scott Plyer
Informational and Fund Raiser Dinner
Saturday, June 29th 6pm - CLC

Scott Plyer, former Associate Minister here at FCC, is taking a different step in his ministry at this time in his life. He is now working with Fellowship of Christian Athletes with his focus on Johnson and Carter Counties. He is excited about this ministry and wants to share it with you! He will be in Mountain City on Saturday, June 29th for a special dinner and informational meeting in the FCC Christian Life Center at 6pm. At this gathering he will be giving the information you need to know and the opportunity to help support him in his endeavors.

The turn out was smaller, but the fellowship was wonderful at the May Young-at-Heart Carry-in Dinner! We were blessed to have Stacy Greer share his talents with us in song. Next dinner will be a picnic on June 15th at 6pm at the Dickson's. The YAH dinners just consist of a meal and time of fellowship - all those 55+ are encouraged to attend (but we don't check IDs!) Be sure to join us!

Please sign up at the literature table so we can plan the meat and seating and join us for a time of Fellowship. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and have a great evening. Please bring a side, salad or dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided.

A Word From Our Pastor

The Word of God declares that the works of God's hands are a wonderful proof of God's goodness and love for us.

Beth and I certainly could agree with that testimony after our recent trip to Alaska. We saw more waterfalls during that week than we have the rest of our lives. We enjoyed the rugged snow topped mountains. We enjoyed the sight of glaciers and icebergs with their blue oxygenless ice. We caught the glimpses of dozens of eagles and whales. We caught glimpses of seals and even a couple of caribou.

But the most amazing truth I gained from this trip was the fact that God created all of this for us to enjoy. Even the stars in the sky were all created just for us. There are no other populated planets out there. God created everything we can see, and even stars we have not yet been able to see, just for mankind--the pinnacle of God's creation.

Many would ask: Why would God create all of this just for mankind's enjoyment? Because all of creation is a testimony to God's great love for us. God loved us so much that He created this great and diverse world just for us. God loved us so much that He created everyone of the stars, including those we have only been able to see with modern telescopes, just for us. **But the greatest expression of God's love was the gift of salvation through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

Imagine loving a friend so much that you would be willing to sacrifice one of your children to save them. I don't know about you, but I couldn't do it. That kind of love would be crazy. And yet, that is the kind of love that God demonstrated for us when He gave Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins. God's love is a crazy love.

And crazier still is Jesus' love for us. He tells us that He willingly laid down his life for us. He willing endured the torture of the cross to save us. Now that is crazy love.

Dwayne

We want to congratulate our recent graduates! On Friday, May 17th **Conner Orr** graduated from JCHS! **Noah Nelson** graduated on May 7th from Northeast State. On May 10th, **Trevor Gentry** graduated from Southwest Virginia Community College. Loud applause to these three fine young men in their accomplishments and their future.

All men and boys are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast! The group meets at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall on the Second Saturday of each month. The full breakfast is available for a donation and you get your fill on delicious food, devotion and fellowship. Come join them on **Saturday, June 8th at 8:30 am**! You will be glad you did!

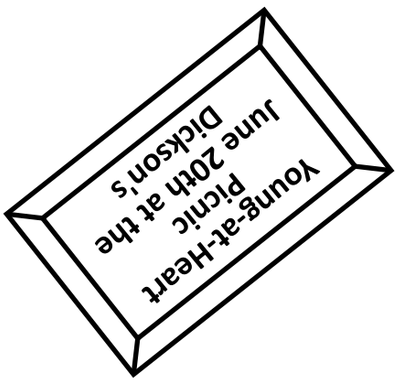
First Christian Church has three academic scholarships available to college students. A special offering is taken each year closest to the 4th of July for the Rick Millsaps Scholarship. Rick was a member of the youth group and was killed in an on the job accident with the Rescue Squad. Envelopes will be in the bulletins prior to the special offering date of July 7th. Donations to The Rick Millsaps Scholarship, The Veta Wilson Scholarship or the Merry Faulkner Scholarship can be made at any time. Just designate on your check or envelope of your desire of which scholarship.

Young-at-Heart Picnic
Thursday, June 20th
6pm at the Dickson's

Come join us in the backyard of the Dicksons (104 Shoun St) for a Picnic! Dwayne will be grilling meat. Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share in the meal. We have lots of tables and chairs so come be part of the fun!

Widow to Widow

Join other widows for a time of support and devotion. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This June they will meet on the 11th & 25th.



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"Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

On Wednesday, May 29th, Hawk Hillberry shared with the group his ministry of Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? Hawk sends the following:

Thank you beloved Christian family! It was very humbling and encouraging when you attended the Wednesday evening community dinner and heard about my mission. Here is a checklist for blessing bags that I have used for many years. You can give me your personal blessing bags, and I will deliver them to the homeless population. Let me know if you need anything to put in your blessing bags. In Him, Hawk

If you missed his presentation and would like to know more, please let Hawk know - he is going to plan another evening to share his ministry.

Think of what you would need if you were homeless. Include a personal note. Socks are always a needed item on the streets. Place your blessing items in a quart or gallon sized zip lock bag.

DRINKS:
- Bottled Water
- Instant Coffee Packets
- Tea Bags
- Energy Drink
- Juice Cans or boxes

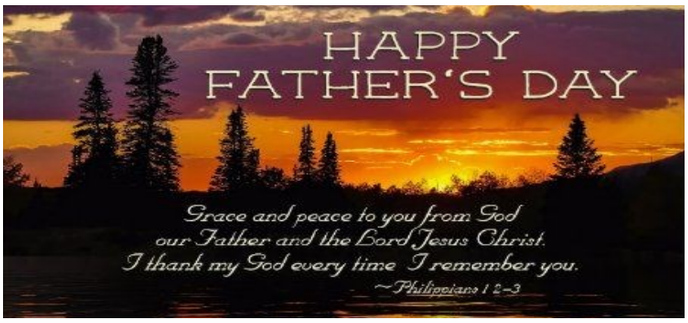
FOOD:
- Beef Jerky
- Dried Fruit
- Granola Bars
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Protein Powder Packets

TREATS:
- Chocolates (Individually wrapped)
- Hard Candy
- Mints
- Chewing Gum

TOILETRIES:
- Chapstick
- Facial wipes
- Moisturizer
- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Tooth paste
- Q-Tips

GENERAL:
- Multipurpose Wipes
- Compact First Aid Kit
- EmergenC Packets (used for when they start to get sick)
- Heat Pack
- Warm socks (wool)

EXTRA:
- Restaurant gift cards
- Prepaid Phone card
- Personal Note of Encouragement



FCC Scholarships

FCC Scholarship Applications are now available for FCC College Students. All applications **must** be returned to the committee by June 30th.

The FCC Scholarship Application will be emailed out to everyone.

There's only ONE application for all 3 scholarships. Some things have changed, so please read the application carefully. It's much more simple to re-apply with this version.

Please see Michael Eggers or the church office with any questions or help printing the applications.

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If you would like to receive prayer emails, please send us an email and we will put you on our mailing.

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Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo
Church Secretary - Beth Dickson

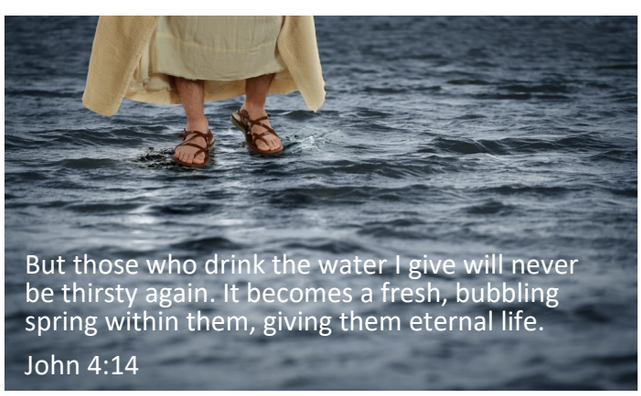
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VBS

On the Water with Jesus

Sunday - Wednesday
July 28th - 31st
6pm - 8pm
Closing Program & Cookout - Wednesday 6pm

Watch for information on how **YOU** can help!



Come be a part of this years' exciting VBS! There will be skits, games, crafts and fun . . . AND we will need YOUR help to make it fun for everyone! We will need guides, actors, crafters, photographer, gamers, music and more!

Our Mission emphasis will be sponsoring a child in Guinea-Bissau. This sponsorship will help with their schooling, food program and additional needs of the child and school! We would like to raise $500 for this project!

Come be a part! Invite your friends and neighbors and help make this years' VBS a great success!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Board Meeting - 5pm	3	4	5	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
9	10	11 Widow to Widow 11:30am	12	13	14	15
16 Happy Father's Day! No Evening Service	17	18	19	20 Young At Heart PICNIC 6pm at the Dicksons	21 Ladies PIZZA & GAME NIGHT 6pm	22
23	24	25 Widow to Widow 11:30am	26	27	28 Backyard 6pm at the Dicksons	29 FCA Fund Raiser Dinner 6pm in the CLC for Scott Plyler
30 5th Sunday Fellowship Noon No 8:30am service						

8:30 am Sunday Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday Fellowship Time
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Traditional Worship Service
3:00 pm Sunday Spanish Worship Service
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Outdoor Worship Service
7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
7:00 pm Wednesday Choir Practice
8:30 am Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Those Serving in June

	8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	11:00 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church
June 2 -	Samantha Johnson	Jackie Dugger	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	Ann Rhymer
June 9 -	Terri Henson	Annette Greer	Cindi Billingsley	Judy Henson	Ann Rhymer
June 16 -	Beth Dickson	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Beth Dickson	Ann Rhymer
June 23-	Beth Dickson	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	Ann Rhymer
June 30 -	No 8:30am Service	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	No 8:30am Servicce	Ann Rhymer

Happy Birthday to:

June 2 - Aiden Walker
June 4 - John Toms
June 5 - Bobbie Jo Brooks
June 5 - Collin Watts
June 6 - Lorna Littlecott
June 6 - Carter Rhudy
June 8 - Andy Watts
June 9 - Daniel Dugger
June 10 - Terry Campbell
June 11 - Dean Rhymer
June 13 - Bobby Boone
June 14 - Grinnan Walker
June 16 - Roger Gentry
June 18 - Gary Porter
June 18 - Theresa Singleton
June 18 - Taylor Boone
June 20 - Kelly Toms
June 21 - Jordan Rice
June 23 - Del Moody
June 23 - Sandra Perkins
June 25 - Kevin Long
June 25 - Dottie Sue Phipps
June 27 - Jo Vaught
June 29 - Chris Hudler
June 30 - Conner Orr

Happy Anniversary to:

June 11 - Dean & Ann Rhymer
June 14 - Mark & Pam Billingsley
June 16 - Doug & Jackie Dugger
June 16 - David & Ladonna Snyder
June 17 - Walter & Ross Boutwell
June 17 - Joel & Wendy Walker
June 19 - Ronnie & Chelley Henson
June 19 - John & Kelly Toms
June 20 - Jesse & Keesha Rhudy