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Sunday Evening Outdoor Services

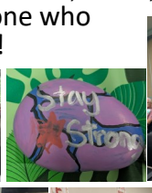
We have been having great weather for our Sunday Evening Outdoor services! If you haven't come yet, but sure to come in July & August! It is a great time of fellowship! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to host an evening.

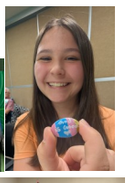
Pantry Upgrade

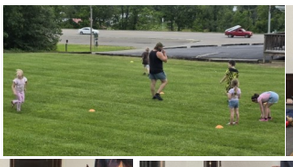
With the help of a grant for food insecurities First Christian Church was able to set into place a new walk in refrigerator & freezer! This unit came with shelves and will allow the pantry to store many more items for distribution. FCC gives out food every Wednesday from 10am - 2pm and the 2nd Tuesday from 5pm - 7pm. Around 300 boxes are given to families each month and this upgrade will make it easier to serve them! A Big Thank You to Mark Billingsley for all his extra help!

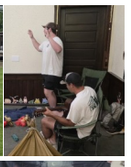
Please join us on Saturday, July 26th 10:30am to learn more about the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox project. Everyone invited and bring your friends and neighbors!

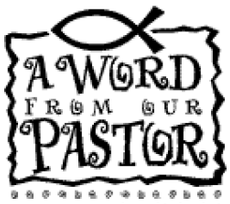
The one day Vacation Bible School was a huge success and the weather was sunny & HOT! The kids had 3 lesson times, music, crafts, lunch, snack & games! Thank you to everyone who helped make this day fantastic!











This past week we had 150 volunteers in the county working on 9 different projects. As that week was approaching, I worried greatly that the chaos would be overwhelming. Fortunately, God promises to do more than we ask or even imagine.

Not only did this past week go incredibly smooth. But Mark Billingsley worked hard to install our new walk in freezer and refrigerator. One church gave out hotdogs one day and then free car washes the next. Still another church witnessed to a young lady who then accepted the Lord and was baptized. This evening one church is going to have a worship service at the park and give out water, watermelon and cookies. And all three churches have been busy inviting people to First Christian.

It is amazing what God can do if we just get out of the way and stop worrying. When we let go of control and allow God to do the work, amazing things can happen. Too often we hinder God's work through our own desire to control.

Americans have a particular hard time "letting go and letting God," as some a common saying goes. We believe that if it is going to happen, then we must make it happen. But the best things that happen often happen in spite of us not because of us.

We work and work to witness to someone and then another individual says three words to them and they are ready to commit their life to Jesus. Church leaders will plan and try one "church growth" program after another, and then when they give up and just start loving people, God brings the growth.

As I work on this new sermon series on Spiritual Maturity, I have come to realize that true growth is through the "Spirit" not through a program. Our first effort needs to be to develop a love and trust in God who will work in us to accomplish thee growth he desires in us. We often need to just get out of the way and God will do the hard work of installing in us everything that Jesus has already given us.

Dwayne

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 6th. 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 Carry-in Dinner
Thursday, July 17th
6pm

All 55+ are invited to join us for a time of fun, food & Fellowship! This month we will be having an acapella sing of old time gospel songs!

Please bring a dish or two to share for the meal and invite your friends and neighbors! It will be a great time of fellowship!

Saturday, July 12th 8:30am

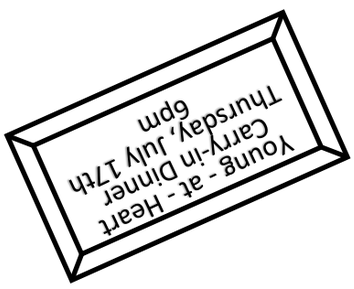
All men and boys are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast! The group meets at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of each month. The full breakfast is available for a donation and you get your fill on delicious food, devotion and fellowship. Come join them on **Saturday, July 12th at 8:30am**! You will be glad you did!

Ladies

Friday, July 25th - 6pm

All the ladies are invited to a fun evening of food & games! Please bring some food to help with the meal and join in some fun and fellowship! Lots of laughs will fill the air! Ladies Pizza & Game night meets every 4th Friday at 6pm. Be sure to mark you calendar and join them!

Sunday, July 13th
4:30 pm
In the Fellowship Hall



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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.

July's Services will be held at:

July 6th - Michael & Brenda Eggers
561 Adams Road

July 13th - Doyle & Susan Clifford
1600 Hubert Taylor Road

July 20th - Rhett & Kristi Mohundro
390 Laurelwood Lane

July 27th - Ned & April Shaffner
472 Chestnut

If the weather is on the wet side watch for updates and the gathering may be moved to the Fellowship Hall. No Sunday Evening services will be held on the church campus during the summer.

Young-at-Heart had their monthly meeting with a great evening of fellowship, music and food. Be sure to join them on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Johnson County Pregnancy Support Center **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

The Pregnancy Support Center of Johnson County is raising money to acquire a new building. If you would like to participate you can 1)Take a baby bottle at the literature tables to place your change in, 2) bring your change to the large bottle at the literature table or 3) give a donation by using the above QR code or designating your check to the Pregnancy Center. If you have any questions about the center you can see Dwayne, the Chairman of the board, Pam Billingsley or Bryan Sommers - who are both on the board. This is a vital ministry needed in Johnson County.

Year-round Christmas Shopping for FCC Samaritan's Christmas Child Shoeboxes

July –
CLOTHING
Drop Off Boxes in Sanctuary and CLC

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 July they will meet on the 8th & 22nd.

Children & Youth Ministries

First Christian is pleased to announce that **Seth & Cindi Billingsley** have taken on the role of Children's Directors. They kicked off the month of June by directing the VBS! They will be in charge of PreK - 6th grades. This entails Children's Church, Wed. Night & Sunday Evening programs along with special activities. **Stacy Greer** has stepped up to be the Youth Director. He will be in charge of youth 7th - 12th grades on Sunday Nights and Wednesday Nights along with special trips. If you are wanting to volunteer - see these new leaders!

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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.

FCC Staff:
Minister - Dwayne Dickson 429-8287
Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo
Youth Director - Stacy Greer
Children's Directors - Seth & Cindi Billingsley
Church Secretary - Beth Dickson

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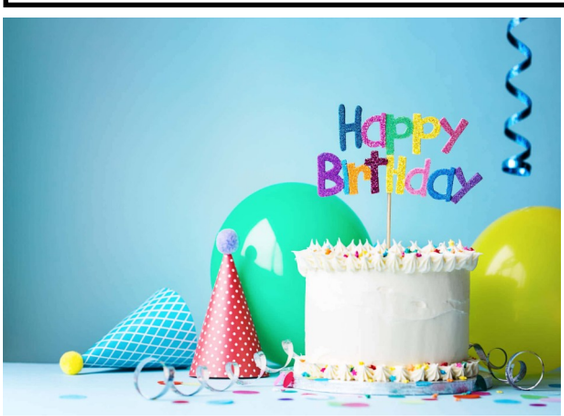
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Widow to Widow 11:30am	9	10	11	12 **8:30am**
Board Meeting - 4:30pm 13	14	15	16	17 **YAH Carry-in Dinner - 6pm**	18	19
20	21	22 Widow to Widow 11:30am	23	24	*Ladies* 25 6pm	26 Taco 'Bout Shoeboxes 10:30am
27	28	29	30	31		

Those Serving in July

	8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	11:00 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church
July 6-	Samantha Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	
July 13 -	Terri Henson	Volunteer Needed	Tina Lipford	Judy Henson	
July 20 -	Cindi Billingsley	Beth Dickson	Deana Rhymer	Beth Dickson	
July 27 -	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	



Happy Anniversary to:
July 9 - Bobby & Taylor Boone
July 13 - Sam & Susan Adams
July 21 - Donald & Annette Greer

Happy Birthday to:
July 4 - Russell McCoy
July 5 - Jason Justinger
July 5 - Debbie Branham
July 6 - John Capolupo
July 12 - Phyllis Morefield
July 13 - Jean Zuercher
July 14 - Mary Ellen Golding
July 15 - Seth Billingsley
July 16 - Bryan Sommers
July 16 - Annie McElyea
July 16 - Wendy Walker
July 17 - Brylee Gentry
July 23 - Judy Henson
July 26 - Kim Long
July 27 - Randy Howard
July 31 - Becky Sannes

Services and Activities

8:30 am	Sunday Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 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
8:30 am	Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm	Wednesday Community Dinner
7:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
7:00 pm	Wednesday Choir Practice