

First Christian Church

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Jesus Loves Me

Last week we sent the children of our congregation into a new school year with a blessing and a tag for their backpacks that reads “Jesus Loves Me”. That reminder may just be the most important thing their brand- new backpacks hold in the coming year. We want our children to be enthusiastic learners and cooperative classmates. We also want to keep them safe and so we remind them to listen to your teacher, make new friends, wash your hands, wear your mask. Even as we do our best to equip our children with what they need for a new school year, we know that there will occasionally be wonderful days and hard days. Days when the teacher chooses you to care for the class pet, days when you get all your spelling words correct, days when the team captain picks you first on his team in Phys. Ed. On days like that it’s good to teach our children to give thanks to God and that they are loved by Jesus. And on those other days--when the math worksheet has you stumped, or your best friend spends recess with another kid, or you miss the school bus—a reminder that Jesus loves me no matter what, can make a difference.

So as new school year begins, let us send our children with a tag on their backpacks and with our prayers for the children and their parent. And let us remind each other every day, that we are loved by Jesus and will never be outside of our Savior’s love and care.

Blessings,

Dawn

Back to School



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Promotion Bibles Given

On Sunday, August 22nd we held a backpack blessing during the worship service and presented our Kindergarteners and 3rd graders with the gift of a Bible. Daphne Baker and Logan Appleby have started Kindergarten, and each received a children's Bible.



The Gospel of Mark Bible Study. The Gospel of Mark is the oldest of the four Gospels and was an important work for the evangelists who would follow. Come explore the Gospel of Mark with us through Bible Study held this fall on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 15 and ending on October 29th. At this time we plan to hold this study in the multipurpose room at church. If COVID numbers increase, we will consider moving it to a ZOOM platform. If you are interested in being part of this study, please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office and let us know. If you have questions, give Dawn a call.

Rummage Sale to be Held in Spring

A Committee to plan a church rummage sale discussed the possibility of holding one this fall but has decided to hold it in the spring due to the increase in COVID cases locally. Thank you to those who signed up to help with this project.

Upcoming dates for October:

World Communion Sunday: October 3
CROP Walk: October 10
Consecration Sunday: October 17
Trunk or Treat: October 31 (?)

Anniversary Events

Our Ice Cream Social on August 22 managed to avoid the rain that circled the area and was a relaxing time of fun and fellowship. Thank you to the men, Jim McPherson, Bill Factor and Philip Hunt who churned the delicious ice cream and all who attended.

We welcome **Dr. Herbert R Hicks** to share the message at our services on September 12th. Dr. Hicks served as pastor of First Christian Church from December 1983- January 2002.

Our **Anniversary Bulletin Board** has been updated so be sure to check it out.

Because our Anniversary tour of our "former" church building on Linden & McIntire did not happen in 2020 due to COVID restrictions, Lori Buchanan arranged for she and Jim McPherson to take pictures and video of the building. Callie Buchanan edited it and made it into a video to share with our congregation. It was shown following the worship services on August 22nd and 29th. If you missed it, you can still view it from our church webpage. (Go to the link you use to view the worship services, then click on the playlist menu and it is the first video under special services.) Our thanks to Lori, Callie, Jim, Lee and Pastor Jeff Fountain, pastor of the First Assembly of God congregation for making this possible.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and prayers from everyone. I'm so blessed to have everyone thinking of me during this trying time I've had. \nGlenna McNerney

I wish to Thank the members for their prayers, cards and calls during my illness and surgery recovery. In Appreciation, Becky Cooper

Thank you so much for the honor of being presented with Deacon Emeritus. I have enjoyed serving the church and was not expecting this honor. Again, thank you. Kenny Jones

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COVID Response Update: At the Elder's Meeting on August 29th, we discussed if any changes should be made to our COVID response as a congregation since the number of virus cases in our state and county are on the increase. We continue to encourage those who are not yet vaccinated to get a vaccine. They are available at a number of locations and the list can be found at genesishcs.org. We are strongly encouraging masks be worn when in our building, especially when children (who cannot get vaccinated yet) are present. We will continue to hold worship services in our sanctuary at this time. If in the future our county turns "purple" we will move the services online and to a Drive-In format. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we make caring for one another our priority.

Attention College Students and Parents

Please call or email the church with your (or your child's) address while attending college this year. Addresses change frequently and we try to keep our list up to date. Thank you.



September 6th

September Greeters

September 5:	8:30 Service	10:30 Service
September 12:	Virgil & Sandy Untied	Philip & Rolanda Hunt
September 19:	Mike & Susan Frye	Todd & Kris Hawk & family
September 26:	Margaret Hayes & Melanie Mast	Rick & Lori Griffin
	Kenny & Sandy Jones	Matt & Lisa Tice

Thank you to Rev. Hunt and everyone who served as greeters over the summer. A schedule for the remaining of the year will be mailed soon.

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Search Committee Report

The search has been narrowed to 2 candidates. We have conducted second interviews with the candidates. We had 6 Search Committee Meetings in August. Any committee member will be glad to answer any questions you have.

Cato Coleman
Co-Chairman

A Message from the Celebration of Ministry Committee

The Celebration of Ministry Committee would like to ask for your help. For one of our projects, we need pictures!

We are putting together a special project for Pastor Dawn and we would like all the pictures you have of her & yourself or loved ones. These pictures can be from anything! Weddings, dedications, Pastor's Class, baptisms, mission trips, work projects, Christ Table, etc.

Feel free to send these pictures via email melissalichtner1@hotmail.com

or if they are a hard copy, you can give them to any of the committee members.

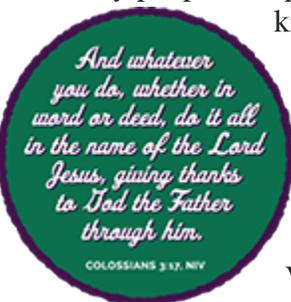
Please write your name on the back of the picture or have it in a sealed envelope with your name so we are certain it gets returned to the correct person.

We appreciate your support in helping us with this project,

Lori Ryan-Griffin, Ann Blood, Chloe & Lori Buchanan, Cato Coleman, Susan Davis, Rick Griffin, Margret Hayes, Phillip Hunt, Melissa Lichtner, Jim McPherson, Susie Mercer & Kim Paul

Laboring for the Lord

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”



Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “*Whatever* your task,” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.”

Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”

Christian Education

Welcome to Worship begins for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on September 19th

Welcome to Worship, led by Jane Cooper, is a 5-week program for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. This is a time for children to learn about the worship that takes place in the sanctuary of our church. During this time together, the children will talk about and practice the many ways they will participate in the worship service. They will learn to use the hymnal and the pew Bible and how to follow the bulletin. They will learn things they can do to help them listen closely to the sermons and will also share communion and learn about its significance. Those participating in Welcome to Worship will leave worship at the end of the children's message, but instead of following the younger children to the Children's Worship room, they will go to the chapel. Jane Cooper will meet them there.

James McCandlish Invites you to participate in his annual Food Drive

Each September when James celebrates his birthday, he also holds a Food Drive to benefit Christ's Table. This year he will collect nonperishable items, water bottles, and monetary donations on Saturday, September 25th from 12-3 pm in the church parking lot, or you may bring your donations to church on Sunday 26th. Thank you for supporting James and his efforts to feed the hungry in our community.

Youth Group Kick-Off

JC/Kingdom Kids (Kdg-5th grade)

Sunday, September 26th, 11:30-1:00

Fellowship Hall

James McCandlish has invited the JC and Kingdom Kids to support his annual Food Drive as we kick-off our year together. All kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to bring a can or two of food and join us in the Fellowship Hall. We will add the children's canned donations to James' collection and then the children will help count, sort, and load all the items to be delivered to Christ's Table. We will share a pizza lunch and enjoy some fun and games as well. We hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact Kim Paul (740-221-1305, kimdpaul@gmail.com)

Chi Rho and CYF Kick-Off (6th-12th grade)

September 12th, 4-6 pm

Spangler Memorial

Our Chi Rho and CYF Youth Group meets every Sunday from 4-5:30. Our kick-off celebration is extended until 6:00 to allow us plenty of time to reconnect with old friends, welcome new friends, and enjoy some fun and fellowship. If you have never come to a youth group meeting before, we hope you will join us on September 12th! As we gather in Christ's name we are supported, encouraged, and rejuvenated to face the week ahead and all the challenges it brings. And as always, you are welcome to bring a friend!



FCC Outreach Update

Gracious Givers: Each month in 2021, we are collecting a different item for a local community group. The full calendar is below. Please bring your donations to the Church during business hours.

In July, you donated 180 rolls of paper towels for the Zanesville Civic League!

In August, we are collecting plastic forks & spoons for Christ's Table.

In September, we will collect personal hygiene items for Eastside Community Ministries.

Month	Item Collected	Recipient
September (Sept. 26)	Personal Hygiene Items	Eastside
October (Oct. 31)	Tissues	Naomi House
November (Nov. 28)	Canned Fruit or Peanut Butter or Cereal	Zanesville City Schools
December (Dec. 26)	Paper or Foam Plates	Bethel

Saturday September 25 Serving at Christ's Table: FCC will serve next at Christ's Table on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact the church office.

Christ's Table Coordinators Needed: We still need more coordinators for our service at Christ's Table. We serve one Saturday in January, March, May, July, September, & November. Coordinators receive training and are only asked to take a turn coordinating twice per year. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact the church office.

October 23rd- Make a Difference Day: On October 23, Outreach would love your help in assisting our congregants with yard work and light handy-work for Make a Difference Day. If you can help or if you need help, please let the church office know.

CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 10th at 1:30 beginning at Zane Landing. We are looking for walkers and sponsors for this year's event to address issues of hunger in our community and our world. Also that day our youth will hold their second annual prayer walk for the city of Zanesville and raising money for CROP. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can join us for either of these events or to sponsor a walker. Thank you.

SOUPer Bowl is scheduled October 17th.





Happy Birthday to:

Joe Burns	September 1
Tanya Sturtz	September 2
Harry West	September 3
Rodger Joe Davis	September 4
Dick Lear	September 4
Carol Sarbaugh	September 4
Vicki Wheeler	September 5
Marilyn Thorn	September 7
Carolina Casey	September 9
Randy Roberts	September 9
Jody Baker	September 12
Rick Griffin	September 12
Olivia Denton	September 13
Kim Paul	September 17
Bo Michael Beight	September 18
Connie Hardcastle	September 18
Matthew Baldwin	September 20
Scott Barr	September 20
Jonathan Devoll	September 22
Charlotte McGuire	September 22
Joyce Haddox	September 23
Kyndall Stephens	September 23
Carl Coleman	September 27
Phil Phillips	September 27
Cody Ward	September 27
Kevin Gaskill	September 28
Alana Huizenga	September 28
Anna Paul	September 28
Susan Frye	September 29

Happy Anniversary to:

Judie & Jeff Snyder	September 1
Kevin & Kim Dunn	September 9
Lori & Ed Ward	September 15
Cody & Renee Ward	September 23
Jane & Bob Worstall	September 23
Jim & Amy Wilson	September 28

* Shut In

Your Special Day

We typically list special birthdays as 80, 85, 90, and each year thereafter. We list anniversaries at 50, 60, 70, etc. However, we are happy to share your special day whenever it is; just let us know.



Week of Compassion Update

Haiti--In the wake of Saturday's earthquake in Haiti, Week of Compassion partners have been working to respond to immediate needs such as shelter, food and clothing, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), and first aid. In the days since the earthquake, Tropical Storm Grace (since upgraded to a hurricane) made landfall in southwestern Haiti. The storm's heavy rains caused flash flooding and landslides, making immediate response to the earthquake even more difficult and hindering search and rescue operations. Poor internet and phone connections make communication challenging. The death toll is now over 2,000, with nearly 10,000 injured, making the need for relief and medical care even more urgent.

Furthermore, the earthquake (and Tropical Storm) struck the country during the harvest season for beans, maize, and yams. This impact is likely to increase food prices and contribute to further food insecurity--in a time when the country was already struggling under the weight of the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects.

As the people of Haiti navigate the impact of these compound disasters, Week of Compassion partners continue to respond and take part in ongoing damage assessments. Plans are in development for long-term response as well. As with previous responses in Haiti, construction and building projects will aim to mitigate the impact of future disasters. With knowledge of past disasters to inform current response, our support will help the people of Haiti prepare for the future while meeting present needs. Often, building for today can save lives tomorrow--as was certainly the case in this recent earthquake. Week of Compassion is grateful for long-standing relationships with partners who know the needs now--and can foresee needs that might arise later as well. Together, we can make a difference, even when the need is so great.

Afghanistan--In recent days many of us have witnessed the dire situation in Afghanistan. The Taliban entered Kabul, seizing control as the Afghan government collapsed. As U.S. troops withdraw from Afghanistan, Afghan allies and refugees are seeking to flee the country as the Taliban take over.

As this humanitarian crisis unfolds, Disciples are asking how to help. Week of Compassion is working with partners in the region to provide needed relief and help meet urgent needs. Those needs are still emerging, and the situation is very delicate. But know that gifts to Week of Compassion will go to the partners best situated to respond.

Your gifts to **Week of Compassion** can be made through First Christian Church. Mark your gift "Week of Compassion" (WoC)