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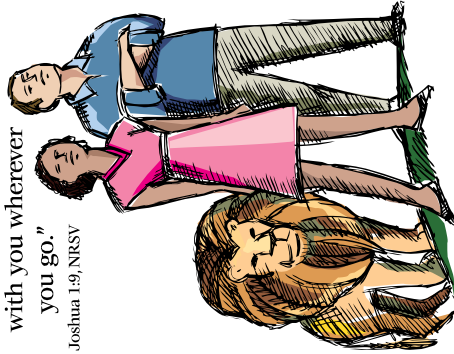
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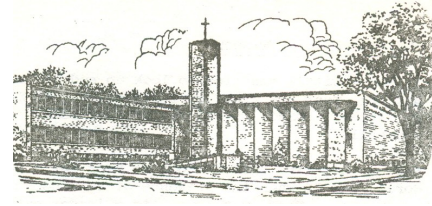


Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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"Be **strong** and **courageous** ...
for the **LORD** your God is
with you wherever
you go."
Joshua 1:9, NRSV



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COMING EVENTS!

Sunday, May 16th

Graduation Recognition @ FCC



Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost &
Birthday Celebration
Dinner



Monday, May 24th
Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, June 2nd

DWF Day Group Luncheon @ Presbyterian Manor

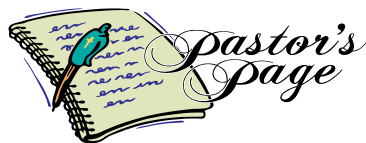


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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."





A couple weeks ago, during the sermon, I said some words like this: "But like the early monastic communities, many Disciples today expend their energy looking up to heaven, waiting for Christ's return rather than engaging the world around them." I am concerned that in hearing those words someone(s) may have gotten the wrong idea. I do believe that, as Christians, we should have a "vertical" concern—looking upward toward heaven to the God who made us and the Christ who saved us, we should also have a "horizontal" component to our faith which causes us to look out, into the world.

Some years ago there was great controversy in the church over the purpose of the church. Some believed the church's mission was to deal with society's ills, the needy, the sick and impoverished—a "social" Gospel. Other churches believed the church was here to make man fit for heaven—a "pie in the sky when you die" theology. To me, the church must do both. (It's not easy to be a Christian. Living out the Christian life is not for wimps!)

I am thankful that most churches today have found a

way to blend those two opposite views of mission. The church's mission must involve both a physical and a spiritual direction. Jesus, of course, came to attend to our deep spiritual needs but we must not forget that he also fed the 5000. In that story, the crowd following Jesus is hungry for spiritual food and later becomes hungry for physical food. As Jesus interacts with the large crowd, He sees this... **Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.** (Mark 6:34 NIV) Later on, Jesus says to His disciples, **"You give them something to eat."** (v. 37.)

To me, if you eat, have nice clothes, are well and able, you should remember and minister to those who are needy. AND, if you delight in the Gospel, cherish the moments you spend in the presence of God and appreciate the assurances promised in the future, wouldn't you naturally want to share those blessings with others, as well?

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

JESUS FEEDS



5,000

Nashville is our city - a Disciples city. Nestled in a valley, surrounded by the hills of Middle Tennessee, Nashville is a town with which Disciples have deep, strong connections. Disciples churches, large and small, are involved in life-changing ministry in its neighborhoods and suburbs. It is the home of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University. Disciples pastors, such as Preston Taylor, and Disciples academics, such as H. Jackson Forstman, made important contributions to the church and the wider community while living in Nashville. Countless ministers were educated in Nashville. Talented musicians, teachers, activists, professionals of all stripes grew up in our churches there, and were nurtured by this vibrant city.

Nashville was hit hard by a devastating flood last weekend. The fact of the matter is - it's bad. This is a disaster. The damage is worse than anyone would have anticipated or imagined. Tent cities established by the homeless have been washed away. People have lost their homes - and, not living in an area considered at-risk for flooding, most Nashvillians have no insurance coverage.

In partnership with our Nashville churches, Week of Compassion responded immediately; solidarity grants were rushed to our congregations and the Regional Office. We're supporting grassroots feeding projects, helping our churches get people to safe places, and getting them clothed, and we're helping churches provide childcare for parents who want to help their friends start getting cleaned up and salvaging what they can.

A long-term recovery like the one Nashville faces takes resources. Right now, we need to make sure that we have the resources - the funding - to make sure that we can commit to a long-term recovery process. Please - - give as you are able, designated as "flood relief," by sending a check to Week of Compassion, PO BOX 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

KDW RETREAT

October 6-8 or October 8-10, 2010 are the dates for the KDW Retreat at Tawakoni. Be watching for more information on this year's retreat and check out the registration form on the Regional Website.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION!

Pastor Bob will be honoring each graduate during the worship service on May 16. We hope all graduates will be part of the worship service on that day!





PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCALLY

Nicholas Bacon, Penny Boese, Marlene Bowman, Bob Coburn (prostate cancer, Bill's brother), Bill

Denson, Cheryl Dunning, Jason Hart, Richard Kellison, Chris Kimberlin & Jen York (son of Jill McGrath), Daniel Kimberlin (nephew of Jill McGrath), Ted & Ilda Kline, Ramona Langley, Lois Schrock (mother of neighbor of Sandy Wells, cancer), Micky Spyles (brother of Penny Boese), Don White, Leon Wildberger (friend of Penny Boese)

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 Please call the office at 342-1582 if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list. Thanks!

NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY...

Pray for those defending our nation: missionaries; and victims of war, hunger, disease and natural disasters. Pray for those suffering and in need around the world! Also, pray for our city and county leaders.

PRAYER CHAIN

We care about you! If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our existing DWF prayer chain, please call Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.

SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

The **NEW SUMMER 2010** Secret Place devotionals are here!! If you are interested in any old copies of the Secret Place Devotionals, I have some available in the church office **FREE** of charge. The new copies still sell for a \$1.00 donation each. ~ Christy

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Verle Bathurst (Viola Miller's brother) who went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 8th at Presbyterian Manor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



ATTENDANCE RECORD

May 2, 2010 ~ SS - 24 / Worship - 84
 May 9, 2010 ~ SS - 25 / Worship - 110



Attendance and Offering Report

GIVING RECORD

May 2, 2010
 Offering - \$3,340.25 / Capital - \$940.00

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember that if you are unable to fulfill your turn as a greeter, nursery volunteer, worship leader, children's message giver, server, etc., **please find your own replacement and let the church office know.** Thanks!



Monday thru Thursday
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Friday ~ Closed

PASTOR'S HOURS/CONTACT INFO

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. / Fridays & Saturdays are by appointment. / 620-342-1582 (Church) / 620-757-6298 (Cell)
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Let heaven and earth praise him.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

We are now publishing two newsletters per month. The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:

May 24th / June 7th & 21st / July 12th & 26th

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporium.org. Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.



LEARNING CENTER NEWS!

The Preschool Classes will be celebrating the last days of Preschool with a picnic and train ride in Soden's Grove on May 20th & 21st. We want to thank Bob Hush for providing the train rides!!!

PENTECOST / BIRTHDAY DINNER

On Sunday, May 23, 2010 we will be having a potluck celebrating Pentecost and our yearly Birthdays! Please bring your own table service and different dishes to share with others. We need volunteers to decorate tables for a month of the year. If you would be willing to decorate a table, you will need to bring a cake as well. Contact Judy Moore for more information at 343-1028.



MAY 16, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Cindy Lexow

Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow

Diaconate ~ Nancy LeClear, Guy & Janece Bacon,
Jake Dalton

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson

(S) Alberta Brinkman & Janet Wells

Nursery ~ Janelle Norton / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Fred Miller



MAY 23, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck / Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

Diaconate ~ Carl & Lana Richardson, George Arnett, Joyce Cress

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick

(S) Leta Moore & Joan Shumate

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

MAY 30, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Janelle Norton / Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple

Diaconate ~ Tim & Janelle Norton, George Ford, Joan Shumate

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Tim & Janelle Norton

(S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

JUNE 6, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ Marlene Hanson

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Joe & Bonnie Denson, Marie Harding

Elder ~ John Lexow

Greeters ~ (N) Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

(S) LeRoy & Karen Garnett

Nursery ~ Tim Norton / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore



LIBRARY NEWS

Mary Schaefer has given the following books:

The Rising by Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips

Kingdom Come by Tim LaHaye & Jerry B. Jenkins

The Edge of Darkness by Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips in memory of Naomi Rose

These books are by the author of the Left Behind Series.

One Simple Act by Debbie Macomber, in memory of Naomi Rose from Bob & Luella Hush. A book about discovering the power of generosity & simple acts of kindness & how they can change lives.

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen was given by George Arnett ~ he says it's a great book.

DWF NEWS

Only two more meetings of the DWF Day Group left this church year, so mark your calendars!

On June 2nd at Noon (Note the change from the 2nd Wednesday to the 1st) we will have a covered dish salad luncheon at Presbyterian Manor. Marie Wood & Janet Wells will host. (Robert will undoubtedly help!) Bring a salad & table service & plan to enjoy the company of some members who cannot ordinarily attend DWF meetings.

July 14th will be our final meeting. We'll meet in the clubhouse at Holiday Resort at 10:00 a.m. for brunch provided by the officers. The library staff will present reading awards for this year.

All our women are welcome at meetings of DWF. Women, please plan to attend! Our Day Group is small in number, but we enjoy a wonderful fellowship!

THANK YOU DWF WOMEN!

Dear Disciple Women at Emporia:

Thanks so much for the work you did on the planting beds at the camp! We were amazed by how much improved they are... due to your care and efforts last weekend! We are so blessed to know your care and your partnership at the camp.

We always welcome you to use the facilities for retreats... AND you don't even need to come to work! But we are fortunate that you have shown you care! Thanks so much! Thanks also for the sofa ~ it will be helpful. Again, we are grateful for your partnership in ministry at Disciples Center and look forward to our future together!

Many blessings, Steve Martin



Bible Readings!

Our new Bible reading schedule takes us through the Bible in a year and breaks down our daily readings into categories:

Sun. ~ Epistles,
Mon. ~ The Law, Tue. ~ History,
Wed. ~ Psalms, Thu. ~ Poetry,
Fri. ~ Prophecy, Sat. ~ Gospels.
Enjoy reading His Word daily!

May 16

Sun ~ 2 Cor. 9-10
Mon ~ Ex. 25-28
Tue ~ 2 Sam. 15-19
Wed ~ Ps. 57-59
Thu ~ Job 39-40
Fri ~ Jer. 37-41
Sat ~ Luke 3-4

May 23

Sun ~ 2 Cor. 11-13
Mon ~ Ex. 29-32
Tue ~ 2 Sam. 20-24
Wed ~ Ps. 60-62
Thu ~ Job 41-42
Fri ~ Jer. 42-46
Sat ~ Luke 5-6

May 30

Sun ~ Gal. 1-3
Mon ~ Ex. 33-36
Tue ~ I Kings 1-4
Wed ~ Ps. 63-65
Thu ~ Prov. 1
Fri ~ Jer. 47-52
Sat ~ Luke 7-8



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole
24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Brooke Douglas
02 Chris Parsons
02 Janet Wells
06 Bob Duncan
07 Joan Shumate
08 Michelle Harding
08 Jan Jones
08 Winona Rhoades
11 Shelley Findlay
11 Cindy Kuhn
15 Jami LeClear
15 Grant McClellan
16 Slay'tn Davis
17 William Calvert
18 Tracie Parsons
18 Gene Pruitt
21 Bob Foster
23 Brandon Hopkins
25 Robert Hush
25 Loren Merry
26 Brittany McWilliams
26 Alexa Sunderman
27 Robert Wells
27 Joseph Wright
28 Larry Gamblian
28 Nathan LeClear
30 Sylvia Barb
31 Dennis Kelly



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