



FIRST CHRISTAIN CHURCH
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Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m

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MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The mission of this Congregation shall be—

To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

To encourage their active commitment to His service.

To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.



THOUGHTS FROM THE ELDERS

A devotion by John Blasé entitled

GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT

Scaling. It's a term used in the world of fitness that allows room for anyone to participate. If the specific exercise is a push-up, for example, then maybe you can do ten in a row, but I can only do four. The instructor's encouragement to me would be to scale back the push-ups according to my fitness level at the time. We're not all at the same level, but we can all move in the same direction. In other words, she would say, "Do your four push-ups with all the strength you have. Don't compare yourself with anyone else. Scale the movement for now, keep doing what you can do, and you may be amazed in time you're doing seven, and even one day, ten."

When it comes to giving, the apostle Paul was clear: "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). But his encouragement to the believers in Corinth, and to us, is a variation of scaling. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart" (v.7). We each find ourselves at different giving levels, and sometimes those levels change over time. Comparison is not beneficial, but attitude is. Based on where you are, give generously (v.6). Our God has promised that the disciplined practice of such cheerful giving brings enrichment in every way with a blessed life that results in "thanksgiving to God" (v11).

Generous God, I want to be a cheerful giver, to give it my best effort. I know that discipline in this area is crucial.

Give me the wisdom not to compare, the strength to sow generously, and the faith to leave the results in Your hands.

Comfort in Mourning:
The family of Chet Moore



Healing Prayers:

Marsha Brune
Megan Bulau
John Jelinek
Kylie Narvell



Continuing Concerns:

Thaniel Bulau
*Kathy Daniels
Dave Foltz
Veronica Kromer
*Helen & Paul Long
Kenny Santo
John Young
Nursing Homes
Pastor Search Team
Ukraine

*Denotes Members

SPEAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

9/04 Rev. Dr. Sandra Jenkins
9/11 Eileen Kochensparger
9/18
9/25 John Kromer

First Scripture Selections

9/04 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
9/11 Psalm 14
9/18 Psalm 79: 1-9
9/25 Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy
*Betty Hamman

Kingsbury Place*

*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne

*Velma Albert
*Helen Long

Military:

Cameron Cramer
Casil Atkinson

SEPTEMBER SERVERS

Elders

Sandy Bandy
Max Hibbard

Worship Leader

Angela Bowers

Greeter

Tracy Gunderman

First Scripture Reader

Sandy Bandy



9/04 Kathy Daniels
9/08 Gabby Stallbaum
9/11 Jennifer Workman
9/15 Amber Simpson
9/16 Pete Reinhart
9/17 Brian Knapp
9/22 Ursula Riley
9/24 Corbin Vance
9/25 Josh Hibbard
9/26 Jennifer Aden
9/26 Madeline Clippinger
9/26 Elliot Gunderman
9/28 Harry Ricker
9/30 Sharon Cooper
9/30 John Jelinek
9/30 Nate Reinhart



Happy Anniversary

9/25 Matt & Lindsey Hormann
9/25 Brent & Leslie Townley
9/25 Wally & Heather Daniels
9/27 Dee & Denise Renollet
9/28 Matt & Suzy Strayer



Help Wanted

On the job training
Ability to count to 6
No Auditions necessary

Join Us

September 11th following worship
for an organizational meeting.
You can be in on the ground floor of
this years Bell Choir.

Flowers For Worship:

9/04 Max & Donna Hibbard
9/11
9/18
9/25 Jacque Walker-In Memory of Sid



ATTENDANCE

7/24 42
7/31 37
8/07 39
8/14 38
8/21 40





Thank you to those who attended the family fellowship night. Fifty adults and children enjoyed fellowship, games, food and most importantly homemade ice-cream.

It turned out so well we think more events will be coming in the future.

Worship/Membership Committee

Thank You

On behalf of the Paulding County Relay for Life thank you for your donation to the American Cancer Society.
God Bless you for your support.

Karen Saxton
Paulding Co. ACS

Thank You

To Who Ever thought to put the warm sentiment about my Mom (Mildred Bashore) thank you so much. It warmed my heart to read it. Her heart was always devoted to her church.

Thanks again
Bonnie Bashore Sherland

"God is a busy worker, but he loves help."

-Basque proverb



2023

Coming soon

Forms will soon be available for you to prayerfully consider what you can do in your ministry for the church. There are committees who would appreciate your help, there are opportunities to work with children, music and individuals.

Sharing your time and talents is vital to ministering to others. Thank you for serving in the name of Jesus our Lord.



Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry will meet September 6th at 10 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend

We are continuing to provide eggs for the food pantry.

Kitchen monitors for Sept. are Sharon Cooper & Susan Knapp.

We have a new refrigerator thanks to the Memorial donations designated to the kitchen and the Disciples Women Donation. Thank you, Thank You.



Pastor Search

The Pastor Search Committee has reviewed numerous profiles and interviewed available potential candidates. One candidate was recommended to the Board on July 19, 2022, Rev. Dr. Sandra Jenkins.

Rev. Jenkins will be sharing her message with the congregation on September 4, 2022. A congregational Meeting will follow this Service.

Mowing Schedule

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing the church property. It is for 2 weeks at a time and starts on Mondays. If you would like to sign up but pay someone to mow for you, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

August 29th-Sept 11th-Clint Reinhart
Sept. 12th-Sept. 25th-Gary McClure
Sept 26-Oct. 9th-
Oct. 10th-Oct. 23-



FLAT ROCK FALL FESTIVAL

Flat Rock Fall Festival will be Sept.16-Sept 18th. The "Pig Bank" is out in the narthex to collect donations for the purchase of the meat. As of August 21st we have collected \$285.00



The donation list for needed supplies is on the Table, we still need a few supplies.

Worker list is also on the table. We need people to slice onions on Wednesday Sept. 14th, if you can help please contact Denise.

Anything you can do to make this a successful year is appreciated. This is our big fundraiser for the building maintenance fund. Please consider supporting this project.



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10270.42 per month.



COUNTERS

9/04 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
9/11 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
9/18 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
9/25 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers

**"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep
and my sheep know me."**

John 16:11



First Christian Church
Fund Summary

Accounting Funds

The church board established a New Roof Fund in June of 2019. It continues to accept donations as it slowly grows. Just like home the church needs replacements from time to time.

In April of this year the church board also established a technology fund. This fund is to upgrade anything from sound, lighting or computers. The world of tech moves quickly.

If you would like to contribute to either of these funds please use the envelopes in the pews or make a note on your donation.

Thank you

Budget Request Forms

Budget Request Forms are available for every committee/group who has a line item in the budget. The finance Committee will be working on the 2023 budget in October. Please return your budget request forms to the office by September 30th.

Thank you.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF
THE MONTH**

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	111 CWS-BLANKE TS	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	201 FALL FESTIVAL	700 MENS GROUP	Total
07/03/2022	2,243.00	60.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2,323.00
07/10/2022	1,385.00	0.00	5.00	20.00	0.00	1,410.00
07/17/2022	873.00	0.00	5.00	25.00	40.00	943.00
07/24/2022	830.00	200.00	30.00	130.00	0.00	1,190.00
07/31/2022	1,970.00	122.83	25.00	10.00	0.00	2,127.83
Total	7,301.00	382.83	85.00	185.00	40.00	7,993.83

Susan K. Simpson, Financial Sec. 8/12/22

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-THURS-8 a.m.-12 p.m.

I HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE THAT YOU SHOULD
DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU. JOHN13:15

September 2022

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		I WILL TRUST GOD'S POWER TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.		1	2	3
4 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOW- ING WORSHIP	5 LABOR DAY	6 DISCIPLES WOMEN-10 A.M	7 TRUSTEES-7 P.M.	8	9	10
11 GRANDPARENTS DAY BELL MEETING FOLLOWING WOR- SHIP	12 ALL FLAT ROCK SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH	13	14	15	16 FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL	17 FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL
18 FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL	19 FINANCE MEETING-6:30 P.M.	20 BOARD MEET- ING-7 P.M.	21	22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	23	24
25 RECONCILLIATION OFFERING	26	27	28	29	30	GOD IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

ELDERS: Sandy Bandy & Max Hibbard
WORSHIP LEADER: Angela Bowers
1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Sandy Bandy
GREETERS: Tracy Gunderman

SPEAKERS:
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9/11/2022 Eileen Kochensparger
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9/25/2022 John Kromer

"PRAYER IS THINKING
DEEPLY ABOUT SOME-
THING IN THE PRESENCE
OF GOD."

SPECIAL MUSIC: 9/11-BYRON STOLLER & MARY EKLUND

This was given to the office from back in the day. It is a postcard sent by the church. I thought maybe you would enjoy it as much as I do. If you have something or a sentiment of someone you would like to share please turn it into the office.

Denise



The beauty of learning



There is divine beauty in learning. ... To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps.

The books I have read were composed by generations of fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, teachers and disciples. I am the sum total of their experiences, their quests. And so are you.

—Elie Wiesel

Ever outward

Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, "I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world." Indeed, we all do. As newborns, we focus only on ourselves. But as we grow, little by little we learn that the people and things around us are separate from us. Soon we can attend to others' actions, needs and feelings. Like ripples from a stone dropped in water, our circles of care widen from family (biological or otherwise) to friends (playmates, classmates, colleagues), church family, community, country and finally even people across the globe.

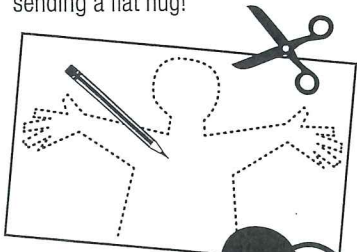
The ministries of Jesus and his disciples also were widening circles: first "to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:6; 15:24, NIV) but soon to "all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Early church leaders took the gospel message ever outward, as Jesus had directed them: first to Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally even "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).

As our faith matures, our impact spreads outward too. Some people move geographically farther from home, while others use prayer, communication and technology to widen their reach of spiritual, emotional and financial support. How exciting that God's love encircles us all and that we can share it far and wide!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

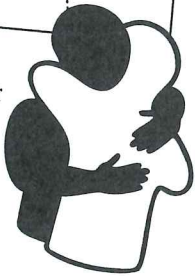
Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



What you do:

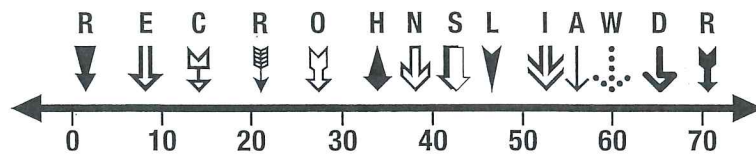
1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.

PUZZLE

A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



Like

56 21 71 28 60 42

in the hands of a warrior are

14 33 52 47 65 2 9 39

born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answer: arrows, children

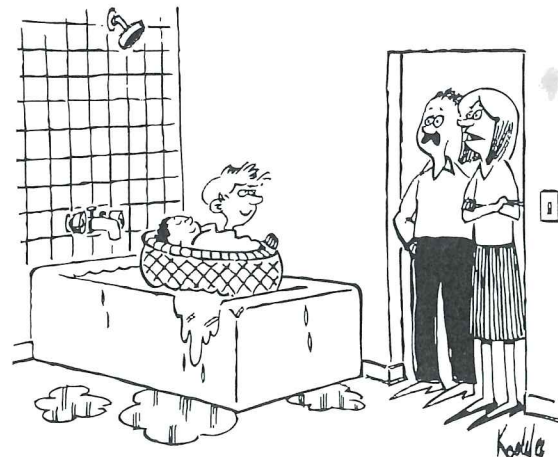
Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- botany
- herpetology
- songwriting
- A and C
- B and D
- All of the above



Answer: G (See 1 Kings 4:29-34.)



"So, who did you learn about in Sunday School today?"