



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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DISCIPLE DIGEST

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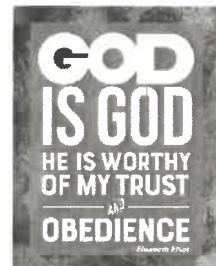
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 a.m.



SEPTEMBER



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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.



FROM THE ELDERS

A devotion by Mike Wittmer
Entitled Free In The Spirit

Neither Orville nor Wilber Wright had a pilot's license. Neither had gone to college. They were bicycle mechanics with a dream and the courage to try to fly. On December 17, 1903, they took turns piloting their Wright Flyer on four separate flights. The longest lasted only a minute, but it changed our world forever.

Neither Peter nor John had a preaching license. Neither had gone to seminary. They were fishermen who, filled with the Spirit of Jesus, courageously proclaimed the good news: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12)

The Wright brothers' neighbors didn't immediately appreciate their accomplishment. Their hometown newspaper didn't believe their story, and said that even if true, the flights were too brief to be significant. It took several more years of flying and refining their planes before the public recognized what they had truly done.

The religious leaders didn't like Peter and John, and they ordered them to stop telling others about Jesus. Peter said, No way. "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard" (v.20).

You may not be on the approved list. Perhaps you're scorned by those who are. No matter. If you have the Spirit of Jesus, you're free to live boldly for Him!

**What task or person causes you to feel inadequate?
How might you rely on the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit
to step into that challenge today?**

Jesus, I'm Yours. Use me in whatever way You want.



Comfort in Mourning:

Healing Prayers:

Deb Bashore
Seth Bidlack
Pam Bowers
Bryso Spraque
Bryce, Delaney & Brogan Verfaillie

Continuing Concerns:

Thaniel Bulau
Dave Foltz
Mr & Mrs. Kennedy
Joe Philpot
Jerry Price
Leslie Santo
Raegan Wonderly
Hawaii
Nursing Homes
Ukraine
Hawaii
*Denotes Members



First Scriptures

9/03 Psalm 105: 1-6 23-26, 45
9/10 Psalm 149
9/17 Psalm 114
9/24 Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens
*Romaine Boundy

Van Crest of Payne
*Velma Albert

Military:
Cameron Cramer

SEPTEMBER SERVERS

Elders
Sandy Bandy
Max Hibbard

Worship Leader
Angela Bowers

Greeter
Jacque Walker
Shirley Cramer

First Scripture Reader
Sandy Bandy

SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS

9/03 Mike Jackson
9/10 Patti Stoller
9/17 Sarah Noggle
9/24 Dan Wilder

Happy Birthday

9/07 Kathy Daniels
9/08 Gabrielle Stallbaum
9/11 Jennifer Workman
9/15 Amber Simpson
9/15 Mara Strayer
9/16 Pete Reinhart
9/17 Brian Knapp
9/22 Ursula Riley
9/24 Corbin Vance
9/25 Joshua Hibbard
9/26 Jennifer Aden
9/26 Madeline Clippinger
9/26 Elliott Gunderman
9/28 Harold Ricker
9/30 Sharon Cooper
9/30 John Jelinek
9/30 Nate Reinhart



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

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir will start practicing again on September 10 following worship. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Donna Hibbard.



Flowers For Worship:



9/03 Lero's -In Honor of Reese's Birthday in August
9/10 Herm Guede-In Memory Jean's Family
9/17 Joan Tope-In Honor of Family
9/24 Susan Knapp-In Honor Brians Birthday

ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor
7/30	65	44	9	8	4
8/06	50	33	5	5	5
8/13	51	38	5	6	2
8/20	65	42	9	10	4



All are Welcome



Men's Group

The Men's Group continues to meet the third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at the church.

All men are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Paul Long.

Can you find ?



Do you have a picture of the previous pulpit chairs? We are searching for the chairs in any picture of weddings, baptisms, or special programs. We know it is before 1980. Unless you have a balcony picture. They were in the balcony for many years. Contact the office if you can help. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School for children begins September 10th following children's time. If you would like to help teach for a Sunday or two please contact Paul Long.

Sunday School for adults begins September 10th at 9:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Gary McClure.

Ministry Form

There is a ministry form included with this newsletter.

We asked that you prayerfully consider how you can serve the church in the upcoming year. The Worship/Membership Committee appreciates your time and consideration with the form. God has blessed us with this church and he has given us the ability to minister and worship here with his guidance.

Thank You!

Thank You



Thank You to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and cards. It is very much appreciated. We are doing much better.

Michael & Sharon Kline



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's group will be meeting September 5th at 10 a.m.

We will be preparing a funeral lunch on September 16th in the fellowship hall.

Plans are being made to host a Chicken Pie Dinner in November.

Join us for the next meeting, your input is so important to the group.

SPEAKERS

We have scheduled speakers for Sunday Worship through the end of the year. If you know of someone you would like to have come on a Sunday please contact the Pulpit Fill Committee with contact information. The board appointed committee is Denise Renollet, Tracy Gunderman and Paul Long.

October Speakers

10/01	Cody Etter
10/08	Patti Stoller
10/15	Cheri Estle
10/22	Jan Commers
10/29	John Kromer

November Speakers

11/05	Pastor DeWayne Richardson
11/12	Patti Stoller
11/19	Eileen Kochensparger
11/26	Traci Koenig

Childrens Moment



We are looking for people to provide children's moment during worship. If you feel you would like to help please contact Paul Long or the office. Thank You!

Looking toward the New Year

Does the church have the correct contact information for you? Would you like to be on the call prayer chain or receive emails concerning prayer request? Turn your info into the office.





OUTREACH

Thank you for all your donations of school supplies. The kids will really appreciate them. It will soon be time to be buying gifts for the Christmas families. This congregation continues to bless others.

The stewardship of life

"Life is an accomplishment. Each moment has a meaning and you must use it. Life is given to you like a flat piece of land and everything has to be done. I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden."
-Actress Jeanne Moreau

The question each of us must deal with as Christian stewards is what our "piece of land" will be like when God tells us we are finished with it.



Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10385.50 per month.



COUNTERS

- 09/03 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 09/10 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 09/17 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 09/24 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers

Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

Needed by the pantry for September: instant potatoes, canned fruit, tuna fish.



People can sign up for C&S emails using this link: <http://eepurl.com/ighENz>

Thank You
Dan Bulau

Over the past 15 months, the pantry has raised more than 95% of its new building budget through gifts from businesses, families, memorials, churches and community organizations. Thank you for all you have done to support this project.

Mowing Schedule

Thank you Mowers. Your help with mowing the property is very much appreciated.

- August 21-Sept. 3-Hailey Harris
- Sept. 4-Sept 17 Darwin Riley
- Sept. 18- Oct 1 Gary McClure
- Oct. 2-Oct. 15- Corey Harris



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

First Christian Church Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	111 CWS-BLANKE TS	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	205 New Church Roof	700 MENS GROUP	Total
07/02/2023	2,683.00	100.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	2,808.00
07/09/2023	1,791.00	0.00	325.00	0.00	0.00	2,116.00
07/16/2023	1,302.00	30.00	5.00	0.00	25.00	1,362.00
07/23/2023	1,414.74	120.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	1,539.74
07/30/2023	1,283.06	10.00	10.00	200.00	0.00	1,503.06
Total	8,473.80	260.00	370.00	200.00	25.00	9,328.80

Tracy Gunderman 8-10-23

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRIDAY 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY



Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with
all your soul and with all
your mind.

Mat 22:37



September 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 	4 LABOR DAY	5 DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MEETING-10 A.M.	6 WORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/ TECH-MEETING -6:30 P.M. TRUSTEES-7	7	8	9
10 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-9 A.M. BELL CHOIR	11	12	13	14	15	16 DOTTERER MEMORIAL IN FS HALL
17 ELDERS MEET- ING-8:30 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-9 A.M.	18 STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE MEET- ING-6:30 P.M.	19 BOARD MEET- ING-7:00 P.M.	20	21	22	23
24 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-9 A.M.	25	26	27	28	29	30 

SPEAKERS

ELDERS: Sandy Bandy & Max Hibbard
 WORSHIP LEADER: Angela Bowers
 1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Sandy Bandy
 GREETERS: Jacque Walker & Shirley Cramer
 CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Vivi Myers & Melanie Bandy

9/03 Guest Speaker: Mike Jackson
 9/10 Guest Speaker: Patti Stoller
 9/17 Guest Speaker: Sarah Noggle
 9/24 Guest Speaker: Dan Wilder



Remember When

SUBMITTED BY MARSHA ADKINS



Eleanor Fellers, Pat Nicelley, Leah Gunderman, Leanna Coil and Aletha Kadesch



Valeria Riley, Shirley Vance, Romaine Boundy, Mildred Bashore, Isabel Holtsberry and Velma Albert



MEN'S TRIO
Max Hibbard,
Larry Grace &
Bruce
Gunderman



August 13 th
church picnic



Birthday Girl -Virginia



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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

1 Peter 4:10

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Please give prayerful thought to how you would like to serve your church in the coming year. Complete this form and place it in the basket provided in the narthex, this morning, or drop it off in the church office. Thank You for serving in the name of Jesus our Lord. It would be a blessing to the church if you are able to use your gifts to benefit the church in at least 2 different ways.

- Greeter/Usher Sundays
- Prepare/Cleanup Communion on month.
Preferred Month _____
- Worship Leader
- Read Scripture
- Teach Children's Sunday School
- Organize/participate in VBS
- Help with Special or Children's Programs
- Sanctuary Care
- Help with Special Services
- Serve as Song Leader
- Be part of Adult choral Or Bell choir
- Provide Special Music
- Direct Adult Choir
- Provide assistance to members

AVAILABLE COMMITTEES

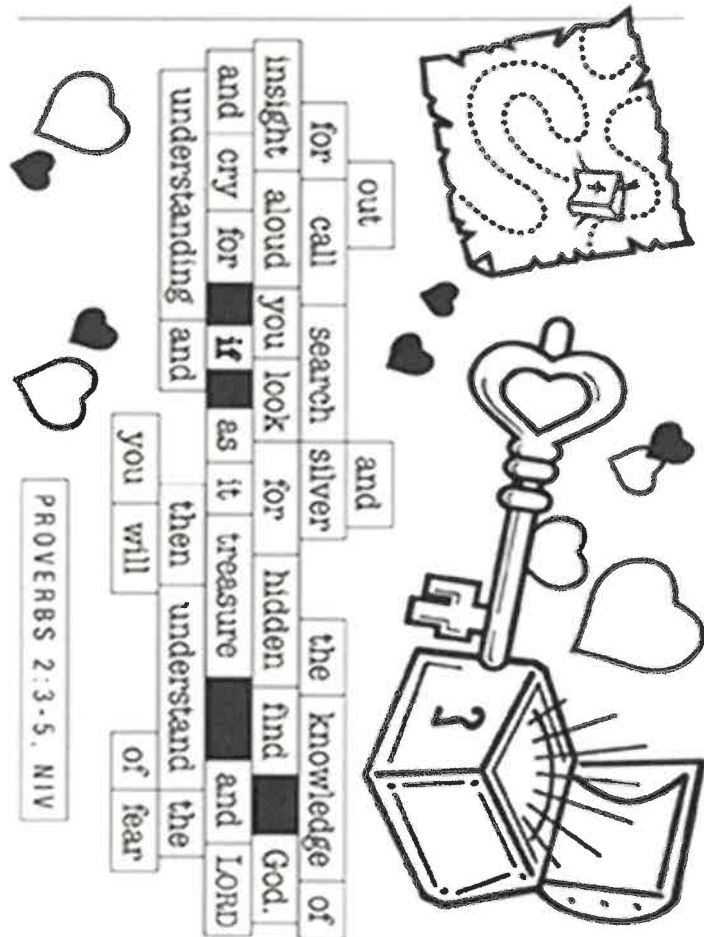
- Christian Education
- Memorial
- Stewardship/Finance
- Outreach
- Worship/Membership
- Trustees/Property

____ **Special skills and interest I have that might benefit First Christian Church:**

Name _____ Phone # _____

Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.



Answer: If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

Bible Quiz

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread



Meijer partners with Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

Meijer is partnering with Caring & Sharing Food Pantry through their Simply Give program now through the end of September. Every time you scan the Simply Give card during check out at the Defiance Meijer between now and September 30 you donate \$10 to C&S that can be used to purchase of food at wholesale prices. Each scan increases your donation by \$10.



Triple Your Donation!
On Saturday, September 9, Meijer will double match your donation.

\$10 becomes \$30.
\$100 becomes \$300.

Cards are available on the end-caps at the Meijer checkout lanes.

Increasing Needs

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry provides three days of food twice a month to Paulding County residents who are dealing with food insecurity. In 2022, C&S saw an increase of 65% over the number of people served in 2021. So far this year, the increase is 50% more people than in 2022 at this point. We appreciate your generous support in helping the people of Paulding County struggling with food insecurity.