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Coming Events

- 5/19 7:00 pm Connection Group
5/22 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
5/23 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
5/24 6:00 pm Elder Meeting
5/25 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
5/26 7:00 pm Connection Group
5/29 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
5/30 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
9:00 pm Softball League
6/2 7:00 pm Connection Group
6/3 Crossroads Rental-Chamber
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6/4 Crossroads Rental-Chamber
6/5 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
2:00 pm Dining Room Rental
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
6/6 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
8:00 pm Softball League
6/7 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6/8 8:30 pm Unmet Needs Meeting
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5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

This coming Sunday, **May 22**, we will honor the 8th Grade, High School and College Graduates in our church family .

The **Elders** will meet at 6:00 on Tuesday, **May 24**.

Church camp forms are on the sanctuary mantels and Oasis fellowship table. CMF will pay half the fee for youth in our church family.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of May 23.

Next Saturday, **May 21**, work will begin at 9am to clean church camp for the 2016 season. Suggested items to bring include tin snips, screw guns, ladders, paint brushes for sealing wood, chainsaws, brush clippers, pressure washers, cleaning supplies, etc. They will be putting some tin and trim up, sealing and repairing the tower and docks, cleaning out the chapel, clearing the back levee and general cleaning. For more info contact Jim Dain 573.324.4676.

Our church has been asked to clean the game room, lake area and campfire area at the conclusion of each camp at Mississippi Valley this summer. Work can begin at 3:00 on the following dates: Fri June 17, Fri June 24, Thurs June 30, Sat July 2, Thurs July 7, Fri July 16, Sun Aug 7, Sun Aug 11. **Sign up at the fellowship table on Sunday for the day(s) you can help.**

Church League Softball will begin Monday evening, May 30, at the Pittsfield Lake. Contact Matt Sealock or Kevin Hittner if you plan to play on team FCC. You must be at least a high school student to participate. Our schedule is May 30 9:00, June 6 8:00, June 13 8:00, June 20 9:00, July 11 9:00, July 18 8:00.

The high school Sunday School class will be starting a study of the book of First Samuel at 8 a.m. at Crossroads Sunday, **May 22**. Please come and join us—and we welcome those who have just graduated from 8th grade.

Jon and Ashley Hayes have welcomed their second child born May 7 weighing 7lbs, 2oz, 19.5 inches. Also, congratulations Glen and Carol Cooley on the birth of their first grandchild. Liam Knight was born to Alex and Chandra Knight. Congratulations to all!

The Children First fundraising event was a huge success! A gigantic thank you is due to— the parents for helping organize the entire evening, the individuals and businesses that donated items, patrons who bid on the auction and had a delicious meal, all kitchen help, everyone who attended the graduation of the pre-school children, and the Children First staff. The proceeds of over \$3,200 will go towards new learning technology for the children.

Kacie Lipcaman and Michelle Hart are our VBS chairs for this summer and they have been preparing since last year's VBS. They have chosen an exciting curriculum that is full of learning, creativity, and fun!

The station leaders are on board and planning for an exciting week!

What we still need are small group leaders who will go with their small group throughout the evening, building relationships with their group, and being blessed by the opportunity to see their group grow in the knowledge that God loves them! It is incredibly easy and incredibly rewarding if you love God and kids! It only takes 5 evenings of your time and you will feel blessed. Don't miss this opportunity!

Please give Kacie or Michelle a call if you are interested in making a difference in the lives of our children.

Thank you everyone who donated the wonderful baked goods or attended the MDA bake sale. We raised over \$1,200 and were honored at the MDA walk in Springfield for all our years of MDA fundraising efforts. -Bev and Eddie White.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Melissa Curfman-Falvey memorial luncheon. -Bereavement Committee.

Thank you to all who helped with the PHS Senior Honors Banquet. You made the evening possible and we appreciate it!

Wishes and Wants

Needed: Childcare before and after school. Please contact Ashley Grimes 217.491.5782.

For Sale: Double China cabinets \$50. Old refrigerator with ice maker \$50. Old chest freezer-works. Computer desk with hutch \$100. Gently used like new NordicTrack treadmill \$200. Ikea twin bed with lots of storage underneath \$50. Yvonne Stauffer 217.653.4504.

For Sale: Limestone flat rock to decorate flower beds. Edna Baughman 285.2948.

The church office will be closed Monday, **May 30**, in observance of Memorial day.

To church staff and church family—As the school year comes to a close, we just wanted to extend our deepest gratitude for everything you have done for our family in this season. From the unbelievably kind donations at the benefit to visits, meals and encouraging words. Emmett is so lucky to be growing up with so many compassionate people supporting him. Your kindness means more than you will ever know. Thank you for being Christ's hands in our time of need. Love—Spencer, Kayla, Seth & Emmett Boren.

Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren

Mary Chamberlain

Bill Hammitt (*Larry Wigington's brother*)

Merle Howard (*Larry Howard's brother*)

Maria Owens

Phil Richardson (*Charlotte Dunham's brother*)

John Sheppard (*Sandy Wigington's father*)

Parker Zumwalt

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed:

Melissa Curfman-Falvey (Rick Curfman's sister)

Wayne Johnson (Debbie Wombles' father)

Doug Reel (Nancy Collard's son)

Wayne Shepard (Tracey Reel's father)

This year we have decided to do something a little different for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The funds we generally use to purchase gifts will be used to purchase a new projector for Mississippi Valley Christian Service camp in honor of our Mothers and Fathers. We are working with the camp to get one that will meet their needs for outdoor and indoor use.

Lizzie Chamberlain, granddaughter of Dan Chamberlain and Charles and Maria Owens, has been diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy. Log on to www.mobilityawarenessmonth.com to see how you can give her a chance for a more active and mobile life.

Children First preschool is accepting registration for the 2016-2017 term. Call 285.4129 to reach Jennifer for more info.

We are gathering gear for VBS. Items needed are—Hard Hats, Large Boxes (can be broken down, but still in tact), Pool Noodles, Spray foam, Brown Packaging (Kraft paper, paper bags), Tarps (black & blue), Lanterns, LED lights, Milk Jugs (do not need the lids), No flame candles. Any and all donations are appreciated! Thank you! - Kacie Lipcaman & Michelle Hart.

Greetings my church family. A few weeks ago Sandy and I had a granddaughter in the Terre Haute, IN and one in Nashville, TN having performances on the same weekend. Solution: Sandy flew to Nashville to attend Eliza's first dance recital and I drove to Terre Haute for Aria's Children's Community Theater play, "Charlotte's Web." We both had a great weekend and both very well entertained.

Also when attending Lance and Amber's church, I was blessed by having a different take on a passage of scripture that I've read and heard all my life, Matthew 14:14-33. Please read this passage. Here is my understanding of the verses.

Vs. 14 They witnessed his power

Vs. 15 Disciples wanted to send people away for their own evening meals.

Vs. 16 They don't need to leave, feed them.

Vs. 17 The disciples set their own boundaries with limited food supply.

Vs. 18 Jesus' response - bring it to me!

Vs. 19 Everyone sat down, Jesus blesses the food and has his disciples distribute the food.

Vs. 20-21 All had plenty and twelve baskets left over. Wow!!

Vs. 22 Jesus sends disciples ahead of him in a boat to cross sea of Galilee.

Vs. 23 Jesus sends multitude away and goes to a mountain to pray.

Vs. 24 Ship is caught up in a major storm and disciples are struggling with ship.

Vs. 25 Jesus goes to the ship by walking on the water. Wow!

Vs. 26-27 They think he is a spirit and are terrified! But says "fear not it is I."

Vs. 28 Peter decides to "test" Jesus. If it is you allow me to come to you.

Vs. 29 Peter walks out to Jesus. Awesome!

Vs. 30 But then Peter sees the waves, feels the wind and becomes afraid and begins to sink and cries out "Lord save me!"

Vs. 31 Jesus reaches out and saves Peter from sinking and says, "oh ye of little faith, why did you doubt me?"

Vs. 32 When they came back into the boat the wind ceased and they worshipped Jesus, saying truly you are the son of God.

Sorry to be lengthy here but a question that the Pastor then asked was this—what about the other 11 that never tried getting out of the boat?

Its not recorded in scripture but it's almost a given that some more of them likely criticized and rebuked Peter for even attempting to try something so extraordinary. Then I got to thinking whether or not I've done the same thing. Not trying to walk on water, but criticized those who have attempted awesome programs, or projects and failed and then became the first to say, "I knew that wouldn't work!"

I applaud FCC for taking on some enormous projects and challenges before we become members here and we desire to continue to press on with ideas and ways to promote God's kingdom in this community! And the point of this devotion is to encourage us all to "step up" and "step out of the boat" and show our faith in Jesus! And if we fail and fall he will always be there to pick us up!

God bless you all!

In his service,

Larry Wigington, Elder



Current Youth Group Series: Activate

Science is fascinating. Even if you hate science class, you have to admit that the idea of conducting experiments is cool. It's amazing how adding just a few drops of one chemical can create a reaction, adding a few drops of another can stop or deactivate the same reaction and adding a few drips of a third chemical can make the first two glow in the dark or it can make them explode! What's crazy is that you can't tell by looking at something what reaction it will cause. Maybe it's an activator. Maybe it's a deactivator. Maybe it's neither. The only way to know is to keep testing it out and see what happens.

Believe it or not, this is something faith and science have in common. We all experience moments that have the potential to activate or deactivate our faith, and it's hard to tell at first glance which is happening. This was especially true in the life of one of Jesus' followers and dear friends, Peter. As we take a closer look at his ups and downs, we'll discover how sometimes the very experiences that threaten to destroy our faith are the ones that can activate it in a whole new way.

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Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am

Sunday School: 8:00am, 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	5/8	5/15
Operational	\$8,463.33	\$10,281.00
Property Improvement	44.00	78.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	135.00	80.00
Outreach-General	66.00	459.00
Children First	<u>270.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$9,048.33	\$11,168.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$8,289.40 \$11,001.00
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	5/8	5/15
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	94	72
9:15 AM	119	95
10:30 AM	<u>124</u>	<u>99</u>
Total	337	266
Christian Education		
Age 3-K	7	5
1st-2 nd	9	9
3rd-5 th	6	8
6th-8 th	7	7
Sr High	8	6
Disciples	16	17
New Beginnings	7	6
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	67	65

Lectionary

5/22: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8, Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
 5/23: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 24:1-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-12
 5/24: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 29:10-19; 1 Corinthians 16:13-24
 5/25: Psalm 1; Proverbs 5:1-23; Luke 14:34-35
 5/26: Psalm 96; 1 Kings 12:20-33; 2 Cor 5:11-17; 1 Kings 6:23-38; 2 Cor 5:11-17
 5/27: Psalm 96; 1 Kings 16:29-34; 2 Cor 11:1-6; 1 Kings 8:14-21; 2 Cor 11:1-6
 5/28: Psalm 96; 1 Kings 18:1-19; Luke 4:31-37; 1 Kings 8:31-40; Luke 4:31-37
 5/29: 1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39; Psalm 96; 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Psalm 96:1-9;
 Gal 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10
 5/30: Psalm 135; Ezekiel 8:1-18; Acts 8:26-40; Jonah 4:1-11; Acts 8:26-40
 5/31: 1 Sam 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Rom 12:9-16b; Luke 1:39-57
 6/1: Psalm 135; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Mark 7:24-30; Isaiah 56:1-8; Mark 7:24-30
 6/2: Psalm 146; Exodus 29:1-9; Acts 22:6-21; 2 Sam 14:1-11; Acts 22:6-21
 6/3: Psalm 146; Numbers 15:17-26; Acts 26:1-11; 2 Sam 14:12-24; Acts 26:1-11
 6/4: Psalm 146; Joshua 9:1-27; Matt 9:2-8; 2 Sam 14:25-33; Matt 9:2-8

Serving Schedule

May 22, 2016

Elder: Hamer Tate, David Bishop
Diaconate: Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Rokettia Brokaw, Donnie Apps, Georgia Sandidge
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
9:15 Communion: Judy Ferguson
9:15 Greeter: Steve & Kathy Lehr
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
10:30 Scripture Reader: TBA
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
10:30 Nursery: Sydney Bauer
10:30 Candle Lighter: Shelby Bauer, Kadin Hittner
Shut-Ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain, John & Cindi Schoenherr

May 29, 2016

Elder: Larry Wigington, Joyce Lemons
Diaconate: Yvonne Stauffer, Judy Ferguson, Sarah Sweeting, Michele Westmaas, Jamie Sweeting
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
9:15 Communion: Dave & Sandy Herring
9:15 Greeter: Bev & Eddie White
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
10:30 Scripture Reader: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Sound System: Matt Sealock
10:30 Nursery: Abigail Cox
10:30 Candle Lighter: Nolan Daniel, Cameron Sweeting
Shut-ins: Brenda Kramer & Ann Ferguson, Matt &

There will be a SURPRISE reception for Richard and Yvonne Stauffer on Sunday, May 29, immediately after 10:30 service in the overflow room. We hope you can join us for cake and cookies while we thank them for their many years of service to FCC in so many areas of ministry. They will move to the Chicago area the first of June to be close to family. Remember it's a SURPRISE!