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Coming Events

- 4/6 6:30 pm Connection Group
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 4/7 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
7:00 pm Connection Group
- 4/10 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 4/11 6:00 pm Volleyball League
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 4/12 10:00 am Dining Room Rental
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 4/13 6:00 pm Dining Room Rental
6:30 pm Connection Group
- 4/14 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
7:00 pm Connection Group
- 4/15 7:00 am Gym Rental
- 4/17 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 4/18 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 4/19 6:30 pm Spring Fling
- 4/20 6:30 pm Connection Group
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 4/21 10:00 am Crossroads Rental
5:30 pm Children First Board
7:00 pm Connection Group
- 4/23 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 4/24 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
11:30 am Church Camp Dinner
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 4/25 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Meeting

On Easter Sunday, March 27, Izack Haskins was baptized during 10:00 service. Also during the service Izack and his sister Kadence and mother Amanda declared their faith in Jesus Christ and placed their membership with FCC. We welcome the Haskins family to our church family!

Spring Fling will be Tuesday, **April 19**. CMF will serve the meal to the ladies starting at 6:30. Adult reservations are \$7.50, children under age 12 are \$4. Tickets will be available at the April CWF circle meetings or through the church office.

The Church Board Meeting will be Tuesday, **April 12**, 6pm. Packets will be in the Long Room on Sunday.

Thank you volunteers for you special help with the boys basketball banquet. Our next events are an **April 12** luncheon and **April 13** Pike Press Scholars Banquet. There are sign up sheets on the fellowship table. We cannot serve these community events without your generous help. Thank you for giving of your time and energy.

The Choir will not practice on Wednesday, **April 13**.

On Graduation Sunday, **May 22**, we honor the 8th grade, high school and college graduates in our church family. If you have a graduate in your family, please notify the office with their name and school. **In order to display the graduation board, we need all high school and college graduate pictures by Monday, May 2.**

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the garage sale. No matter if you donated merchandise, came to shop, or worked organizing the event, your time was greatly appreciated! The proceeds of over \$3,200 will go towards various church ministries and community outreach. -Ruth Anne Goodin & Linda Decker. (Thank you Ruth Anne and Linda for all of your work and oversight before, during and after the garage sale. You are priceless!)

The Trustees will award the Carol V. Claus Baughman Scholarship to the student pursuing a degree in the education field or in religious studies. **Please contact the church office by April 12 for an application or for more info.**

The Children First Board Meeting will be Thursday, **April 21**, 5:30 at admin building.

Green Pastures 2016 Youth Camp Program Schedule has been released. Registration forms are available online at greenpasturesretreatcenter.org or at the church office.

Dear Friends,

Our families want Pastor Ten Eyck and everyone who visited Mother at her home or at the Griggsville Estates to realize how much she enjoyed these times. She treasured the bulletins, communion, and gifts that you brought. She often shared memories about her involvement in Circle groups and crafting for Bible School. She was sad to no longer be active at church and missed the fellowship.

Many of you greeted her at the Christmas Luncheon, stopping to visit and reminisce. That was a real special day for Mother, she talked about it many times afterwards. As it turned out that was to be the last time she saw most of you.

So many of you from church came to the visitation to share memories and express your condolences. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for remembering our Mother and giving us so much support at this sad time.

A special thanks to Pastor Ten Eyck and all of you for being part of the healing ministry of the First Christian Church. God's Blessings to you all.

The Daughters of Lucille Knapp

Peggy Beno, Jane Grimes, Nancy Daugherty.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of 4/18.

Brenda Kramer, one of our trained volunteers, will be available in the church building office area taking blood pressure screening on April 10.

Elvin Dillard, Associate Pastor with Grace Community Church in Overbrook, KS will be with us to share his message on Sunday, **May 1**. Pastor Dillard is the Associate Pastor with Grace Community Church in Overbrook, KS. We hope you can join us in welcoming Pastor Dillard.

Wishes and Wants

Needed: Childcare before and after school. Please contact Ashley Grimes 491-5782.

I would like to thank the following groups and individuals for helping me at Christmas and other times throughout the year: Outreach ministry for Christmas gifts and fruit basket, CWF Circle I, Mike Boren, and the anonymous donor who gave me the coat. I really appreciate the generosity of everyone and feel blessed to have such a loving church family and friends. -Karl Benjamin.

Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren	Mary Chamberlain
Rosemary Clark	Joyce Groom
Merle Howard (<i>Larry Howard's brother</i>)	
Wayne Johnson (<i>Debbie Wombles' father</i>)	
Wally Lamb	Maria Owens
Doug Reel (<i>Nancy Collard's son</i>)	
Phil Richardson (<i>Charlotte Dunham's brother</i>)	
Richard Stauffer	

VBS Cave Quest-Following Jesus, The Light of the World

We are GATHERING GEAR for our Cave Quest Adventure! Items needed are as listed

- *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 klipcaman6@gmail.com; (217-242-7271)

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Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Crossroads on Sunday, **April 24**. Mark your calendar to come and support our area youth.

Roger and Rokettia Brokaw offer a connection group at their home on Thursday evenings that discusses Pastor Michael's sermon topics. Contact them for

First Christian Church of Decatur will host **Intentional Church Conference** on Saturday, **April 23**. Registration begins at 8:00. The first session starts at 9:00 and the last one begins at 2:30. Sign up at the fellowship table if you would like to attend. We hope to take the van.

In Other Words—Week 1: What’s the Point—Salvation is more than a moment. Have you ever heard the word “lexicon?” Everyone on the planet has one. It’s a word used to describe a person’s vocabulary—the words you use day in and day out. Sometimes we say and use those words in our lexicon without even thinking about them. We might not even know what they mean! One place this happens a lot is church. Those of you who go to church a lot use “churchy” type language all the time, maybe without fully understanding what it means. Take a word like “salvation.” Christians say it all the time and, in fact, it’s a pretty major word in our faith vocabulary, but do we really and truly understand what it is? A lot of us probably hear that word and think of just a prayer or a moment when we asked God to save us. But is that all there is to it? And what happens after that moment passes? The apostle Paul had some great insights into what salvation actually means. And with his help, we’ll come to understand not only what salvation means, but also the power it has to change our lives in the here and now.

youth@first took our jr high students to Springfield this past weekend to attend CIY: Believe, a youth conference designed to help them engage the Kingdom as Kingdom workers. The students had a great time and were challenged to trust in the truth that the light of Christ leads them to! Thank you so much parents for allowing your children to join us, and thank you leaders for helping make it a special event! Those who went are already asking about next year. :)

Once again, thank you so much for being a church family who supports missions. We were incredibly blessed by our time in Haiti and are deeply appreciative of your generosity in sending us. If you missed service this last week, be sure to watch or listen to the recording to hear a little of what happened on the trip, and feel free to contact us if you have any other questions about the trip or would like information on how you could be a part of the next one!

Blessings, Chaz and Wayne

We will be starting a new series this week entitled “Teach us to pray...,” focusing on “The Lord’s Prayer.” Prayer is a crucial element of our walk with the Lord, yet it often can become one of the most neglected. The bible is not silent about prayer, nor is Jesus. In Luke chapter 11, Jesus’ followers ask a very simple and heartfelt request... “...teach us to pray...” Over the next few weeks we will be examining the answer the Lord gives to those who want to understand what prayer is all about. My hope is that we will be challenged in both our concept and practice of prayer.

Elder Corner

Billy Graham has always been a Christian hero in my eyes. One of my favorite daily devotion books is “Hope for Each Day” by Mr. Graham. I would like to share one of the daily readings.

The Answer to Fear – Matthew 28:10

Months after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, psychiatrists reported that people who lived thousands of miles away from those tragic events were still coming to them, unable to sleep and paralyzed by fear. We live in a world shaken by fear, apprehension, and anxiety.

What is the answer to this stifling fear? After Jesus had been put to death, His disciples huddled in fear behind closed doors, filled with uncertainty and despair. But suddenly they found themselves in the presence of their living Lord, and at His first words their fears disappeared: “Peace to you” (Luke 24:36). The answer to our individual fears is found in a personal faith in the living, glorified Lord.

And the answer to collective fear is a corporate faith in the living, glorified Lord. The answer to national and international tensions and fears is for the world to know Him who is alive forevermore. We do not worship a dead Christ. We worship a risen Christ, who has broken the power of sin and death and Hell and is alive forevermore. Why, then, should we fear?

In Christian Love,
Joyce Lemons, Elder

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

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>3/27</u>	<u>4/3</u>
Operational	\$12,147.00	\$8,215.50
Property Improvement	13.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	7.00	30.00
Outreach—Unmet Needs	270.00	0.00
Children First	<u>220.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total	\$12,807.00	\$8,668.50

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc)

Received Last 7 Days \$12,195.00 \$11,433.21
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

Worship Attendance

	<u>3/27</u>	<u>4/3</u>
(Easter)		
8:00 AM (Sunrise)	202	65
9:15 AM		77
10:30 AM (10:00)	<u>305</u>	<u>111</u>
Total	507	253

Christian Education

Age 3-K	0	8
1st-2 nd	2	7
3rd-5 th	8	6
6th-8 th	11	7
Sr High	0	5
Disciples	13	14
New Beginnings	5	4
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	46	58

Serving Schedule**April 10, 2016**

Elder: Roger Dunham, Jim Dain
Diaconate: Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Rokettia Brokaw
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
 9:15 Communion: Judy Ferguson
 9:15 Greeter: Ray & Robin Carr
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren
Scripture Reader: Michelle Gates
Sound System: Matt Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Lauren Saxe
Candle Lighter: Eli Mendenhall, Emma Saxe
Shut-Ins: Ruth Bennett & Deloras Martin, Dave & Sandy Herring

April 17, 2016

Elder: Ann Ferguson, Roger Brokaw
Diaconate: Mary Gates, Georgia Sandidge, TBA, Michael Smith, Yvonne Stauffer, Judy Ferguson
8:00 Communion: Carol O'Malley, Harold & Shirley Loyd
 9:15 Communion: Dave & Sandy Herring
 9:15 Greeter: Bill & Laura Grimsley
10:30 Communion: Zack & Libby Boren
10:30 Scripture Reader: Nolan Daniel
10:30 Sound System: Charlene Anderson
10:30 Nursery: Katie Cox
10:30 Candle Lighter: Nolan Daniel, Cameron Sweeting
Shut-ins: TBA, Betty Hoover

Lectionary

4/8: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Rev 4:1-11
 4/9: Psalm 30; Gen 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14
 4/10: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
 4/11: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31
 4/12: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18
 4/13: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11
 4/14: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Rev 5:1-10
 4/15: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Rev 6:1-7:4
 4/16: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32
 4/17: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
 4/18: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Rev 15:1-4
 4/19: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35
 4/20: Psalm 100; Jer 50:17-20; John 10:31-42
 4/21: Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Rev 10:1-11
 4/22: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Rev 11:15