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Coming Events

- 7/16 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Ken Bradbury Event
4:00 pm VBS Family Night until 5:30
- 7/17-21 5:00 pm VBS Family Meal
- 7/17-21 6:00 pm VBS until 8:15
- 7/17 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 7/20 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 7/22 9:00 am Set up for Whitetail Mtgs
- 7/23 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
- 7/24 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 7/25 Whitetail Properties Meetings
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 7/26 Whitetail Properties Meetings
8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
- 7/27 Whitetail Properties Meetings
6:00 pm youth@first @ Lake
- 7/30 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, **July 20, IN THE CHURCH BUILDING LONG ROOM**. New participants are always welcome to join and learn how to sew! Contact Charlotte for more info.

On Saturday, **July 22**, we need **volunteers** at 9:00 a.m. to set up Crossroads for a week of Whitetail Properties meetings. Contact the church office or Helen if you can help move tables and chairs.

The **Elders** will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, **July 25**.

Congratulations Colby Tate on being baptized during camp week at Mississippi Valley! Proud parents are Jeremy and Alicia Tate. *Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Vacation Bible School will be **NEXT WEEK Monday through Friday, July 17-21**, from 6-8:15pm for children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade this fall. Parents should bring children to the gym for the opening and pick them up in the gym.

Family Night will be next Sunday, **July 16**, from 4-5:30 when everyone can register then receive VBS shirts and music CDs. Games will be set up for children. Families can come and go during this time. You can also pre-register your child on our website.



Family Meal will be served Mon - Fri . Teachers and children will be served starting at 5:00. Everyone else in our church family is encouraged to join us at 5:30 for a delicious family friendly meal. Please allow VBS staff and children to go through the line first so they can enjoy their meal before needing to leave. You should be able to recognize them by their VBS shirts. The revised menu is: **Monday - spaghetti; Tuesday - hot dogs; Wednesday - sloppy joes; Thursday - tacos; Friday - chicken.**

Save the Date!!! We are planning to restart our Wednesday after school program, **Kids Connection**, this fall for K through 5th Grade with kick-off on **Sept 12**. Contact Pastor Chaz, Helen or the office if you would like to volunteer your Wednesday late afternoons during school season.

The **youth@first summer schedule** is 6:00-8:00 at: July 13 Scott & Jeny Palmer home, July 27 Pittsfield Lake, Aug 3 Mendenhall home.

During Whitetail Properties meetings, we will serve lunch **July 25, 26, 27**. We will also serve approximately 200 meals the evening of **July 26**. Please contact Judy Ferguson, Karen Goodwin, Joyce Lemons or Helen Earls if you can help with meals during a busy week for us in the kitchen. We also will have sign up forms available on Sunday.

Youth@first will go to Six Flags on Saturday, August 12, and stay for the Mercy Me concert that evening. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend, but we need a final headcount by **July 30**. Cost is \$40 per student, \$10 for each sibling, \$50 max per family. Cost includes park entrance, concert ticket, lunch and dinner. Contact Chaz if you already have a park season pass for special pricing. Bus will leave at 8:00 and return at 11:30. Please call the church office today to RSVP your spot!

Children First is currently enrolling students for our 2017-2018 Preschool year. We will offer a 3-year-old program and a 4-year-old program. We will host an **Open House** on Wednesday, **August 9th** from 5:30-7:00p.m. Take a tour of the building and meet the teachers. For more information contact Jennifer at [\(217\) 285-4129](tel:2172854129). Children First is also looking for DCFS qualified early childhood substitute teachers. Contact Jennifer.

<p>Pastor Michael's sabbatical will continue through Friday, August 11. The Elders are available if you have a need or you may call the church office at 285-4129. Roger Brokaw, 430-4369 Wayne Chamberlain, 285-4933 Jim Dain, 573-324-4676 Joyce Lemons, 285-4862 David Bishop, 910-872-1535 Phil Sandidge, 618-946-7530 Hamer Tate, 248-2951 Larry Wigington, 494-0027 Helen Earls, 473-1027 Judy Ferguson, 491-2824 Matt Saxe, 248-6666 Jeremy Schoenherr, 653-3060</p>	<p><u>Prayer Concerns</u> Ken Bradbury Marjorie Lamb Michelle Phipps Terry Behymer (Edna Baughman's son-in-law) Michael Quincy (Sharon Houchins' brother) Jim Thompson (Brenda Kramer's father)</p>	<p>Ken Bradbury's play, THE BOY FROM FISHHOOK (about Robert Earl Hughes) will be performed at the First Christian Church sanctuary at 2:00 on Sunday, July 16. A \$10 charge will be collected at the door. The money goes to the Pike County Historical Society. Bob Evans is the PCHS president, Mike Boren is the VP, and Carole Elledge is a PCHS board member. <u>We urge you to arrive early, as we expect a big crowd.</u></p>
	<p>There will be a Taco Salad Fundraiser for Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp on Friday, July 28. This is a pick up or delivery only event. Preparation will be Thursday, July 27, at 9:00 until finished at Church of Christ parsonage on east Clare Street. On Friday, meals can be picked up at the Church of the Nazarene annex starting at 11:00 or your meal can be delivered. All meals must be pre-ordered. Volunteers are needed on Thursday with preparation and on Friday with set up, salad assembly, clean up and food delivery. Sign up at the fellowship table if you can help or would like to order a taco salad. Contact Jim Dain for more info.</p>	

Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies - I want to thank the shawl ministry. I appreciate the shawl very very much. Thank you for all your prayers and all the blessings. -Dee Reeves

First Christian Church - Just to know that in countless ways our family and friends are with us, makes the way easier. We thank you for all your cards, love and support at this difficult time. And thank you ladies for our cheese and vege trays, desserts, etc. We love belonging to such a caring church family. -The Ed Galloway family, Phil & Georgia Sandidge

Dear Prayer Shawl Group - How nice it was to be remembered and honored to receive the lovely pink shawl. Thank you so very much. You certainly know how to make a person feel special and I really do feel special for your kindness. In Christian Love, -Izzy Willard

Elder Corner

On Mother's Day, Michael shared from Mark 5:25-43, the story of the woman who was healed by touching the hem of Jesus robe. As I was contemplating it later, I was wondering why she did it at that time. Desperation possibly, after all she had exhausted all of her other options, after twelve years of trying everything she could think of and had been told to do by the best physicians her money could buy, she was no better. No doubt she had heard the stories of people being healed by Jesus. So she determines in her heart that if she can get close enough to just touch His clothes she'll be healed. (Mark 5:28) The opportunity presents itself as Jesus is traveling close by going to heal a young girl. I don't know if she sought Him out or if He was walking close by her home, either way her approach to Jesus was hindered by the crowd that surrounded Him. She was undeterred. She pressed through the crowd, possibly crawling on her hands and knees, perhaps reaching through the legs of those closer to Him. Whatever it took, she was able to touch the hem of Jesus robe and was healed.

How desperate are we to reach out and touch Jesus? How often do we long for a change in our lives? Personally most of the time I'm quite comfortable with my life as it is, but every once in a while something happens. It's at those times my heart and my desire reaches for Jesus. He may not always change the circumstances, but He always changes the perspective. In reality that's where I need to be all the time not just in the tough times. It wasn't just desperation that brought the lady to Jesus; it was faith that brought her to action. **Without faith it is impossible to please God, for those who come to Him must believe that He is and that He rewards those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6**

When we walk by faith, we can't see the end of the path at the beginning. But if we are willing, like the woman, the end result will be amazing.

Roger Brokaw
Elder

Back in June, YOUTH@FIRST had the opportunity to join in on a mission trip to the inner city of Cincinnati, OH, with the youth group of First Christian Church of Decatur. Due to scheduling conflicts—we were invited only a month and a half before the trip—we ended up taking all seniors, but that actually became a really neat sort of blessing in and of itself! Something we lack at the moment is a solid senior send-off trip, and this became that! Expect to see more like this in future summers.

The trip itself was broken into three distinct parts: work projects, outreach, and worship. Our work projects consisted of three different ministries in the area that we rotated between. The first one that we worked with was one of the many park districts in Cincinnati. Our job for the day was to spread mulch over some older areas as well as helping landscape some new features in the park. By the end of the day, we had spread all 80 yards of mulch that had been set aside for the entire week.

Our second work project was with Mathew 25 Ministries. They specialize in domestic disaster relief and sending aid to developing countries. Our job for the day was to mix reclaimed paint to be sent out to Haiti and Nicaragua. The third and final work project took place at the warehouse of Master's Provisions, where we sorted through several pallets of donated clothing. By the end of the day, we had send clothes to around 2,500 families in Honduras and Kosovo.

That was just what we did in the mornings! Our afternoons were more outreach oriented, and for this we partnered with Bloc Ministries. This was probably the biggest highlight of our trip, and is where I felt that our students were stretched the most. Bloc is a ministry that works to build real relationship and community in the poorest areas of Cincinnati. They plant missionaries within neighborhoods to become real parts of the community, and then—only after those missionaries are integrated fully—begin to set up outreach opportunities in the form of block parties and employment. Whether they are having a cookout for several city blocks or opening coffee shops and thrift shops, Bloc are sharing the good news of Jesus to people who they have already garnered relationships with and the fruit of their labor is very evident.

Our work with them consisted of helping run three of their block parties. We ran carnival style games for, cooked and distributed food for, and just hung out with something close to 300 families. Our seniors really stepped out for this, getting down to kids' levels and pouring their hearts out to them. It was awesome to watch them treat kids the way that Jesus did.

The final aspect of our trip was the evening worship. Throughout the week, pastor Luke Koskinen walked our students through the painful yet fruitful process of making Jesus the King of our hearts. By the end of the week, our students were looking for tangible ways to hand control over to Jesus.

Driving home, students were asked what sorts of things they'd be taking home with them: here are a few of those responses.

"If I'm going to make Jesus King of my heart, I need to make some serious priority changes before college starts."

"Those kids broke my heart! I wish we could have taken them home! I want to be able to help kids like them more often."

"I was bummed that we didn't go to CIY:Move this year, but this trip blew me away! I want to go back next week!"

Thank you so much to those who chose to sponsor our students on this trip! For the first time since I've been here, we took students on an out of town trip at zero cost to their families. You all are incredible!

-Pastor Chaz

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	6/25	7/2	7/9
Operational	\$7,754.60	\$7,686.30	\$7,999.30
Property Improvement	103.00	3.00	13.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00	310.00
DHF	80.00	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	53.00	82.00	56.00
Church Constr/Reno	0.00	25.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>530.00</u>
Total	\$8,060.60	\$8,146.30	\$9,013.30
Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)			
Received Last 7 Days	\$7,755.60	\$7,686.30	\$6,392.18
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,004		

Serving Schedule

July 16, 2017

Elder: Joyce Lemons, Wayne Chamberlain
Diaconate: Burdette Irwin, Zack Boren, Chad Ferguson, Bill Grimsley, Kathy Lehr, Ron Halsey
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
Scripture: Wayne Baughman
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Chaz Waterman
Shut-ins: Phil & Georgia Sandidge, Spencer & Kayla Boren

July 23, 2017

Elder: Jim Dain, David Bishop
Diaconate: Eric Kunzeman, Sonya Bishop, Julie Boren, Mike Boren, Jill Kunzeman, Karen Goodwin
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Kadence Haskins
10:30 Sound System: Lauren Saxe
Shut-ins: Matt & Faith Saxe, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw

Wishes & Wants

*Wanted: Someone to clean country house. Jenny Tate 217.248.1238.
 *For Sale: One butcher hog going to Kabricks on July 26. Richard & Rebecca 217.653.9089.
 *Needed: Someone a few hours each week this summer to help with yard work; watering plants, pulling weeds, etc. \$8.50/hr. Can make your own schedule. 3 blocks from Walmart. Please call Cindi 217.491.2751.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **July 24**.

Lectionary

7/16: Gen 25:19-34; Isa 55:10-13; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
 7/17: Ps 92; Lev 26:3-20; 1 Thess 4:1-8; Micah 1:1-5
 7/18: Ps 92; Deut 28:1-14; Eph 4:17-5:2; Jer 49:7-11
 7/19: Ps 92; Prov 11:23-30; Matt 13:10-17;
 7/20: Ps 86:11-17; Isa 41:21-29; Heb 2:1-9; Isa 44:1-5
 7/21: Ps 86:11-17; Isa 44:9-17; Heb 6:13-20; Ezek 39:21-29
 7/22: Ps 86:11-17; Isa 44:18-20; Matt 7:15-20; Exodus 14:9-25
 7/23: Gen 28:10-19a; Solomon 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
 7/24: Ps 75; Rev 14:12-20; Gen 32:3-21; Rev 14:12-20
 7/25: Ps 75; Gal 4:21-5:1; Ps 139:13-18; Gal 4:21-5:1
 7/26: Ps 75; Dan 12:1-13; Matt 12:15-21; Gen 35:16-29; Matt 12:15-21
 7/27: Ps 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Cor 4:14-20; Gen 29:1-8
 7/28: Ps 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53; Gen 29:9-14
 7/29: Ps 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matt 12:38-42; Gen 29:31-30:24

	6/25	7/2	7/9
Worship Attendance			
8:00 AM	131	140	121
10:30 AM	<u>85</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>110</u>
Total	216	252	231
Christian Education			
Age 3-PK	3	6	1
K-1st	5	4	3
2nd-3rd	6	0	0
4th-5th	0	0	10
6th-8th	7	3	0
Sr High	5	5	4
Disciples	11	11	12
New Beginnings	11	11	8
Sermon Study	6	8	8
Misc Adult Grps	9	14	11
Select to Connect	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	73	72	67