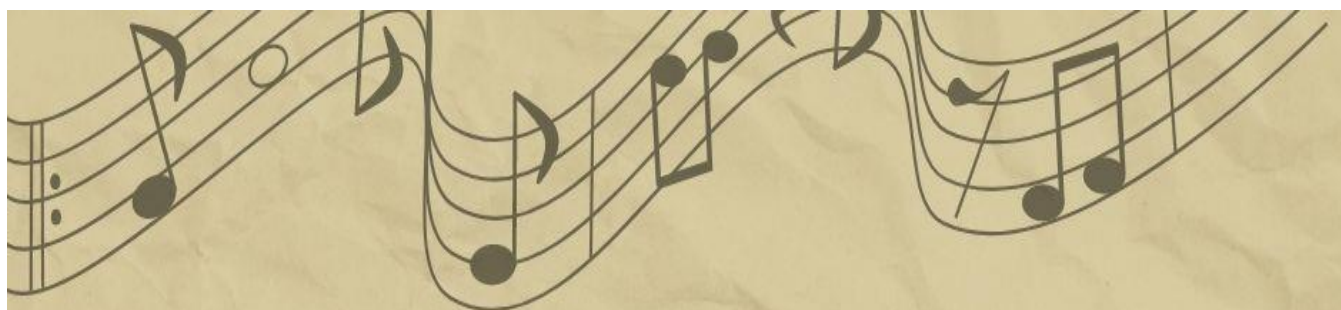


First Christian Church News! May 4, 2022

God calls us...And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of*



FCC "Choir"

Come one, come all, and join us for a First Christian church "Choir" to sing the good old classic "I Saw the Light" on Sunday morning, June 12, at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. The more, the merrier! We will practice on selected Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. at the church. First practice is May 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the CLC to get organized and practice.

Hope to see you there! If you have questions or suggestions, call/text/email Anita Grigsby. 660-864-5778, AnitaGmusic@gmail.com

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- Prayers for George's recovery
- Praise God for Ohmi's celebration of health and life!
- Prayers for those who are recovering from illness and surgery.
- Prayers for those who are awaiting surgery.
- Praise God for new visitors coming to service.
- Prayers for those who are preparing to move or have recently transitioned to a new community.
- Prayers for our homebound members and those who are in care facilities.
- Prayers for the homeless community.
- Prayers for the children and youth across our community, country, and

**CFW General Meeting
Thursday, May 12th, 2022
9:30 a.m. in the Parlor
All women are welcome!**

May Birthdays

5-Jeanne Nichol
7-Phyllis Evans
9-Brenda Blevins
9-Tyler Wiss
13-David Hakes
13-Elijah Oglesby
13-Sampson Stillwell
15-Jacelynn Laws
15-Tom Neal
17-Linda Baker
17-Earney Burchard
19-Kelley Good
23-Michael Darwin
24-Allen Charles
26-Travis Salerno-Johnson
28-Mary Martin
29-Tammie Crabtree

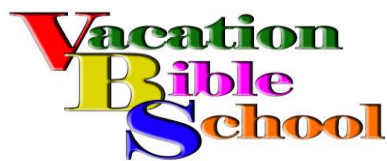
May Anniversaries

4-Larry & Donna Elliott
10-Gene & Mary Jay Lang
18-Allen & Renee Shackelford
21-Clark & Ashlee Holdren
23-Nick & Jeanne Nichol
28-Joseph & Kelley Good
28-Melvin & Christine Simon

Board Highlights

- Minutes from the Secretary's report, the Treasurer's report and the Trustee's report all approved and carried unanimously.
- Committee Reports; Property continues to make progress in the basement, Steve moved to replace the carpet in the CLC at a cost of \$10,445 and we currently have \$3,000 in the carpet fund and the motion carried unanimously, Steve requested permission that once the basement work has been completed, to replace the carpet in the West entry and steps down to basement, and up to education area from carpet money that was received as a donation earlier this year, motion carried unanimously.
- There was a long discussion of the homeless situation around the church.
- Al moved for the Security Committee to deal with any disruptive behavior, carried unanimously.
- David added three additional smoke detectors and now there are eleven in the building.
- Toni said that she is glad Sunday School is meeting again.

If you would like the full report, you can reach out to the church office.



Sunday, June 5th -
Thursday, June 9th

5:30 meal



AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

Here's a list of ways you get involved. You could sign up for:

- Decorating Crew - working the week prior to VBS
- Meal Crew - working with Chris to prepare meals
- Registration & First Aid Crew - welcoming families & helping with boo boos
- Drama Crew - performing 5-minute skits during the nightly opening
- Kid Crew Leader - leading a small group of kids to & from classrooms - assisting the teachers with activities in the classrooms
- Youth Crew Helper - assisting Kid Crew Leader (see above)
- Thursday Fun Night Volunteers - working food booths -popcorn, snow cone, cotton candy, assisting with yard games - hula hoop toss, corn hole, fishing game, bounce house, face painting, etc. (Set up & tear down crews needed)

We need decorations for our camping theme. We could use:

- tents that can be set up inside
- artificial Christmas trees
- fishing gear
- kayak or canoe
- fishing nets
- teepees
- lanterns
- camping gear
- oars
- camping chairs

*You can begin bringing decorations this week. Please put your name on the items.

We need donations too. We could use water bottles, Capri Suns, Kool-Aid pouches, individual size bags of chips, and monetary donations to buy the food for our meals.

***Please share our VBS flyers with your friends - in person or on Facebook.**

Thanks for your continued support! the VBS Team ☺

Thank you!

Dear First Christian Church Lunch Ladies,

Thank you so much for the lunch every Wednesday and thank you for the shoes! They are so perfect for me! Not only will I use them but I love this kind for running, when my life was normal, these are the exact kind I always would buy. I cannot wait to start running again and I needed shoes for sure! You are appreciated so much, the food and smiles are exactly what we all need.

Kristina

From the Files of our Church History by Anita Gosney and Doug & Ellen Woody

Each spring near the end of the school year the E.L. & Ruth Newton scholarships are awarded. Through the years the generosity of the Newtons has impacted the lives of forty-two students from First Christian Church. From the \$50,000 donation investment, \$73,700 has been awarded during the thirty-three years since the first scholarships in 1989. Recipients of the first scholarships were Kara Weston, daughter of Rev. Jan and Linda Weston, and Andy Gosney, son of Al and Anita Gosney

E.L. & Ruth Newton Scholarship Applications are Available
In the Church Office.

MAY BOOK REVIEW

In 1922, thirty-two-year-old Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov is an unrepentant aristocrat who is associated with a poem that has revolutionary overtones and is found guilty by a Bolshevik tribunal in the fictional novel A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel near the Kremlin, and lives in an attic room during some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history. Although the Count was imprisoned during the onset of Communism, he saw the changes in government reflected in the way the hotel operated. The Count's life in bondage turns out to be quite rich and purposeful as he interacts and builds many relationships with the staff at the hotel.



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**TURN IN YOUR NEWS BY MONDAY,
MAY 9 FOR NEWSLETTER ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.**

National Day of Prayer May 5, 2022

6:30 p.m. Praise Music by local church worship leaders
7:00 p.m. Break into Small Groups Surrounding the
Courthouse with Prayer Warriors.
7:30 p.m. Praise & Worship

In case of inclement weather, this event will be held
at the JC Cowboy Church, 124 NW 251 Rd.
Questions? Call Kevin Mannering @ 660-909-1936

Weekly Calendar

Monday

9-12-Volunteers work office desk-Cindy & Chris work on Finance.

Tuesday

8:30-9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. -Team Collaboration Meeting (4th Tuesdays)

Wednesday

11:30 to 12:30 Outreach Grab & Go Meal

Thursday

9:30 a.m.-CWF meet in CLC for Visitation Day with lunch following.

5:30 p.m. Worship Practice in CLC

Friday

OFFICE Is CLOSED on FRIDAYS

10 a.m.-Bell Practice