

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

JULY 2016

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.



Children of God,

I am sad.

And I am scared.

And I am angry, so very angry, to be scared.

The events at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, FL were a wake up call.

Another wake up call. We have had a lot of them.

Sacred spaces, "safe" spaces, and places where we gather to be vulnerable together have been violated.

To do and say nothing about it is sin. We must pray. We must remember and mourn ALL those who have been lost to acts of hate-born violence. I ask you to take time this month finding their names and saying them out loud. People claim many reasons for killing others based on identity. These kinds of hate come in many flavors of "-isms", but what they always come down to, learned or of intentional choice, is fear and hate of self.

I am sad, and I am scared, and I am so very angry to be scared. And also I am Proud. Our Christ did not hide from Rome, from whipping, from humiliation, or from Death on the Cross. We follow a Christ who risked everything to show how God loves and that God loves ALL God's children.

We are called to do likewise and we are lead not only by those we see acting out this bravery on TV or in the media, but by each other. We are a community that circles the wagons in times of crisis to protect those who need it most and heal the wounded. We need to Cry Out to our God where others can hear us. We need to Act Like Christ where others can see us. Now more than ever, as Christians, we cannot be anonymous, invisible, or quiet in the ways we share the unconditional Love we ourselves receive. Wear crosses, be kind, do good, and walk humbly carrying God with you at all times.

Prayers for us ALL- Seth

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Paige Sprow
The family of Bob Cook
The family of Destiny Kennedy
All those lost or affected by the events in Orlando

Healing Prayers:

Donna Borland
Bob Christianson
Carter Cook
Bill Fulk
Earl Fulk
*Susan Knapp
Janet Miller
*Dorree Vance

Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Reinhart
Sara Yoder

Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team
Judy Adams
*Bill Baxter
Ronda Beamer
Debbie Belk
*Adam Daniels
*Rick DeGood
Paul Eiserle
*Shirley Finnegan
*Russell & Donna Flint
Steve Kelker
Marilyn Ladd
Deb Maxey
Virginia Offerle
Ken Oyler
Isabelle Reinhart
*Paula Riegenbach
Layman Saylor
Earl Shepherd
Kenny Simpson
*Dennis Vance



THANK YOU

Paulding H. S. & N.H. S. would like to thank you for donating to our "Blessings in a Bag" program. It is through generous donations like yours that we are able to keep this program running!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Harder & Mrs. Schmidt

Nursing Home Residents..

*Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
*John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
*Helen Gunderman-
(St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
*Bob Unger (Hickory Creek Nursing Home)
Our homebound
Gayle Sarver (Gardens)
Rita Hannah-(Gardens)

Thank You



Volunteering is not just about helping others. What you'll find out when volunteering is serving others is also the best way to grow in your relationship with God.

Thank you to all who worked at the summer lunch program. Helpers serving lunch Helen & Paul Long, Nicole & Hailey Harris, Vicki McClure, Sue Simpson, Suzy Strayer, and the Girl Scouts for providing the fun time. We served 90 plus lunches daily. The kids all enjoy the programs and do it great job keeping the park clean.

Chair
Genelta Levos

Summer Campers



June 26- July 2- Kynsie Knapp, Zane Daniels
Emma Hoover. Counselor-Klair Hoover

July 10- 16 Adrian Daniels & Rev. Stout

July 17-23 Katie Strayer, Haylie Lero,
Counselors- Jan Commers & Klair Hoover

July 24-30 Ethan Rhonehouse, Counselor-Jan
Commers

Aug. 7-14 Advanced Conference-Klair Hoover

Camp Address: 10335 Maple Dell Rd.
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**DEADLINE FOR THE
AUGUST DIGEST
JULY 15TH.**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

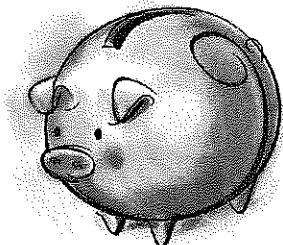
WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
5/22/2016	60	1	5	9	75
5/29/2016	48	5	4	5	61
6/08/2016	57	3	7	13	79
6/12/2016	51	4	4	11	75
6/19/2016	51	2	8	14	75

COUNTERS:

- 7/03/16 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 7/10/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 7/17/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 7/24/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus
- 7/31/16 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson

The amount of contributions needed per month
to meet our yearly budget
is \$11363.67



FLOWERS



- 7/3 Josh & Carrie Lero - In Honor of Anniversary
- 7/10 Josh & Carrie Lero - In Honor of Aden's Birthday
- 7/17 Ashley Cameron-In Honor of Mia's Birthday
- 7/24 Darla Smith
- 7/30 Paul & Helen Long

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/01 Kevin & Lindsay Frey
- 7/04 Josh & Carrie Lero
- 7/06 Mike & Jennifer Mudel
- 7/08 Roger & Jennifer Nicelley
- 7/10 Dave & Lori Clark
- 7/12 Ben & Katrina Gunderman
- 7/20 Jeff & Kylie Hunt
- 7/30 Gail & Judy Perl
- 7/31 Shawn & Julie Cook



ALWAYS BE A LITTLE KINDER THAN NECESSARY
J.M. Barrie



BIRTHDAYS

- 7/02 Carrie Lero
- 7/02 Milo Workman
- 7/08 Zach Good
- 7/08 Suzanne Kudrin
- 7/08 Sandra Leslie
- 7/09 Lillie Hibbard
- 7/10 Anna Gunderman
- 7/11 Pat Paulus
- 7/12 Shirley Cramer
- 7/13 Logan Bok
- 7/14 DeLean Dotterer
- 7/14 Aden Lero
- 7/17 Loretta Crawford
- 7/17 Denise Renollet
- 7/18 Kara Thompson
- 7/19 Kelsey Rhodes
- 7/20 Ethan Rhonehouse
- 7/21 Hayden Bok
- 7/22 Danielle Flemens
- 7/23 Michelle Mawer
- 7/24 Helen Long
- 7/26 Eternity Bassler
- 7/31 Bill Baxter
- 7/31 Sheryl Garza



**First Christian Church
Fund Summary
MAY
2016**

DATE	TITHES & OFFER	SPEC HOL-PENTECOST	SIGN FUND	MENS GROUP	LOCAL MISSIONS 3%	TOTALS
05/01/2016	4,478.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	10.00	4,738.00
05/04/2016	125.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
05/08/2016	1,873.10	45.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	2,168.10
05/15/2016	1,261.00	25.00	291.00	0.00	0.00	1,577.00
05/22/2016	1,966.00	35.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	2,041.00
05/29/2016	1,124.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,124.00
Total	10,827.10	105.00	866.00	40.00	10.00	11,848.10

Susan K. Simpson
Financial Secretary, Susan K. Simpson

6-6-16
Date



Fall Festival

We have started to prepare for the Flat Rock Fall Festival. The menu will be pulled pork, brats, hot dogs, veg. soup and drinks.

The "Pig" will be in the narthex starting in July to collect donations for the purchase of the meat.

The other donation sheets will go out following Vacation Bible School.

We will need lots of help at the festival. We hope everyone will sign up for a shift or two. We had a lot of fun last year and this year promises to be another great year.

We appreciate all you do.

The Fall Festival Committee



LADIES NIGHT OUT

July 12, 2016

The Barn in Archbold, Ohio

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

We will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m.

Buffet \$13.99 drinks not included

Salad Bar \$9.99 drinks not included



Outreach

We gave \$200.00 to the American Cancer Society thru the relay for life.

Served the school lunch program.

Will soon be collecting school supplies.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday July 31st to Thursday Aug. 4th from 6:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Come share the fun as we explore **Cave Quest.**

Registration forms are available at the church.

A food donation list is posted on the bulletin for those who would like to help with supplies.

Thank you for all you do.

The Defiance County Furniture Bank serving those in need from Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties.

Do you have items around your house you do not need? The Defiance County Furniture Bank, managed by St. Mary Parish, Defiance, can help you. Good usable basic furniture, beds and bed frames, bed linens, house wares (dishes, pots and pans) or working electrical appliances are needed. Please call the Furniture Bank at (419)782-2776 to make your donation. What better way to dispose of items in your home that you do not need and at the same time help the less fortunate of the greater Defiance County area. Volunteers to pick up and deliver in each county are needed. Cash donations are always welcomed. Thank you!

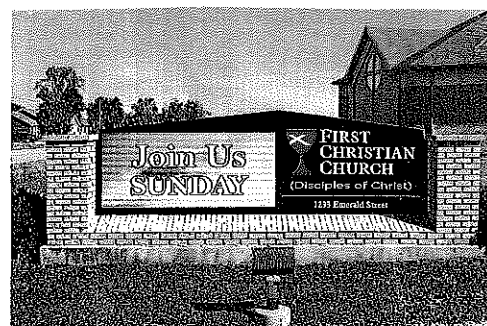
A LITTLE BIT EACH SUNDAY

One year ago, some members of the Builder's S. S. class decided to give a donation to : The Sign Fund.

This donation was over and above their regular giving.

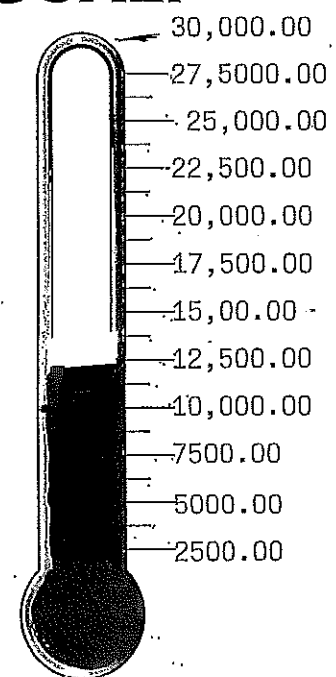
They discovered the "Little Bits" added up and to date the sign fund has received \$799.00 because a little bit was added each Sunday.

Their project has ended as a group, but individuals will continue with: A Little Bit Extra each Sunday —They invite you to join them.



Thank You
Members of
The F.C.C. Builder's S. S. Class

GOAL!





Thank you Mowers

Thank you to those who have been mowing so far this season. The property looks great.
Mowers for the weeks of:

June 26 and July 3rd	Diane Bakle
July 10 and July 17	Vince Reinhart
July 34 and July 31	Diane Bakle



Who Me?

What, you have doubts about teaching kids Sunday School? You do not know if you are cool enough or young enough for the kids to relate to you. Children need someone who cares, knows their names, encourages them, makes them feel important.

Could that be you?

Music Minister



We are looking for someone who would like to lead the choir for the upcoming year. Our choir will be starting again in the fall. If you feel music is your ministry please contact the office for a complete description of the position.



Caring and Sharing Food Pantry



The food pantry is in need of hygiene products, dish soap and canned fruit. If you can help in any way please bring your donations to the church.

The outreach team will make sure items reach the food pantry. Thank you so much for your help.

Monthly Servers

If you would like to receive your server letter by email in the future please send an email to the church at firstcc@bright.net

Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive prayer request by email send me an email at firstcc@bright.net.



Newsletter



Everyone currently receives their newsletter by regular mail. This will not be changing, but if you like to also get a copy by email please fill out the form below. Email copies will be in color and may contain extra pictures of things that have happened during the month. Email the church at firstcc@bright.net.



Thank you to the Men's Group for providing the food for the All Daughter Celebration. How nice it was to have this special attention. Also thank you to Sharon Cooper for overseeing the desserts and Tammy and Amanda Boroff for doing the program. We were so fortunate to have the Stoller family bring the wonderful dance group. It was a very nice afternoon for the ladies to enjoy.



Church Picnic

If you missed the church picnic you missed a wonderful performance by the Northwesterners. We were so blessed they were able to stop by and share their music with us. It was a little warm at the outside worship but what a nice change to be outside. The campers were commissioned as they prepared to go leave for camp. Additions to the previous camper list would be Logan Mudel and Steven Strayer as counselor. Please keep all the summer campers in your prayers. A wonderful picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Men's Group for organizing.

GUEST SPEAKERS



July 10-Pastor Dewayne Richardson will be with us to share his message.

July 17-Pulpit Switch Sunday-Rev. Karen Stetins from St. Paul's Lutheran and St. John Lutheran will be with us. Pastor Seth will be preaching at The United Methodist Church.

SPECIAL MUSIC

July 3rd-Abbie English

July 17th- Dan Wilder

July 31st-Fred Pieper



We are blessed to have these talented individuals share their music with us.



Jesus on the 4th of July

*We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.*

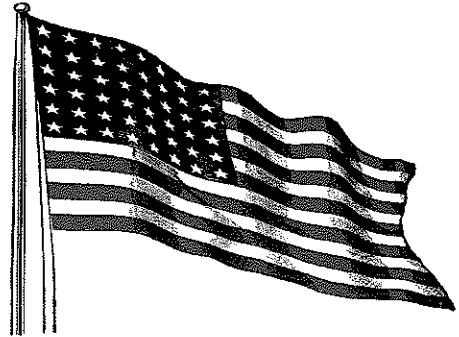
*With barbecues and picnics
And fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care.*

*The stars and stripes spell freedom
She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.*

*This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.*

*With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.*

The stripes upon our stately flag



*Were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.*

*So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.*

*But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day*

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Happy Independence Day!



SERVERS—July 2016

ELDERS:

Max Hibbard (bread)
Ellen Riggenbach (cup)
Larry Grace (shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Deb Santo	Clint Reinhart
Angela Perchikoff	Gerry Fraley
Leah Gunderman	Klair Hoover
Jeannine Hoover	Dee Fraley

*Please contact Deb if you are not able to serve.

Deacons please sit in the back two pews to serve communion. Thank You.

WORSHIP LEADER: Ellen Riggenbach

PREPARE COMMUNION: Leah Gunderman & Deb Santo

(Clean up, pick up empty cups, please put communion in the Sunday Sch Rm for the teacher.

GREETER: Sharon Cooper

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

NURSERY: The nursery is available for parents to use during worship.

READ SCRIPTURE: 7/03/2016 Bruce Gunderman-Galatians 6: 1-6
7/10/2016 Tracy Gunderman-Psalm 82
7/17/2016 Lori Clark-Psalm 52
7/24/2016 Darla Smith-Psalm 85
7/31/2016 Max Hibbard -Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

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ON GOD'S TEAM, EVERYONE BELONGS.

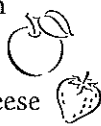
SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

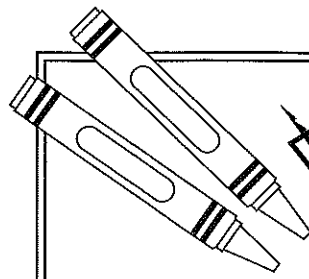
What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

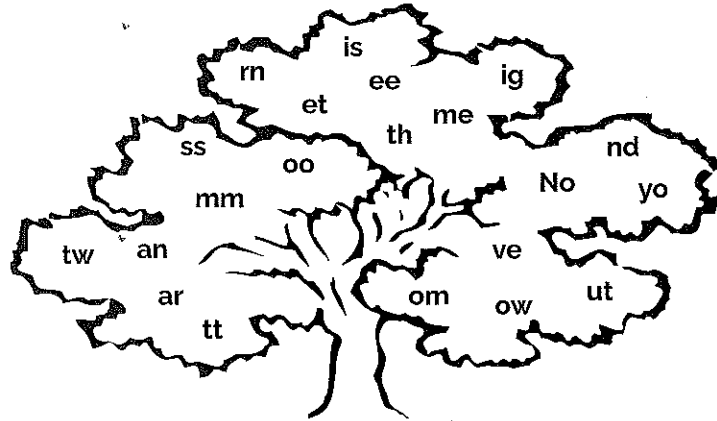


PUZZLE

Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

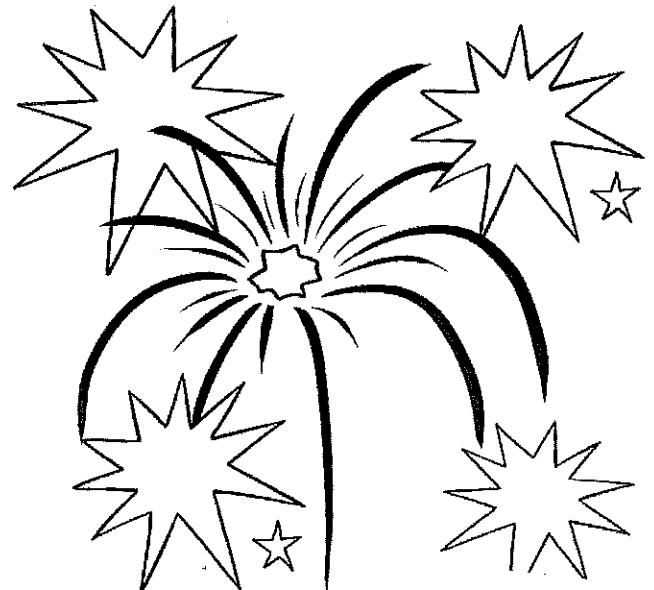
Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



" ___ w lea ___ th ___ le ___ on
fr ___ the f ___ tr ___: As s ___ n
as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
its lea ___ s co ___ o ___, ___ u
kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___."

Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

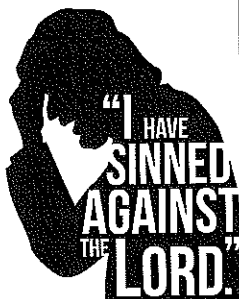
Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
Matthew 24:32, NIV



Bible Quiz

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?

- Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- Rahab, a prostitute
- David, considered Israel's greatest king



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)



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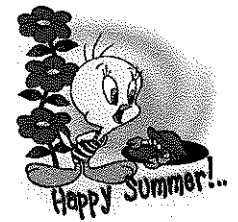
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.


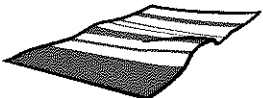



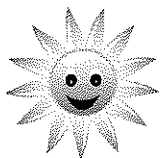


EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 A. M. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 2016



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILDREN FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL????????? HAVE YOU INVITED A FRIEND?????????

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>NO TRUSTEES MEETING THIS MONTH</u></p>	<p>HOW WILL I SET A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE TODAY?</p>		<p>GOD'S LIGHT IS ALWAYS SHINING</p> 	<p>JULY 31ST IS BLANKET SUNDAY</p> 	1	2
<p>3 SERMON: "HUMILITY" SCRIPTURE GALATIANS 6:1-6 2 KINGS 5:1-4</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY </p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5 DISCIPLES WOMEN MEET-10:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN ED -6 P.M.</p>	6	7	8	9 PASTOR AT CAMP
<p>10 SCRIPTURE: PSALM 82 GUEST SPEAKER PASTOR DEWAYNE RICHARDSON</p> <p>PASTOR AT CAMP</p>	<p>11 PASTOR AT CAMP</p> <p>VBS MEETING-6 P.M.</p> <p><u>No Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p>12 PASTOR AT CAMP</p> <p>LADIES NIGHT OUT LEAVING FROM THE CHURCH AT 4:45 P.M.</p>	<p>13 PASTOR AT CAMP</p> <p>THE GARDEN'S SERVICE-1:30 P.M.</p>	<p>14 PASTOR AT CAMP</p> <p><u>No Worship/Memb Meeting</u></p>	<p>15 PASTOR AT CAMP</p>	<p>16 PASTOR RETURNS</p> <p>MEN'S GROUP-8:30 A.M @ Suzy's Bakery</p>
<p>17 ELDERS 9:00 AM PULPIT SWITCH SUNDAY REV. KAREN STETINS SERMON:"JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES" SCRIPTURE: PSALM 52 PHILIPPIANS2:1-11</p> <p>SPECIAL MUSIC-DAN WILDER</p>	18	<p>19 NO BOARD MEETING</p>	20	21	22	23
<p>24 SERMON: "TEACH US TO PRAY" SCRIPTURE: PSALM 85 LUKE 11: 1-13</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>31 BLANKET SUNDAY SERMON:DEFINE 'RAINY DAY' SCRIPTURE: PSALM 107:1-9,43 LUKE 12: 13-21 SPECIAL MUSIC-FRED PIEPER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-8:30P.M.</p>		<p>I AM MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD</p>		<p>WHOM IS GOD CALLING ME TO ENCOURAGE TODAY?</p>		