

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

AUGUST 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.



Beloveds,

Here we are about to start another school year.

As the child of teachers, my internal clock starts the year in September rather than January.

So for me, and likely for many of our kids, August is the last month of the year.

And that makes a lot of sense. December and January are usually not very different from one another. We leave Autumn behind sometime in November and January seems just a continuation of the Winter that has been going on SO long by December 31st.

But in August there is so much change. We feel the season of Summer shift: the days get shorter, the nights longer, the heat and humidity begin to fight their eventual banishment, and we can watch as plants reach their time of harvest. It's in our bones to lose sleep due to late-for-school nightmares and the like.

In August our year and our focus shift.

This is true for us as a Church family too. I am excited for this year, and I am hopeful.

However it comes, change will happen.

The best we can do is to stretch and flex ourselves and each other in preparation so that we can bend rather than break.

Many blessings of flexibility and endurance to us all,

Seth



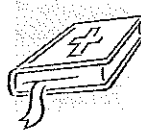
PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Judy Adams
The family of Bonnie Adkins

Healing Prayers:

Gerry Combs
Bill Fulk
Earl Fulk
Vicki Johnson
*Susan Knapp
*Sharon Kline
Pat Marshall
Hank MacDonald
Deb Maxey
Janet Miller
*Sandra & Ken Oyler
Kenny Simpson
Deborah Stout
Jim & Trish Stanton
Joanie & Stewart Welcher



Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Reinhart
Sara Yoder



Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team
*Bill Baxter
Debbie Belk
*Adam Daniels
*Rick DeGood
Paul Eiserle
*Russell & Donna Flint
Jim Jones

*Denotes Members

School Supplies



We are again helping with school supplies for kids in need. This year we are asking for large erasers, boxes of 24 crayons, Elmer's glue, boxes of #2 pencils, school boxes, and Fiskar scissors. All donations may be put in the box in the entry of the church.

Thank you for your willingness to support the efforts of the Outreach Committee.
We appreciate every thing you do.

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)



Summer Camper

Aug. 7-14 Advanced Conference-Klair Hoover

Camp Address: 10335 Maple Dell Rd.
Marysville, Oh 43040



BLOOD MOBILE

SEPTEMBER 1ST
11:30 A.M.- 5:30 P.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

A donation sheet is on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help provide the food for the day.

Sunday School

A great, new Sunday School program is coming our way! It's called "Dig In." Please watch for news and upcoming information on this new curriculum, We are hoping to have everyone who can, "Dig In," to help make it a success.!





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**DEADLINE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER DIGEST
AUGUST 15TH.**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
6/26/2016	48	0	4	16	68
7/03/2016	47	8	6	9	70
7/10/2016	60	2	2	13	77
7/17/2016	53	2	5	12	72
7/24/2016	47	1	0	5	53

COUNTERS:

8/07/16 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
 8/14/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
 8/21/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
 8/28/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus



First Christian Church
Fund Summary
JUNE 2016

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

DATE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	SIGN FUND	MENS GROUP	TOTALS
06/05/2016	3,307.00	200.00	0.00	3,507.00
06/12/2016	1,511.00	146.00	0.00	1,657.00
06/19/2016	1,733.00	0.00	30.00	1,763.00
06/26/2016	1,157.00	0.00	10.00	1,167.00
TOTALS	7,708.00	346.00	40.00	8,094.00

Susan K. Simpson
SUSAN K. SIMPSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY



**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

8/02 Paul Biery
 8/04 Owen Workman
 8/05 Tony Santo
 8/06 Jamie Clemens
 8/06 Kolyn Hilkey
 8/08 Suzy Strayer
 8/09 Nathan Bland
 8/10 Paul Long
 8/10 Mackenzie MacDonald
 8/10 Olivia Mendez
 8/10 Karson Mudel
 8/10 Steven Strayer
 8/12 Melanie Bandy
 8/12 Brian Vance
 8/14 Reese Lero
 8/15 Virginia Paulus
 8/18 Linda Reinhart
 8/19 Sam Levos
 8/21 Michael Coak
 8/23 Amie Klinger
 8/23 Katie Strayer
 8/24 Zane Daniels
 8/24 Genelta Levos
 8/24 Leslie Townley
 8/28 Vada Bandy
 8/28 Chris Fellers
 8/28 Betty Ganger
 8/29 Max Hibbard
 8/29 Shirley Miller
 8/29 Vivianne Myers
 8/31 Megan Coak

FLOWERS

8/7/2016 Max & Donna Hibbard (In Honor of Anniversary)
 8/14/2016 Virginia Paulus
 8/21/2016 Josh & Carrie Lero (In Honor of Reese's Birthday)
 8/28/2016 Sharon Cooper (In Memory of John & Rollin & In Honor of family)

ANNIVERSARIES

8/07 Jim & Donna Ellis
 8/07 Robert & Shirley Miller
 8/07 Mike & Jennifer Workman
 8/09 Max & Donna Hibbard
 8/16 Gary & Linda Kadesch
 8/17 Don & Gail Stoller
 8/25 Doug & Amie Klinger
 8/26 Dennis & Susan Knapp

Today I will praise God for the beauty of creation.

Fall Festival



Already?

We have to plan way ahead for such a big project!

THE MENU

Pulled Pork, Brats, Hot Dogs,
Vegetable Soup and Drinks.

The "Pig"



Is in the narthex to collect donations for the
purchase of the meat.

Food Donation Sheets and Worker Sheets

Coming soon to a table in the narthex

What We Need

Your Help!!

Thank you for helping with this fundraiser

The Fall Festival Committee



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.

Ages 3 yrs to 5th Grade

Registration forms are available at the church.



Disciples Women

Thirteen of the Disciples women
enjoyed a fun night out at the Barn in
Archbold. Thanks to Leah for coordinating this
evening out.

What's next ladies?

Regular meeting Aug. 2nd, 10 a.m.

August Egg Basket-Denise Renollet

Bloodmobile-September 1st (Donation list on
the bulletin board). See Helen if you would
like to work that day.

Fall Festival-September 16-18th. Women are
making soup.

BUSY BUSY BUSY

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.



Thank you Mowers

Thank you to those who have been mowing so far
this season. The property looks great.

Mowers for the weeks of:

August 7 & 14 Vince Reinhart

August 21 & 28 Diane Bakle

Sept. 4 & 11 McClure/Strayer

Sept. 18 & 25 Diane Bakle

WHO ARE WE

There are various ways to show **THE COMMUNITY** who we are and what is going on **HERE AT** First Christian Church on Emerald Rd.

We are active in the Ministerial Association, participate in many community events throughout the year. We come together and display a definite presence at the: **FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL!**

Another way to be a visible presence is to complete **THE SIGN PROJECT**—An electric sign would not only show who we are, but would also give us a voice in the **COMMUNITY**. We could easily show support for not only First Christian Members, but for the entire community. We could promote activities ie: Bible School, Special Events both here & in the community, Sunday Worship, the list goes on and on.

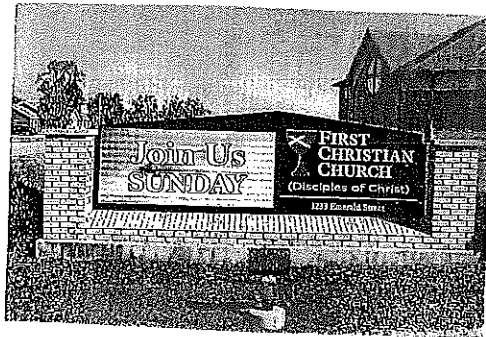
We continue to make progress on the funding of this project, but we need that to be increased. **WE CAN DO IT**—Let's all put forth more effort by praying, adding our resources, and working together to make this possible.

Let's let the community know who we are by:

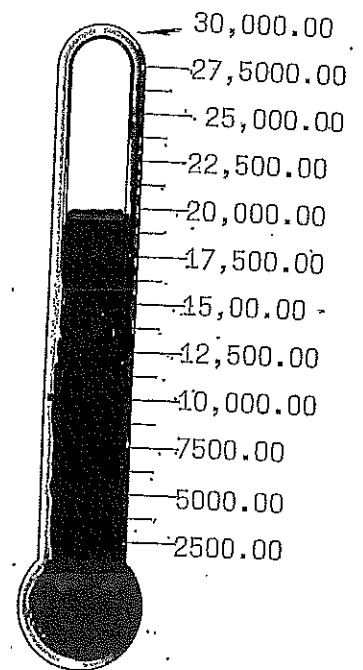
SUPPORTING THE SIGN FUND

This sign will be helpful to all for years to come.

Matt Strayer



GOAL!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Last years Halloween party was such a success Several people have asked to help do another one this year. If you would like to be a part of the planning please let me know.



Denise

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Devotional Material

(used, unused, and/or unwanted)

Can be placed in the box in the

Conference Room.

It is collected and delivered elsewhere for use by: The Builder's Class

“Was your time at Camp a pleasant experience?”

That was a question on the Assistant Director/Counselor evaluations. My answer was “No”.

We don't really go to Camp Christian to have “pleasant” experiences, and, frankly, neither do our kids. We have a lot of fun. A LOT. And that is also NOT the reason we come back year after year after year.

The experiences at Camp that have drawn me back through Chi Rho, CYF, Advance, as a Counselor, and now as an AD are the hard ones. Specifically I come back for the God-seeking experiences which sometimes hurt and are almost always uncomfortable.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good Hoe-Down, and, though few of our Youth may know this, I derive great happiness from singing the silliest of songs after we eat.

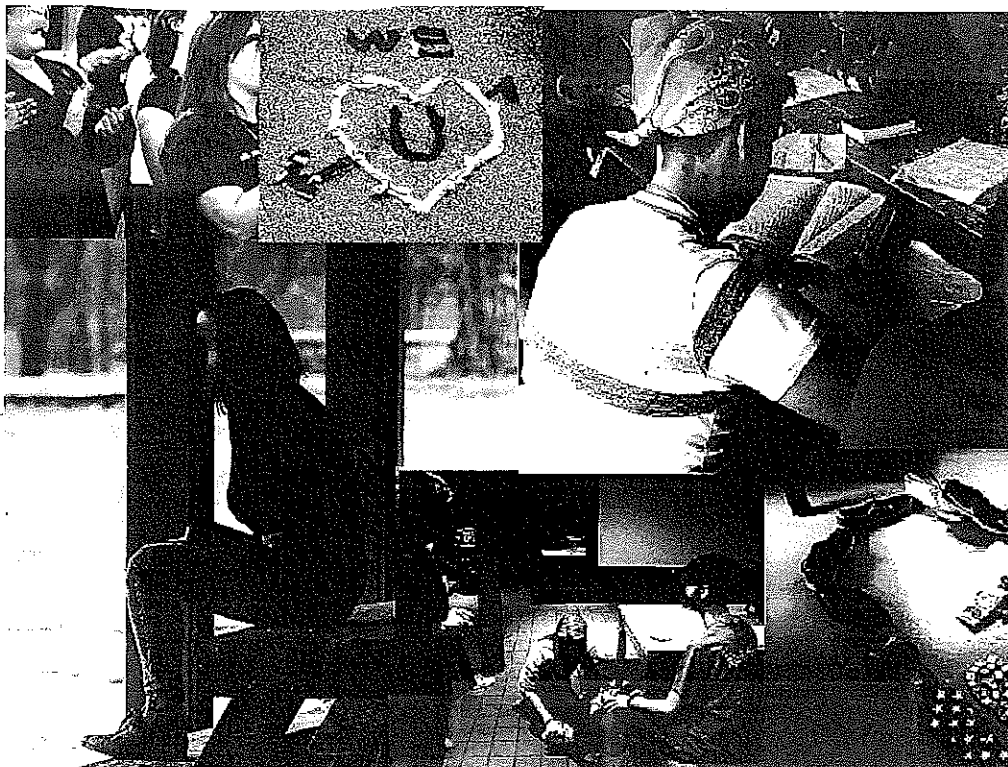
But at Camp we learn and teach discernment and listening for God's Will and Voice. This is a never ending cycle because even when we are there to “teach” we are taught. Usually by the so-called “students” (aka Campers).

I know all of this, and also I know that it is hard to talk about. What is learned and experienced during Camp is deep and personal. It can feel very private, and I know, for myself, that it took years to really be ready to share those experiences, the hard ones, with others. I say this so that you will know to understand that when a Camper returns and says, “It was great!”, “I had so much fun!”, “I love my friends at Camp”, or mutters something and breaks eye-contact: they are still processing. They may need years to figure out how to talk about it or even if they want to talk about it.

Remember what it is like to have a deep, changing God experience. Please give them the same Grace you needed or would like to have had.

They are grateful, they will be grateful, and I am grateful. So for any of our Campers who aren't up to telling you yet: Thank you!! Helping someone go to Camp changes lives.

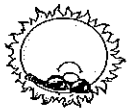
Was my time at Camp Christian “pleasant”? No. It was so much better: my time there was Worthwhile.











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

Pastor Seth will be on vacation August 1st through August 6th.

August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7</p> <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>NO FINANCE MEETING</p>  <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-8:30P.M.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>CH. ED-6 P.M.</p> <p>FALL FESTIVAL MEETING-7 P.M.</p>  <p>FIFTH QUARTER MEETING-7 P.M. @ PRESY. CHURCH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>THE GARDEN'S SERVICE- 1:30 P.M.</p>  <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-8:30P.M.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>WORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP—6 P.M.</p>  <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-8:30P.M.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>19</p>	<p>13</p> <p>20</p> <p>MEN'S GROUP-8:30 A.M. AT PAST TIME</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>SERMON: "INTERPRETING THE SKY"</p> <p>SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 5: 1-2 ISAIAH 5: 3-7 LUKE 12: 49-56</p>  <p>DIGEST DEADLINE</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PASTORAL CARE MEETING-6:30 P.M.</p> <p>BOARD MEETING- 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CONSTITUTION MEETING 6-7 P.M.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT PAULDING</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>21</p> <p>NO ELDERS MEETING</p> <p>SERMON: "DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM"</p> <p>SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 1: 4-6 JEREMIAH 1: 7-10 LUKE 13: 10-17</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>SERMON: "MANNERS"</p> <p>SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 2: 4-5A JEREMIAH 2: 5B-13 LUKE 14: 1, 7-14</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p> <p>All Aboard!</p> <p>When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.</p> <p><i>Cortie ten Boom</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.</p> <p><i>Mother Teresa</i></p>	<p>31</p>

SERVERS—August 2016

ELDERS:

Charlie Simpson (bread)
Sue Simpson (cup)
Paul Long (shut-in communion)

Reminder: Elders are responsible for doors, lights and making sure fans are off on Sunday Mornings.

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Suzanne Strayer	Tracy Gunderman
Tammy Boroff	Denise Renollet
Deb Santo	Helen Long
Darwin Riley	Elliott Gunderman

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Cooper

PREPARE COMMUNION: Cindy Grace

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

GREETER: Gerry & Dee Fraley

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

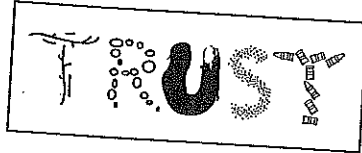
NURSERY: The nursery is available for parents to use during worship.

<u>READ SCRIPTURE:</u>	8/07/2016	Ellen Riggerbach-Isaiah 1:2
	8/14/2016	Tammy Boroff—Isaiah 5: 1-2
	8/21/2016	Leah Gunderman-Jeremiah 1: 4-6
	8/28/2016	Deb Santo-Jeremiah 2: 4-5a

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TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.

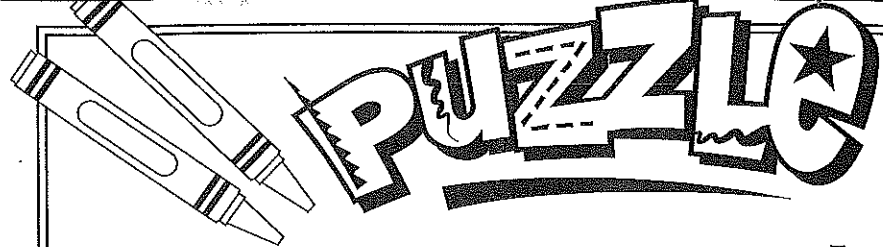


What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.



NEVER FEAR!

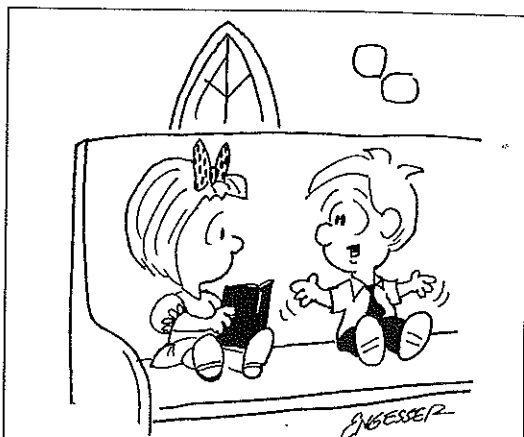
The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

- What plants grow in DIR ₁
- The opposite of play WO ₂ K
- One-of-a-kind ₃ NI QUE
- A hug and a KI ₄ S
- Sour TA R ₅
- To speak very loudly YE ₆ L
- Immediately N ₇ W
- Bees live in a HI ₈ E
- A dandelion is this W ₉ ED

I _____ in your unfailing _____ ;
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed.
 I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV



"If we're all dust, why take a bath before the service?"

Bible Quiz

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- A. When a curse was spoken against him
- B. When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- C. When his hair was cut
- D. When he was bound with ropes that had never been used

Answer: C (See Judges 16:17-19.)