

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

SEPTEMBER 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.



In my family we are at our best when we sing. When we sing we are different voices working together and seeking, though often struggling to find, harmony and space for each voice to shine. The more familiar a song becomes, the freer and more confident we are to create new notes, descants, and improvisations. In order to create that familiarity we have to practice and take time to sing with each other. The more we practice blending our voices the better we get at it. The better we sound, the more we want to sing together.

In the midst of this congregational family's ongoing efforts to follow Christ and work toward God's kingdom, choral singing is a vital and tangible practice. In order to have that practice folks have to volunteer to both share their voices and practice blending them in music so that we can become better at blending them outside of songs.

We need willing, hard working, thick-skinned voices to sing out. I am seeking those voices.

We need someone to moderate rehearsals and music selection. The Worship Committee is searching for a long term Director, and they need your help to find that person.

Your voice is needed.

Rev. Seth Stout



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Paul Biery on the death of his son in law

The Helen Long family on the death of her daughter Vicki

The family of Gerry Combs

Healing Prayers:

Frank Bandy

L. DeWeese

Russell Flint

Vicki Johnson

*Susan Knapp

*Sharon Kline

Jennifer Lero

Pat Marshall

Hank MacDonald

Deb Maxey

Ron McGill

Donna McNeil

Janet Miller

*Sandra & Ken Oyler

Kenny Simpson

Deborah Stout

Jim & Trish Stanton

Joanie & Stewart Welcher

Dorree Vance



Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Reinhart

Sara Yoder, Tristen Albert

Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team

*Bill Baxter

Debbie Belk

*Adam Daniels

*Rick DeGood

Paul Eiserle

*Russell & Donna Flint

Jim Jones

Residents of Louisiana

*Denotes Members

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

Thank you for your donations for the Church World Service Blankets. I'm sure they are needed in Louisiana during the floods.

Blanket Chairman

Genelta Levos

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.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:3

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy the Biery family on the death of their son in law.

To the Long family on the death of Helen's daughter Vicki. Services were Friday Aug. 19 in Pennsylvania.

And to the family of Gerry Combs.

Please keep all these families in your prayers at the difficult time.



FLOWERS



- 9/4/2016 Darla Smith
- 9/11/2016 Velma Albert (In Memory of Forre)
- 9/18/2016 Delmar Schwab (In Memory of Karen)
- 9/25/2016 Delmar Schwab (In Memory of Orville & Valera Riley)

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BIRTHDAYS

**DEADLINE FOR THE
OCTOBER DIGEST
SEPTEMBER 15**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/21 Todd & Erika Pease
- 9/25 Lindsey & Matt Hormann
- 9/25 Leslie & Brent Townley
- 9/25 Heather & Wally Daniels
- 9/27 Denise & Dee Renollet
- 9/28 Suzy & Matt Strayer



- 9/01 Jim Ellis
- 9/02 Josiah Dohm
- 9/04 Kathy Daniels
- 9/04 Brian Lipp
- 9/08 Kyle Mawer
- 9/08 Gabbie Stallbaum
- 9/09 Scott Fellers
- 9/10 Terry Fockler
- 9/11 Jennifer Workman
- 9/15 Katelyn Laney
- 9/15 Amber Simpson
- 9/17 Brian Knapp
- 9/18 Dennis Meyer
- 9/22 Ursula Riley
- 9/24 Stella Bandy
- 9/24 Clint Vance
- 9/24 Corbin Vance
- 9/25 Josh Hibbard
- 9/26 Jennifer Aden
- 9/26 Madeline Clippinger
- 9/26 Elliott Gunderman
- 9/28 Harry Ricker
- 9/28 Briggs Stoller
- 9/28 Bristyl Stoller
- 9/30 Sharon Cooper
- 9/30 Nate Reinhart



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Each person I meet is created in God's image.

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
7/31/2016	62	2	4	10	78
8/07/2016	64	7	10	22	103
8/14/2016	52	0	6	5	63
8/21/2016	56	1	6	8	71

COUNTERS:



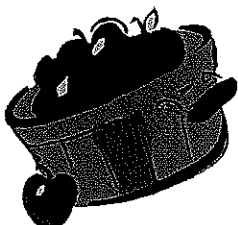
- 9/04/16 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 9/11/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 9/18/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 9/25/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus

Grandparents Day
Sept. 11

First Christian Church Fund Summary JULY 2016

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

DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	CWS-BLANKETS	LOVE OFFER.-HOUSE OF LOVE	FALL FESTIVAL	SIGN FUND	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
07/03/2016	2,282.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2,402.00
07/10/2016	2,121.00	107.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,288.00
07/13/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.00	0.00	0.00	47.00
07/17/2016	5,624.00	80.00	45.00	0.00	7,009.30	45.00	12,803.30
07/24/2016	1,512.00	203.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,715.00
07/31/2016	1,699.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,784.00
TOTAL	13,238.00	475.00	125.00	47.00	7,109.30	45.00	21,039.30



Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

8-2-16
Date



Fall Festival

September 16-18



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

The "Pig" is in the narthex to collect donations for the purchase of the meat. The sign up sheets for workers and supplies that will be needed is in the narthex or call the office. Please have your donations to the church by **September 12th**.

We are looking forward to another fun year.
Thank you for all you do to make this happen!



The Fall Festival Committee

Parsonage Committee

This committee is looking for someone(s) who could help maintain the landscaping at the parsonage. It is in desperate need of a makeover. We need someone who has plant knowledge and is willing to work to tame the jungle. Please see Suzy or Matt Strayer, Larry Grace or Lori Clark if you can help with this project.



Outreach

We want to Thank the congregation for all the supplies given for the kids for school. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. (Nelson Mandela)
We purchased additional supplies to send with the ones that were collected.

We have donated more birthday packages to the food bank. Thanks to the Sunday School teachers for having the kids decorate sacks. We can still use sacks, any one willing to decorate a brown paper bag, we would appreciate that also.

We are donating \$300.00 to the Ministerial Association and \$100.00 for eggs at the food bank. Christmas for kids is just around the corner.

Thank You
Outreach Team



Disciples Women

The Disciples women met the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Devotions were shared by Sharon Cooper.

The women continue to purchase eggs every month for the food pantry.

We would like to remind everyone of our prayer shawl ministry. If you know of someone who would benefit from the comfort of a shawl please pick one up in the office.

The Church World Service Blanket Project was very successful. We collected \$490.00 to send in. Thank you for your continue support of this ministry.

Fall Festival is our next "BIG" thing. We encourage everyone to help with the festival.

Don't forget our annual bazaar in November.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday October 30th
5 p.m.



Costumes, Food, Games, Fun and
Trick or Treat

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a success. We had a great time and if you would like to see pictures check out our facebook page.



Thank you Mowers

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

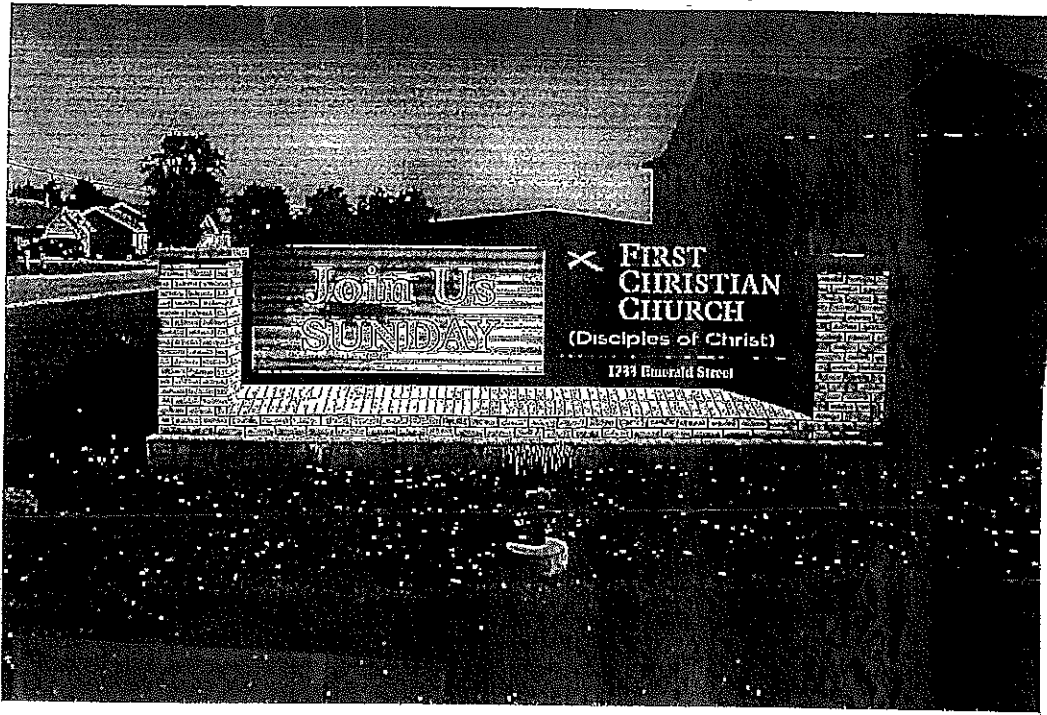
Mowers for the weeks of:

Sept. 4 & 11 McClure/Strayer
Sept. 18 & 25 Diane Bakle
Oct. 2 & 9 Diane Bakle
Oct. 16 & 23 Vince Reinhart

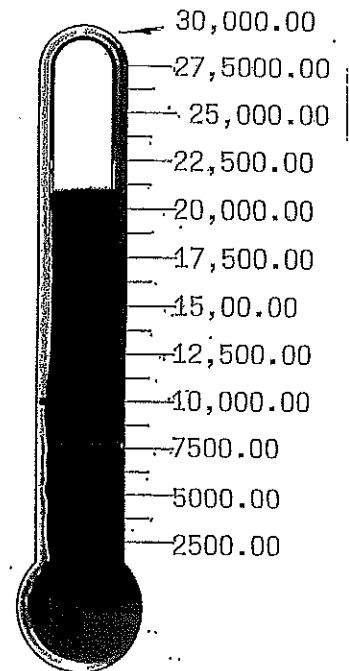
Sign Project

As you know we have been promoting the project for a new sign for over a year now. The Board voted on August 16 to move forward and start the installation of the sign. We must pay half the amount at the beginning and the balance upon completion. Which should be 6-8 weeks. The cost of the sign is approximately \$30,000.00. We currently have \$20,770.00 that has been donated for the sign. Continued financial support of the sign project would be greatly appreciated. We are excited to be able to have a new way to reach out to the community. Thank you for continuing to support this congregation in moving forward in ministry.

The Sign Committee



GOAL!



Soccer is Back

Please be careful if you are coming in the evenings for meetings. Children, Children Everywhere.



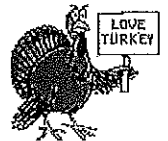
Pokémon

If you notice random cars pulling into the church and stopping by the entrance it is because there is a Pokémon on the bell. A couple of kids were kind enough to show me their phones so I could see it. My son was big into Pokémon cards back in the day so I kinda get. This is the world we live in. So I wave and smile and I wonder if I should be serving refreshments. After all FCC does food for everything.

Back to School Humor

Receiving new textbooks, one student to another.
"Psst, How do you turn this thing on?"

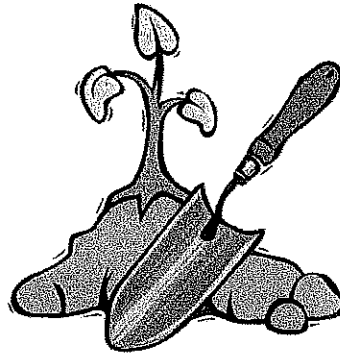
Parent: "What did you learn today?"
Kindergartner: "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."



We had such a good time on our bingo nights it has been suggested we continue. We were playing white elephant bingo last year with fabulous prizes brought in by you. So in November we will be playing Turkey Bingo. What is that? Well we need prizes associated with turkey day. Something stuffed, something leftover, something turkey.

Look around your house, I know you have something you don't want anymore. See Denise for questions.

Can You Dig In?



The Christian Education Team is hosting an informational gathering on the new Sunday school curriculum, "Dig In." If you would consider volunteering to teach Sunday school throughout the year, we encourage you to come. The new curriculum is all prepared for you with the lesson, materials, guided questions, videos, music and much, much more.

Please consider coming to dig into snacks and some amazing new Sunday school curriculum.

When: September 7, 2016

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Please contact a Christian Education member for further details.

Can you Dig In?

SERVERS—September 2016

ELDERS:

Bruce Gunderman (bread)
Gary McClure (cup)
Ellen Riggerbach (shut-in communion)

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

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Kelly Ricker Helen Long
Cindy Grace Harry Ricker
David Boroff Josh Lero
Susan Knapp Devon Smith

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Suzy Strayer

PREPARE COMMUNION: Suzy Strayer

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

GREETER: Jack & Marie Moore

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

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

READ SCRIPTURE: 9/04/2016 Darwin Riley-Jeremiah 18: 1-4
9/11/2016 Larry Grace-Jeremiah 4: 11-12
9/18/2016 Jan Commers-Jeremiah 8: 18-19
9/25/2016 Bruce Gunderman-Psalm 91:1-2

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

September 2016



BELL CHOIR STARTS SEPTEMBER 11TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"Pray, and let God worry." <i>Martin Luther</i></p>		<p>"I have a completely indescribable passion for experiencing God..." <i>Rainer Maria Rilke</i></p>		<p>1 BLOOD MOBILE 11:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.</p> 	2	3
<p>4 SERMON: SACRIFICE SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 18:1-4 JEREMIAH 18: 5-11 LUKE 14: 25-33</p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY</p> <p><i>Happy Labor Day!</i></p> 	<p>6 DISCIPLES WOMEN MEET-10:00 A.M.</p> <p>CH. ED-6 P.M.</p> <p>FALL ROCK MEETING- 7 P.M.</p> 	<p>7 SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF MEETING-6:30 P.M. CAN YOU DIG IN?</p>	<p>8 WORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP—6 P.M.</p>	9	10
<p>11 ELDERS MEETING- 8:30 A.M. SERMON: PUNCHLINE SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 4:11-12 JEREMIAH 4: 22-28 LUKE 15: 1-10</p> <p>BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP</p>	<p>12 FALL FESTIVAL SUPPLIES TO BE AT THE CHURCH</p>	13	<p>14 THE GARDEN'S SERVICE- 1:30 P.M.</p>	15	16 FALL FESTIVAL	17 FALL FESTIVAL
<p>18 SERMON: USE WHAT YOU GOT SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 8:18-19 JEREMIAH 8:20& 9:6 LUKE 16:1-13</p> <p>FALL FESTIVAL</p> 	<p>19 FINANCE MEETING 7 P.M.</p>	<p>20 PASTORIAL CARE MEETING- 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>BOARD MEETING- 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>21 TRUSTEES MEETING- 7 P.M.</p>	22	23	24
<p>25 SERMON: YOU GET A LIFETIME SCRIPTURE: PSALM 91: 1-2 PSALM 91: 3-16 LUKE 16: 19-31</p> <p>BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WOR- SHIP</p>	26	27	28	29	30	

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Each of us is a minister of First Christian Church! Vital ministries provided here could not happen without all of us sharing our talents and time. Please give prayerful thought to how you would like to serve your church in the coming year. Complete this form and place it in the basket provided in the narthex, this morning, or drop it off in the church office. Thank you for serving in the name of Jesus our Lord.

- Greeter/Usher Sundays
- Prepare/Cleanup Communion one month.
Preferred month _____
- Worship Leader one month per year
- Read Scripture on a given Sunday
- Serve as Nursery Attendant 3/4 times/yr,
- Teach Children's Sunday School
during Worship 1 Or 2 mos. per yr.
Preferred Month (s) _____
- Be a VBS Helper or teacher _____
- Help w/special programs (i.e. Children's
Christmas Musical, costumes, sets, etc.)
- Help assemble Digest & other mailings
as necessary.
- Learn to operate sound system and help
out when needed
- Sanctuary care: Fill candles &
straighten sanctuary

MUSIC

- Be part of ADULT choir
- BE Part of adult BELL choir
- Play a musical instrument
What instrument _____
- Be director of children's BELL Choir
- Would you direct a children's choir?

CARE MINISTRIES

- Provide transportation for elderly.
(Medical appointments, church,
grocery shopping)
- Sit with elderly a few hours to
relieve their caretakers

BE ON A TEAM

- CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM - help plan the Christian Education program for our
congregation (SundaySchool, Youth Programs, VBS, etc.)
- STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE TEAM - financial planning of the congregation (church budget,
special offerings, special needs, promote stewardship)
- WORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM TEAM - helps with planning worship services, special
music, flowers, help w/baptisms, nurture & support members, win people to Christ,
promote special events.
- MEMORIAL TEAM - receive memorial gifts, maintain records, purchase memorials as
designated.
- OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM - lift up the mission and outreach of the church through
communication and special outreach projects.
- TRUSTEES/PROPERTY TEAM - maintain physical structure and grounds of the church

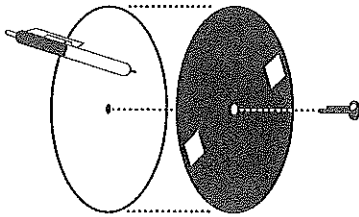
Special skills and interest I Have that might benefit First Christian Church:

Be sure to sign your name and give phone number. If there are things you want to do as a couple, so indicate this on the form. Thank you.

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.

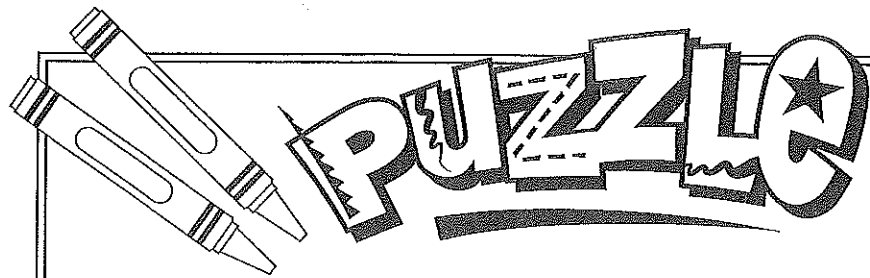


What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 58-43, 57-73, 73-88, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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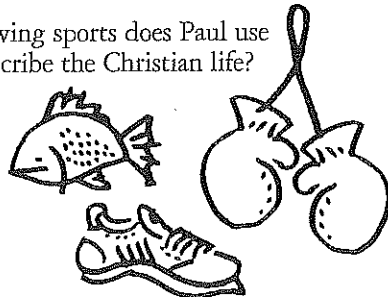
>> "So do not _____, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

Bible Quiz

Which of the following sports does Paul use metaphorically to describe the Christian life?

- A. Fishing
- B. Running a race
- C. Boxing
- D. Both B and C
- E. All of the above



Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.)

