

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

AUGUST 2015

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.



Gospel of Mark, chapter 8, verses 27 through 30. (Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus asks the same question of us today. 'Who do you say that I am?' Our answer will determine the course of our life. As individuals and as a community of faith. What Jesus Christ is to us will determine our mission, our faith, our participation in the community and the world. It will even change the dynamics of our family life. I get a lot of questions, especially from non-believers about why Jesus sternly ordered them not to tell anyone. There are many ideas circulating around about that very question. One answer might be that his time had not yet come. That is the common one I hear most often. But is that a cop-out for us? We really don't know why Jesus ordered them to tell no one. And it isn't the only time that Jesus uses similar words to admonish his followers. I can think of a few off the top of my head. The healing of the man possessed by Legion. The transfiguration on the mountaintop when Jesus' glory was shown to the disciples closest to him. I am sure there are many more. Jesus had his face turned toward Jerusalem. Timing was everything. Being God, he must have known what premature knowledge of his actions would bring. Before the stage was set. Before the work was done. Sometimes our timing is so important also. Being in the right place at the right time. Some Eastern philosophies have a saying that when the student is ready, the teacher will appear. When the time is right. When the circumstances are aligned. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. God is unchanging. In our world, it seems the only thing that is constant is change. And our world seems to be changing at a faster and faster pace. A friend of mine used to say, "Stop the world and let me on." Our timing might line up with God's timing. Or it might be off on a tangent of its own. I would venture to guess that our life is probably smoother when we align our will with God's will. God's timing is never off.

Be a blessing today to all those you meet.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Jeff



PRAYER REQUESTS:



- *Robert Miller
- *Bill Baxter
- *Amanda Boroff
- *Sam Levos
- *Rick DeGood
- Lucas Edwards
- Kim Armstrong
- Judy Wren
- Deb Belk
- Zane Daniels
- David Riggerbach
- Military:
 - Sarah Yoder

- Charles & Gleema Baxter
- Jackie Wagner
- Cari Sue Wilson
- Herbert Haney
- The family of Randall Smith



* Denotes FCC members

Nursing Home Residents..

- *Aletha Kadesch (Gardens)
- *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

Speakers Needed

If you know of a speaker who would like to provide the message for a Sunday during worship please contact Jan Commers



For Mildred's Church Family

Thanks to all who prayed and visited. With special thanks to the CWF for the great dinner and Pastor Jeff for all his Love.



From the Family of
Mildred Bashore

Thank You

Thank you for coming to my grad party and for the Gift.

Elliott

Thank You

Special thanks to the DWM funeral team and dining room crew for the wonderful luncheon.

Special thanks to Pat Paulus for her fixins tray at the luncheon. We appreciate it very much.

Thanks to Pastor Jeff for being there for us and all you have done.

Love to All
The Vance Family



Thank You

Thank You to everyone who pitched in to make movie night a success. When we try something new there is always a fear you and one other person will be the only ones there. This time it was me and 65 of my church family. Awesomel! It is so great to have a group of friends who will support ideas and run with it.

All I can say is "What's showing Next"

So much fun.

Thanks again

Denise



Expectant Waiting

When we shoot an arrow, we look to the fall of it; when we send a ship to sea, we look for the return of it; and when we sow seed, we look for a harvest; and so, when we sow our prayers into God's bosom, shall we not look for an answer?... A sincere Christian will pray and wait and strengthen his heart with promises out of the word, and never leave till God (gives) him a gracious answer.

- Richard Sibbs



FLOWERS



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- 8/2 Linda Reinhart (Memory of Mabel Linn, Honor of Bill)
- 8/9 Max & Donna Hibbard (Honor of 40th Anniversary)
- 8/16 Virginia Paulus
- 8/23 Sharon Cooper (Memory of Rollin & John, Honor of family)
- 8/30 Dan & Shirley Workman

If you are providing flowers for worship it would be appreciated
If you could pay for them at that time. Please pay the office.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/2 Paul Blery
- 8/4 Owen Workman
- 8/5 Tony Santo
- 8/6 Jamie Clemens
- 8/6 Kolyn Hilkey
- 8/7 Stacie Etzler
- 8/8 Suzanne Strayer
- 8/9 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 Katelyn 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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/7 Jim & Donna Ellis
- 8/7 Robert & Shirley Miller (61st)
- 8/7 Michael & Jennifer Workman
- 8/9 Max & Donna Hibbard (40th)
- 8/16 Gary & Linda Kadesch
- 8/17 Don & Gail Stoller
- 8/25 Doug & Amiee Klinger
- 8/26 Dennis & Susan Knapp



DEADLINE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER DIGEST
AUGUST 15TH.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
6/21/15	66	3	3	11	83
6/28/15	56	7	5	13	81
7/5/15	56	3	3	7	69
7/12/15	64	3	6	22	95
7/19/15	58	7	7	13	85

COUNTERS:

- 8/2/15 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 8/9/15 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 8/16/15 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 8/23/15 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek
- 8/30/15 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charles Simpson



First Christian Church
Fund Summary
June 2015

Birthday Open House

August 16th from 2-4 p.m.
There will be an open house at the
Pldg. Co. Historical Museum to
honor Virginia Paulus for her 90th birthday.

DATE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	WK OF COMP.	VBS DONATIONS	CWS-BLANKETS	YOUTH GROUP	MENS GROUP	Total
06/07/2015	2,334.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,334.00
06/08/2015	0.00	38.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.31
06/14/2015	1,730.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,755.00
06/21/2015	1,617.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	370.00	42.00	2,029.00
06/28/2015	1,612.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	1,637.00
Total	7,293.00	38.31	25.00	25.00	370.00	42.00	7,793.31

Note: 6-21-15 Youth Group Fundraiser-Jewelry Sale

Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

7-8-15

We are Friends, Family, and most of all Christians.

The First Christian Church is a true community of faith. We come from various backgrounds, and our lifestyles may differ. We can be rich or poor, young or old; we may live in the country, or live in town. There are many more differences that we may have, but what brings us together in the love and teaching of Jesus Christ and our rich church history born on the American frontier. We are an inclusive church and have been taught to 'Love one another'.

With our Pastor leaving we have had feelings of sadness, disappointment, and even frustration. When the Pastor announced his leaving many of us had our breath taken away, and we are just now recovering from that blow. We must now look back and see how much Pastor Jeff has given us. He has been there for the sick and the shut-in. He has been with us in good times and shared our laughter and our love. He taught us to be Christians first and that with him or without him we will always be the First Christian Church. Pastor Jeff came to us at a time we needed him most, and for that we are thankful.

We have heard that when a door closes, God opens another. Our faith in God and our Lord, Jesus Christ, should tell us that great things are to come. Together we can continue to do the work that God has appointed this Church to do. Now is not the time for you to distance yourself from the church, but instead, become more involved. God is counting on each and every one of us.

Thank you, Jeff, for being with us when we needed you most. You were truly sent to fill a void in this Church and to bring back hope and laughter to a congregation struggling with indecision and uncertainty. Your presence will always be a part of us and I wish you the very best in your future endeavors. May God Bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May He lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Paul Long, Chairman of the Board

At Your Service

Paul Long-Chair of the Board
 Larry Grace-Vice Chair
 Deb Santo-Board Secretary
 Sue Simpson-Financial Secretary (oversees contributions)
 Denise Renollet-Treasurer (oversees expenses)
 Denise Renollet-Church Secretary
 Donna Hibbard-Organist & Bell Choir Director
 Bruce Gunderman-Choir Director
 Tom Appel-Custodian
 Church Office Hours are Tues-Friday 8:00 a.m. -12 noon

ELDERS

*Gary McClure	Ellen Riggenschach
Jan Commers	Charlie Simpson
Bruce Gunderman	Sue Simpson
Max Hibbard	Matt Stoller
Genelta Levos	Matt Strayer
Paul Long	Dan Workman

*Chairman of the Elders

Outreach

We will be adopting the 1st grade again this year.
 This will be providing school supplies for the children.

Supplies needed are:



8 oz Elmers Glue
 Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
 Large Eraser 1X2
 School Box
 #2 Lead pencils
 Fiskar Scissors
 Kleenex
 Book Bags



Please provide the Brand names listed. This is requested by the school teachers. We want all children to feel confident and included as they enter into a new school year.

Items need to be at the church by August 9th.

If you have questions please see Genelta, Vicki or Sue Simpson

Thank you



Disciples Women's Ministry

The ladies of the DWM held their night out in Archbold at The Barn on July 7th 2015.

There were 18 women in attendance.

We all arrived safely and around the same time.
 The group had their own room and waitress.

Suzu Strayer, our group chairman was in charge, making sure we were all present.

There was lots of food and we all went away very happy. It's an event that we all look forward to every July.

Our next meeting is August 4th at 10:00 a.m,

Upcoming activities for us include Fall Festival, Chicken Pie and the Bazaar.

Thank you to all the women who do so much to make everything we do a success.

Secretary,
 Leah Gunderman



Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be here before we know it.

Sign up sheets for workers and food donations will be in the narthex .

Please sign up where you can. The fellowship and fun of the festival is a part of our ministry as well a big fund raiser for the building maintance fund.



Mowing Schedule For the weeks of:

July 26 and August 2 -Gerry Fraley
 August 9 and August 16- Gary McClure
 August 23 and August 30-
 Sept. 6 and Sept 13- Clint Reinhart
 Sept 20 and Sept. 27-Diane Bakle
 Oct 4 and Oct 11-
 Oct. 18 and Oct. 25-Gerry Fraley



FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to our kick off.

Pizza, Games, Study

If you would like to help in the planning or have an idea please see Denise



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS has been scheduled for Sunday Aug. 2 nd thru Thursday Aug.6th. 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

This year we will be going to

EVEREST

Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

White Elephant Gifts

We will be playing Bingo this winter at one of our Wednesday night fellowship meetings. We would like to collect white elephant gifts to give as prizes. What is a white elephant? Something you have that you don't use or want anymore. Maybe it's a book , maybe it's a sit around, maybe it's a toy.

Surprises are great!

There is be a box in the narthex .



Thanks for all your help.
Denise

Family Emergency Fund What is the Family Emergency Fund?

It is a separate fund to provide aid, assistance and support to our Church Family in times of a particular need or emergency.

We have all had times when we need a little help.

All requests are confidential.

This account is funded by donations only. Donations are gladly accepted. Just be sure to mark your envelope "Family Emergency Fund" as it goes into a separate account.

Members of the committee are Kathy Daniels, Vicki McClure and Ellen Rigenbach.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

AUGUST 2ND -AUGUST 6TH

NAME _____ PARENTS _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

ALLERGIES OR HEALTH CONCERNS _____

Pictures

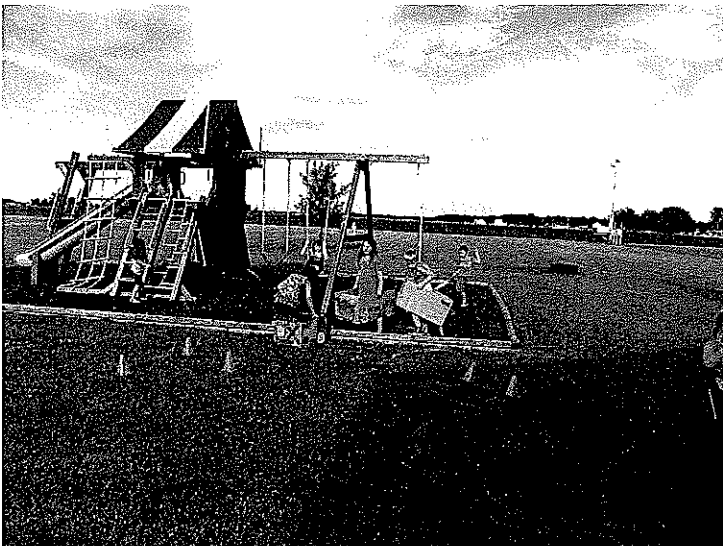
We will be putting pictures of church events and projects on the website, the facebook page and the digest from time to time.

If you do not want your picture or pictures of your children published please let Denise know as soon as possible.



OUTDOOR MOVIE

PICTURES



MEMORIAL TEAM

The Memorial Team receives donations in Memory of loved ones.

The donations are used by the team to purchase items for the church.

Currently the Team has purchased a tv for the fellowship hall.

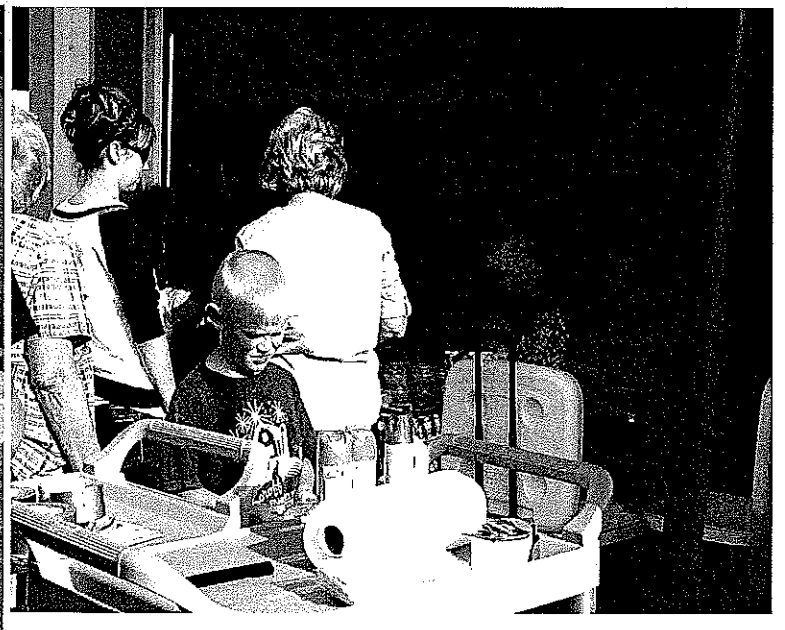
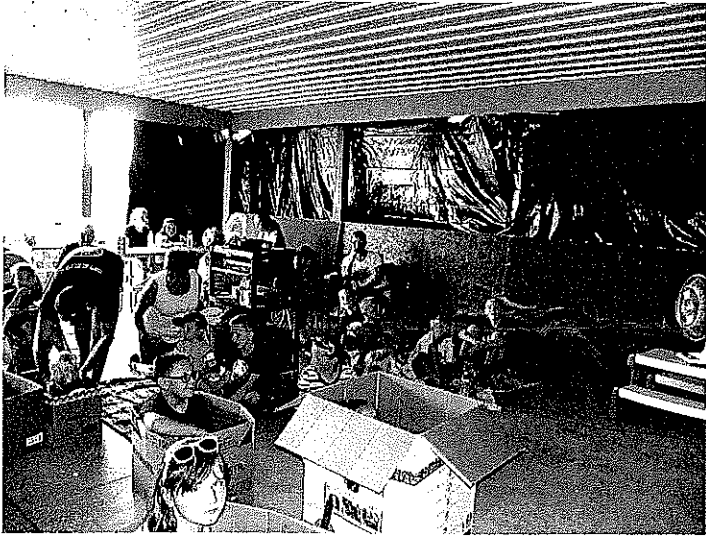
We also have two projects we are saving toward.

We would like to purchase a nativity set for the front of the church.

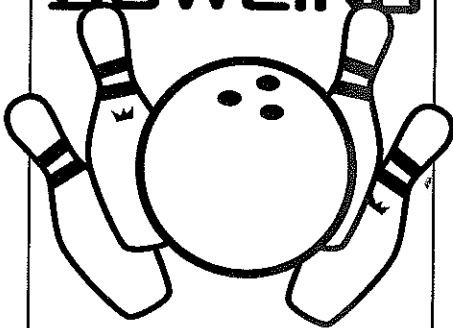
The last project is a sign fund. The sign would be an activity sign in front of the church to let everyone know what is happening and when. The cost of this type of sign is very expensive. We currently have assembled a Sign Committee to research different types of signs. Through the generously of loved ones the fund has accumulated \$5255.00. Expected cost is around \$15000.00.

If you would like to donate to the sign fund it would be greatly appreciate.

FUN, FUN, FUN



GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

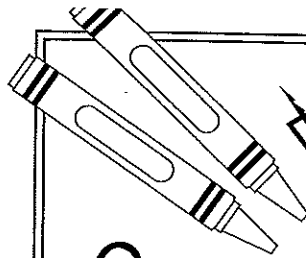
What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.

Hey kids:
Do a puzzle or
quiz.
Bring it to Denise
for a prize!




PUZZLE

Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and — for many people — time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



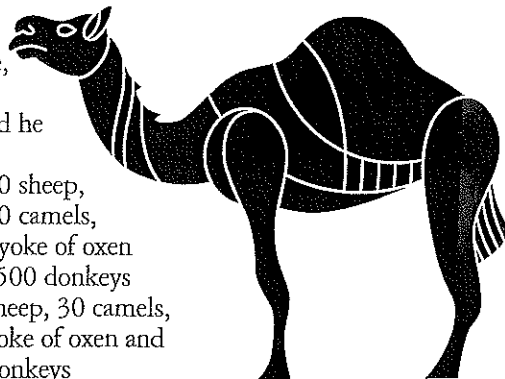


Answer: The LORD Almighty

Bible Quiz

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- 250 sheep and 250 goats



or
Color Me!