



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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Worship 10:00 a.m.

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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.



PASTOR'S PAGE

SUMMER PSALM – Psalm 118:24-29 success. 26 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. 27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. 29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Greetings in the name of the Lord! Now that I've been here a couple of weeks, I can joyfully report that I'm thoroughly enjoying my time here at First Christian Church and in the Village of Paulding. I've met a lot of new people and I am still trying to put names with faces. Although that process takes some time, I will eventually get there. The main reason I'm feeling so much joy since my arrival, is because all of you have been so welcoming to me. Thank you for reaching out, for the conversations, and for the genuine appreciation I've felt from you. As we finish up the season of spring, we are seeing new life all around us, and I think that's where we are as a church. We are seeing a new beginning here at First Christian. Not just a beginning of our ministry together, but I'm envisioning a new beginning in faith. Maybe even included in that is a new attitude. There is a time for everything in life. How great is it to know that we can expect a warmer season after a colder one? In the same manner, God "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good (Matthew 5:45)." He allows seasons to change and new beginnings to ascend. I believe that by moving beyond our past, and focusing on today and beyond, we can begin again to be a vital church and a positive influence in the community of Paulding and the surrounding area. By beginning anew, we can change the perspective on who we are as a church family and reach out to others in compassion and love. I think the valley times of life can teach us so much more than the mountaintop times, because God pushes us through the valleys, while the mountaintops await on the other side. So, as we enter into the summer months, I encourage you to give thanks for the past struggles that have been endured here at First Christian, because it has led us to where we are right now. At the same time, Christ has instructed us to GO. Go serve, go love, go help, go encourage, and go and make disciples. So, as we give thanks for where we are now, let's also be encouraged and excited about where we are going from here!

Peace, Pastor Ric

Comfort in Mourning:
The Family of Dan Vogel

Healing Prayers:
John Henry & Anna Kauser
Michael Kline

Continuing Concerns:
Deb Bashore
Dave Foltz
Jerry Price
Leslie Santo
Nursing Homes
Our World
*Denotes Members

Paul & Joan Biery
Brookdale Assisted Living
725 Fox Run Road
Findlay, Ohio 45840



JUNE FIRST SCRIPTURES

- 6/02 - Deuteronomy 5:12-15
- 6/09 - Psalm 130
- 6/16 - Ezekiel 17:22-24
- 6/23 - Job 38:1-11
- 6/30 - Lamentations 3:22-33

Flowers For Worship:

- 6/02 Herm Guelde –In Honor Of Jean
- 6/09
- 6/16 Happy Father's Day
- 6/23
- 6/30

ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
04/28	58	41	6	10	1	39
05/05	54	42	5	6	1	36
05/12	77	54	8	12	3	35
05/19	62	43	12	7	0	



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens
*Romaine Boundy

Van Crest of Payne
Lorean McCollum

Fountain Park-Bryan, Oh
*Wanda Rohlf

Military:
Cameron Cramer

JUNE SERVERS

Elders
Gary McClure
Sue Simpson

Worship Leader
Matt Strayer

Greeter
Kenny & Marsha Adkins

First



- 06/01 Lucas Grace
- 06/02 Emily Thielbar
- 06/03 Karen Dotterer
- 06/03 Jolene Smith
- 06/04 Gail Stoller
- 06/09 Dave Clark
- 06/12 Cia Cook
- 06/12 Grace Laney
- 06/13 Dee Fraley
- 06/14 Angie Coak
- 06/15 Darwin Riley
- 06/17 Nicole Harris
- 06/18 Stella Bandy
- 06/18 Julie Knapp
- 06/18 Lindsey Metzger
- 06/19 Lisa Cline
- 06/24 Mike Workman
- 06/28 Bonnie Sherland
- 06/29 Gerald Fraley
- 06/30 Larry Grace

Happy Anniversary

- 6/01 Don & Marilyn Stevenson
- 6/02 Cory & Olivia Mendez
- 6/11 Pete & Lisa Cline
- 6/13 Brett & Michelle Mawer
- 6/21 Gerry & Dee Fraley



Flowers

If you would like to sign up for flowers for worship, please use the sheet on the bulletin board and place your donation in the offering plate.

Happy Father's Day



From the Elders

A devotion by John Blasé entitled Our Father

Most mornings I recite the Lord's Prayer. I'm not worth much for the new day until I've grounded myself in those words. Recently I'd said only the first two words-"our Father"-when my phone rang. It startled me as it was 5:43 a.m. Guess who? The phone display read "Dad." Before I had a chance to answer, the call quickly ended. I guessed my dad had called by mistake. Sure enough, he had. Random coincidence? Maybe, but I believe we live in a world awash in the mercy of God. That particular day I needed that reassurance of our Father's presence.

Think about that for a minute. Of all the ways Jesus could have taught His disciples to begin their prayers, He chose those two words-"Our Father" (Matthew 6:9) as the starting point. Random? No, Jesus was never less than intentional with His words. We all have different relationships with our earthly fathers-some good, some far less than that. However, praying in the way we should is not addressing "my" father or "your" father, but "our" Father, the One who sees us and hears us, and who knows what we need before we even ask Him (v.8)

What an amazing reassurance, especially on those days when we might feel forgotten, alone, abandoned, or simply just not worth much. Remember, regardless of where we are and what time of day or night it might be, Father in heaven is always near.

**How can you make the Lord's Prayer a part of your prayer life?
What feelings do those two words-"Our Father"-stir in you?**

Father, thank You for Your promise to hear me when I pray, regardless of where I may be.



Parsonage

The Parsonage upgrade is being finished. The cost totaled \$11500.00. If you would like to donate toward this project it would be greatly appreciated. We have received \$2787.00 towards the cost so far.



Summer Sunday School

We are restructuring Children's Sunday School for the summer. Suzy Strayer will be doing the first Sunday of every month, Denise Renollet the second Sunday of the month. **We need adults for the third and fourth Sundays.**

We would also like the youth to continue to help with the class. We would like to start using the children's bells, and teach songs, along with the stories and projects that relate to the lessons. Suzy, Denise and Donna will be coordinating. We can help you find material or anything else you might need.



Special Music

If you would like to share your musical talents with us during worship this summer please sign up on the bulletin board. Questions should be referred to Donna.

All Church Picnic

June 30th following worship we will be having a church picnic. Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be provided by the Men's Group. The Disciples Women will be assisting with other supplies and set up. Please bring a dish to share. Please contact Denise or Paul if you have questions.





Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

Thanks again for your support of your pantry. This month we tuna (small cans) and baking goods.

Dan Bulau

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next regular meeting will be June 4th at 10:00 a.m. All Women of the church are invited to attend. We will be helping with picnic plans in June.

DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP

The Men meet the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. All men are invited. We will be helping with the picnic in June. Contact Paul Long for details.



Thanks for Your Support!

Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10814.67 per month.

COUNTERS

- 6/02 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 6/09 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 6/16 Max Hibbard. Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 6/23 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure
- 6/30 Charlie Simpson, Joan Tope, Dan Workman



Mowing Schedule

- May 27-June 9-Matt Strayer
- June 10- June 23-Todd Pease
- June 24-July 7-Gary McClure
- July 8-July 21-
- July 22-August 4-
- August 5-August 18-Gary McClure
- August 19- Sept. 1-
- Sept. 2-Sept 15-Gary McClure
- Sept 16- Sept. 29-
- Sept 30- Oct 13-
- Oct 14-Oct. 27-Gary McClure

The church has a mower. You may use it and mow yourself or you can indicate on the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board that you would like to pay someone to mow for you.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH



First Christian Church Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	102 INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING	105 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-PEN TECOST	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
04/07/2024	3,574.15	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	3,664.15
04/14/2024	1,321.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	1,346.00
04/21/2024	990.00	10.00	0.00	70.00	50.00	1,120.00
04/28/2024	2,217.12	0.00	50.00	30.00	0.00	2,297.12
Total	8,102.27	10.00	50.00	215.00	50.00	8,427.27

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M. CHILDRENS SUNDAY
SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDRENS MOMENT
SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRIDAY 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
PASTORS HOURS: TUES-THUS. 8 a.m. 12 p.m.

There's nothing you could do to make God love you more...or less.

Loan someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.

June 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 LERO-FS HALL 2-6	3	4 DISCIPLES WOMENS MEET- ING-10 A.M.	5 WOR/MEM/TECH- 6:30 P.M. TRUSTEES-7 P.M.	6	7	8
9 DANIELS-FS HALL-2-5	10	11	12 STEW/FINANCE- 6:30 P.M.	13	14	15 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M.
16 FATHER'S DAY ELDERS MEETING- 8:30 A.M.	17	18 BOARD MEET- ING-7 P.M.	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Church Picnic Following worship						

ELDERS: Gary McClure & Sue Simpson

WORSHIP LEADER: Matt Strayer

1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Larry Grace

GREETERS: Marsha & Kenny Adkins

6/02 Sermon: The Sabbath is for Us, Scripture: Mark 2: 23-3:6

6/09 Sermon: He Has Lost His Mind, Scripture: Mark 3: 20-35

6/16 Sermon: Let Your Light Shine, Scripture: Mark 4: 26-34

6/23 Sermon: Be Still Scripture: Mark 4: 35-41

6/30 Sermon: What Are You Searching For? Scripture: Mark 5: 21-43

Don't be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Rikkenbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.



"If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots," Rikkenbach wrote in her gardening column. "If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden."

In the same way, it's easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can't reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!

An ode to dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.



While you're away



Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!





CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR RIC



PENTECOST CELEBRATION AND WELCOMING PASTOR RIC



THE BELL CHOIR PRESENTED DONNA WITH A T SHIRT AND ROSES IN APPRECIATION FOR ALL SHE DOES



THIS WAS BORROWED FROM BRUCE GUNDERMANS FACEBOOK PAGE.
1967. WHO DO YOU SEE?

PUZZLE

FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." *John 6:40, NIV*

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life

Christian symbol

BELL — A bell symbolizes the call to worship, reflected in the ringing of bells in many churches to announce or open a service. A bell also symbolizes the proclamation of the Gospel to the world: hence, the ringing of church bells at the close of some services as worshipers depart to spread Christ's good news in their daily lives.



FAMILY FEAST



Serve protein-packed waffles for a family breakfast on **FATHER'S DAY** or any special occasion.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Waffle maker
- Blender
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 6 eggs
- Cooking spray
- Diced strawberries
- Powdered sugar



What you do:

1. With adult help, preheat the waffle maker.
2. In the blender, add oats and cottage cheese. Crack eggs in a separate bowl, then add to the blender. Pulse to combine the mixture. Then blend on medium speed for 10 seconds.
3. Coat the waffle maker with cooking spray. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter onto the iron and close.
4. Carefully remove the waffle when it's golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter.
5. Top with strawberries and powdered sugar. Makes about 6 waffles.

