



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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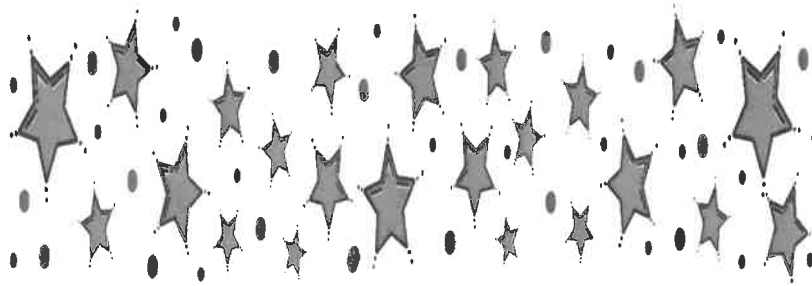
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Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.



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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

Summertime features a lot of family vacations, travel, slowing of routines, and laziness. Mention the word summer and most people begin to imagine the beach, cool drinks, and anything but the “normal” routine. All too often, Christians imagine “breaks” from their churches and spiritual devotions. They travel and vacate, and they take a holiday from Jesus. Somehow, we manage to rationalize by saying, “I’m on vacation,” as if Jesus isn’t Lord while we’re “on vacation,” as if Jesus didn’t afford us the vacation, as if He can’t return while we’re on vacation. Be faithful to your church. If this is your church, love her. Support her with your prayers and your giving . People come and go during summer. That’s good. God loves to see his people getting the rest and recreation they need. But don’t go on vacation from Jesus and his people. Keep worshiping wherever you are, keep giving, keep praying, keep loving. God has amazing things in mind for us as we enter this next chapter together.

In Christ,

Pastor Ric

Comfort in Mourning:
The family of Michael Kline
The family of Bob Estle

Healing Prayers:
Barb Beaverson
Grant Jenkins
Eric Priest
Jane Weippert
Continuing Concerns:
Deb Bashore
Dave Foltz
Jerry Price
Darwin & Ursula Riley
Leslie Santo
Nursing Homes
Our World
*Denotes Members

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



JULY FIRST SCRIPTURES

07/07 Psalm 48
07/14 Psalm 24
07/21 2 Samuel 7: 1-14
07/28 Psalm 14

Flowers For Worship:

07/07 Happy 4th
07/14 Herm Guelde in Memory of Jean
07/21 Paul Long-In Memory of Helen
07/28 Dan & Shirley Workman –In Honor of Lorean's Birthday

God's Love gives me the power to serve

ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
5/26	62	42	9	9	2	58
6/02	54	38	6	7	3	52
6/09	51	34	9	7	1	33
6/16	62	43	8	8	2	46



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens
*Romaine Boundy

Van Crest of Payne
Lorean McCollum

Fountain Park-Bryan, Oh
*Wanda Rohlf

Military:
Cameron Cramer

JULY SERVERS

Elders :
Charlie Simpson
Max Hibbard

Worship Leader
Max Hibbard

Greeters
Sharon Cooper
Susan Knapp

First Scripture Reader
Tracy Gunderman



7/02 Carrie Lero
7/02 Milo Workman
7/08 Zachary Good
7/08 Sandra Leslie
7/09 Lillie Hibbard
7/10 Anna Gunderman
7/12 Shirley Cramer
7/13 Corey Harris
7/14 Aden Lero
7/17 Denise Renollet
7/18 Kara Thompson
7/23 Michelle Mawer
7/26 Eternity Bassler
7/31 Sheryl Garza



7/04 Josh & Carrie Lero
7/08 Jenifer & Roger Nicelley
7/10 Dave & Lori Clark



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.



From the Elders

A devotion entitled **Words Reflect Our Heart** by Marvin Williams

How do you eliminate foul language? A high school chose to institute a “no foul language” promise. The students took an oath saying: “I do solemnly promise not to use profanities of any kind within the walls and properties of (our school).” This was a noble effort, but, according to Jesus, no external rule or pledge can ever cover the odor of foul speech.

Removing the stench of the words that come from our mouths begins with renewing our hearts. Just as people recognize the kind of tree by the fruit it bears (Luke 6: 43-44), Jesus said that our speech is a convincing indicator of whether our hearts are in tune with Him and His ways or not. Fruit stands for a person’s speech, “for the mouth speaks what the heart is full of” (v.45). Christ was pointing out that if we really want to change what’s coming out of our mouths. We first have to focus on changing our hearts as He helps us.

External promises are useless to curb the foul language that comes forth from an untransformed heart. We can only eliminate foul speech by first believing in Jesus (1 Corinthians 12:3) and then inviting the Holy Spirit to fill us (Ephesians 5:18). He works within us to inspire and help us to continually offer thanks to God (v. 20) and to speak encouraging and edifying words to others (4:15, 29; Colossians 4:6).

What do your words and speech say about your heart?

How are you inviting the Holy Spirit to transform your speech these days?

Dear Jesus, please help me speak words that honor You and edify others.



Summer Sunday School

Fruit of the Spirit is the theme of Children's Sunday School in July. We are also working with the kids on a Youth Bell Choir



Lost & Found

We have several items in the lost and found box in the narthex. Please check to see if any of the items are yours.

Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

We continue to collect items for the food pantry.

All donations are very much appreciated.

There is a box in the narthex for your donations.



BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday will be July 28th. This is a ministry the church has participated in for years. If you would like to donate to Church World Service, there is an envelope included in this digest or on the table in the narthex.



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.

JOYS

Congratulations to Megan and Cameron Monnier on the birth of Bernard Avery on May 29th. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. Grandparents are Charlie & Sue Simpson, Great grandparent is Genelta Levos.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We will be going to the Beer Barrel in Van Wert on July 9th. We will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. and plan to eat at 6:00 if you would like to meet us there. All Women of the church are invited to attend.

The Disciple's Women donated \$500.00 to the parsonage upgrade project.

The DWM will be collecting items for Care Totes. These totes will be given to people that need comfort in a trying time. Items needed: small totes, lotions, small Kleenex packets, nail clippers, individual care items, puzzle books, anything you feel would help to make people comfortable. There will be a tote in the narthex for items.



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

- 7/07 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 7/14 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 7/21 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 7/28 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure

Mowing Schedule



June 24-July 7-Gary McClure
 July 8-July 21-Corey Harris
 July 22-August 4-Darwin Riley
 August 5-August 18-Gary McClure
 August 19- Sept. 1-Darwin Riley
 Sept. 2-Sept 15-Gary McClure
 Sept 16- Sept. 29-Darwin Riley
 Sept 30- Oct 13-Clint Reinhart
 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.

DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP



The Men will not meet in July. See you the third Saturday in August.

July Meetings

All July Meetings have been cancelled.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH



First Christian Church Fund Summary

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	105 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-PEN TECOST	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
05/12/2024	1,778.71	0.00	20.00	0.00	1,798.71
05/19/2024	1,124.00	85.00	25.00	52.00	1,286.00
05/05/2024	3,737.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,737.00
05/26/2024	1,664.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	1,684.00
Total	8,303.71	85.00	65.00	52.00	8,505.71

Tracy Gunderman, 5-31-2024

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.

"You can always give without loving,
 but you can never love without
 giving."

July 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 NO WOR/MEM/ TECH MEETING	4 	5	6
7 CAMP WEEK	8	9 DISCIPLES WOMEN NIGHT OUT 5 P.M.	10 NO FINANCE MEETING	11	12	13
14	15	16 NO BOARD MEET- ING	17	18	19	20 NO MEN'S MEET- ING-
21 NO ELDERS MEETING	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 BLANKET SUNDAY	29	30	31		FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ARE SAFE IN HIS HANDS	

ELDERS: Max Hibbard & Charlie Simpson

WORSHIP LEADER: Max Hibbard

1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Tracy Gunderman

GREETERS: Sharon Cooper & Susan Knapp

7/07 Sermon: Shake it Off Scripture: Mark 6: 1-13

7/14 Sermon: To Tell the Truth , Scripture: Mark 6: 14-29

7/21 Sermon: Use What You Have, Scripture: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

7/28 Sermon: Prayer Changes Things, Scripture: Ephesians 3: 14-21

Lessons from hiking

Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.

- This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.

Redeeming 'wasted' time

In *Just Like Jesus*, Max Lucado writes that the average American spends a total of six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, 18 months looking for items we've lost and five years standing in line. All the while, many of us grumble: "What a waste of time! I could be doing something much more important! *Where* are my keys?"

But Lucado suggests that we give these moments to God. Rather than whispering to ourselves, we can speak to God in prayer. "Simple phrases such as 'Thank you, Father,' 'Be sovereign in this hour, O Lord,' 'You are my resting place, Jesus' can turn a commute into a pilgrimage," he writes. "You needn't leave your office or kneel in your kitchen. Just pray where you are. Let the kitchen become a cathedral or the classroom a chapel. Give God your whispering thoughts."

A declaration of interdependence

"Dependence does not destroy human personality," writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are "never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God." Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
 - That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
 - That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
 - That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
 - That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God's plan

Puzzle!

THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

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$\frac{9+6}{18+5}$ $\frac{10-4}{8-7}$ $\frac{27-7}{6+14}$ $\frac{4+4}{4+1}$ $\frac{8-3}{13+5}$

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Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV

Bible Quiz

What musical instrument is mentioned in the final poem of Psalms as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above

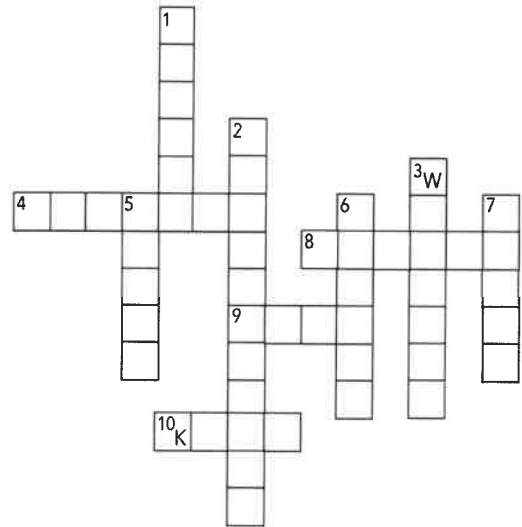
Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5.)



THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



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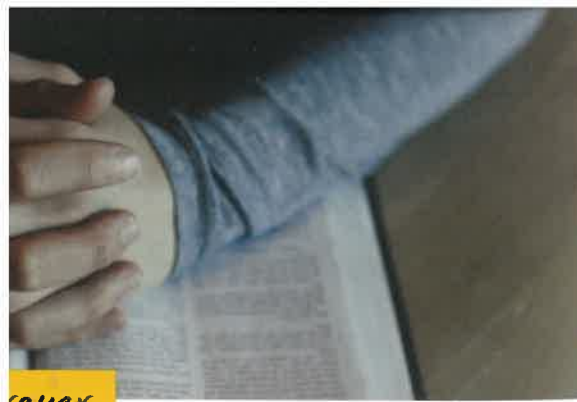
1. The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
2. God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
3. Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
5. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
6. The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

ACROSS

4. The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
8. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
9. God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
10. A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)

Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine, 8. CROSS: 4. fingers, 8. fourth, 9. name, 10. king





prayer

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Imagine the *possibilities* of your *compassion*.

When tough times arise, a simple act of kindness can make all the difference.

Through our CWS Blankets program, you can share compassion, in a practical way, with neighbors facing hard times.

Through your compassion, amazing things can happen! **Imagine the positive possibilities from your generosity.**



"Our family supports the CWS Blankets program because these blankets bring hope to people who need a reminder that someone cares about them."

— LEE KIESEL

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"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16



Joanna Sameulson and her twin sons Henry (pictured left) and Malcom (right).

Joanna and her sons are sharing hope and love through CWS blankets.

In their ministry, these blankets are going to help people who may not have a safe place to live and to help aid Joanna.

They hope that her sons will follow.

Look out for others when we see people in need.

Four youth serving their community during the pandemic. They shared 230 kits and blankets with others.

Henry shared, "That's what God tells us to do as Christians."

Compassion when you give generously and lovingly.

WOOL BLANKET

- water-resistant
- flame-retardant
- durable
- warm
- for frigid temps and extreme weather



CWS HYGIENE KIT

- hand towel
- washcloth
- comb
- fingernail clippers
- bar of soap
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- bandaids

Imagine the possibilities of your compassion. Scan this QR Code to donate to CWS Blankets today.

Scan Me!



Join other generous donors and provide comfort and warmth to our neighbors in need.

\$10 CWS Blanket

\$25 CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit

\$30 Three CWS Blankets (two wool and one fleece)

\$45 Three CWS Blankets and a CWS Hygiene Kit

\$60 Blanket Bundle! Three wool CWS Blankets and three fleece CWS Blankets