



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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Music Director: Michael Hefner

Moderator: Larry Chamberlain

Elders: Sharon Amburgey
Roger Byrd
Dave Lombard
Matt Lyons
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Guy Stone
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School – 9:15
Young Adult and Children’s
Sunday School – 9:45
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesdays- Bible Study 7 PM
Wednesdays- Bible Study 2 PM

08/27 Board Meeting
08/30 Meet and Greet @ Central
Academy Open House
09/05 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM
09/06 Sarah Circle 7 PM @ Karen
Powers’ home
09/09 Guy and Jackie Stone Wedding
Anniversary Celebration
09/11 Hope House Lunch
09 16 Dinner and a Movie 5 PM
11/02 Lifeline Screening

Guest Speakers:

08/26- Cliff Thompson
09/02- Connor Thompson
09/09- Rev. Dr. J.T. Johnson
09/16- Pastor Carol Oetzel
09/23- Rev. Sue Glaab
09/30- Rev. John Dick
10/07- Rev. Ed Bastien

ELDER’S MOMENT

Last night at the Elder’s meeting Dave Lombard and I were approved by the Elders as the new co-chairs.

We are happy to serve in this capacity and to relieve Cliff Thompson who has stepped up for several years in a row.

We embrace the opportunity to lead during this time of transition in our church. These interim periods are always a challenge for all of the members of the congregation. The process of securing a top notch interim has begun. For the immediate future, there are several Sunday morning speakers lined up.

As we have in the past, we all need to be as involved in the life of the church as we can. Our church needs the support of everyone as we move forward. It is imperative that everyone complete and return the congregational surveys immediately.

If there are special needs or pastoral care, please contact Dave Lombard, Karen Powers, or any other Elder.

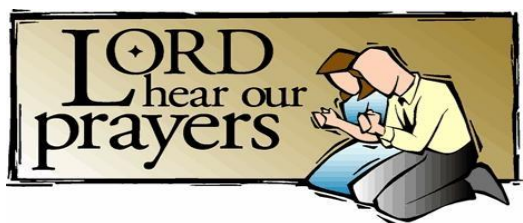
As always, let us keep our church in constant prayer, believing wholeheartedly in God’s plan for us.

With Christ’s love and mine,

Karen Powers

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
08/19/18	66	\$ 963.00
08/12/18	43	\$1,786.00
08/05/18	45	\$2,061.00
07/29/18	42	\$5,027.00
07/22/18	33	\$ 896.35
Singles for Sign		\$203.00
Outreach		\$5.00



Prayer List:

Health: Paul Campbell, Larry Chamberlain, Helen Dennis, Brenda Gully, Barbara Gray, Diane Kinkade, Dorice Perkins, Sharon Smith, Sharon Sparks, Guy Stone,

Special Needs: Edna Bartlett, Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt.

Others: Caregivers, children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, our church,

THANK YOU

Thank you all so very much for the wonderful gift and for your kindness to me in my time of trouble!

I will never be able to express just how much it was needed and how VERY much I appreciate it!!

I am humbled by your gift and am forever grateful!

Thank you,
Lisa

(Note: Lisa is our custodian and was recently injured when her vehicle was hit by an uninsured motorist. Her car was totaled and Outreach reached out to her on behalf of our congregation.)

CHOIR PRACTICE TO BEGIN!

I am excited and honored to be leading music at FCC and I would like to invite anyone that has the desire to sing (even if you've never been in a choir before) to join the choir! Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 22 from 7-8:15pm-ish, and we will begin singing for the services on Sunday, September 9 (week after Labor Day). We would love to have you come and join us. I hope to see you there!

In Christ's Love,
Michael Hefner

(Email - mrayh@earthlink.net)
(Ph# - 937-266-8265)

OUTREACH

We delivered a very large quantity of household paper products to the Salvation Army. This month our suggested items of giving include spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly. If available, jelly in plastic jars is preferred. As always, donations may be placed in the blue tub in the Narthex. On August 14th, the Outreach Team again provided lunch for the residents of the Hope House Women's and Children's Center. We sent a team and two trucks to SanMar to pick up new apparel items which we plan on delivering to Camp Christian in the very near future. We also made a monetary donation to Lisa, our custodian, after learning her vehicle was totaled when hit by an uninsured motorist.

MEMBERSHIP

Thursday August 30th, 5:30-7:00 pm, Membership/ Outreach will be passing out bottled water and pencil packs at Central Academy open house. Donations of water and pencils will be accepted until we leave for the open house that evening.

Save the Date: Sunday September 16th, 5:00 pm

Dinner and a movie at FCC Middletown. Hamburgers, hotdogs and fixins' will be provided along with water, lemonade and iced tea. Bring a covered dish to share. We will be showing "I Can Only Imagine".



CWF NEWS

CWF wishes to thank all who contributed items and those who worked at the recent Rummage and Bake Sale. The total gross profit was \$1747.05. We are planning to have another sale at this time next year.

Sarah Circle and Esther-Rebekah Circle will start their fall meetings in September. Esther-Rebekah Circle meets at the church on the first Wednesday of the month and Sarah Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on Sept. 6th at Karen Powers home. Sarah Circle will be putting together Health Kits for Church World Service at our meeting. Any church members may donate items to be used in the kits or they may donate money to be used for the purchase of items for the kits. We will have a large plastic bin in the narthex at church for these items. If you wish to donate money, you may give it to Karen Powers or Marilyn Chamberlain with a note on the envelope that the money is for Health Kits. A health kit contains: a hand towel, a washcloth, a comb, fingernail or toenail clipper, bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper, toothbrush in the package, 10 Band-aids.

FCC DRIVE-THRU SIGN TO BE FILLED (SORTA)

A decision has been made and will be recommended to the General Board at the next meeting. Property is recommending a fixed FCC logo portion on the top similar to the previous one and a digital lower portion. This will allow us to change presentations easily from the church office and will allow for multiple items rotating on the sign instead of just one, as was the case with our old sign. As delivery will be 10-12 weeks after submitting the order, a multi-purpose banner has been ordered and will soon be fastened within the opening on the sign frame. This will help to keep our name in front of the public and dispel any rumors of us ceasing to exist. At this time, cost of this new sign will be a little more than \$17,500.00. Insurance will cover \$8,551.00 of that amount. There is still time for you to contribute toward this purchase. Just put your contribution in offering plate and note that it is "for the sign".

LIFE LINE SCREENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 2nd

These screening go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up.

5 screening for \$139.00

Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening
Heart Rhythm Screening
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

3 ways to register:

Call toll-free: 1-866-2290469

Online:
www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Text: circle to 797979

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Guy and Jackie Stone would like to invite our church family to our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The celebration will be held at the Verity Lodge on the Middletown Campus of Miami University. The date is September 9, 2018. The time is after 5 p.m.

On September 7, 1968, Rev. Bobbitt along with Jackie's minister, married us at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church in Lebanon.

We have lived in Middletown our entire marriage.

Please come and say hello. No gifts are necessary, your being there helping us celebrate will be great.

Guy Elliott Stone and Jacqueline Ann Stone

RAZOR'S EDGE CHOIR



CAMP CHRISTIAN COLLECTIBLE COIN

Friends of Camp Christian (Kevin and Melissa Friend that is) have started a Fund Raiser to assist in the paying off of the Mortgage at Camp Christian. All proceeds from sale will be applied toward the mortgage principal for Camp Christian

They are selling this absolutely beautiful 1.75", die struck, antique brass collectible coin. The coin will highlight the sign at the entrance to camp, the camp chairs where many memories were made, the location of camp, the first year camp was held, and the reference Herald Monroe made of camp's purpose "to build a BELOVED community"

The cost of this one of a kind collectible coin is only \$15.00 plus shipping (1-2 coins: \$2.00, 3-5 coins: \$5.00, 6+: \$8.00)

To order your coin, email Kevin Friend at kfriend23@gmail.com with your name and the number of coins you wish to order. An invoice for payment will be emailed to you upon receipt of your order request.



August/September, 2018

 Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		August 21 Bible Study 7:00 	22	23	24	25
26	27  Doug Cockerham Helen Hall Karen Thompson Board Meeting	28  Cliff Thompson Bible Study 7:00	29	30  Esther Saxbury Membership @ Meet and Greet @ Central Academy	31	September 1  Frances Hollan
2	3 LABOR DAY 	4 Bible Study 7:00 	5  Landen Lovin Esther/Rebekah Circle @ church @ 1 PM	6  Joann Grimes Sarah Circle @ Karen Powers' home 7 PM	7	8
9  Emily Farkas Spears Guy and Jackie Stone Anniversary Celebration	10	11 Bible Study 7:00 Hope House Lunch	12	13	14	15
16 Dinner and a Movie @ church @ 5 PM	17	18 Bible Study 7:00 	19	20	21 	22 
23 ----- 30  RECONCILIATION Special Offering	24	25 Bible Study 7:00	26	27  Heather Hardewig	28  Lora Schueller	29

