

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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**SUNDAY SERVICE
October 9, 2016**

Sermon: “Remember Your First Love”

Rev. Gary Kidwell

**Scripture: Revelation 2: 1-7
Matthew 11: 25-30**

Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:45 AM
Potluck	11:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

**September 25: 101
October 2: 91**

***“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”
First Christian Church***



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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



We are pleased to welcome Gary Kidwell back to our pulpit on Sunday, October 9. There will be a Potluck Lunch with meat provided following Sunday School. Please join us and bring a side or dessert to share.

YOUNG ADULT OUTING

Sunday, Oct. 16 – 2:45 pm – travel to Evansville to eat and have a Locked Room Adventure! Call the church office to RSVP.

“PIPPIN” MUSICAL TRIP

Tuesday, October 18 we will travel to Evansville to watch “Pippin”. This musical is a fund raiser for the Jacob Ball Wish Fund for special needs classrooms. We will leave the church at 5:15, you may bring your supper to eat on the way. Admission is by donation, treats are available as well. Please call the church office to reserve your seat on the church bus.

BAND BRUNCH

We are hosting a brunch for the Marching Aces the morning of their final home game half time show on October 21. We need donations of breakfast casseroles, fruit and breakfast breads. Please contact Jackie or the church office to donate or volunteer to help.

CAMP WORK DAY

There is one more camp work day on November 5. Please let the church office know if you plan to go work. We will contact the camp with numbers for food and workers. This is a great opportunity to give of your time to help get the camp ready for winter and enjoy God’s creation.

EMERGENCY CLEAN UP BUCKETS

Each church is being asked to provide one emergency clean up bucket to donate at the Regional Assembly. The children and youth have a poster with tags on it for needed items to complete our bucket, please take one and return the items by Sunday, Oct. 16. We are hoping to have enough to do two buckets. All the buckets will be donated and delivered to Church World Service for help in disaster areas.

ELECTION WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

"Tired of the Elephant and Donkey? Come follow the Lamb!"

Sunday, November 6 at 6 pm we will host a Community Prayer Service at FCC. This is for our community to come together in prayer for our community and our nation. This is not a political rally, there will be no political prayers, it is a time for us to be in prayer as a community of faith. The service is sponsored by the Wabash County Ministerial Alliance and will take the place of the Thanksgiving Service this year. There will be a Community Choir which will rehearse one time and sing that evening.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - HEART CONNECTIONS

October 21-22 in Springfield. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. We need adults to serve as delegates as the youth will be involved in mission work on Saturday morning. This is also an opportunity to be involved in a *Mission First Gathering* on Saturday afternoon to help our General Church discern where we are being called to mission as a church. Please hold the Regional Assembly and Mission First Gatherings in your prayers.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Advent? Yes, it's not far away and we are starting early to prepare our hearts and minds for Advent. If you get too busy during Advent, this is the study for you. Join us Tuesday evenings at 7 pm at Marilyn Bellessa's home to study Advent 2016 God Is With Us. All are welcome to join us.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN - Sept 11- Oct. 16

This prayer vigil is a time to learn and pray about the needs of children everywhere. This vigil leads up to the National Children's Sabbath on the third week-end of October. For more information go to <http://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/light-a-candle-for-children-prayer-vigil>

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Receive weekly text messages from Disciples family and children ministries by texting @weeklyfc to 81010.

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

We have a new church website in creation for our church. You can check it out at www.mountcarmeldisciples.com. It is not complete yet, but on its way. We hope you enjoy the new look, pictures and information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth In Action Fall Festival is Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1-5 pm at the City Park. Bring your children and family for a fun time.

OPERATION SHARE DATES - for your calendar

Thanksgiving Food - Nov. 21-22 @ First General Baptist Church
Christmas Toys - Dec. 12-13 (&14) @ First Christian Church
Christmas Food - Dec. 19-20 @ Zion Lutheran Church
All are welcome to help set up and distribute food and toys.

SERVING IN OCTOBER



Deacons: Verlin Snow, Trish Snow, Linda Gill
Nikki More, Marilyn Bellessa, Gary Bellessa

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Ginger Boewe & Debbie Lathrop

Sanctuary Straightener:

Elder on Call: Priss Parmenter

Acolytes: Shelby Mayhue & Rhiannon Anderson

OFFERING - Sept. 25, 2016

General	\$2,050.00
Sunday School	18.00
Website	100.00
Blessing Basket	3.00
Reconciliation	205.00
Outreach	<u>16.00</u>
Total:	\$2,392.00

OFFERING - October 1, 2016

General	\$3,950.00
Sunday School	4.00
Blanket Sunday	12.00
Brown Bag Buddies	100.00
Reconciliation	50.00
World Outreach	8.00
Paper	<u>10.00</u>
Total:	\$4,134.00

Our Prayer List



Judy Schnepfer, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Gayle Panipinto, Kent Elmore, Norm Brunson, Geoff Hodgson, Andrew, Connie Deisher, Teresa Stoltz, Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Ella Mae Whitten, John Lockhart, Diane Whitenack, Myra Webb, Bryan Buchanan, Kenny Thompson, Terry McGuire, Ed Johnson, Liz Kieffer, Luke Dill, Blake

Baker, Charlie and Louise Acree, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Rod Raber, Tom Sarg, Ashley Davis, Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Don Marx, Ben Campbell, Devan Swift, Ruth Buchanan, Larry Peterson, Mary Margaret Rusch, Richard Alka, Doug Peterson, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Gillihan, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jeff Raber, Alice & Jim Warmoth, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.



“When I type in your name and ‘sin,’ sir, there are over 20 million results.”

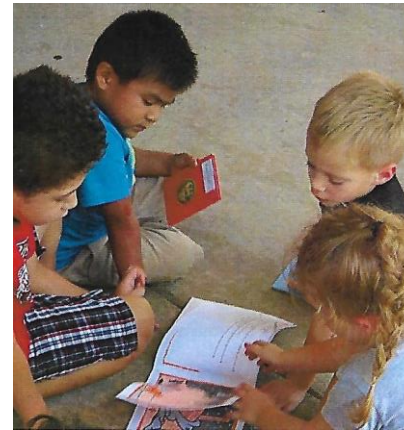


THANKS A BUNCH! ...from BBB-S

THANK YOU to those who joined us for the I Can Class-sponsored chowder, and to all who support and contribute to the Brown Bag Buddies-South program throughout the year. The October 2nd event raised \$961, which will cover a majority of the cost of food for one month!

I want to thank all my church friends for the remembrances on my 90th birthday. Also for the thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I've returned home. I appreciate Jim and Jackie's visits, the Cookie Day visits and all my other visitors. Hopefully I will be back in church soon.

Bill Beesley



*Dear Friends of First Christian Church,
We are so grateful for your friendship and support. Thank You! You've already delivered a healthy dose of "happy" & "hope" as you can see from this photo. The first (of four this year) Story Express visit of the year. I believe I spot a future teacher, too!*

Thank you for keeping Dr. Craddock's vision of enrichment through service alive and thriving. We could not do this work alone.

With gratitude, Julie

The Craddock Center