

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY SERVICE
June 18, 2017

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Sermon: “Abraham and God’s Covenant”
Rev. Jackie Summers

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 19-22; 18:1-5, 9-15;
21: 1-7

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

June 4: 95
June 11: 99

Website: www.mountcarmeldisciples.com

New E-Mail: fccmc803@gmail.com

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



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E-MAIL CHANGE

We have changed internet providers, and we had to change our email address. The new email address is: fccmc803@gmail.com. Our other email is still active, and will be for a little while. But be sure to add our new email address to your contacts.

BACK TO THE BASICS: REVISITING THE OLD TESTAMENT

This summer Jim and Jackie will be mostly preaching on the O.T. and its importance in our faith as Christians. Join us as we study the Scriptures of Jesus' time.

**Old Testament
Sermon Series**



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Sept. 22-24 for the Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott. It is a great opportunity to get away and recharge yourself spiritually with other women. Watch for more details on theme, keynote speakers and cost (less than \$100 for the week-end!)

CAMP BUDDIES

We still have a few campers who need Buddies for Chi Rho and Junior Camp in July. Please contact Jackie if you are willing to serve. This means praying daily for your Buddy during the week of camp. It also means sending a card or two while at camp for the Buddy to receive mail. Please make sure all cards are mailed the week before camp to ensure they get there before camp ends.

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your children and their friends won't want to miss a Sunday this summer. Make plans to be in church every Sunday when you are in town. Our high school youth are teaching exciting lessons with games, crafts, stories and more.

FLAT JESUS

If you missed out on receiving a Flat Jesus, please ask in the church office for a copy. You color and laminate Flat Jesus to travel with you this summer. Please take photos with Flat Jesus as you travel or have fun at home and post your pictures on the church Facebook page. We may also share your photos on our church website.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We need donations for General Assembly. The General Youth Council is requesting wrapped Candy for their booth and as prizes for youth activities at GA.

The Young Adult Commission is filling backpacks for the homeless.....

- Underwear, t-shirts and pajamas, sizes S – 4X (Can be gently used)
- Toiletries, esp. deodorant
- Chucks (disposable, waterproof bed pads)
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, analgesics (Must be sealed in original container)
- Baby wipes
- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Socks
- Paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, disposable tableware
- Ethnic hair care products

BOOKS NEEDED FOR MISSION TRIP

We will be sharing 5 books throughout the week at Camp Craddock. Donations of these titles or money to purchase them to share would be appreciated.

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt; Stuck by Oliver Jeffers;
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin; Manana Iguana by Ann Whitford Paul
And The Three Little Javelinas by Susan Lowell



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HERO CENTRAL

Discover Your Strength in God
Saturday, July 22 - registration starting at 8:15 am, Opening Session at 9 am. Closing Session at 5 pm with supper for all attending, plus families.
Pre-registration available soon!

SUMMER MOVIES

Here is the schedule for summer movies that we will attend as a church this summer:

Wed., June 21 - Ice Age: Collision Course

Wed, July 19 - Secret Life of Pets

Wed, July 26 - Sing

The movies begin at 9:30 in Princeton, but we will gather at the church at 8:30 to leave. Please call the church office by Tuesday of each week so we can plan for space for everyone. All ages are welcome, but younger than kindergarten must have an adult with them.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Are you willing and able to provide a ride for someone in your church family? Please consider this request prayerfully and let us know in the church office if you can help out. Sometimes this means a Sunday morning ride or it might be a doctor's visit during the week. Please let us know how you can help in our church family.

SERVING IN JUNE



Deacons: Jon Mayhue, Verlin Snow, Trish Snow,
Kim More, Kate Summers, Darla Brooke

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Debbie Meyer &
Marilyn Hocking

Sanctuary Straightener: Eudine Tyler

Elder on Call: Ali Mayhue

Acolytes: Ty Hipsher & Shelby Mayhue

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**OFFERING - June 4, 2017**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| General            | \$3,260.00    |
| Sunday School      | 7.00          |
| Mission Trip       | 125.00        |
| Website            | 100.00        |
| Blessing Basket    | 56.85         |
| Brown Bag Buddies  | 30.00         |
| Pentecost Offering | 370.00        |
| Outreach           | 8.00          |
| Sound System       | <u>400.00</u> |
| Total:             | \$4,356.85    |

**OFFERING - June 11, 2017**

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|--------------------|--------------|
| General            | \$2,540.00   |
| Sunday School      | 5.00         |
| Blessing Basket    | 1.00         |
| Pentecost Offering | 10.00        |
| Outreach           | <u>18.00</u> |
| Total:             | \$2,574.00   |

**Our Prayer List**



Tammy, Ben Conrad, Billie Sue "Sudie"  
 Morris, Tony, Scott Nettleton, Julia Corwin,  
 Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Frank Pixley, Mary  
 Faye Wyatt, Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long,  
 Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Cindy  
 Hocking, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo,

Mindy Newsum, Tammy White, Stu Grant, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae  
 Whitten, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Dana Tate,  
 Patti Dunkel, Diane Whitenack, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd  
 Harkelroad, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker,  
 Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Larry Peterson, Myrtle  
 Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jennifer  
 Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill  
 Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women;  
 natural disaster victims.

**IKEA OUTING**

There will be an outing to IKEA in St. Louis on Friday, July 14. The outing will include shopping and lunch at IKEA, with a possible stop at the mall on our way home depending on time. We will also eat supper on the way home. Meals and shopping expense are on your own. If you are interested in going, please contact the church office. We are asking a donation of \$10/person to cover gas for the trip.



**Community News**

**BUSINESS CLOTHES NEEDED**

Wabash Valley College TRIO is helping young people prepare for interviews and jobs by having a Business Clothes Closet. Gently used clothes, shoes and accessories may be donated in the Main Hall or the Foundation Building at WVC. Please mark them for Tayna Smith.



**CAUGHT DOING GOOD... ..**

\*Peggy and Wilbur helping at Camp Walter Scott Work Week.

\*Wilbur for saving aluminum from landfill and recycling it to make \$11.00 for the church!

\* Jim for doing other recycling for the church and members to save trash costs and keep it out of landfill.

\* The Senior Group for donating \$50.00 for General Assembly candy and backpack needs.



It was a very warm, breezy June Sunday, but all attending the Men's Picnic enjoyed BBQ and delicious side dishes. THANKS!! ... to everyone who attended, helped organize, prepare, set up, serve, and clean up. Congratulations to the door prize winners: Clayton, Michael, Jayce and Barry!

Thank you to all who have taken a turn with Fellowship Time this year. If you missed signing up, only five dates remain open at present: July 16, November 5 & 19, and December 3 & 17. The list is on the office window near the 8th Street door. Written guidelines are available to help you. Please talk to Marilyn Hocking with any questions.

Dear FCC,  
 Thank you all for your kind help with my student recital. It was a lovely evening featuring sweet, young voices. Your assistance made it all come together and was a huge help to me!

Love, Rena Bever

How you can help make our Offering Counters job easier:

1. All the envelopes must be opened so it helps if they are loosely sealed.
2. The amount of the offering needs to be on the envelope so the Financial Secretary may compile the giving statements.
3. Money and checks that are not folded are easier to handle.
4. Checks that are not in an envelope must be copied for the Financial Secretary.
5. Special offerings need to be noted on the offering envelope. All special offerings are noted on the reporting sheet so they are sent to the correct fund.
6. All the checks and monies are taken by one of the counters to the bank for deposit after Sunday School.
7. Counters sign the reporting sheet and initial the deposit slip.



## June 2017: Adventures in Hospitality

By [Tom Liddle](#)

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2*

One rainy afternoon, Alberto, the local pastoral intern, and I were Bible sharing with the few youth who came. Suddenly, two strangers walked up to the church door. Greg, a Brazilian, and Joyce, from Malaysia, were traveling all over Southeast Asia. The two traveled light; each with just a small backpack.

"We're looking for a place to stay" Greg said.

"Like a guesthouse?" I asked.

"No," he said. "We don't usually pay for accommodation, we like to stay with families. We don't need a room or even a shower."

After a brief discussion, Alberto invited them to stay in the parsonage with him. It's a big house but quite run-down. Nevertheless, the couple was pleased to receive the hospitality. In the evening we shared a meal together and heard of their adventure traveling the world relying on the hospitality of locals.

Greg and Joyce embodied a spirit of grace and simplicity. Despite the rain and rough travel, they were committed to relying on local hospitality, kindness, and generosity. Some would call them naïve of course, but what we saw in them was a wisdom born of trust, discovery, and open-heartedness. Their visit, I'd say, was the highlight of our week.

We all know that the world can be a scary and troubling place. When we look around it's quite easy to see scarcity rather than abundance and to experience anxiety rather than trust. But Greg and Joyce reminded us of something we are also continually discovering: that the world is surprisingly reliable; kindness, and generosity are always available; and grace truly does abound.

*Tom and Monica Liddle serve with the Protestant Church of East Timor. Their appointment is made possible by your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund, Our Church's Wider Mission, and your [special gifts](#)*