

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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**SUNDAY SERVICE
August 13, 2017**

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Sermon:
"The Coat"
Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

WATCHING OUR FIGURES
July 31: 88
August 6: 92

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"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
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The annual Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday, August 20, in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship. New members added to the church during the past year will be recognized, plus those who have been members 50 years or more!

Please bring sandwiches, finger food, ice cream and desserts for the carry-in meal, which will begin at approximately 11am. A short program will include a game entitled "Who Am I?" presented by Jackie Summers. Following will be a time of Crafts for Kids led by Lesley Hipsher.

Don't miss this opportunity to welcome and support our new members, and to honor those who have the distinction of being faithful members of First Christian Church (DOC) for at least one-half century.



BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 13, there will be a blessing of backpacks/school bags for children and youth. Please bring your school bag to church to be blessed and receive a special gift.

CCF

CCF will start back on Wednesday, Sept 6 after school. This year the church bus will pick up at the Elementary and Intermediate schools. Watch the mail for more and a registration form for CCF coming soon.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will resume our Women's Bible study on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 pm. All are welcome, we meet at Marilyn Bellessa's home. We will finish our study on "Wicked Women of the Bible"

CONCERT

Coming to Princeton High School – Ryan Stevenson performing live!
Cochren & Co. and The Change
Sunday August 20th – 5:30 PM
Anyone interested in going as a group should call the church office by this
Monday, August 14. Cost is approximately \$20-\$25 per ticket.



CHOIR PRACTICE RETURNS

The Chancel Choir will be returning this fall. The first practice will be on Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 PM.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott September 22-24. Judith Guy, a recent University of Chicago graduate will speak.

The theme is Stories Intertwined and how our faith stories intertwine with faith stories of women of the Bible.

ITEMS TAKEN TO WADI

Food Items: 81 School Supplies: 6

SERVING IN AUGUST



Deacons: Clayton Summers, Barb Escobedo, Juan Escobedo, Kim Reilly, Mike Reilly, Debbie Lewis,

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Rosanna Peterson & Roxanna Seybold

Sanctuary Straightener: Janice Alka

Elder on Call: Mike Hays

Acolytes: Ty Hipsher & Shelby Mayhue

CAUGHT DOING GOOD.....

Barry Roberts who sang at Ag Days with a shout out to the church and donating back to the church from his performance.



OFFERING - July 31, 2017

General	\$2,936.00
Sunday School	26.00
Outreach	8.00
Blessing Basket	<u>6.50</u>
Total:	\$2,976.50

OFFERING - August 6, 2017

General	\$3,197.00
Sunday School	2.00
Blessing Basket	5.00
Brown Bag Buddies	1,000.00
Outreach	8.00
Website	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4,312.00



Our Prayer List

Steve Williams, Emily Ewald, Avery Swift, Laverne Sherman, Antonio Escobedo, Sylvia Spencer, 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, 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.



Thank You for helping us spread "Happy and Hope"
The Craddock Center.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wabash Valley College will be offering our GED Prep Class beginning Tuesday, August 22-October 12 from 8:00am-noon OR 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL'S ORIGINS

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.



The Administrative Board met on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Treasurer's Report – Ending 06/30/17:

“Here we are, at the sixth month of 2017. Membership Giving has shown some improvement during the last two months. On the last two reports, the shortfall was over \$4,000 on each report. It was \$2,192 for the June report. The year-to-date giving shortfall has reached \$10,914 for 2017. At this time last year, it was \$8,135.”

Property Committee:

Bus has been repaired. Tuck pointing on north wall in process.

Administration & Technology):

A new TV monitor has been installed in the back of the sanctuary.

Christian Education:

Vacation Bible School was held on Saturday, July 22, with 22 children preregistered. High School students are teaching Sunday School for the K-5 classes this summer.

Stewardship Committee: A Stewardship Campaign is being discussed.

Membership Committee:

Thanks to Eudine Tyler, Sandy Schuh for greeting at North door, to Pat Williams for continued greeting at South door, to Tim & Sara Wiser for the beautiful flowers presented to women on Mother's Day, and to Rosanna Peterson for making coffee on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Volunteers are still needed for November and December Fellowship times. Volunteers to make coffee two Sundays a month are also being sought. The New Member and 50+ Members Ice Cream Social will be held August 20 immediately following morning worship.

FIFTY YEAR+ MEMBERS

1938: Clifford Malcolm	1961: Gayle Conrady
1940: Pat Williams	Linda Gill
1941: Jim Warmoth	Ricki Hays
1943: Mary Jo Birley	Allan Calverley
1944: Marilyn Spruell	1962: Ruth Bowles
Mike Foshee	Don Spencer
1946: Dorothy Chapman	1963: Bob Buchanan
1947: Betty Taylor	1964: Pat Beesley
Larry Peterson	Bill Beesley
1948: Rosanna Peterson	1965: Debbie Lathrop
1951: Esther Calverley	Connie Deisher
Dana Tate	1966: Marc Calverley
Ruby Kirkman	Stephen Sawyer
Calvin Seybold	1967: Pat McFarland
1952: Doris Deputy	Martha Meadows
1953: Loretta Garrett	Scott Compton
Evelyn Frick	
Roxanna Seybold	
Emily Ewald	
1955: Priss Parmenter	
1956: Shirley Root	
Betty Foshee	
1957: Jean Raber	
Ralph Raber	
Bernie Wyatt	
Mary Faye Wyatt	
Bill Berry	
1958: Sharon Mobley	
1959: Janice Alka	
Doris Beckerman	
Fred Jackson	
Fred Xanders	
June Xanders	
1960: Bill Cotner	



** If we have missed someone, please let the church office know!**

August 2017: Shifting Our Anchorage

By [Nikotemo Tapaeko](#)



The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:44-45

Attending the UCC General Synod and DOC General Assembly this year opened my eyes to the similarities that exist in mission worldwide. The rallying call from pulpits and resolution after resolution aims at the heart of God's Kingdom. The writer of Matthew's gospel gives us a definition of the Kingdom of God that resounds in what we do every day. We - like the farmer, the merchant, the fisherman - search daily for things that provide us with a living, a life. And when we find what produces the abundance of life, we shift anchorage, to use a Pacific/Oceania terminology.

This shifting of anchorage is needed in order for life to thrive in abundance. If we do not shift/move anchorage a few things will happen. With a farmer, the land will be over-cultivated. With a merchant, business will operate at a loss. With a fisherman, over-fishing will result in the extinction of species native to an area. All of these are happening in our world today. Unless we shift to where life is present society will continue to deteriorate. Doing fixed mission is similar to justice and peace being confined to one place. There are rules and borders that define justice for those protected by it, while those living outside its reach are left unprotected.

We must be willing to move, and moving requires and warrants discomfort. If we do not move, then we are over-fishing our ocean or over-cultivating our land.

Let us shift anchorage and to where discomfort, worry, and even distress are found. There are the types of soil we need to cultivate, the waters we need to fish, and the business we need to engage in. At the end, the Kingdom of God will show hidden treasure and pearls in the people we serve.

Nikotemo Tapaeko serves as a long-term volunteer with the Pacific Conference of Churches. His appointment is made possible by your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund, Our Churches Wider Mission, and your [special gifts](#).