

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

SUNDAY SERVICE
August 26, 2018

Sermon

“Who Are You?”

Rev. Sue Knipp

Scripture: Romans 9:14-26

Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

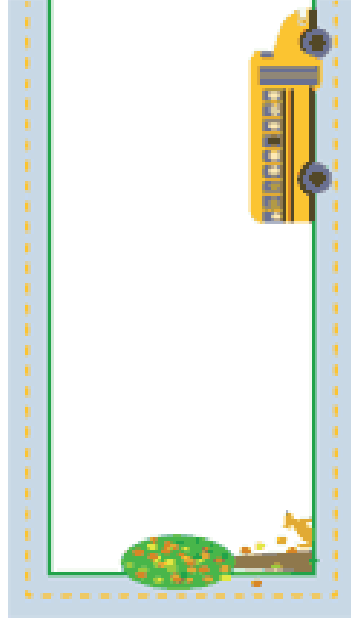
WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 7/26-6, 8/2-3, 8/9-6, 8/16-10

Sunday Worship: 7/29-80, 8/5-93, 8/12-91, 8/19-96

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



Visitor

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We would like to welcome our new interim ministers, Revs. Virgil and Sue Knipp, who began their ministry with us on August, 19th. Please see the enclosed biography.

CHOIR PRACTICE



The 2018-2019 Choir Season will begin with our first rehearsal on August 22nd, Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Please note the time change! All voices are needed so please consider joining us. We sing and rejoice and have a lot of fun!
Gary Hargett



NEW CHURCH HOURS

The church is open from 9:00 AM - Noon, Monday thru Friday! The ministers will be in the office from 10:00 AM - Noon, Tuesday thru Friday. They will be doing visitation in the afternoons. They will be off on Mondays.





Eric Bramlet, Glyn Draper, Roger Anderson, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Ray Culver, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Jason Fiero, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Mary Faye Wyatt,

Don Mann, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

***The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be put back on.**

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER



Deacons: Bill Hackler, Jessica Williams, Kelsey Phelps, Wilbur Brown, Kim More, Conner Anderson

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Lynette Wiles & Sharon Mobley

Sanctuary Straightener:

Elder on Call:

Acolytes: Talon Rafferty & Jaxon Schrader

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Harvest time!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus’ words to the disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God’s love can’t be done “mechanically.” Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

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Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of “You might be God’s answer to your own prayer!” — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guilting people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus’ authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God’s love.

**OFFERING -July 29, 2018**

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| General         | \$2,088.00   |
| Blessing Basket | 26.00        |
| Memorial Fund   | 50.00        |
| Website         | 100.00       |
| Outreach        | 16.00        |
| Sunday School   | <u>12.00</u> |
| Total:          | \$2,292.00   |

**OFFERING - August 5, 2018**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| General           | \$3,179.00  |
| Sunday School     | 12.00       |
| Blessing Basket   | 2.00        |
| Outreach          | 8.00        |
| Brown Bag Buddies | 200.00      |
| Fellowship Time   | <u>4.00</u> |
| Total:            | \$3,405.00  |

**OFFERING -August 12, 2018**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| General           | \$2,503.00  |
| Blessing Basket   | 12.00       |
| Fellowship Time   | 30.00       |
| Memorial Fund     | 745.00      |
| Website           | 200.00      |
| Brown Bag Buddies | 25.00       |
| Sunday School     | 18.00       |
| Cookbook          | 10.00       |
| Outreach          | <u>8.00</u> |
| Total:            | \$3,551.00  |

**OFFERING - August 19, 2018**

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|-----------------|-------------|
| General         | \$2,493.00  |
| Sunday School   | 17.00       |
| Blessing Basket | 11.37       |
| Website         | 100.00      |
| Fellowship Time | 1.00        |
| Outreach        | <u>8.00</u> |
| Total           | \$2,630.37  |





Dear FCC Family,

How do we thank you? Let me count the ways, oh wait, there are too many to count! We were received exceeding well, treated royally, and blessed beyond measure. Thank you Search Committee for receiving our information, processing it, interviewing us, and bringing us here to Mt. Carmel. Thank you Church for your vote to receive us.

Upon our August 10th arrival, angels known as Barry and Janis, assisted us in setting up our ACE Motorhome at Camp CarMerriel, 224 Golden Aces Way, Mt. Carmel (just across the road from the high school football field). They welcomed us with locally grown or processed (honey) fruits and vegetables. We ate like a queen and king for a week. See us smile? Thank You, Janis and Barry.

August 13, 2018, we began settling into our office; being a Unit Ministry Team with 54 years of co-existing, we choose to occupy only one office. You can find us there Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. til Noon. Our hope is to be visiting members and prospective members most afternoons. If you need us, anytime, day or night, just call or text. Our numbers are 434-238-0557 (Sue's cell), or 434-238-0407 (Virgil's cell).

Again, **Thank You Mt. Carmel** for your warm welcome. Our prayer is that God blesses us, everyone, as we walk these days together.

Because of Jesus' love, we remain His servants,

*Sue and Virgil*

Sue and Virgil Knipp, Unit Ministry Team



THANK YOU to all who attended and to those who worked to prepare for the Ice Cream Social held Sunday, August 19. Eight members were welcomed to their church home at Mount Carmel First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank Kelsey Phelps for her service as camera operator during our Sunday worship service. Kelsey is back in school so August 12<sup>th</sup> was her last day in this ministry.

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Eureka College Disciples on Campus would like to thank the World Outreach team for their donation to purchase promotional items. This donation was greatly appreciated.



The National Fire Safety Council, Inc. and the Mt. Carmel Fire Dept. would like to say thank you for the donation made to them by the church. They deeply appreciate our consideration and generous contribution which provided for their annual Firepup, Fire Safety and Burn Prevention program for the community. Contributions stay in our area for our children.

BARBIE'S BOUTIQUE OPEN-HOUSE

Barbie's Boutique is hosting an Open-House on Saturday, September 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed and would be greatly appreciated. Please call Barb Escabedo at (618) 240-2649, if you would like to help.

REV. VIRGIL KNIPP, JR.

Virgil was born in 1945 at Russell, KY. He graduated from Russell High School in 1964. In 1972 he received a **B. A. in History and Psycholog** from Pikeville College, Pikeville, KY. In 1975 he earned a **Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling** from Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY. And in 1988, Virgil earned his **Master of Science in Family Life Education and Consultation** from Kansas State University. Virgil has done post graduate work at the **University of Kentucky** in the area of **Financial Management Work in the Local Church.**

In addition to his civilian education, Virgil is a retired Army Chaplain and has graduated from the **Chaplains' Basic and Advance courses, Air Assault School, Jungle School, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the Chaplains' Funds Custodian Course, and from the FEMA Local Manager's course.**

Virgil's honors include being selected as an outstanding Young Man of America in 1971, a Kentucky Colonel in 1975, Who's Who in Religion in 1977, the Helping Hand Award from Hanau, Germany in 1987, and numerous letters of appreciation throughout the United States and Europe.

Virgil is a qualified Marriage and Family Therapist, a Mediation counselor, and a certified Prepare/Enrich counselor

Virgil preached his first sermon as a youth at the age of 16 and took his first church at age 20 and has been pastoring congregations for the past 53 years.

He is been married to Wanda Sue Grayson, who is also an ordained Disciples of Christ minister. Virgil and Sue have been married for 53+ years. and are serving as a Unit Ministry Team. They have four children, 10 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Rev. Sue Knipp, "Sue" as she likes to be called is an ordained minister in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and is currently serving with her husband as a Unit Ministry Team.

Sue graduated from Boyd County High School, Boyd County Kentucky in 1964. She is a graduate of Clover Park Technical School, and worked as a Medical Technologist for 15 years. In 2004 she received a B. A. in Philosophy and Religion from Marry Baldwin College, Staunton, VA. In 2007 she earned a Master of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, VA.

Sue's honors include being selected a Kentucky Colonel, Who's Who in Religion, the Helping Hand Award from Hanau, Germany in 1987, and numerous letters of appreciation throughout the United States and Europe.

Sue has been married to Rev. Virgil R. Knipp for 53+ years. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Sue loves the Lord and counts life as a blessing best lived in the ministry of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

AS FOR ME
AND MY
family
WE WILL SERVE
THE
Lord
JOSHUA 24:15 NJT

REV. WANDA SUE KNIPP



CONSIDER THIS:



Worry is a situation that has negative connotation. Many worry about first one thing and then another: Will I have enough funds to pay the bills? Will the children be okay? What happens if something goes wrong? Some folks love to worry!

There is a difference between worry and being concerned. Worry many times is used when we can't or really won't do anything about a situation. Concern means one has the ability to construct a plan of action to solve a situation. Some situations we are unable to create a plan to resolve, so we worry. In other words we find ourselves in some situations to be unable to control. An example would be if our children, while at school, are safe or eating correctly. We may create a plan for a healthy diet by having a child take their lunch, but being safe rests with the school officials. For the latter we must trust our school system. Trust is not a word that goes with worry. If one trusts, then there is little to no use for worry.

As God's children, we are told in the Sermon on the Mount to not worry. Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Because we have this promise, worry for God's people has been removed.

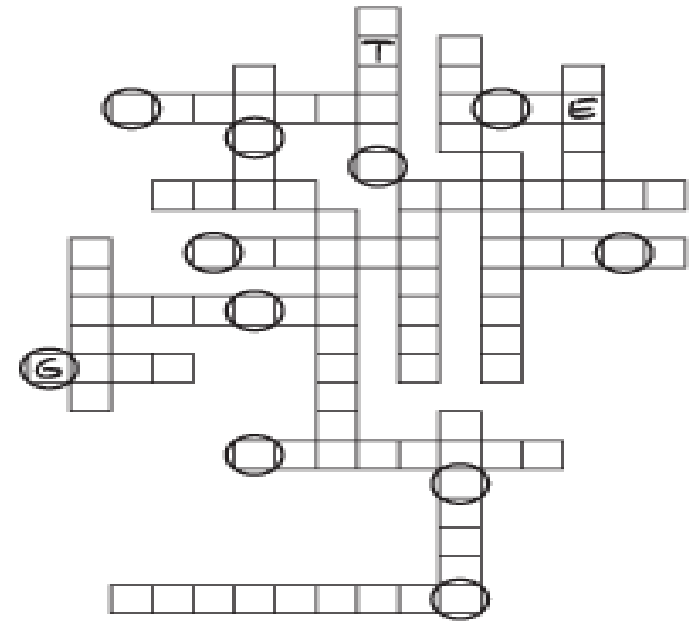
I like a plan of action for situations that may arise, but I try not to worry. Worry is depressing and it also create stress, which could result in illness. Reality is casting our cares upon God's promises and believing His words. TRUST is the word of the day. Trust what God has shared with us in scriptures and WORRY NOT!

Virgil

Puzzle!

Followers of Jesus have dual citizenship. To discover where you dwell, fill in these Bible-time places. Then write the circled letters in order (left to right, top to bottom) on the blanks below.

Tyre	Berea	Galilee	Damascus
Cana	Lycia	Ephraim	Philippi
Rome	Athens	Ephesus	Bethlehem
Gaza	Kedesh	Corinth	Jerusalem
Sidon	Sychar	Iconium	



Answer: God's kingdom



September 2018

Senior Group Meets Every Wednesday
from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Barbie's Boutique Open-House 10 AM – 1 PM
2 Fellowship Time	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	4 Counseling	5 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group Choir 6:00	6 Exercise 9-9:45 AM TAT 6:00 PM	7	8
9 Bibles to First Graders	10 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	11 Counseling Anxiety Group 7-8:30 PM	12 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group Choir 6:00	13 Exercise 9-9:45 AM TAT 6:00 PM	14 	15
16 Fellowship Time Elders Meeting 10:40 AM	17 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	18 Counseling Stewardship Committee 7:00 PM	19 Exercise 9-9:45 AM BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm Choir 6:00	20 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Cookie Day TAT 6:00 PM	21 Women's Retreat	22 Women's Retreat
23 ~~~~~ 30 Chowder Serving starts at 4:30 PM	24 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	25 Counseling Grief Group 7-8:30 PM	26 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group Choir 6:00	27 Exercise 9-9:45 AM TAT 6:00 PM	28	29





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| 1 | ZACHARY STREET
LEVI SMITH | 15 | LORETTA GARRETT |
| 2 | DENNIS MUNDY
RENA BEVER | 17 | GEORGE BECKERMAN
MARILYN SPRUELL
MARILYN HOCKING
ANDREW MILITONI |
| 3 | KAY MUNDY | 18 | DOUGLAS LATHROP
DEBBIE MEYER |
| 4 | DON SPENCER | 20 | GAVIN ROBERTS |
| 5 | JASON SIGLER | 21 | RALPH RABER |
| 8 | BRYAN CALVERLEY | 22 | ROXANNA SEYBOLD
JANET PATTERSON |
| 9 | CHELSEA RAFFERTY | 25 | CAROL SALTSGAVER |
| 10 | TREVOR SAWYER | 26 | PEGGY BROWN
SANDY WALKER |
| 11 | SHARI ROSS | 27 | OLIVIA WATERBURY |
| 12 | JOHN BELLESSA
DREW COMPTON | 28 | EMILY BROWN |
| 14 | MARK MEYER | | |



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | DOUG AND MARY PETERSON |
| 5 | CALVIN AND ROXANNA SEYBOLD |
| 21 | CLINT AND KARISSA ANDERSON |