

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
May 12, 2019

Sermon

"Ode to a Good Wife"

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10...

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 4/18 - 0 ; 4/25 -7
Sunday Worship: 4/21 -117 ; 4/28 -103

Website: www.mountcarmeldisciples.com

New Email: fccmc803@gmail.com



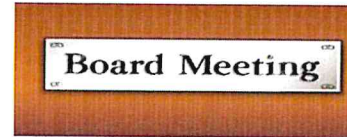
Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
First Christian Church



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The next Board Meeting will be held May 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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OUR PASTORS ARE BACK HOME...



We are so happy to have our pastors back from their trip to Louisiana, where they were house-sitting for their children, who were away on an extended vacation. Sue and Virgil were certainly missed.

Welcome home, Pastors!

Community Happenings...

Well-known contemporary gospel artist, Ivan Parker, will be in concert at Community Church of God, 1532 College Drive, Mt. Carmel, on Friday, June 7, at 7:00 PM. The concert is open to the public and everyone is welcome!





Don't forget that the next clean-up day at Camp Walter Scott is Saturday, May 18th. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated!! This is your opportunity to be a blessing!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE LADIES!!

CHURCH TRAVEL MUGS FOR SALE



If you or someone you know is in need of a travel mug, we now have a 16 oz. insulated stainless-steel travel mug for sale. The mugs have the church name and logo imprinted on them and sell for \$10.00 each. The profits will go to the Evangelism committee. This project will enable them to do even more to spread the Good News of Jesus. You may stop by the church office any time

Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM to pick up your mug.

May Youth Events

May 12th – Mother's Day (No Youth)

May 18th – Camp Work Day. We will leave the church no later than 7:30 AM. Please let Jessica know if you plan to go that day.

May 19th – Last day of youth for the school year. Weather permitting, we will be having a cookout at Beall Woods. Plan to leave the church by noon. We will have lunch there and just hang out in the state park. Alternative plans will be made in case of inclement weather.

Be on the lookout for summer activities as we will not meet regularly.



The church would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Phil Benefiel family in the recent passing of Phil's father.

You are invited to the wedding of Clayton Summers and Alixandrie Cox on June 22, 2019, at Camp Walter Scott, Dietrich, IL. The ceremony begins at 2:00 PM, followed by a dinner and dancing at Country Haven Event Center in Effingham, IL. RSVP cards are located on the ledge outside of the church office. Anyone wishing to carpool, please let Doris or George Beckerman know. You may ride with them.



The church received a "thank you" note from the Southeastern Illinois Center for Counseling and from Safe Haven for the generous financial support they receive from the church.



SERVING IN MAY

Deacons: Mike Gill, Wilbur Brown, Phil Benefiel, Clint Anderson, Connor Anderson, Lesley Hipsher

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Sharon Mobley & Lynette Wiles

Sanctuary Straightener: Debbie Lewis

Acolytes: Ty & Luke Hipsher

OFFERING - April 21, 2019

General	\$3,224.00
Website	100.00
Easter Offering	468.00
New Sign	154.00
Initial Offering	1.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Blessing basket	5.00
Total:	\$3,962.00

OFFERING - April 28, 2019

General	\$1,761.29
Sunday school	4.00
Baptism cards	8.00
Blessing basket	2.00
New sign	135.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Website	100.00
Total:	\$2,020.29



Glyn Draper, 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, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Margott Beckerman, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Kevin Stiles, Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Rev. Brant Hazlett, Brenda Culver, Bev Williams, April, Mike Gidcumb, Ruth (Case) Dick, Egan Beuligmann, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Sue Vail, Rich Kolb, David Taylor, Harold Mobley, Amy Pettyjohn, Dr. Clifford Malcolm, Scott & Jennifer Nettleton, Marilyn Matthews, Jaxson Malcolm, Jake, Addie, and baby Swift due in Aug., 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 removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...The family of Pat Williams would like to invite you to celebrate Pat's 90th Birthday on Sunday, May 19th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **Happy Birthday, Pat!**

The Seniors are in need of more plastic bags for the mat ministry. If you are looking to do some spring cleaning and you have plastic bags taking up space, this ministry would love to have them. Thanks so much!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES...

Connor Anderson, Son of Clint & Karissa
Anderson, grandson of the late Jerry & Debbie
Lathrop
– MCHS Graduate, May 17, 2019



Kelsey Phelps, daughter of Tina Phelps, granddaughter of
Larry & Ginger Boewe
– WVC Graduate, May 10, 2019

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Tony Bowles, Nathan Bowles, Keagan Lathrop, Emma Mayhue,
and Ty Hipsher were added to the church April 28, 2019, following
their baptism. We welcome them to the Family of God at First
Christian Church, DOC.

Tony Bowles (Nathan)
2236 N. Cherry Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(618) 262-7620

Emma Mayhue
20660 E. 700 Road
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(618) 299-2181 (Home)

Keagan Lathrop
402 W. 5th Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(812) 610-5419 (Mom)

Ty Hipsher
6847 Hwy. 15
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(618) 263-8101 (Mom)

Come Home

Wouldn't it be nice if we knew what each day would bring and could plan our reaction to that knowledge? Idealistic, right? But life isn't that simple, never has been, never will be. Life to me is like a roller coaster with its twists and turns as well as ups and downs. There is no going back, no living in tomorrow, and we can't wish away today.

When I was eleven, God blessed me beyond measure. Recognizing God's presence and His love for me, I accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord and began my new life in Him by talking to my Savior, my Lord, Jesus. I believed Him then and still do now. He told me He "came that they {I} may have life, and have it more abundantly". Something in me relaxed; from that moment on I knew He had everything under control. I had no need to worry and when tempted to fret, I pray and leave my worries in God's hands. What was, still is: I am a child of God, a sinner saved by grace, given life more abundantly!

No matter where God has and will take me, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and points in between, across the Atlantic to Europe to live in Germany and visit the Netherlands, Spain, France, and points between, I've praised Him. I've had the great pleasure to worship Him on land, in the air, on the sea, in multiple churches, even in castles, and by dipping my feet in many bodies of water, including the frigid North Sea! What a wonderful Lord, God is! Where He leads me, I will follow! I will work to do His will because I can do nothing less.

What was then, LOVE, is still LOVE now. Because of God's great love for humanity, He sent His only Son, whose love was as great as His Father's, to take away our sins, to be the sacrifice on the cross and bring us home to His Father. My love for Him compels me to live a new life, one with no worries; He's got this!

We have just relived Jesus' last earthly days on His way to the cross. Our collective memories are renewed and our love magnified. We, First Christian Church (DOC), baptized 5 more precious loves of God's life, on April 28, 2019, and they shared communion with the body of Christ. What great abundant love this is!

"Truly, I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3 NRSV

Come home to your true love, the One who will never, ever leave us, the One who gives us life eternal. What was, God's Love for us all, still is. Come home and celebrate with your Christian family.

Because He lives in each one of us.

Sue



Graduation Celebration for Connor Anderson

Friday, May 17, 2019
Immediately following
MCHS Graduation
First Christian Church
Fellowship Hall
803 Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL

THEN

NOW

Pat's
88⁰⁰⁰⁰
BIRTHDAY

THAT'S RIGHT! PAT'S TURNING 88 THIS YEAR! WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR YOU! PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION!

88 PAT'S TURNING

1961

1984

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE CELEBRATION!!

AMAZING YEARS, ONEWEEKS, WITH US
THE CELEBRATION OF ALL
FAMILY MEMBERS