

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



SUNDAY SERVICE  
July 28, 2019

Sermon  
"The Promises We Make"  
Rev. Virgil Knipp

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37

Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 6/30-72; 7/7-87;  
7/14-78; 7/21-74

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

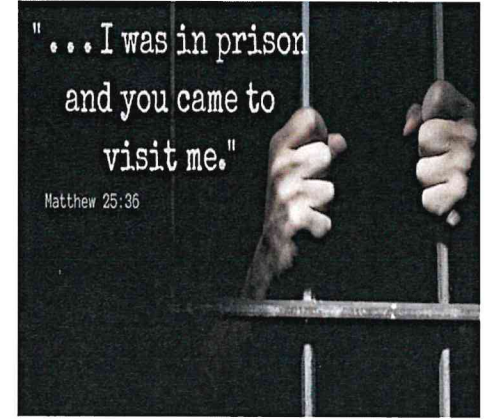


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Sheriff Derek Morgan is willing to consider a weekly Bible Study to start approximately August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wabash County Jail. The vision is to have 12 spiritually mature men and 12 spiritually mature women willing to go in teams of 2 for 30-60 minutes to do a Bible study, lead discussion, and pray with the inmates. Ideally, each team of 2 would go every 6 weeks. If any spiritually mature lay members are interested (and have their pastor's support and approval), please contact Pastor Kevin McGinnis at (618) 240-6243. Background checks will understandably be required.



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God's Work  
Our Hands

### SERVING IN AUGUST

**Deacons:** Gary Bellessa, Barb Escobedo, Kim Reilly, Marilyn Bellessa, Mike Reilly, Juan Escobedo

**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue

**Elder on Call:** Karissa Anderson

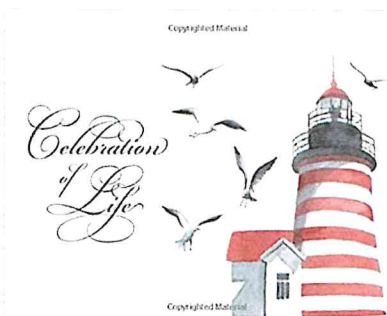
**Communion Preparers:** Duane & Debbie Lewis

**Sanctuary Straightener:** Janice Alka

**Acolytes:** Emma & Shelby Mayhue

**Counters:** Gayle Conrady & Doris Beckerman

**Jack Bosaw Memorial Service**  
 There will be a Memorial Service to honor long-time church member, **Jack Bosaw**, who passed away on May 19, 2019. The service will be **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. There will be a gathering with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall afterward to meet with the family.



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**OFFERING - June 30, 2019**

General	\$2,321.00
Website	100.00
World Outreach	8.00
Pentecost Offering	20.00
Coffee	7.00
New Sign	135.00
Blessing Basket	14.80
Safe Haven	20.00
Upper Room	9.00
Sunday School	<u>15.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,649.80</b>

**OFFERING - July 7, 2019**

General	\$3,005.00
Sunday school	7.00
Website	100.00
Pentecost	1.00
New sign	135.00
Week of Compassion	100.00
World Outreach	8.00
Missions	18.00
Safe Haven	25.00
Global Ministry	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,449.00</b>

**OFFERING - July 14, 2019**

General	\$1,576.00
World Outreach	8.00
Website	100.00
New Sign	250.00
Pentecost Offering	1.00
Blessing Basket	10.00
Fellowship Time	3.00
Sunday School	<u>6.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,954.00</b>

**OFFERING - July 21, 2019**

General	\$2,558.00
Sunday school	\$3.00
Camp Fees	\$225.00
Website	100.00
New sign	135.00
World Outreach	8.00
Upper Room	7.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
Safe Haven	20.00
Christian Ministry	15.00
Blessing Basket	<u>3.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,099.00</b>

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**Christmas Shopping in July...**

Debbie Meyer of WADI has shared a need for children's books of all ages so that the approximately 400 children (from infant to teen), who are helped with food and toys at Christmas by WADI and WCMA's Operation Share, can each get a book for Christmas. The request is to purchase or donate (in VERY good condition) a children's book which can be placed in the WADI box in the foyer of the church or dropped off directly at WADI (119 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Carmel). Please call Debbie Meyer at (618) 262-4151 with any questions.



FCC extends condolences to the family of Mary Faye Wyatt who passed away June 29<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service was held at the church on July 18<sup>th</sup> to honor the life of our sister in Christ. We also extend our deepest sympathies to the Barry Roberts Family in the unexpected loss of Janis's sister, Sue Vail, on July 9<sup>th</sup>, to the Melvin Hocking Family in the loss of his mother, Myrtle, on July 19, and to Richard Keneipp and daughter, Kelly Houck, in the loss of Richard's wife, Penny, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your church family loves you, and we are praying for the Lord's comfort to be yours at this time of grief.

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**CAMP WALTER SCOTT**



Post-High Camp...Aug. 2-4

Labor Day Family Camp...Aug. 30 - Sept. 2



## Did you know...

The songs 'All the Way My Savior Leads Me', 'Blessed Assurance', 'He Hideth My Soul', 'I Am Thine, O Lord', 'Rescue the Perishing', 'Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It', 'To God Be the Glory', 'Near the Cross', 'Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior', and 'Praise Him, Praise Him' are just a few of the classics written by **Fannie J. Crosby (1820-1915)**. Fannie was blinded at six weeks of age after developing a cold. Mustard poultices were applied to her eyes as a result. She always felt that this was the cause of her blindness, but she was never bitter. She felt that this made her depend even more upon the Lord. "She began to write verse at the age of eight and became known as the 'Queen of Gospel Song Writers'. She was one of the most prolific hymnists in history, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, with more than 100 million copies printed. She was commissioned by all the famous tune writers of her day to write texts for them, as many as three a week, and many under pseudonyms. In her lifetime, she used 200 different pseudonyms. This particular song was written as she meditated on the goodness of God after receiving an unexpected good fortune". (Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins by **Austin C. Lovelace**)



## RELIGIOUS TRIVIA



Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.



**Thank you** to the following who have shared their talents in special music through July 21 during the choir's summer break:

Rena Bever	Jonathan Bader	Virgil Knipp
Amos Chenoweth	Brenda Knuckles	Mary Trimble
Alisa Gidcumb	Jack Marvell	Sue Knipp
Eli Hocking	Jon Mayhue	Lauryn Wright
	Sharon Mobley	Marilyn Hocking

We also greatly appreciate Barry Roberts and Zach Spruell assisting with the sound system. Special summer music continues through September 1.

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*FCC received "Thank you" notes from Bill and Pat Beesley and also from Emily Ewald for the kindnesses they received from different members of the church who visited, delivered meals, and prayed for them. These things mean so much to those who can't always get out as they did in the past. Let's keep lifting up our homebound and those struggling with health issues. A friendly phone call can make all the difference in someone's day. There is a great opportunity to minister to those who have been so faithful to the church over the years, but who may not otherwise be able to attend service at this point in time.*



**BEGINS WITH ME**

**Volunteers are greatly needed in our Cookie Day ministry.**



We need help not only with getting the cookie plates ready to deliver, but also getting them delivered to those who look forward to receiving them each month. There are nine people who receive a plate of cookies each month. If we had just three more volunteers, the time commitment would be minimal. This is one Thursday morning a month for those willing to give of their time to help plate and deliver the cookies. (Cookies can be delivered on Thursday or Friday...at your convenience.) Please consider being a volunteer. You'll be a blessing and receive a blessing in return!!

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**SAFE HAVEN DONATIONS**



We are still collecting paper goods for Save Haven...the local shelter for women and children. Financial gifts will also be gladly accepted. Their needs are critical at this time, and whatever we

can do to help will be a great blessing to the shelter and those who reside there. Our target date for donations is July 28. (However, donations will be accepted at any time.) Thank you!!

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*The Youth Group will be going to Silver Spur Paintball on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving the church at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per person.*







Sp<sup>L</sup>INT<sup>e</sup>RS from the BOARD  
July 2019

**Property Committee:** The bus was taken through safety lane, then delivered for scheduled repairs. An additional bid for four cameras was received from Flat Rock Telephone Co-op. The new Fellowship Hall sound board was installed by Barry Roberts. Due to cancellation of the church work day on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June, the women's restroom located near the Market Street entrance is still in need of updating. J. E. Shekell submitted a bid to air condition the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall, with wiring an additional expense. Project tabled until next meeting.

**Christian Education Committee:** Vacation Bible School was a success with over 30 attendees throughout the four nights. The theme was, "To Mars and Beyond." A BIG THANK YOU to VBS Director Stacy Swift and all who volunteered their time and talents.

**Stewardship Committee:** Congregational offerings are down \$400 per week. Members are encouraged to increase their giving. October 27<sup>th</sup> will be Stewardship Sunday. Doris Beckerman will preach. A carry-in meal will follow Sunday School. Budgets are due Sunday, Oct. 13.

**Membership Committee:** Fellowship Time resumes September 1. Fellowship is provided by the participants with the donations plus the budgeted amount allowed for Fellowship going toward the sign. Birthday Dinner will be held the first of the year. Wilbur Brown will oversee the monthly Cookie Day.

**Evangelism Committee:** Due to lack of advertising for the first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday benefit, Safe Haven project will be held again Sunday, July 28. On September 29, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will benefit Operation Share. Upcoming: On-One event and the football breakfast.

**World Outreach Committee:**  
Church Finance Council - \$250.00,  
Church Mission Trip - \$250.00,  
Week of Compassion - \$200.00,  
Rotary Well Project - \$750.00,  
Total ..... \$1,450.00

**Christian Action Committee:**  
Youth in Action Annual Campaign - \$500.00,  
Wabash Rally Against Cancer Organization - \$250.00,  
WADI school supplies - \$700.00,  
Safe Haven (\$275 monthly) - \$550.00,  
Total ..... \$2,000.00

**Mary Lou Owen Trust:**  
Safe Haven - \$5,000.00,  
City of Mt. Carmel - City Park swing set - \$2,500.00,  
Total ... \$7,500.00

**Administrative Committee:** By-Laws, Section VI, Professional Staff: wording change was approved to be more generic and not name specific

**Chairman of the Elders:** The Elders met July 7 to pray together, discuss upcoming retreats about spirituality and prayer at Camp Walter Scott, finalize dates needing filled for upcoming church services, and discuss Intinction Sunday held on June 30.

**Youth Director:** This is the last week of Camp. A Parent meeting will determine the best time for the Youth to meet.

**Executive Committee:** Memorial funds will be discussed later this summer.

**Old Business:** Employment Contract with Interim Co-pastors Rev. Virgil Knipp and Rev. Sue Knipp: Extended by three (3) months.

**Pastoral Search Committee:** On June 27, the committee met with Theresa Dulyea-Parker to review the process for the Search and Call Profile Survey. On July 16, the committee tabulated the results. The final Congregational Profile will go online through the Regional Portal and there will be a YouTube video. As the committee moves forward, all are asked to keep praying for the person(s) already chosen by God to come to First Christian Church.

Delegates attending General Assembly are Amos Chenoweth and Linda Chenoweth.

**Ministers' Report:** Rev. Virgil Knipp and Rev. Sue Knipp stated they are still as excited now as they were a year ago about being part of this Church family's great ministries. FCC ministries are expanding in ideas and ways to make them a reality. Doing the Lord's work is fun and joyful; each day is always a new beginning with exciting challenges.

**Chairperson of the Board Comments:** Each member please consider: Are we a friendly congregation -or- are we, in fact, a welcoming congregation?



Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Don Mann, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Kevin Stiles, Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Rev. Brant Hazlett, Bev Williams, Mike Gidcumb, Ruth (Case) Dick, Egan Beuligmann, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Rich Kolb, David Taylor, Harold Mobley, Scott & Jennifer Nettleton, Marilyn Matthews, Jaxson Malcolm, Jake, Addie, and baby Swift due in Aug., Jayce Swift, Sue Wilkinson, Robin Crouch, **Rose Fielden, the Bernie Wyatt family, the Melvin Hocking family, the Janis Roberts family, the Richard Keneipp family** 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.**

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**It's that time again. School starts August 14<sup>th</sup> in Wabash County District #348.**



## *August Birthdays*



2	Dirk More		
5	Martha Buckley	17	Marilyn Compton Christian Foshee
6	Bill Cotner		
7	Lauren Berberich	18	Rosanna Peterson Megan Smith
8	Bill Beesley	19	Kim Reilly
9	Troy Street	20	Jean Raber
10	Gary Hargett	21	Doris Deputy
11	Melvin Hocking	22	Harold Mobley
13	Trish Snow Kurt Keneipp	24	Eudine Tyler
14	Kelly John Paige Keneipp	26	David Foshee
		28	Connor Anderson
		31	Larry Boewe Deana Shehorn

## *August Anniversaries*



4	<i>Chuck and Mallory Parr</i>
8	<i>Randy &amp; Darla Brooke</i>
9	<i>Amos &amp; Linda Chenoweth Sam &amp; Deana Shehorn</i>
10	<i>Jon &amp; Alison Mayhue David &amp; Marsha Foshee</i>
13	<i>Mike &amp; Kim Reilly</i>
14	<i>Duane &amp; Debbie Lewis</i>
20	<i>Mike &amp; Betty Foshee</i>
22	<i>Mike &amp; Priss Parmenter</i>
26	<i>Ben &amp; Shari Ross</i>
28	<i>Marc &amp; Debbie Calverley Ron &amp; Sue Wilkinson</i>
29	<i>Juan &amp; Barbara Escobedo</i>
30	<i>Jack &amp; Marcia Singer</i>





# August 2019

Senior Group Meets Every Wednesday  
 from 10:00 AM –2:00 PM  
 Sr. Exercise Class M, W, Th. 9-9:45 AM  
 Counseling - Tuesdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Exercise 9-9:45 AM	1 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	2	3
4	5 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	6 Counseling	7 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	8 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	9	10 Youth Activity Silver Spur Paintball Meet @ FCC @ 2:00 PM \$5 cost
11	12 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	13 Counseling Anxiety Group 7-8:30 PM	14 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  Back to School	15 Exercise 9-9:45 AM COOKIE DAY	16	17
18  Jack Bosaw Memorial 1-3 PM	19 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	20 Counseling	21 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	22 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	23	24
25 Ice Cream Social 11:30 AM	26 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	27 Counseling Grief Support 7-8:30 PM	28 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	29 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	30	

