

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
September 22, 2019

Sermon
"Rejoice"
Rev. Virgil Knipp

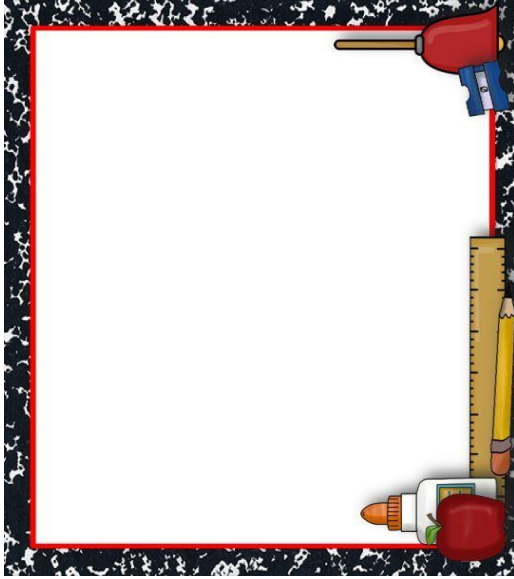
Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 8/25-80 ; 9/1 -82
9/8-86; 9/15-78

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



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**CHURCH BOARD
MEETING**



**Wednesday,
September 18th
@ 7:00 pm**

Ladies' Retreat...September 27th - 29th

The Ladies' Retreat at Camp Walter Scott begins Friday evening, September 27th and ends Sunday, September 29th. This is a great time of spiritual refreshing for any of the ladies who would like to attend. Registration forms can be picked up from the ledge outside of the church office or you may



register online at www.cciwdisciples.org by clicking on "God's Pumpkin Patch". Cost of the retreat is \$82 for the three days...(less, if you only go for a portion of the retreat or choose to stay offsite.)

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER



God's Work
Our Hands

Deacons: Bill Hackler, Verlin Snow, Wilbur Brown
Connor Anderson, Trish Snow, Kim More

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Elder on Call: David Foshee

Sanctuary Straightener: Sue Schmidt

Acolytes: Emma & Shelby Mayhue

Counters: Ray Street & Verlin Snow

Communion Preparers: Sharon Mobley & Lynette Wiles



THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!!

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD. **THE FUTURE OF THE CHOIR IS AT STAKE.** YOU CAN KEEP THE CHOIR GOING BY VOLUNTEERING TO COME TO ONE PRACTICE PER WEEK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:40. YOU WILL BE BLESSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS MINISTRY, AND YOU WILL BE A BLESSING TO THE CHURCH AND TO THE LORD HIMSELF BY LIFTING UP

PRAISE IN THE SANCTUARY! PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER JOINING THE CHOIR. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

First Christian Church now has a way to simplify giving. We have set up a link on our website to allow online giving. www.mountcarmeldisciples.com Simply log onto the church website, click on the "Online Contributions" button, and you will be taken to a page to set up your own account. (There is a tutorial to guide you through the setup process.) You may use it once or on a regular basis if you choose. The money will be transferred from your checking or savings account directly into the church's account. We also have a QR Code that you can scan that will take you to the site.



OFFERING - September 1, 2019

General	\$3,232.00
Website	100.00
Blessing Basket	7.00
Sunday School	<u>11.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,350.00

OFFERING - September 8, 2019

General	\$2,587.00
Sunday school	10.00
Memorial Fund	75.00
New sign	171.00
Blessing Basket	22.00
Brown Bag Buddies	250.00
World Outreach	<u>16.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,131.00

OFFERING - September 15, 2019

General	\$932.00
World Outreach	8.00
Website	200.00
New Sign	135.00
Brown Bag Buddies	50.00
Memorial Fund	20.00
Blessing Basket	10.00
Sunday School	<u>21.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,376.00



**“A merry heart doeth good
like a medicine”**

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, 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, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Rich Kolb, David Taylor, Harold Mobley, Scott & Jennifer Nettleton, Marilyn Matthews, Jaxson Malcolm, Jayce Swift, Sue Wilkinson, Robin Crouch, Cathie Gorley, Kendall Brooke, Jeff Hyatt, Norma Beckerman, Harold Leipold, **Connie Mayhue, George Beckerman**, and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women, and 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 however you wish to include on the prayer list.**

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CHOWDER TIME

The Annual “I Can” Class Chowder to benefit the Brown Bag Buddies Ministry of First Christian Church will be held on September 29, with serving set to begin at 4:30 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. Chowder, sandwiches, desserts, and drinks will be available for a free-will offering. Renowned Chowder Master, Ray Street, will be at the helm again this year. Everyone is invited...bring a friend!!



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Christian Children’s Fellowship began September 11th with a total of 32 children and 15 youth and adult helpers. The Kick-Off began with a bounce house which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Later, refreshments were served.

CCF meets each Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. for K – 5th grade. The students are picked up after school and brought to the church for games, music, crafts, snacks, and a Bible lesson. Parents can pick up their children at the church at 5:00 PM. Each child must have a registration form and permission slip on file in order to ride the bus. Extra sign-up forms can be found on the church office ledge. CYF will be assisting CCF this year and then meeting afterward from 5:00 – 6:00 PM each Wednesday evening, rather than on Sundays.



Student Ministries

Now that school has started, so will our Student ministries. CCF will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30-5 and CYF/Chi Rho will meet on Wednesday s from 3:30-6. These ministries are in need of snacks and meals. We are looking for families or Sunday school classes to consider sponsoring a week or even a month to provide snacks for CCF and easy meals for CYF/Chi Rho. A big thank you to Virgil and Sue for taking the month of September and for Doris Beckerman and family for taking the month of October. If you are interested in sponsoring meals and snacks please let Stacey Swift or Jessica Williams know. We are all looking forward to a great school year!!

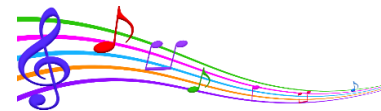
Looking Ahead for Youth Group

This summer the youth group is planning on partnering with Disciples Summer Missions on their mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee. The youth group will be planning on doing several fundraisers throughout the year for this trip. Keep a look out in your Visitors for these fundraisers.

Camp

The students who went to camp this summer wanted to thank their Church family for all the support and prayers. We wanted to give you some details of some of our favorite things that we were able to experience. Several of our students enjoyed the time to go fishing and just be out in nature. Seeing old friends and meeting new friends were also highlights of the camping season. Other highlights were camp fires, singing camp songs, and the food. Once again thank you for your support for our children's and youth ministries.

Jessica Williams, Youth Director



Summer Music 2019

Our appreciation to the following for sharing their talents in special music during the second half of the choir's summer break:

Bailey Alka
Amanda Andrews
Jonathan Bader
Rena Bever
Alison Dudley
Lillian Foshee
Gary Hargett
Eli Hocking
Marilyn Hocking

Sue Knipp
Virgil Knipp
Connie Mayhue
Emma Mayhue
Jon Mayhue
Laurel Payne
Barry Roberts
Timothy Rosignol
Jessica Williams

From vocal and instrumental solos to group performances, the congregation has enjoyed and been blessed by their gifts of song. Thanks, also, to Barry Roberts and Zach Spruell for operating the sound system.



Seeking Donations:

This last week, CCF had over 30 young children in attendance! How wonderful is that! With that great news, we want to make a comfortable meeting place for them. Stacey Swift, CCF Coordinator, has some wonderful ideas to help fix up a place for the youth to enjoy their meeting time. We are asking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of purchasing decorating items for the area. If you feel led to help with this ministry, please bring your monetary donation to the Church office. Please indicate that your donation is for CCF decorations!

September



WOW, so much happens in the month of September! School is in full swing, regular fall programs at the church are all gearing up, Choir practice began at 8:40 AM on Sundays, Sunday School classes have resumed, Youth meetings, CCF and Chi Rho are meeting on Wednesdays after school. The first meeting of the Youth was September 11, 2019 was a full-blown event! 32 CCF kids and 7 Chi Rho youth attended, jumped on blowup houses, ate hot dogs & chips, drank lemonade & water, then finished it off with floats – white, orange, purple, & black 'cows' made with vanilla ice cream & Sprite, Orange soda, Grape soda, & Coke 0. Lots of fun was had by all! Other activities included a 9/11 prayer vigil and Wednesday feeding of the ACES, players and all coaches and cheer leaders. How wondrous are the Disciples of FCC in their community outreach! Thank you, Lord.



Our Seniors have been very active all summer, spending time and sharing lunches together, and being creative. They finished their first sleeping mat for the homeless. Congratulations! Well done good and faithful servants. I know our Lord is proud of you. I know I am. Blessings galore be yours.

Fall will begin in the Northern hemisphere on 23 September @ 2:50 AM with the Summer Equinox, and Spring will begin in the Southern hemisphere. Shortening of days and lengthening of nights here in the North signal the coming of winter, and the reverse (Spring) happens in the South, below the equator. The chances of our seeing the Northern lights are increased during the Southern equinox. Celebrations of light will happen in multiple places. Here in Mt. Carmel FCC, we celebrate the *Light* of Jesus every day and especially on Sundays when we meet, worship, and lift high the name of Jesus.

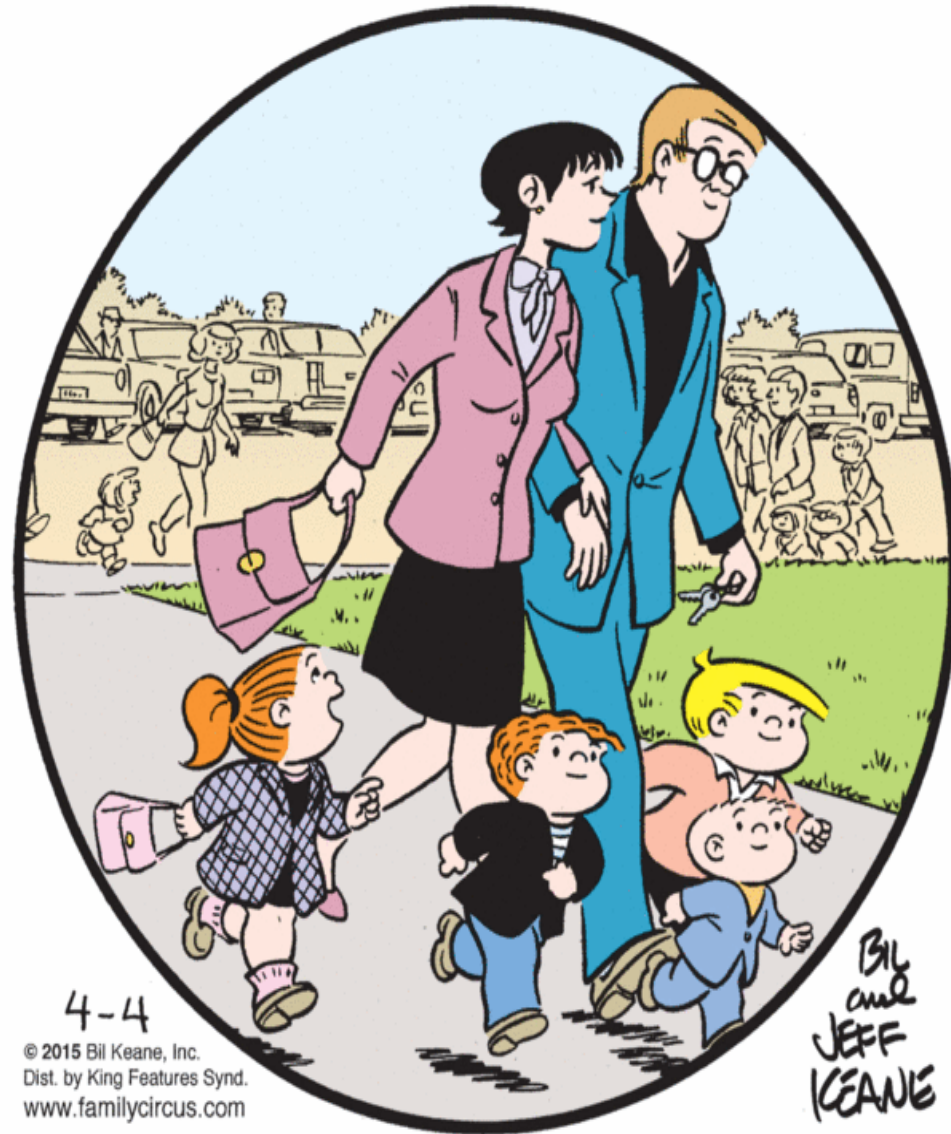
Other September activities include breakfast for the ACES football team, Coaches, and Cheer leaders on September 27th at 7 AM. Volunteers are appreciated. On 9/29, the I Can class will be making chowder all day with serving to begin at 4:00 PM. Profits will go towards the Brown Bag Buddies. 200 +

bags were filled and will be distributed throughout this month. Thank you, God, for your Disciples who answer the call to help.

WOW, what a month to praise God and be glad in it! Ministries, too numerous to mention here, are happening at FCC and in our communities. We invite you, yes you, to come in, jump in, hold on, and enjoy the wondrous ride we are enjoying. God will doubly bless you for your endeavors.

Loving God, and Loving you!

Sue



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“I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy.”

CANCELED

There will be NO Hot Breakfast on the last Sunday in September. (29th)

Please note that the Hot Breakfast has been canceled due to the fact that it falls on the same day as the “I Can” class Chowder.



We have a need for volunteers to pick up those who can no longer drive or those who may simply need a ride to church on Sunday mornings. This is a wonderful chance to be a blessing and to receive one in return. If you would be willing to fill this need, please let the church office know. Thank you!