

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
November 17, 2019

Sermon
“Staying Focused”
Rev. Virgil Knipp

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 11/3/19 - 97
11/10/19 - 81

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During this time of year, we begin to count our blessings in earnest. We at FCC want you to know that you are very high on our list. Each one of you is vitally important to the life of the church. In fact, *you are the CHURCH!* And without you, there is no church. It’s not just the building, but the life within the building. Your faithfulness in attending services, working behind the scenes, helping in the Children’s Ministry, praying, supporting, encouraging, and giving are crucial, and we want you to know that we are thankful for each and every one of you and for all you do to bless God’s church and help it to flourish!



God's Work
Our Hands

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Deacons: Barb Escobedo, Lizzie Irelan, Mike Gill
Linda Gill, Lesley Hipsher, Juan Escobedo
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Elder on Call: Gary Hargett
Sanctuary Straightener: Anderson Family
Acolytes: Luke & Ty Hipsher
Counters: Paula Street & Marilyn Hocking
Communion Preparers: Debbie Meyer & Marilyn Hocking

CHURCH BOARD MEETING



**November 20,
2019 at 7:00 PM.**

OFFERING - November 3, 2019	
General	\$3,870.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	8.00
New Sign	121.96
Upper Room	14.00
TOTAL:	\$4,021.96

OFFERING - November 10, 2019	
General	\$2,140.00
Sunday School	21.00
World Outreach	8.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
TOTAL:	\$2,194.00

Youth Activities coming up for
November and December...



- Nov. 22-24 Youth Summit
- Nov. 27 **No Youth** due to Thanksgiving
- Dec. 18 CCF Christmas Program/Family Dinner
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 **No Youth** due to Christmas Day



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, 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, 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, Sue Wilkinson, Robin Crouch, Cathie Gorley, Kendall Brooke, Jeff Hyatt, Norma Beckerman, Harold Leipold, Connie Mayhue, George Beckerman, Joe Beckerman, Rosanna Peterson, Etta Rosignol, Dan Summers, Megan Bunnage, Misty Reed, Faith, Leslie Bone, Malvin Kepley, 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 whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.**

LOST & FOUND



We currently have several things in our **Lost and Found** bin just outside of the office. We have car/house keys, umbrellas, eye glasses, jewelry, books, etc.

If you've lost it here at church, we may have it. Please check to see if your lost treasure has been found.

Some of these items are recent finds while others are over a year old. If you don't see something you think that you lost at church, please check with the church secretary between 9:00-2:00 pm, M-F.

The Stewardship Committee would like to make the congregation aware that offerings are substantially lower in 2019 compared to 2018 and prior years.



Giving to the church is an important spiritual discipline, and a large part of your spiritual journey with the Lord.

Jesus made it clear that we are expected to be generous with our time, talents and finances. If you have fallen behind in your regular offerings, we ask that you try to make up the difference, and prayerfully consider your level of giving.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10

THANK YOU

Trunk or Treat was a huge success. We had so many children that we ran out of candy three times and had to replenish it! This activity was a wonderful way to not only make some new acquaintances, but also to invite some new families to the church. Thank you to all those who helped out and to those who donated to the cause!



The Hanging of the Greens will take place after service on November 24th. Please make plans to join in to decorate the church for the coming Advent and Christmas Seasons. The tradition of Hanging of the Greens symbolizes the eternal life we have through our Lord, Jesus Christ.



FAITH NIGHT with the Evansville Thunderbolts (Hockey team) will be Saturday November 16, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

There will be a pre and post-game concert by “The Great Command”. “Chuck a Pucks” will be sold by the “Isaiah 1:17 Project”. Oakland City University is the game night sponsor and is awarding prizes

to high school students that night. **One qualifying Jr. or Sr. student will win a \$12,000 scholarship!** Students can apply at the OCU booth in the lobby before the end of the second period that night. The winner will be announced during the second intermission and **must be present to win.** Freshmen and Sophomores will receive an alternate prize from OCU. For details, call (812) 422-BOLT or visit their website at www.evansvillethunderbolts.com.



FCC extends its sympathy to the family of Betty Comptom, who passed away on November 11, 2019, in Rockwall, TX. Betty was a long-time member of the church and will be missed by family and friends alike. Services and burial will be held in Mt. Carmel in March, 2020.



Consider this:

For me, November begins a special season. When I was growing up, as soon as Halloween was finished, my family's thoughts and actions turn toward Thanksgiving and Christmas. I began to seriously look at all of the catalogs, with several pages of toys, that we had received since the first of August. It was time to make my yearly Christmas wish list. I knew there was very little chance I would receive anything on my list, but I also knew that whatever I received, I would be thankful for, because my parents knew what was best. Anyway, this didn't diminish my excitement. First came Thanksgiving and my first vacation days from school since it started at the end of summer vacation.

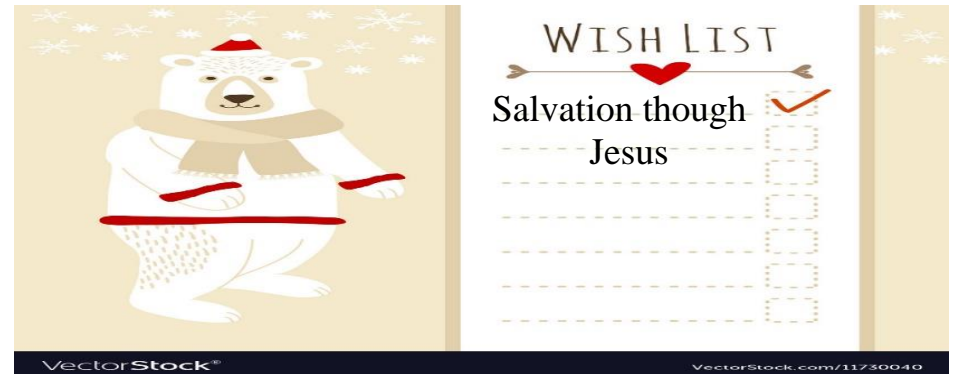
I grew up in a family with Mom, Dad, and five siblings. We didn't have a lot of fancies, but having grown up on a small farm, we always had a big garden and a lot of summer canning. There was always food to eat and my mother was an outstanding cook. But I have to say, she outdid herself at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Turkey, ham, and all the sides were standard items, and oh, the sweet goodies! Pies, cakes, fruit salad, cookies, nuts, candies, and other special treats added at Christmas made November and December a most glorious and special season to look forward to each year!



As I have grown older, November still begins a special season, but for another reason. Celebrating Thanksgiving reminds me of the many blessings that God has given me. Some of these blessings are as follows: a wonderful and outstanding life partner...God really knew what He was doing when He joined Sue and me together. Other blessings include our four children and their spouses, ten grandchildren (some with spouses), and six great-grandchildren. Then there are the many congregations and lives we have encountered as we share our witness about His love. These folks have blessed us as much by their sharing God's love with us.

Right on the heels of Thanksgiving is Advent and Christmas. At my age, I have quit making my selfish Christmas wish list, and celebrate God's gift to me - His Son, first as a baby and then as a Savior. If I had a wish list, it wouldn't be a long one, **but it would include wishing everyone could experience the happiness and Love I know, by allowing God and His teaching into their hearts. This is and always will be my wish.**

Virgil



2020 STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ASKS THAT YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR 2020 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE MANY MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY!!!

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship Services
Prayer Lists
Children's Worship
Baby Blessings
Christmas Eve Worship
Ash Wednesday Worship
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship
Pre-Baptism Classes/ New Member Classes
Baptisms
Chancel Choir
Special Music
Home Bound Communion
Cantatas
Weddings
Funeral Services
Prayer Services

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Sunday School (for all ages)
CCF (Christian Children's Fellowship K-5th)
Chi Rho (Middle School Youth)
CYF (High School Youth)
Church Camp
Children's Christmas Program
Vacation Bible School

OUTREACH:

School Supplies
Mission Trips
Camp Work Days
Operation Share Collections
Barbie's Boutique
Personal Care Items for WADI
Safe Haven Homeless Center
Food Pantry Collections
Nursing Home Visits
Funeral Meals
Cookie Day Visits
Christian Based Counseling Center
Card Ministry
Helping Hands
Red Cross Emergency Shelter
Missionary Visits
Christian Premarital Counseling
Bequest Request Donations
Breakfast for MCHS Football Players
Brunch for MCHS Marching Aces
Encore Music Parties for MCJHS & MCHS
Hospital Visits
Brown Bag Buddies Program

MEMBERSHIP CARE:

Senior Group
Women's Banquets
Men's Banquets
All Church Picnics/Parties
Exercise Classes
Summer Ice Cream Social
Delegates to Regional & General Church Assemblies

