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**Sept.  
2017**



School is back in session, and the last official days of summer are quickly coming to an end with the appearance of Labor Day. Fall, my favorite time of year, always brings with it the crisp cool nights, the festivals in various towns, the scent of apples and pumpkins. There is something about taking a walk on a fall afternoon with your warm plaid shirt/jacket, the crunch of leaves under your feet, that can clear your head and soothe your soul. The anticipation of the coming months ahead starts to build slowly in me. What can I say, I love this time of year! Wayne City has its own Bean Days Festival this month (23<sup>rd</sup>). The Bean Day Pageant is on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, with two of our teen girls entered in the Pageant. Addison Milligan is our retiring little Miss Bean Queen.

FCCWC has been busy the past couple of months. Recently our youth sponsored FCCWC's very first 150' Banana Split Event for the Wayne City Community. This event helped kickoff our 150 days of prayer which started on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Banana Splits were a huge success with high attendance (140+) that night. Several kids that attended VBS were there along with their family. Everyone enjoyed their ice cream and socializing with their neighbors! Speaking of our youth, we enjoyed an evening at the Hamilton County Fair recently. Ten Mile Baptist Church sponsored a family night with an entertaining Family Show and free rides. We decided to check it out and had a good time being together and hanging out. We did get rained on which made our trip short but we still enjoyed ourselves. We have an upcoming trip in October that we are looking forward to attending called Youth Encounter 17 in Marion, IL. If you are a teen and would like to go, let me (Rachel) know! I'm also planning a scavenger hunt for the FCCWC Youth this fall. Keep your ears open in the future for the date, because it will be a fun time!

Our College and Career Adults are up and running. We have several from FCCWC that have begun their new journey with College, Kaylee Seymour is at USI located in Evansville, IN. Chad Dickey is located at McKendree in Lebanon, Illinois. We have two students, Bethany Bailey and Landon Willett, who have started their fall semester at Frontier Community College in Fairfield, IL. Kameron Backs is following the Career path. We wish all these young people the very best and ask for God's hand to continue to guide them, and keep them safe as they walk along their chosen path.

\* God's Blessings to you all! \*

## Upcoming Events

- 9.1 Men's Meeting @ 6:30p  
Ellis Mound Pavilion**
- 9.3 Christmas Play Practice  
Begins @ 5pm**
- 9.4 Labor Day**
- 9.9 Faithbuilders 6pm  
All Adults Welcome**
- 9.10 Leadership Meeting 3p**
- 9.16 Bean Day Pageant**
- 9.21 Ladies of Grace 6p  
@ Randa Shively's**
- 9.22 Wabash Christian 8am  
Retirement Center**
- 9.23 Bean Days Parade**
- 9.24 Fellowship Potluck  
Bean Day Church Night**



Have you prayed today? We are a month into our 150 days of prayer for our church. We are praying for God to bless us and give us great faith and courage. We also pray to be bold with our faith and to share God's love with others!



Praying.... with Thanksgiving

I've prayed a lot of quick prayers in my life. Prayers of desperation—God, please help me. Prayers of self-pity—God, things are so bad right now. Prayers of resignation—God, if this is how you want things, I can't change it. Lately though, I'm learning a different type of prayer-- Praying with thanksgiving. I learned this from Paul who, writing from prison, taught me a most powerful lesson.

He said," Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving*, present your requests to God."

Strange. Here he is suffering himself, yet he's telling me to pray with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the seasoning that makes our prayers edible to God. After all, who wants to hear people whine all the time? I've learned you can't whine and give thanks in the same breath. Self-pity and thankfulness don't mix any better than oil and water. In fact, mixing thanks with prayer somehow changes it. When we remember what God has done for us in the past and think about who he is in the present—and express that in thankfulness—our prayers become gentler, more trusting somehow. Thankful prayers are offered with faith. And faith is an essential ingredient for prayer that God chooses to answer.

If you can hang on to thankfulness, you'll be a different person. When you learn to talk to God about your needs, mixed with a heavy dose of heartfelt thanks, then you have crossed the divide from whining at God to real prayer.

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**Join us on any of the  
following services!**

### **Sunday's**

**Sunday School 9:30a  
Worship 10:30 am  
Play Practice 5:00pm**

### **Wednesday's**

**Bible Study 6:00pm  
Adults**

**Impact Youth/Young  
Adults**

**Kids**

**Nursery provided for  
all Services**



*From the desk of Pastor Steve*

September here we are! School is back in session and we head towards the holiday season! We are seeing God work in awesome ways! We have seen 5 people confess Jesus as their Savior recently and we await their public profession of faith! We have blown away the highest average worship numbers by 73, 82, and then....117! With each visit and invitation, we move closer to becoming the church and the people God desires for us to be!

So, this month brings the introduction to "Wayne City Matters" to the local scene in town. This will enable us to do servant evangelism (loving our neighbors!) projects in town with local organizations. We have a concert on September 2nd at 6pm in the Wayne City park!

Faith Builders group meets for potluck on September 9th at 6pm for adults. Our Christmas play practice begins on Sunday nights at 5pm starting September 3rd! We have a special "Flower Service" on September 17th with another High Attendance Crowd! And we have the yearly "Bean Days" event on September 22-24 weekend with the Bean Day pageant on September 16th!

Randall is leading us on Wednesday nights through the study of the Book of Job and I am preaching through the Book of Ephesians on Sunday mornings! Don't miss out on the exciting things that are happening here at FCCWC! I'll look for you this Sunday... parking away from the front doors and sitting up front and close to hear God's Word!

Growing together,  
Bro. Steve Griswold

### Sunday School and Sunday Service Nursery

<b>September 2017 Nursery</b>	<b>Worker</b>
<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Laura &amp; Bailey Moyer</b>
<b>September 10th</b>	<b>Beth Bailey &amp; Kameron Backs</b>
<b>September 17th</b>	<b>Jayla &amp; Austin Scott</b>
<b>September 24th</b>	<b>Donna Clark</b>

*If you can't work your assigned Sunday, please contact Beth Bailey at 599-1439.*



## September 2017 Birthdays and Anniversaries

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2 Jordan E.
3	4 Danny B.	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Steve G.	16
17	18 Donna G. Jan M.	19 Nick G.	20	21 Randall S.	22 Luke S. Brad R.	23
24 Landon W	25	26	27 Jan M. Anniversary	28	29	30 Beth B.

*If your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar, let Rachel know when it is.*

# September 2017 Calendar of Events (For your convenience)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Men's Meeting 6:30pm @ Ellis Mound	2
3 Christmas Play Practice 5 pm	4 Labor Day No School	5	6 6 pm Bible Study	7	8	9 Faithbuilders 6pm @ Church (Potluck)
10 Leadership 3pm  Christmas Play Practice 5 pm	11	12	13 6pm Bible Study	14	15	16 Bean Day's Pageant
17 Flower Service AM Service  Christmas Play Practice 5 pm	18	19	20 6pm Bible Study	21 6pm Ladies Meeting @ Randa S	22 Wabash Christian Retirement 8am (Mary)	23 Bean Day's Parade
24 Fellowship Potluck 12p Bean Day Church Night @FCCWC	25	26	27 6pm Bible Study	28	29	30

## Lessons from a Shepherd: Protection and Provision

By David Jeremiah

*I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. --John 10:9*

In biblical times, sheep and goats were a primary source of wealth, food, and trade. The owner of a small flock counted his sheep, searched for any that were missing, and protected them at night in a corral or enclosure. Such an enclosure had a gate, or doorway, through which the flock would enter in the evening and go out in the morning. Pasture during the day and protection during the night—made possible by passing through the gate.

**Recommended Reading:** [Acts 4:12](#)

Jesus took advantage of that common cultural image by describing Himself as the “door” or “gate.” Through Him would His sheep, His followers, find abundant pastoral provision, and through Him they would be protected. There had been gateways before Him, Jesus said. But they were “thieves and robbers” (John 10:8) who left them spiritually hungry and unprotected. While the thief comes “to steal, and to kill, and to destroy,” Jesus came that His sheep “may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly” (verse 10).

Jesus’ sheep have provision and protection through Him. He, and only He (Acts 4:12), is the doorway to both. Beware of open doors and false promises.

**A redeemed flock should live in redemption’s pastures. --Henry Law**

### TREASURE CHEST

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



...that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

— COLOSSIANS 2:2,3 NIV