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First Christian Church of Wayne City

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More often than not, the new year finds us reflecting on our past year and making resolutions that are promptly forgotten and broken. Self examination is necessary for the Christian, not just this time of year, but everyday. We have to stop and ask, “Am I doing all I can to grow as a child of God? Am I lending my abilities to help others grow spiritually?” If we find ourselves lacking, we need to resolve to do better and more for the Lord. We can’t abandon this resolution but be persistent and devoted to retain it in our hearts. As Christians, we must also be looking forward. We shouldn’t dwell or worry on past failures, nor sit back and gloat over accomplishments. A child of God never reaches a point where we no longer need to grow. We never reach a point in our service to Christ that we have done enough. Some questions we should ask ourselves:

Do I study my Bible diligently?

Am I present at every service that I am able to attend?

Can I be counted on to support the efforts of the church?

Am I really concerned with the lost being saved?

Do you see some things in which you may be lacking? If so, resolve to change and set things in order and then press on!

Upcoming Events

- 1/9 5pm Drive In at the Movies
Youth Impact Kickoff for New Study
6pm Adult Study Kickoff
- 1/12 Worship Conference @ Centralia
- 1/13 4pm Leadership Meeting
- 1/16 6pm Impact Youth New Study
"One"
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Day No School
- 1/25 Wabash Christian @ Carmi 8am

WELCOME!!

Make sure you say hello to our newest staff member, Worship Leader/ Associate Pastor Stephen Buxton!

We are so excited to have Stephen join us and to see where God will lead him and us this year!!



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Stephen Buxton

We welcome you to join us and become a part of our family!

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30am

College and Career 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am

Sunday Evening 6pm

Wednesday Services

Bible Study 6pm

Impact Youth 6pm

Men/Ladies Group Meetings

First Friday of every Month



Birthdays

- 1/4 Tammy Dickey
1/10 Mary Payne (Granny)
1/21 Judy Bailey
1/31 Gary Bailey



From the desk of the Pastor

Happy New Year!

2018 was a huge year of financial and spiritual growth! Thank you for supporting the "Joy & Jubilee" emphasis!

We have seen growth in our lives as we have focused on serving and loving each other and our wonderful community!

I give thanks to God for sending Steve Buxton to us as our new Associate Pastor! We all believe Steve is the right man to lead us in worship and taking us to new levels with our music and praise band! Welcome Steve!

Thank you FCCWC for your generous financial gifts that make our ministries function and adding new staff and new events to reach our neighbors for Jesus!

Finally I want to share that we have no reason not to expect God to continue to lead and guide us! We have open doors of opportunity for 2019! You have a church you can brag on and a Savior who wants to change lives of our friends and families! This is truly a loving, safe church to learn and grow in Christ!

Let's make our weekly Bible Study groups a big priority! Let's fill up the worship center with people each Sunday! Let's continue singing and giving praise to God! Let's make this year another year of growth and caring for each other!

All in for Jesus!

Pastor Steve

“Having Hope Is A Powerful Thing” by Randall Shively

What causes a person to hope? What do we have to hope for? What is hope? What can a person do when hope is not present? Sometime when I hear from the prison inmates I notice hope in their choice of words and other times I don't. What does it take to maintain hope?

There is a passage in scripture that I have referred to many times in my life and it is Philippines 4:16, “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” When I was much younger and all alone in my challenges, I thought all I had was myself. I thought it was always up to me to do this or that. But I was very narrow minded in thinking this way. Only through God and what He gives me do I accomplish anything at all. I really could do very little by myself. God gives us what we need to sustain and God gives us the power to overcome.

Hope is not artificial. Hope is real. Hope is what we desire to happen. To have hope in something is when we are honest with ourselves toward something that is attainable. Having hope brings life. Thinking about the positive things of life brings hope. From some it may be talking to the kids. For others it may be praying. For some it may be simply being honest with God and listening for His direction. What we think about during much of our waking hour is who we are and what we will become. Hope is putting the right thoughts in our minds and being excited about what God has in store for us. We should think about God activities, which are good activities.

Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent and praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or see in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:8-9).

Have hope in today! In Matthew 7:8; for everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

