

# First Christian Church

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## Encouraging Newsletter

July 15, 2018

### Coming Soon:

Extend International's **Missionary** to the International Students at Purdue University, **Joel Lillie**, will be with us during Sunday School next Sunday, July 22. He will be sharing what has been happening with their ministry.

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August 5 *Avenue* (formerly *Allegiance*) in Worship  
(A Love Offering will be taken)

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**Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic:** Sunday, September 16 at the Lion's Pavilion at Bixler Lake

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**What:** FCC Women's Retreat  
**Who:** Women age 18 & older  
**When:** Oct. 12 & 13 (Fri. evening – Sat. afternoon)  
**Where:** Van Buren Hotel-Shipshewana  
**Why:** Women's Fellowship and Bible Study  
Estimated cost: \$75-\$85 per individual  
More information to come.  
(10 rooms are reserved-enough for 20 women).

### Gratitude Noted:

Dear First Christian Church,  
Thank you so much for your faithful donation of \$200 monthly as well as your monthly goods donation for the Friendship Connection. We couldn't do what we do at Common Grace or The Friendship Connection without our wonderful supporters and we are especially grateful for repeat donors like you.

We are so blessed to have had you sharing in the ministries of Common Grace and The Friendship Connection and sharing in the hope of helping others become all that they can be in Christ from the very beginning. We thank God for you as you have a special place in our hearts. God bless each of you and your ministry. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, Janyce Barnes, Team Member

### Reminders:

July's OCC gift items for the boxes are pencils, hand-held sharpener and crayons.



Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 PM

## **Tidbits:**

Every Sunday morning following Worship Service, from 10:30-11:15 a.m., several adult Sunday School classes meet in different places throughout the building. *We encourage you to join in!* Coming to Sunday School is a great fellowship opportunity for us all. Hopefully you can find a class you would like to join.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will not be meeting the month of August.

FYI...The church lawn gets mowed by Kyrun Foster with occasional help from Janelle and Keegan. Mike Ihrie has done an excellent job with the trim work, cleaning out the ditches, and helping mow when needed. *(And Shirley says he enjoys doing it!!)*

The **Missions Committee** has room for a few more members. Let chairman, Jim Chandler, know if you would be interested in serving on that committee.

The **Nursery** has a loyal group of gals serving in that area, but more volunteers would be wonderful! You would be put on a rotating basis. See Anna or Pastor Mike if you would be willing to be added to the list!

**\*\*A new refreshment sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center\*\***

Our Church Family recently lost a very dedicated, wonderful Christian man in Burt DeRusha. Burt served faithfully in the church as was mentioned at his Memorial Service. He was always at the front door on Sunday mornings with a big smile on his face waiting to greet everyone.

I don't recall seeing where there was mentioned a memorial fund for him. In talking with the family, we are giving the congregation the opportunity to give to a memorial fund in honor of Burt DeRusha which will go to the church. In giving, if you would please place your donation in one of the pew envelopes located in the back of the chairs, and write on it "DeRusha Memorial", that would be great. Either put it in the offering plate or in the wooden box at the back of the auditorium. Thank you for your consideration.



VBS

SUNDAY, JULY 22-26

5:00-7:30 PM

**Engage Sunday:** *Do you want to see this community reached for the sake of the Gospel?* On **Sunday August 26th**, FCC will be joining with 10+ Churches here in Kendallville to do projects to serve this community and reach people for the sake of the Kingdom! *Let's get ON MISSION for the Sake of Christ!*

## **Gaither Christmas Tea Information:**

Tickets for the Christmas Tea, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. *are now on sale.* Author/Speaker, Sara Mae will be the entertainment. A table will sit 8 people, but if only two want to go, it will be a matter of being placed at a table where you will meet new friends! Tickets are \$45 each. Tickets should be ordered now since we ran into a problem in getting reservations for the Spring Tea. Go to Gaither.com and register for the Christmas Tea. To read about Sara Mae go to [www.saramae.com](http://www.saramae.com).