

# Life Together

September 2022 Edition

Monthly newsletter of First Christian church Wayne City

## *Calendar of Events*

- 9.04 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30am
- 9.05 Labor Day
- 9.07 Midweek Meal & Worship 6:00pm
- 9.09 Ladies Meet 6:00pm Men's 6:30pm
- 9.11 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30  
Leadership Meeting 4:00pm
- 9.12 Red Cross Blood Drive @ FCCWC  
2:00pm—6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 9.14 Midweek Meal & Worship 6:00pm
- 9.18 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30am
- 9.21 Midweek Meal & Worship 6:00pm
- 9.22 WC Bean Day Church Night 6:00pm
- 9.24 WC Bean Day Parade
- 9.25 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30am
- 9.28 See you at the Pole for Youth 7am  
Wayne City High School  
Midweek Meal & Worship 6:00pm
- 9.30 FaithBuilders 6:00pm

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 9.1 Kelly Thomas
- 9.2 Jordan Wheat
- 9.3 Peyton Dirks
- 9.4 Danny Bailey  
Jason & Lacie Dailey (AN)
- 9.13 Bailey Buchanan
- 9.15 Steve Griswold
- 9.18 Jan Milner  
Donna Greenwalt
- 9.19 Nick Greene
- 9.21 Randall Shively
- 9.22 Luke Shively  
Lacie Dailey
- 9.24 Landon Willett
- 9.24 Jan Milner (AN)
- 9.30 Beth Greene

## Reasons for Enduring Trials

When trials hit, we can do one of two things concerning our faithfulness to God: give up, or continue on. Paul knew what it was like. In fact many times in trials, he felt like he was between a rock and a hard place (2 Cor. 4:8), yet he continued remaining faithful to God. I believe that in verses 14-15 in the same chapter he gives us three reasons to endure trials.

*He knew that trials, and even death, would not rob him of the crown of life.* "... knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you." (v.14)

*He realized that surviving his hardships were influencing others toward Christ.* "For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many," (v.15a)

*He was aware that He was glorifying God in enduring adversity.* "...may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God." (v.15b)

Yes, enduring trials can be good for us and others. So when trials hit, hang in there and keep praising God!

*Edd Sterchi*



## Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

*You can make a difference...*

**Monday, Sept. 12th**

**2:00pm - 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall  
First Christian Church Wayne City**



# What the Church Offers

Too many folks look upon church attendance as being secondary to anything else on their schedule. They are not opposed to religion. They may even look upon it as a vital part of life. But they have no conscience against neglecting it. Perhaps the attitude is: "I'll go to church if nothing comes up, or if I am not too tired." But to stay away because we have so many other engagements or because we have so little strength left is like staying away from the dinner table because we are too weak from hunger to go to the table.

The Bible tells us that this was not uncommon in the first century. The writer of Hebrews notes "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some" (Heb. 10:25).

What then does the church have to offer that a person cannot get anywhere else? One man said, "I do not go to church anymore because I can get what the church has to offer in better from elsewhere."

When the church gets into the business of offering the world what the world already has, it is in the wrong business, and is not the church of the New Testament.

The mission of God's church is to save souls. God's power for saving souls is in the gospel of Christ. It is the mission of the church to preach the gospel.

The church offers a family atmosphere to believers not found elsewhere. The early church was said to be "together and had all things common." (Acts 2:42).

Each member of the church is important. The church offers assistance to the believer in need (1 John 3:17).

The church is where the saved are (Acts 2:47). Their names are enrolled in heaven (Heb. 12:23). Where else can men have fellowship, communion with God and associations that they have in the church? In what other institution can we find the same assurance?

Where else is offered the hope of everlasting life?

Bill Brandstatter



### Standing Firm in the teachings of Jesus

In order to stand firm for Jesus, we must be taught to stand firm. Teaching and learning come from face to face training as well as social media/dvd series today.

By far face to face training is the best and most remembered. To get training or go to training we must be willing to give up our time and our ideas, to learn how to use tools of evangelism/church growth to reach our community!

We had 13 members of FCC attend the latest equip training last week! Thank you FCC Church for sacrificing your time to go and learn more!

We are so blessed to be able to be equipped and educated hands-on as we grow in Christ!

Since I have been your Lead Pastor these past few years we have benefitted from Leadership Ministry Training from: Orchardville Church, Church of the Harvest, Central Christian, New Beginnings, Church of God, Illinois Baptist, and North American Mission Board!

As the proud Pastor of our FCC congregation who celebrates being non-denominational status, I will always seek out powerful conservative teaching conferences and training regardless of who is hosting the event!

I'm so proud that we can serve and minister to our community, and any church God sends us to!

This freedom is awesome and refreshing!

*Pastor Steve*

**2 Thessalonians 2:15 NLT**

“With these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, **STAND** firm, keep a **STRONG GRIP** on the **TEACHING** we passed on to you both in person and by letter.”