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What is your measure of church success? Many people today believe success in church is defined by one thing: Attendance! The bigger your church, the more successful you are. The glimmer of a relatively new phenomena called the “mega-church” has blinded us to the reality that the average church size in America is still somewhere between 50-75 people (as it has been throughout history). In an age where we’re constantly lowering our standards, using attendance and so-called “conversions” to gauge our success would be like lowering educational standards and then bragging about higher test scores. Justin Bieber has millions of adoring fans yet your local police officer or fire fighter remains unknown to most. Who is having a greater impact on society? One search on Google will reveal it is not Justin.

“If we can’t use attendance as a gauge for success, what can we use? I would submit to you that spiritual proficiency would be a good place to start. I know that this may seem revolutionary but what if the goal of the Pastor was to ensure that their members were actually trained to effectively minister the gospel instead of getting “butts in the seats.” (Pastor DiDio)

Here are a few questions churches could use to measure the spiritual proficiency of their church:

-How many of your members understand and can explain the fundamental doctrines of the Church (i.e. repentance, faith, baptisms, resurrection, eternal judgement, etc. Hebrews 6)?

-How many of your members know how to win the lost?

-How many of your members understand and can explain the Holy Spirit and His gifts?

These are relatively simple questions yet somehow they destroy our current understanding of success in the body of Christ. We may have hundreds in our Sunday service, but how many are becoming disciplined ministers of the gospel? My intent is to hopefully inspire a reexamination of what church is about. Historically and biblically the church was created to equip believers to reach the world yet now we’ve designed our services to appeal to the world. “Accommodation” has become the bandit of the modern church. We must come to grips with the reality that we cannot seriously equip saints while catering to “seekers” at the same time. Perhaps if we’ll design our services to train believers, we’ll see more sinners saved outside the four walls of our churches.

In the 1850s a man named Pasteur discovered that bacteria could be killed by heat. Pasteur later invented a heat treatment to kill harmful bacteria and this process has become known as **pasteurization**. Pasteurization is the application of extreme heat to remove toxins, enhance blood flow, and relieve pain.

In the Church today we need some Pastors and leaders to take their rightful place as fathers in the faith and begin to apply some heat to our lives. This kind of “**Pastor-ization**” will help to eliminate false doctrine, narrow the enemy’s foothold, and ensure our success in our church family. It’s time for the church to come out of the gutter, avoid the ditches, and get back in the trenches.

“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.” Hebrews 13:17

Attendance & Financial Update for Sunday, August 6 & August 13, 2017

Aug 6 ~ 8:00 a.m. Worship Services – 57 10:30 a.m. Worship Services – 172

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Total – 59

Aug 13 ~ 8:00 a.m. Worship Services – 60 10:30 a.m. Worship Services – 135

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Total – 64

General Fund ~ \$2745 To Date ~ \$7989 New Building ~ \$330 To Date ~ \$865



FCC Welcomes You! We are grateful that you have come to be with us on Sunday morning. We pray that you felt the love of Christ and His presence during our worship. Many blessings...

August 6: Khristie Barness, Kayla Ganzalez, Hailey, Marla & Serinity; Jody Buzzard Harmon & Reuben; John & Sharon Pruett daughter and husband of George & Jeanine Zentner; Sabrina Choma granddaughter of Charles & Becky Allen; Brandon Benjamin grandson of Gary & Linda Benjamin; Brianna Erhart granddaughter of Sandra Erhart and Tony Pore, Jeremy, Landyn &

Keitan Grieshaber all family of Mark & Sondra Grieshaber.

August 13: Keitan Grieshaber grandson of Mark & Sondra Grieshaber; Linda Lattimer & Tyler guests of Virgil & Bryar Wight; Dillon Tatro guest of Valerie Todd & Vena Romig.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

OPPORTUNITY CLASS: August 6: There were 4 present Sunday, 1 with Bible and 1 daily reader. Continued prayers requested for Ken Bennett for healing (brother of Mary Hamilton); Nelda Potter and all those fighting cancer; for our leaders and our military. Prayers for the family of Edith Hardesty and Drew Sumner who is in the military. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer and led the lesson on “Called to Witness” – Acts 6:1-8. Mary closed the class in prayer.

August 13: Class joined the SOS Class.

SOS CLASS: August 6: There were 15 present Sunday with 13 members who brought Bibles and 6 were daily readers. Prayers were requested for Lois Schuttle, sister of Norma Hermreck, Ethan Bilderback who joined the Army; Spencer Guyett who joined the Marines; Burke & Charlene Rogers – traveling and Rusty Coons recovering from surgery. Gary opened the class with prayer and led the lesson. The class closed with prayer.

August 13: There were 17 in class today with 4 guests from the Opportunity Class. They had 11 members who brought Bibles and 8 were daily readers. Prayers requested for Orville & LaVerne Cole, Nelda Potter, Ruby Schuster & Linda Miller. PRAISE: (1) Rusty Coons surgery went well. (2) Roger Adams hearing is getting better. Gary Benjamin opened the class with prayer and presented Lesson 2 – “God’s Way to Make a Difference.” The class closed with prayer.



"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1



Prayer Concerns for Our Church Families Long Term:

Linda Benjamin, Mike Crist, Lois Gebert, CB Harris, Clarence Hermann, Pat Hiner, Jim Jordan, Wilma McIntosh, Linda Miller, Earl Peine, Whitney Peine, Nelda Potter, Lenett Thomas, Steve Watkins

Extended Family & Friends Long Term:

All her family (request by Wilma McIntosh), Judy Meyer (Nancy Horn); Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), Ray & Nancy Foltz (request by Nancy Horn), Bill & Lola Thornton, Sandy (Potter) Peine (sister of Marsha Dulin), Becky Roush (request by Carol Hermreck & sister Carolyn Schuster), Jack & Arlene (Mersman) Udelhofen (Nancy Horn); Keifer Haukins & family (Doug & Bev Farren)

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers

Dear Lord, send your blessings on those living in long-term healthcare facilities and nursing homes. Amen

- 1) **Guest Home Estate** - Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young, Betty Penn, Gladys Zwiener
- 2) **Parkview Heights** - Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Max Ratliff, Marcene Jasper
- 3) **Residential Living Center** - Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams)
- 4) **Comfort Care Home - Ottawa, KS** - Birdie Zentner

Our Military, Veterans & Troops

Dear Lord, we give thanks to you for our brave Men and Women in uniform and we pray for your love to lead them and your wisdom to guide them each day. Amen

Italy: Matthew Schryer - Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring

Air Force: Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole

Air Force: Jesse Hale, nephew of Rosemary Turner

Prayer Concerns for our Church Families / Friends

August 6 & 13 – Week 1: Gwin Holman (Doug & Allyssa Adams); Ardis Comfort, Nancy Lake & Greg Kropf (Gayla Corley); Rob Negrich (Karen Petersilie); Andrea Huza (daughter of Charlie & Becky Allen) and a safe school year (Krista Hedrick)

July 30 – Week 2: The family of June Mowat; Rusty Coons, Jim McAllister father of Paula Sjorlund; Joe Ray (Paula Sjorlund) and Juanita Thompson and Tommy Thompson mother and brother of Robin Williams (Donna Williams)

July 23 ~ Week 3: God Bless America! / Military & all members of Law Enforcement & their families (Rosemary Turner)

If you wish continued prayers: After 3 weeks, your prayer request will be removed unless you write it on the Sunday flap or email Marsha Dulin at marsha@fccgarnett.org.

ADD THIS IMPORTANT DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS

The First Christian Church's Fall camp-out / weekend of activities begins Friday, September 15 thru Sunday, September 17. If you wish to bring out your camper contact Marsha Dulin in the office to reserve a site. The cost will be \$24.00 and will need to be paid prior to September 15. We encourage tent campers to come out and Saturday evenings. There is no fee for tent campers. There will be games and activities on Saturday afternoon. The meal will be a potluck picnic. It will begin around 5:30 p.m. FCC will provide cups, plates, napkins, silverware and those with last name A-M to bring a hamburger / hotdogs / drinks. We are asking those with last name N-Z to bring a side dish. In the event of rain on Saturday evening the potluck meal will be held at the church. We are working on entertainment after the meal Saturday night. The weekend will culminate with outdoor church services on Sunday morning at 10:30. We hope to see everyone there. THE PASTORING COMMITTEE

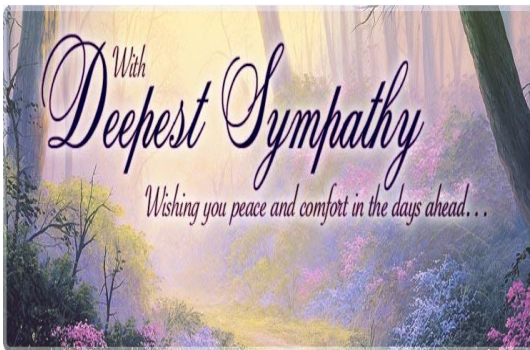


and set up also for Friday fee for tent campers. Saturday afternoon. The begin around 5:30 p.m. hamburgers / hotdogs / drinks. We are asking dessert and those with last



To the Prayer Team & FCC Family... May I say, with a thankful heart, how very grateful I am to each one of you for your prayers when I had my stroke. I have God's comforting presence and His provision of strength to help me endure. What a mighty God we serve!

Love in Christ, Claire Mays & Judith



Our Sympathy to the family of Opal June Mowat, age 95, of West Palm Beach, FL formerly of Garnett, KS who passed away on Monday, August 7, 2017. Memorial graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at Garnett Cemetery, Garnett, Kansas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her loved ones, as they go through this time and may God bless and give them the comfort they need now.

CONGRATULATIONS David & Janette Bilderback!!!

Prayers and Praises on your decision to be baptized and become members of First Christian Church. David & Janette were baptized Thursday, August 10, 2017! If you would like to send David & Janette a card of congratulations their address is:

27652 NE 1550 Rd ~ Garnett, KS 66032

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith. Give your Holy Spirit to this person that he may be born again, cleansed from all sin, and inherit your eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Hey everybody!!!

These are **most of the attendees** of our Hidden Haven Christian Camp Season this Summer! Please keep in mind registration was done online this year so the list may not be 100% accurate. We do hope we have everybody! **Thank you for trusting us with your students this year.**

Baylee Barnes, Obree Barnes, Seamus Baumgardner, Hunter Baumgardner, David Baumgardner, Camryn Wilson, Lena Adams, Trevor Beaudry, Sophia Cole, Dylan Cole, Waltham Farren, Jaxcen Farren, Nathan Gwin, Shelby Hurt, Casey Hurt, Brittney Hurt, Maggie

Reinert, Alyssa Mesaros, Blake Hess, Ashley Miller, Chris Peine, Bethany Powls, April Powls, Lilly Spring, Gabby Spring, Jade Todd, Bryar Wight, Rylee Clark, Walker Swanson, Jimmy Swanson, Gabe Wight, Hope Goetz, McKenna Goetz, Mackinzee Poverlein, Kamme Bachman, Garrett Bures, Clarissa Sheahan, Leo Sheahan, Braxton Weide, Morgan Gooding, Allyssa Adams, Harley Bowen, Peyton Brockus, Eva Bures, Ronin Calley, Isaac Clark, Emma Corbin, Lily Corbin, Kimmie Damron, Olivia Elsasser, Brendan Fagg, Michael Figgins, Emmett Holloway, Zia Holloway, Jessiah Honeycutt, Kaitlyn McClain, Brody McClain, Ireland Mcleod, Kaitlyn Mersman, Alexander Mesaros, Jordan Miller, Dallas Modlin, Andrew Modlin, Olivia Mundy, Garrison Parks, Katie Reynolds, Alahna Reynolds, Alyssa Scott, Brookln Strobel, Abby Tucker, Norah Whalen, Gracelyn Whalen and Brekyn Zook.

Also, this summer we introduced our High School Youth to a summer conference - "CIY." Here are the students that joined us in that adventure in Marion, IN.

Tyler Secrest, Virgil Wight, Garrett Bures, Preston Allen, Nick Lybarger, Waltham Farren, Jaxcen Farren, Hannah Corley, Maya Corley & Emily Adams

Thank you for supporting us financially and prayerfully throughout our summer events, we love and appreciate you guys!!

Now onto the announcements...

- Our first Legacy Youth will be Sunday, August 27, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. and will run to 7:00 p.m.
- Our first Roots program will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - starting at 5:30 p.m. and will run until 7:00 p.m.
- We Still have plenty of burritos for sale so if you want a quick easy lunch throughout the week, pick some up at 3\$ a burrito
- We will be having a Roots meeting immediately following the 10:30am service on Sunday, August 27, 2017 in the Family Life Center. Lunch will be provided. Please make time to come to this if you have helped the previous year, or are interested in helping this year!

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