

Christian Visitor Weekly Newsletter

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Barbara Whitehead wrote in *The Divorce Culture*: "Divorce has brought a steady weakening of the primary human relationships and bonds. Men's and women's relationships are becoming more fleeting and unreliable. Children are losing ties to their fathers. Even a mother's love is not forever." She concluded that if we are to "dismantle the culture of divorce," we need to "treat divorce as a morally as well as socially consequential event." ("The Christian Divorce Culture," *Christianity Today*, 9-4-00)

In other words, something this serious can't be treated lightly. Of course, when there are problems, it's tough to stay together, but to think that divorce makes things easier or better is a mistake. Financially it's harder than staying married, parenting gets harder, celebrating holidays gets harder. To get a divorce, legal fees are involved, you'll have to take time off work, your health will suffer, and then it's never completely over. Except in extreme situations and cases of abuse or abandonment, divorce is a no easier way of life than staying married.

Someone once said, "There are two processes that must never be started prematurely: embalming and divorce."

Don't take divorce lightly. Don't get started down the path prematurely. Instead – love, love, love.

WHEN DOES GOD ALLOW DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE?

1. When a mate is guilty of sexual immorality and is unwilling to repent and live faithfully with a marriage partner ([Mt 5:32](#) and 19:9).
2. When marriage and divorce occur before salvation ([2 Cor 5:17](#) – new creation)
3. When the mate is an unbeliever and willingly and permanently deserts the believing partner ([1 Corinthians 7:12](#)).

I must remind every reader that reconciliation is always, always what God wants. It is undoubtedly what any follower of Jesus Christ should want for their marriage. Some of you have been in the role of the victim. My heart hurts for you! I am so sorry that your partner would choose to leave you. I hope you remember that God doesn't leave you! He is always there for you!

How can you deal with the hurt and guilt of divorce—guilt is a heart issue!

-If you were the innocent party and sought a divorce that fell within scriptural guidelines, then see the guilt as a tool of Satan to destroy your walk with God.

-If your partner asked you for a divorce or forced it upon you, admit there might have been more you could have done, but then there always is. Once again, recognize the devil at work. (Continued on page 2)

THIS WEEK AT FCC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 THRU MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Tuesday, August 28

Tuesday Prayer Group meet in the Annex at 6:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday to Caleb Anderegg

Wednesday, August 29 No Activity

Thursday, August 30

The Christian Crafters meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Annex



Happy Anniversary to Jim & Madalene McAlister

Friday, August 31



Happy Anniversary to Bill & Barbara Ratliff

Saturday, September 1 No Activity

Sunday, September 2

Legacy Kickoff at Gaylon & Heather Corley's – see article in the CV for more information.



Happy Birthday to Nancy Horn

Happy Birthday to Brittney Hurt

Happy Birthday to Doug Linder

Monday, September 3

Church office will be closed today in observance of Labor Day

Note: the Christian Visitor will be mailed out on Wednesday of this week.

No Christian Woodworkers



Happy Anniversary to Lynn & Jenny Wilson



Dear First Christian Church Family, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your love and support during our time of sadness. Your prayers and many acts of kindness have carried us through this difficult time. Orville & LaVerne Cole, Kathy (Cole) Harvey & family

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-If it happened before you became a Christian, it is a dead issue. ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#))

- What we all need to remember is that Jesus died for our sin. He forgives the sinner and is willing to restore the sinner if we are willing to allow Him into our hearts. We must live for Jesus in all our decisions.

God is a God of love, hope, forgiveness and a God of mercy. He has proven His incomparable power in fixing broken people. Straying from God's plan is a matter of your heart. God's Love says, "Though you've strayed, I'll take you back."

AUGUST 26, 2018 ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 63 WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 A.M. ~ 75 10:30 A.M. ~ 154

FINANCIAL REPORT THIS WEEK

GENERAL \$3405 | TO DATE: \$16294 NEW BUILDING \$210 | TO DATE: \$1281

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REPORTS



There were 7 present Sunday in the **Opportunity Class**. They had 4 who brought their Bible and 4 daily readers. Continued prayers requested for Steve and Cathy Spangler ~ Ruth Allen ~ Barbara Craig ~ Nelda Potter ~ Mike Burns and Orville ~ all those fighting cancer. Prayers requested for Gladys Young ~ Troy Hart ~ Donna Banman (friend of Mary Hamilton) ~ leaders and military and pastor and family ~ Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer then led the class lesson "Practice Justice," Colossians 3:5-17. The class closed in prayer.

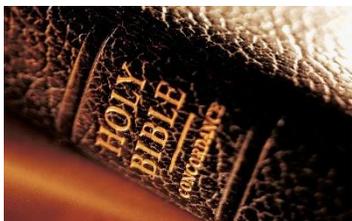


There were 12 present in the **SOS Class** Sunday with Robert Allen joining them. They had 12 with their Bible and 6 daily readers. Prayers for Carol Jane Mersman ~ Troy Hart ~ Roger & Phyllis Adams. Continued Prayers requested for Mike Burns ~ Lillian Wilcox ~ Bea's daughter Valerie Todd ~ Steve Spangler ~ Juanita Kellerman ~ George & Jeanine Zentner ~ Nelda Potter ~ Gary & Linda Benjamin ~ Loydene Wests' son Dean Wolfe brother Maurice White and wife and niece Tonya. Praise ~ Jim Cox tests results were good! Burke Rogers opened the class with prayer and led the lesson Chapter 1 on "The Journey." Paul's Journey by Adam Hamilton Chapter 1. Next week they will begin on page 35. The class closed with the "Lord's Prayer."

THANK YOU
for joining us!

Welcome Guests To FCC! We're Glad That You Could Visit with Us!
And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

Jim & Nadine MaLoy guests of Gary & Karen Briggs ~ Angela Place ~ Lee Schmucker ~ Abby & Eli Shelton grandchildren of Butch & Sharon Rocker ~ Alexis Feuerborn granddaughter of Carol Ann Feuerborn and Hunter Crane guest of Jenna Wight family



Interactive Holy Bible Discussion Study Group

Beginning Tuesday, September 11th at 6PM. This will be a 1-hour discussion group for any person interested digging deeper into their Bible. Most of the study will be found in the New Testament. This is not a teaching class, it is a discussion time where all will benefit from speaking into the conversation. The conversation will be guided by David Leitch and a few FCC board members. Hope you can make it.

Our Veterans and Military

Air Force: Paul Kuder, nephew of Reid & Karen Miller | Matthew Schryer, Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring | Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole | Jesse Hale, nephew of Rosemary Turner | **Army:** Dustin Worthington, grandson of Max & Deb Worthington | Ethan Bilderback, grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback | Thad Dodds, grandson of Alice Chase | Nicholas Watkins, son of Steve Watkins | BJ Moody, grandson of Tom & Janice Tush | **Marines:** Noah Kuder, grand-nephew of Reid & Karen Miller | Spencer Guyett, great grandson of Alice Chase | **Navy:** Alyssa Morford, granddaughter of Les & Lennet Thomas



Our Loved Ones in Care Centers

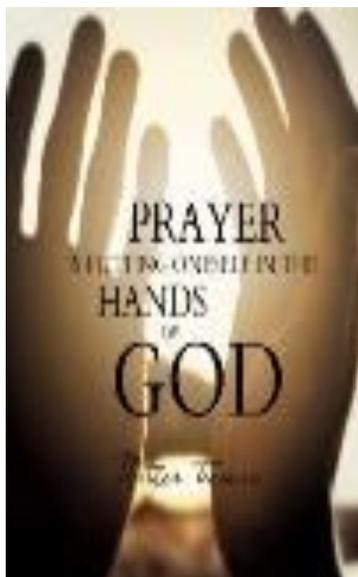
Morningstar Care Home: Birdie Zentner | **Guest Homes:** Ruth Gorrell | **Parkview Heights:** Jean Brown | Olive Kline | Ruby Schuster | George Zentner | Ruth Allen | Gladys Young | **Residential Living:** Vera Wills | Diana Bowen | **Richmond Care:** Velva Wilson

Extended Family & Friends Long Term

Phyllis Adams | Linda Benjamin | Mike Burns | Ardis Comfort (Gayla Corley) | Barbara Craig | Lois Gebert | Eugene Grimes (nephew of Judy Tisor) | Clarence Hermann | Jim Jordan | Willis Kramer (dad of Sandy Lewis) | Jo Lowe (Ken & Barbara McMillan / Judy Tisor) | Jim McAllister | Wilma McIntosh and all my family | Waunita Porter (Larry Porter) | Nelda Potter | Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol) | Becky Roush (Carol Hermreck & Carolyn Schuster) | Bill Thornton, Sr. | Steve Watkins | Maurice White (brother), Tanya (niece), and Dean Wolfe (son) of Loydene West

Our Church Families / Friends

AFTER 3 WEEKS, YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WILL BE REMOVED UNLESS YOU WRITE ON THE SUNDAY FLAP,
PHONE OFFICE: 785-448-3452 OR EMAIL MARSHA DULIN: MARSHA@FCCGARNETT.ORG



Week 1, August 26: Debbie (Kent) Miller (cousin of Vicki Hulett) | Kathy Lindsay Nelson, Walt Zehren, all Military, Police, Highway Patrol & families, God Bless America (Rose Mary Turner) | Eugene Grimes (nephew of Judy Tisor) | Troy Hart (brother in law of Debbie Poire) | the family of Judy Meyer (Nancy Horn) | Donna Banman (friend of Mary Hamilton) | health and wealth for everyone (Mark & Sondra Grieshaber) | Cameron Shilling & Mike Guinn (Gayla Corley)

Week 2, August 19: the family of Flora Mae Robinson (sister of Howard Williams) | Nick Watkins (son of Steve Watkins)

Week 3, August 12: Jo Lowe (Judy Tisor / Ken & Barbara McMillan) | Juanita McIntosh (daughter of Wilma) | Darren Simpson (Joan Simpson) | Chris Brockus (father of Shannon McAdams)

Kick-Off Party

Legacy Kickoff Party

When: Sunday Sept. 2nd from 4-10 pm

Where: Corley's 23173 NW Arkansas Rd(Westphalia)

Who's Invited: All youth 7-12 grade and interested sponsors

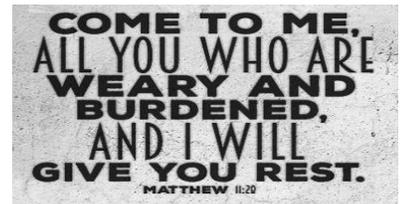
What to Bring: Boys bring pop/Gatorade/water and Girls bring chips/side dish/dessert IT'S TIME!!! Legacy is going to be in full swing once again and we are starting things off right with a Legacy Fun Night! We will have food, fire, fun, fellowship! Corn hole, football, disc golf, and much more will be available! We will also be having a drive-in movie style film playing outside once it's dark! So, please bring yourself, your friends, your food, and your lawn chairs and come have some fun with us Sept. 2! Don't Miss It!

- If you need a ride, please be at the church at 3:30 pm ready to go and we will take the church van. Don't be late! Those that want to drive themselves is fine but be careful! It's approximately a 20-minute drive.
- If you have questions, please contact Natasha at 971-241-2520

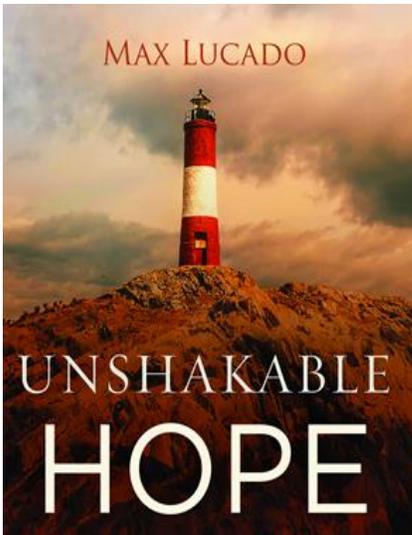


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FCC Fall Message Series: Unshakable Hope-Trusting in God's Promises



This Bible study will help you, your group, and your church stand on the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God who governs the world according to his great and precious promises.

This world has a tremble to it. There are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. When we choose to be people of the promise, we choose to build our lives on the promises of God, not the circumstances of life. The stories of the men and women in Scripture were different, but the theme was the same: they were People of the Promise. Because of God's promises, Noah built an ark on dry land, Joshua claimed the

Promised Land, David became king, Peter preached the first sermon, and John caught a glimpse of the future. Like them, we can also build our lives on God's promises, and trust him to keep them. Here at FCC we are hoping you will stand with us this fall to establish the promises of God into our personal foundation! Series starts September 9th! Hope to see you there!

Take note that 3 Sunday School Classes; New Creations, SOS and Great Expectations Class will be working thru the 12-week study guide during this time. If you are interested you may join one of those classes.



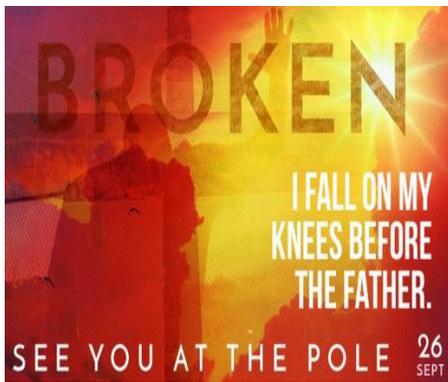
Holy Angels Fall Bazaar & Dinner at St Rose School at 520 East 4th will be held Sunday, September 9 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. They will be having turkey, roast beef, chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, kraut, apple salad, homemade bread and pies. Adults are \$9 | Children 10 years and under \$5 | handicap parking available in the back of the school.

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 9TH - 6:30PM
AT ACHS AUDITORIUM**



This will be a night of Worship you will not want to miss! This special night of worship is hosted by the Garnett Ministerial Alliance. We will be led in song by a local Gospel Jam group. They will lead the old hymns with a creative flare that will lead us to the throne of God. The message will be brought by Al Aceves who is a former leader of the Mongals the rival gang of the Hells Angels. His life turned from gangster to grace; from

mayhem to minister. His story will fill you with hope & inspiration. You will feel the redemptive power of God by his message! Refreshments and fellowship following the event.

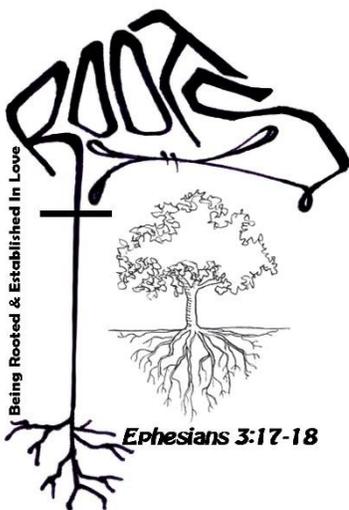


See You at The Pole will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 26. The 2018 theme verse this year is Ephesians 3:14. "I fall on my knees before the Father." SYATP students and interested parents will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Anderson County Junior High/High school flag pole and enjoy a time of prayer, singing and fellowship before school starts.

Refreshments of donuts and juice will be provided!

Roots Program

The Roots planning team is gathering to put our kids program together for this year. **We need adults!** Will you prayerfully consider committing to a season of investing in our children? They need Jesus and this is one of the best venues we offer for our kids to invite their friends and seek out the Lord together. Will you please support Roots? Please be in prayer for this program. Please mark on the flap or contact the office if you want more details or are willing to serve this year. **Our goal is to kick off the Roots program September 26th, 2018 - Blessings, Chris**





All-Church Campout!

October 5-7th we will be camping at the North Lake. We still have several camping spots available. If you would like to reserve a camping spot, please contact Marsha Dulin. The cost for camping is \$24.00 and will need to be paid prior to September 30. Tent campers are encouraged to come out at no fee.



The Saturday evening potluck picnic begins around 5:30 p.m. FCC will provide hamburgers / hotdogs / cups, plates, napkins, silverware and drinks. If your last name begins with A-M could you please bring a side dish and if your last name begins with N-Z could please you bring a dessert

to share. In the event of rain Saturday evening the meal will be held at FCC. In the event of rain Sunday Morning the church services will be held at FCC. Hope you will come out to enjoy the festivities!

Friday- Campground is available all day! Come as you please!

Saturday-

8:30am North Lake Fishing Derby

10:30am FCC Family Disc Golf Tournament

3:00pm Family Game Time (Husband Wife Lawn Mower Obstacle Course, Ladder Ball, Horse Shoes)

5:00pm Potluck Dinner

6:30pm Campfire Worship & S'more's

Sunday-

8am Traditional Service at FCC

9:15am Sunday School at North Lake and FCC

10:30am Contemporary Service at Northlake (**No 10:30am services at FCC**)



Hidden Haven Christian Camp Ladies Retreat—Oct 12-13, 2018

Theme: "Finding Peace in All Seasons"

Host Church: Thayer Christian Church | Worship: Dearing Christian Church | Speaker: Lora Jones (www.lorajones.org)

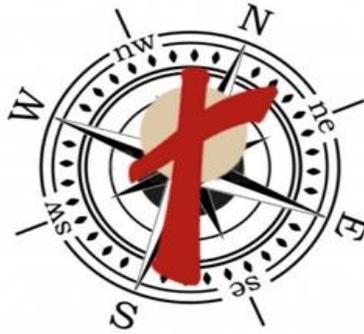
Special Features: Book Swap, Silent Auction (proceeds for HHCC) & Ladies Retreat shirts will be on sale for \$15.00.

Camp Cost: \$30 for both days \$15 for one day

FCC Contact: Natasha Goetz 971-241-2520

Retreat Details Contact: Jennifer Winn (Thayer Christian Church) 620-839-5650

We want and need you to spread the word and excitement about the Ladies Retreat. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers: for our speaker, the worship team, the planning team, and that God would prepare the hearts of every person who chooses to attend. We pray that hearts will be strengthened, souls will be refreshed, and that God's peace will provide comfort in all seasons of life. **Please REGISTER at hiddenhaven.org**



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