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WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

To follow the example set by Christ. ~ Mark 1:9 *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (NIV)*

Why was Jesus baptized? To fulfill all righteousness. ~ Matthew 3:15 *Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented." (NIV)*

Because Christ and the Apostles commanded it. ~ Matthew 28:18-20 *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)*

Acts 2:38 *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (NIV)*

Because the early church believed it was important. Clement of Alexandria – 1st Century, Irenaeus 110 A.D., Justin Martyr 133 A.D., Tertullian 160 A.D., et al.

In the book of Acts, when someone believed the message, repented and confessed Christ, they were immediately baptized. We want to respond with the same sense of urgency as the first century church had regarding baptism following a confession of faith.

Acts 8:35-39 *Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. (NIV)*

Because baptism has a great deal of spiritual significance. It is a picture of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Romans 6:4 *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (NIV)*

Colossians 2:12 *having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (NIV)*

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It is a picture of a new birth; a starting point. John 3:3-5 *In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to Spirit."* (NIV)

So that the church has a shared testimony. 1 Corinthians 1:10 *I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.* (NIV)

Who Should Be Baptized? Those who believe and have started to repent. Mark 16:15-16 *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."* (NIV)

At First Christian Church we wait until our children are old enough (age of accountability), to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. A baby or a young child cannot understand sin or the need for Christ. It must be their decision, and their decision must be accompanied by faith and repentance.

At First Christian Church it's a requirement that every member be baptized the way Jesus demonstrated (by immersion), even though many of us were sprinkled as children.

When Should I Be Baptized? As soon as you possibly can! Acts 16:31-34 *They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe God—he and his whole family.* (NIV)



Our Thanks to everyone for your prayers for us during this transition time with George going to live at Parkview Heights. We are both slowly adjusting to this new way of life, one which neither of us ever envisioned happening. But, with God's help, your continued prayers and concern and the help of our loving wonderful family, WE WILL MAKE IT.

In Christian love, George & Jeanine Zentner



Dear FCC Members, My inability to read, I cannot individually thank those very kind persons who have driven me to Dr Dyer appointments. I am most grateful to and for each one of you.

In Gods Love, Juanita Kellerman

JANUARY 14, 2018 ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL REPORT

Worship Service Attendance: 8:00 a.m. Worship – 37 10:30 a.m. Worship – 104

Sunday School Attendance: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes – 41

Finance: General Fund \$2849 To Date \$8697 New Building Fund \$95 To Date \$1395



Guests at First Christian Church Sunday, January 14

Ryelee Rockers guest of Lena Adams ~ Edna Henderson mom of Nicci Denny ~ Nick Lybarger ~ Courtney Tucker and children with Jody Harmon

OPPORTUNITY CLASS: There were 2 present today with 1 member who brought their Bible and 1 daily reader. Prayers were requested for Darwin Hamilton & Mary Hamilton ~ Becky Allen and those who are fighting cancer and who have lost loved ones. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer followed by the lesson "A Bold Faith", Daniel 3. Mary closed with prayer.

SOS CLASS: There were 10 present today with 6 members who brought Bibles and 4 were daily readers. Prayers requested for George & Jeanine Zentner ~ Linda Benjamin ~ Gene Watson ~ Tom Gowing ~ Juanita Kellerman ~ Nelda Potter ~ Becky Allen ~ Beverly Yoder and the Haiti Mission Team. Larry Varvel opened the class with prayer. Burke Rogers began Lesson 5 of "Anxious for Nothing." The class closed with "The Lord's Prayer."



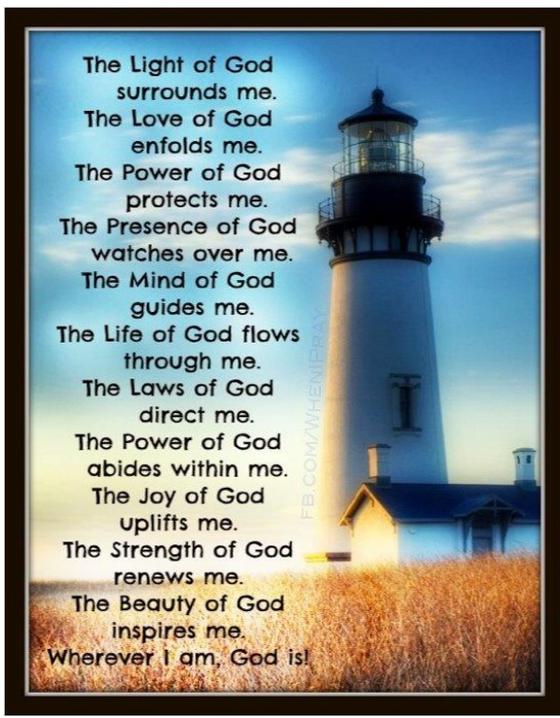
YES, FCC SHOWS UP! On this cold Saturday morning, five FCC guys showed up to help load Alice Leim's stuff into a U-Haul bound for Springfield MO. Bill Ratliff was the chief coordinator, and there to help were also Dan Dulin, Ron Anderegg, Roger Adams and Burke Rogers. We will miss Alice, but we wish her well.

Alice Marie's new address is PO Box 8924 – Springfield, MO 65801-8924. She also has a new phone number: 417-866-1550. We encourage you to send Alice Marie a card of well wishes as she settles into her new home and closer to her family.

SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to the recent snowfalls on Sunday mornings we could use some volunteers to help shovel the sidewalks and steps at the church and the annex before the 8:00 a.m. Worship Services. If you are able to assist with snow removal, please contact Dan Dulin: 785-204-1185 or the church office: 785-448-3452. On Sunday mornings when needed we will meet at the church around 6:00 a.m.





Our Church Families Long Term: Phyllis Adams, Charlie & Becky Allen, Linda Benjamin, Lois Gebert, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, Jim McAllister, Wilma McIntosh, Bob Meliza, Linda Miller, Nelda Potter, Reed Richardson, Steve Watkins

Extended Family & Friends Long Term: All her family (request by Wilma McIntosh), Debra Bailey (Angie Wright), Shirley Hermreck (wife of Joe Hermreck / daughter-in-law of Norma Hermreck), Jo Lowe (Ken & Barbara McMillan, Judy Tisor), Judy Meyer (Nancy Horn), Waunita Porter (Larry Porter), Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), Becky Roush (request by Carol Hermreck & sister Carolyn Schuster) & Bill & Lola Thornton

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers: Morningstar Care Home - Ottawa, KS - Birdie Zentner
Guest Home Estate - Ruth Gorrell, Bob Young, Betty Penn, Gladys Zwiener
Parkview Heights - Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Ruby Schuster, George Zentner
Residential Living Center - Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams)

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: Ethan Bilderback, grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback; Thad Dodds, grandson of Alice Chase

Marines: Noah Kuder, grand-nephew of Reid & Karen Miller; Spencer Guyett, great grandson of Alice Chase

Our Church Families / Friends

Week 1 January 14: Charles & Joan King (Carol Richardson) ~ Twyla Duryea (Sondra Grieshaber) ~ Praise: God's Healing Power. Sondra Grieshaber

Week 2 January 7: Earl Wilson (Loydene West) ~ **the** family of LaVern Lauhead (brother of Donna Williams) ~ Elaine Conard, Steve French, Nancy Lake & Ardis Comfort (Gayla Corley) ~

Week 3 December 31: Mary Fagg (sister of Wilma McIntosh) ~ The family of Suzie Grimes ~ Chris Corbin

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

Hey everybody, hope you have had a great weekend! I've got just a few announcements this week...

1. **"CIY MOVE"** sign up is now available!

a. This event takes place from Monday, July 9th - Friday, July 13th in Omaha, NE. This event is for High School Students only. That includes current 8th grade students – and current seniors. You students should heavily consider attending this event. It's will be one of the most impactful times of your life guaranteed!!!!

b. The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

c. Cost is \$100 per student (If you need financial help please talk to Brett.)

2. The **"CIY BELIEVE"** sign up is now available!

a. This event is Friday & Saturday, March 23rd & March 24th in Kansas City, MO.

b. This is a weekend event for Junior High only. (6th-8th Grade Only)

c. Cost is \$75 per student (If you need financial help please talk to Brett.)

d. The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

3. **"WINTER JAM"** sign up is now available!

a. This event is Friday, March 16 in Kansas City, MO

b. The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

c. Cost is \$10 per students

d. Bands included are: Skillet, Building 429, KB, Newsong, and many more. You won't want to miss such an amazing line up of Worship.



Dates to remember in JANUARY 2018

Thursday, January 18 ~ NO Care Team meeting this month.

Sunday, January 21 Nursing Home Worship:

Guest Homes 2:30 p.m. ~ Residential Living 3:15 p.m. ~ Parkview Heights 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

~ The Emergency Food Assistance Food Distribution is scheduled at the Anderson County Quonset Hut beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

~ FCC Comfort Food for Soul Community Meal in the Family Life Center at 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy a hot meal and a good dose of Fellowship! Enter thru the South Doors.

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