



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:30AM

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How is Your Vision?

At our annual congregational meeting I made an address pertaining to the coming year. In response to my thoughts, I was asked if I would consider making my thoughts known again through our newsletter. So I want to write to you, giving a little more as to the vision and direction we need to have in our service to Christ in this local body of believers.

As we look forward in our continued being the hands and feet of Christ, we need to be intentional and specific about what it is that we see. What is your vision of First Church of Christ? Each one of us must commit to seeing a future, and one that we are an active part of as we grow as a body of Christ. Where do you see First Church of Christ in a year, 5 years, or 10 years from now? Do you even give that a thought? When you look around at other churches, some are growing as others are shrinking; one thing for sure, we can not fool ourselves into believing that remaining in one comfortable spot is acceptable. There have been many things happen in this congregation: Blessings, answered prayer, celebrations, and losses. Through it all we have had God's love, care, and guidance in our fellowship. God is walking in our church and we need to be open to His molding and shaping to become all He desires for us.

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As we press on, I want you to evaluate not only the church as a whole in its purpose of ministry and making disciples, but I want you to look at your individual part in that ministry. When we hold back our gifts and talents in the work of the Lord it is like creating missing links in a chain, and that chain cannot be used as it should. The voids in the chain can not be filled, and won't be filled, if we keep to the familiar "someone else will do it" attitude. I want this church's chain of purpose to be strong, so that we can work and accomplish all that God has called us to do.

As I exhort you to search and commit to serving Christ in your life and as a whole in this church, I think of that old saying, "What you see is what you get." I ask you to seriously contemplate... "What do you think people see when they look at First Church of Christ?" What do those looking in at us see in our commitment to God's Kingdom? I hope we depict a spiritual unity, strength, and commitment to God so when people look to First Church of Christ to be their church home, that they do see Christ at work in us. In this coming year and for years beyond I pray we will come together, each of us dedicated, working as one in purpose to bring honor and glory to God and our Savior Jesus Christ. "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve." Col. 3:23, 24.

Through the dark and troubled times in this world may we continue to see the vision of God that He has for us. May we work with all diligence to be examples of honor and integrity in the sight of others as we press on building the Kingdom of God. And I will continue to commit myself to serving to the best of my ability, teaching God's Word, and helping lead this body of believers as we work to mature in Christ and serve in His name.

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING

February 03

5:00PM FCC Super Bowl Party

February 09

9 - 11:00AM . . . Food Pantry OPEN

February 10

4:30PM Missions Ministry Mtg

February 13

4:30PM First Care Ministry Mtg

EVENTS:

February 18

6:00PM Bldg & Grounds Mtg

7:00PM Leadership Mtg

February 22

WINTER JAM 2013 @ Cincy

February 24

**COLLECTION DATE
FOR BABY BOTTLES**

March 08 & 09

SUPERSTART @ Cincy

Elders

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Super Bowl Party



Come and be a part of the "Harbaugh Brothers Bash" here at First Church. As you well may already know, the two teams in the Super Bowl this year are coached by brothers. The San Francisco 49ers (Jim Harbaugh)

versus the Baltimore Ravens (John Harbaugh) will be shown on our big screen (chapel wall) on Sunday, February 3. Please bring finger foods, or you can bring your favorite soup to share! There will be games & activities for all ages, too. Join in the fun and camaraderie. Begins at 5:00pm.

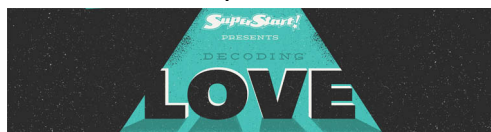


Collection Date

Don't forget to fill your baby bottles and bring back to the church. Last day to return bottles is Sunday, February 24. Thanks!

SuperStart

Do you have any students that are in the 4th thru the 6th grades? Then this is an opportunity for your preteen. This year, SuperStart presents "Decoding Love" based upon John 15:12. They'll not only learn to understand what it means to love others, but also that the keys to understanding HOW to love others is found in Jesus. Will be at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Cincinnati on March 8 and March 9 (Friday and Saturday). Please contact Philip Williams for more information.



Prayer Concerns

Home (Health Concerns):

Mattie Comer (Josh Comer's daughter), Perry Meyers, Amanda Thompson, Judy Thompson, and Wayne Williams

Our Missions, including:

Pregnancy Care Center

Home (Cancer):

Pamela Cole

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Addison House (New Castle): Kathy Ratliff

Arbor Trace:

Whitey McDivitt Rm #233

Autumn Hills (Bloomington):

Helen Stewart

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier
Joe & Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

~ *In Deepest Sympathy* ~

Please keep Sue Hill and her family in prayer in the passing of her brother, Larry Halstead.

These names and concerns have been reported or updated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.

FCC Ladies Bible Study

The ladies at First Church are getting ready to start another Bible study, "The Incomparable Jesus", Walking With God Series, by Don Cousins. No one has been like Jesus in all of history. Through a study of Matthew 1-15 and other material, you'll discover the wonder and majesty as well as the tenderness and compassion of Jesus. Come deepen your knowledge and experience the matchless Forgiver and King named Jesus. Studies will be once a month on Saturday mornings. Sign-Up Sheet on bulletin board. More information to follow later . . .

News from Miss Tina

Wow! Times are busy here at First Care!! When I look at my calendar it says Christmas was only a month ago, but it feels like it has been longer! We are starting to plan for fundraisers, Valentine parties, summer field trips, and a new school year already. EXCITEMENT!!!

Our spring fundraiser will start in February. We are trying to raise money for a much needed slide for the First Care playground and maybe some other equipment. The students and staff will be selling 5 gallon buckets of laundry soap and softener. On the same day our fund raiser starts we will be having our Valentine Parties in our classrooms.

Our themes this month will be Fairy Tales, Valentines, Alpha and Omega Alphabet, and Favorite Stories. We have a memory verse every week that goes along with our theme and our teachers prepare their lesson plans based on all of this! The staff here at First Care is wonderful and I am still very excited about being part of all of this. Please stop in if you are in the building to say hello.

We are still looking for volunteers to read to our kiddos! Please call me if you are interested!

Many blessings to you!!

Miss Tina

'Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.' Romans 12:10-12

Church Challenge 2013

Would you be interested in participating in the Randolph County YMCA "Church Challenge"? If so, please contact Philip Williams ASAP. There is a deadline for the church to be entered in this year's challenge and we need to know if we have enough who want to be a part of this, or not. Challenges include: Mile Walk, Volleyball, Baking Contest, Bible Bowl, Ping Pong, Euchre, Talent Contest, Corn Hole, Bowling, Checkers, and Free Throw Contest. Any questions, please see Philip.



Faith Weekend

The Newport Aquarium is offering once again tickets in advance for only \$12 a person. You can reserve your tickets by filling out a form and sending it in along with your payment by mail or fax. You will pick your tickets up there at the aquarium when you get there, but tickets must be ordered and paid in advance. Faith Weekend is Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10. Forms will be in the church office.



First Church will be going to Cincinnati to Winter Jam on Friday, February 22. Will take the church van, so if you plan to go, please talk to Philip about reserving your seat today! Cost will be \$10 at the door, plus money for food for the day.