



First Church of Christ

206 West Church Street

P.O. Box 301

Lynn, Indiana 47355

Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

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

Evening Study & Youth Activities....6:00PM

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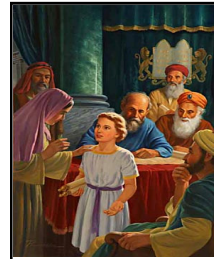
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Fanning the Fires of Love

The month of February begins and it brings to mind the deep thoughts that I have to come up with something special to show my appreciation for the love of my life, and by that you know I could only mean my lovely, beautiful, sweet, caring, perfect wife. How is that for a good start? Among all the hustle and bustle of life, men, we must still find time to genuinely show how much our loved ones mean to us. That means actually putting thought and time into a gift of some kind before a last minute “Hail Mary” to the gas station or convenience store for a card, candy, or flowers.

Back many years ago when I worked installing and maintaining security, fire, and telecommunication systems, my boss gave me some words of wisdom that I have not forgotten. He told me that when I got married I needed to make sure to take my wife on a date from time to time. It was not about how much money was spent or where you went; it was about spending time together, just to stay connected in that intimate conversation and knowing each other. No matter how hectic or what was going on in life, that time together was and is crucially important; just do something fun together. Dating is not something that is to end once the “I do’s” have been spoken. In the midst of life, raising children, balancing the overfilled calendar of commitments, don’t put dating in the file of over, but rather take it off the back burner and make dating a part of your marriage. Seems a little odd to say, “Once you are married you should be dating,” just keep it exclusive with your mate.

National Marriage Week is during the week of February 7-14. There is a magazine put out by Focus on the Family called Thriving Family and in their January/February edition they have challenged couples to “Take the Date Night Challenge,” to go out on three dates in three weeks.

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They put together some easy and inexpensive, yet wonderful, ideas to make this Valentine's Day special from people who had written in with creative dates they had been on. I want to share some of them with you, and then you still have 2 weeks to put something together on your own. All of these ideas came in with an expense of twenty dollars or less:

- Go out for a cup of coffee together, or some other drink if you prefer, and take some index cards with prewritten questions to answer on them asking about childhood memories, favorite music, attributes you like about your spouse, etc.
 - If you have little ones, make a special snack and after the kids go to bed, put a blanket on the floor, light some candles, and watch your favorite movie, or look through photo albums and just reminisce and laugh awhile.
 - Make a coupon date consisting of coupons you have accumulated and map out going to those different places and just spend that closeness together as go from destination to destination.
 - Let me give a safety warning and disclaimer here, BE SAFE HERE! For us in Indiana, you may let this one go till winter is over. Have a rooftop date by climbing onto the roof with a blanket, snacks, and some music then under the stars and moon you can snuggle, talk, and relax with each other.
 - Hard to find a drive-in theatre? Make one in your own driveway and watch a movie in your car by using a laptop computer. Bring your favorite snacks and enjoy a movie together for little cost.
- Men, arrange for a sitter if you have children and create an in-house date night. Pick up some flowers and groceries and make a personally made supper for your wife while she takes a relaxing bubble bath. Break out the candles and set the scene for a romantic meal. Then put on some music and enjoy dancing in one another's arms or put in that movie you both wanted to see and relax or laugh until your fall asleep. I pray those ideas help spark some of your own ideas as we take special time to show our mate that they are still as important to you as the day you vowed your love to each other.

In His Service,
Doug



Church Challenge Sign Up Today!

Support the local YMCA,
working to build strong kids,
strong families and strong
communities by promoting
Christian values.

EVENTS:

- New small group concept
- Meetings held in homes
- All ages meet together
- New groups limited to 8 adults maximum, plus children
- Meetings held 3 times each month (2 meetings will focus on Bible study, 1 meeting will focus on connecting through fun and service)
- Material for Bible study will be same for all groups
- Plans for fun and service determined by each group
- Meetings to be led by adult members of each group
- Meetings times and locations determined by each group
- Groups will be self-composed, not assigned
- Groups encouraged to use fun and service meetings for adding new families
- Groups required to reorganize / reestablish every 3 months

We believe F.I.S.H. has the potential to greatly enhance the spiritual and physical growth of the church. For that reason, we encourage everyone to take this opportunity and to help each other get connected and to become "fishers of men!"



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Annual Meeting

First Church of Christ is having their annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 5th, immediately following AM Worship Service.

Youth Ministry

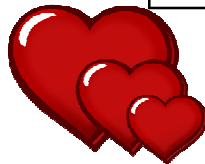
The Youth Ministry will meet Sunday, February 5th right after the annual meeting.

Community Food Pantry

The next food pantry date is Saturday, February 11th from 9:00AM till 11:00AM. If you would like to help, please come—we could use you!

Woodburn Donations

The FCC ladies will be collecting Ramen Noodles in the month of February for the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. You can leave your donations along the wall outside the chapel where sign is posted. Thank You for all your help.



Missions Ministry

The Missions group is scheduled to meet on Sunday, February 12th at 4:30PM.

Ladies Bible Study

The new study "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" is under way. Next ladies study will be Saturday, February 18th at 10:00AM. Lesson to read is Chapter 2—"Lord, Don't You Care?"

Baby Bottle Campaign

We are off to a good start—all the bottles were taken on the first Sunday. Please return filled baby bottles by Sunday, February 19th, so we can deliver them to the Pregnancy Care Center on time.

Leadership Meeting

Leadership will meet on Monday, February 20th at 7:00PM. Doug will lead devotions. The men have completed the book "Simple Church" and are now reviewing what they have read and learned.



Prayer Concerns

HANCOCK REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Kathy Ratliff
(DeLynn's mom)

Home (Health Concerns):
Jerry Harris, Val Hugg, Jason & Ashley Vanderpool, and
Esther Williams

Our Missionaries, including:
Christian Benevolent Association
(Mt. Healthy Christian Home)

Home (Cancer):
Trinity Buck— classmate of Olivia Thurston (3rd Grade)
Pamela Cole— Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:
Arbor Trace:
Karmen Kellams #208

Modoc Group Home:
Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:
Virginia Frazier
Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:
Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

*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.*

Servant Spotlight by Rebecca Glunt

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16). This is taken from the favorite passage of scripture of David Phenis in the letter to the church in Laodicea. David and Martina Phenis will be married for 14 years in May. They have two children Makenzie 12 years old and Caden 9 years old, respectively. They have been members of FCC Lynn for about 8 years. David graduated from Winchester CHS in 1991 and Martina graduated from Winchester CHS in 1996. In 2006 she graduated from Ivy Tech with an Associates of Applied Science in Medical Assisting. She also received her certification in 2010 for Medical Assisting. Currently, Martina works at Dr. Wegg's office and David works as a Maintenance Technician at Ivy Tech. Martina was interested in helping people from an early age as evidenced by her being a Candy Striper at Reid Hospital around her junior high and early high school years.

In the church, Martina teaches Sunday school to 1st-2nd grade children, works in the nursery, and helps with preparing the communion for Sunday mornings. She is also on the worship team and the Children's ministry team. David is on the maintenance committee and on the serving team for Sunday morning. He has also served as a deacon in the past and brought home communion to those who were shut-ins.

Makenzie is 12 years old and is in the sixth grade at RSE. She has participated in basketball clinics since she was in kindergarten and is now on the sixth grade basketball team. Makenzie is also in her ninth year of dance and is on the Cross Country team, on the Math bowl and Science bowl teams. In the summers, Makenzie plays softball and Caden plays baseball. Makenzie and her brother Caden also both have been in 4-H since they were in kindergarten participating in activities such as baking, scrapbooking, and photography. When Makenzie grows up she would like to be a veterinarian. Her favorite scripture is from Mark 12:30 which states, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Caden is 9 years old and also attends RS. He has also participated in basketball clinics since kindergarten and plays currently. He would like to be a paleontologist when he grows up. His favorite Bible story is the story of David and Goliath.

There are some things that one may not know about David and Martina. When this writer interviews brothers and sisters for this article, and inquires about any interesting facts that the Body may not know about an individual, such as perhaps a secret juggling talent, this writer never thought that anyone in the church really would have a secret juggling talent. But, David Phenis does have a basic talent for juggling. Another thing that one may not know about Martina is that she loves singing to Karaoke and dancing.

One of the favorite verses of Martina that she tries to instill in her children and one that all believers would be wise to follow is from Matthew 7:12 which says, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."