



First Church of Christ

206 W. Church Street

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

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


Jr/Sr High Youth Activities.....6:00PM

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The Blood Speaks

It is not too long after the entrance of sin into the world that the first murder takes place. In anger, Cain kills his brother Abel because God accepted Abel’s sacrifice, but not his. That shed blood from Abel cried out from the ground to God that would indicate an injustice that deserved vindication. God comes to Cain and declares, “*What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground.*” (Gen. 4:10). This is the first time the word “blood” is found in God’s Word.

Abel may have been the first to die for being a righteous person as I John 3:12 says, “*Not as Cain, who was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.*” but since then there has been multitudes of people throughout the centuries whose blood has been shed because of their witness for the righteousness of the One True God.

While Jesus walked the earth, He presented an indictment upon the religious leaders for their wickedness and the guilt of spilling righteous blood, from Abel to that present time, “*That upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.*” (Matt. 23:35).

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We see from the beginning of God’s Word, in the book of Genesis, spilt blood crying out for God’s justice, to the last book of God’s Word, Revelation, the spilt blood of those who have stood for righteousness cry out for the Lord to make it right, “*And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’*” (Rev. 6:9, 10).

But there was blood shed that is greater, the blood of Christ, “*And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.*” (Heb. 12:24). The blood of Christ Himself, as this text says, speaks of better things than what is called forth by Abel’s blood. Before Christ was the Old Testament, the old Covenant; under the old laws was demanded blood for blood. Blood had to be shed for the sins of man and the blood of animals was substituted for that of the sinners. “*So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you...’*” (Ex. 24:8). But Jesus is the mediator of the New Testament, it is His blood that covers our transgressions and brings redemption to us all, even those under the first testament. Christ’s blood cries out, “Forgiveness,” and with His blood we have our hearts sprinkled from evil, to be purified, that we would serve the living God.

When the fullness of time comes Christ will return and there will be a judgment, some would even say a vengeance, of the entire mankind. The time of choosing the blood of Christ will be gone and there will be a separating of souls to either Heaven or Hell. The blood of Christ will speak for the faithful in Him and God will see those as righteous and justified to enter Heaven for eternity with Him. The blood of Christ brings salvation; it saves us from the wrath of God.

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
February 16 6:30PMWalk Through	February 23 6:30PM Walk Through
February 17 . . . Leadership Reports Due . . .	February 25 6:00PM . . Home Fellowship Bible Study/Carry-In at the church
February 20 FAMILY SUNDAY 4:30PM . . Missions Ministry meeting 6:00PMFamily Movie Night “The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry”	March 01 6:30PM . . Youth Ministry meeting
February 21 6:00PM . . .Bldg, Grounds, Maint mtg 7:00PM Leadership meeting	March 02 6:30PM Walk Through

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Family Movie Night

Starting on Sunday, February 20th FCC will be showing a movie every 3rd Sunday evening (Family Sunday) each month at 6:00PM. These movies will be family-oriented, so bring your family and friends for a free, fun-filled evening of entertainment! Popcorn included.

Leadership Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21st at 7:00PM. Jeff Boyer will lead devotions from "Simple Church", pages 83—94.

Campaign Has Ended

There are still some baby bottles out there that need to be turned in. Please bring in to church office so we can get them delivered to the Pregnancy Care Center for mothers in need. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Home Fellowship Bible Study

Please come and join us at First Church of Christ on Friday, February 25th at 6:00PM for a carry-in dinner and a DVD with Ray VanderLaan, on the Israelites in the wilderness.

If you would like to come for just the DVD, we usually get started around 7:00PM. All age groups encouraged to come!

Coming Next Month

SuperStart is just around the corner. This is a fun-filled, Christ-centered weekend for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. It is being held at Cincinnati on March 11th and 12th.

Randolph County Food Bank

Our community's food bank will be open on Saturday, March 12th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. If anyone needs food or clothing before this date, please call Linda at 765-546-3072, or call Ray at 765-914-4823. They will be happy to assist anyone at any time!

Newport Aquarium

The Newport Aquarium is offering tickets to all church members and their family & friends for just \$12 each. This is a \$10 Savings off the General Admission Price. Limited time only. Offer is for Saturday, March 12th or Sunday, March 13th. Order must be placed **before** Wednesday, March 9th as this special group rate will not apply to walk-up ticket purchases.

Deacons' Benevolence Fund

Don't forget there are envelopes marked for the Deacons' Benevolence Fund on the table out in the foyer. Just a reminder that we will use your donations to this fund in order for First Church of Christ to help those in need in our community.

Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Anna Cross; Heather Good; Karmen Kellams;
Marshall Meyers

Our Missionaries including:

Hands of Compassion

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Jerry Boyer (Jeff's dad); Bob Bretzinger (Sandy Thornburg's brother); Pamela Cole (Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law).

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Pine Knoll:

Mary Norris

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier

Alice Hartley

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

Psalm 149:4 tells us, "For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation." When this writer first asked Burnita if she and Ralph would mind being the first feature in the new spotlight series for the newsletter, she indicated that she was not used to all this attention, and that she was used to being in the background more. As many of you probably know, Ralph and Burnita Johnting have now been married for 60 years. Some things that you may not know about them are that they have been faithful members of First Church of Christ since 1955. This speaks of a commitment to faithfulness. During their time at First Church, Burnita has served in the nursery and has worked in the kitchen helping with funeral dinners and other church dinners. Ralph has served in the past as a deacon and on the board of trustees.

Prior to getting married, Burnita worked at Snow Hill Elevator for approximately 2 years. After getting married she worked at Chenoweth's dry goods store in Lynn on the weekends. Ralph and Burnita have two grown children, Jane Ann Fletcher and Mary Lou Berryhill. They also have 3 grandchildren: Jenna 24, Jerret 17 and Jentry Fletcher 15 years old, respectively.

For over 50 years they have enjoyed being part of the Rural Couples Club. This group of farmers and their wives meet once a month playing Euchre together. Burnita has also enjoyed doing embroidery on quilts for her two daughters for Christmas in the past. Ralph has always been a farmer and continues doing some farming even at the present time.

Although perhaps not in the "spotlight" in their daily lives, Ralph and Burnita have definitely displayed an example of faithfulness to God, his church and to each other. Even though they may not have necessarily wanted to be in the "spotlight", they exemplify faithfulness that every believer is called to, like that of which is spoken of in Micah 6:8 which asks the question, "...what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."