



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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Don't Forget!

I was thankful to have John Craycraft here this past Sunday to speak to us about the mission of the Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission that we support here at First Church. It was of no happenstance that he came between Saturday the 21st, which was Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day coming up this Sunday. I also appreciated the heart felt communion meditation from Chuck as he personally shared of one in his past who served this country with his life. God has given us the special gift of memories, but as time marches on we tend to forget and lose sight of what they truly represent. Memorials and celebrations are there to help us to focus and remind us of important occurrences and lessons that we must never forget.

God, through Moses, gave heed to the Israelites as they prepared to go into the Promised Land and become a great nation not to forget all that was done for them by God. From Deuteronomy 4:9, “Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.”

There is a song that originally came out in 1925 by Irving Berlin called “Remember.” One line in the song goes like this: “You promised that you’d forget me not, but you forgot to remember.” Those words penned so long ago seem to apply appropriately to our country’s observance of Memorial Day. Memorial Day was established back in 1868 to honor those who died in the Civil War, and now continues along with all the others who have given their lives to preserve this country that we so nonchalantly call our “sweet land of liberty.”

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Unfortunately, it has now become for so many just another holiday for leisure and pleasure; a day with pay that we don't have to work for; a 3 day weekend, or a day you can get double time pay if you work it in some factories. For many Americans it is no longer or never has been a day for prayer and thankfulness for the freedoms and blessings we have from the sacrifice of others. It was mentioned Sunday about visiting the cemeteries on this weekend. I think that would be a great idea if you have never done so or if it has been awhile since you have done so, to see just how many graves are marked with a small flag in memory of their service to this country. It will or should overwhelm you at the sight of all the flags, and if not, even more overwhelming, just go over to Dayton and look at all the graves of our brave soldiers buried at just the Dayton National Cemetery.

The Israelites of the Old Testament were urged by Moses to not forget what they had seen with their eyes and to teach those things to their children and their children's children. But they did indeed soon forget and turned to the ways of the world, the lusts of the flesh, and sins of the devil. We Americans have for the most part forgotten these patriots of the past who sacrificed their lives that we might live in freedom. Even worse is this, that we, our political, educational, and business leaders have forgotten the God that our forefathers believed on and founded this country on, the One True God who answered the prayers lifted up for our land.

In time, because Israel forgot, their land was conquered and taken from them by strangers who took her people to other lands. America needs to realize that we are not immune to this judgment either. This is a lesson we need to remember for it is written "*The wicked will return to Sheol (hell), even all the nations who forget God.*" (Ps. 9:17). There are some repeated, haunting words written by Rudyard Kipling in his poem "Recessional" that should stick in our minds, even should they be in our prayers: "Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget – lest we forget."

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
May 25 6:30PMWalk Through	June 04 2-5PM Graduation Party for Amanda Short at Lions Club
May 28 10:00AMLadies Bible Study	June 05 PROMOTION SUNDAY 12:00PM Youth Ministry Mtg 3-6PM Open House at FCC for Trevor Phenis
May 29 FAMILY SUNDAY 12:00PM Carry-In Dinner (Church Basement) 1-4PM . . Graduation Celebration for Alex Franklin at Lynn Lions Club	6PM.Adult Bible Study and Youth Activities
June 01 6:30PM Walk Through	June 08 6:30PM Walk Through 7:15PM Worship Ministry

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Ladies Bible Study

The ladies will meet for bible study on Saturday, May 28th at 10AM.

Graduate Recognition Dinner

We are having a 5th Sunday Carry-In Dinner on May 29th, immediately following AM Worship. We will also recognize our grads at that time. Just bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

Celebrations for Graduates of 2011

There are several graduates this year at First Church of Christ and many Open Houses and parties going on in recognition of their achievements. Invitations are posted on bulletin board.

Alex Franklin's Graduation Celebration is Sunday, May 29th at the Lynn Lions Club from 1PM—4PM.

There will be a Graduation Party for Amanda Short at the Lynn Lions Club on Saturday, June 4th from 2PM—5PM.

Also, Trevor Phenis has an Open House for Sunday, June 5th from 3PM—6PM at the church.

The church family has been invited to attend Stephen Boyer's Graduation Open House on Sunday, June 12th at the Boyer's home from 5:30PM—7:30PM.

Promotion Sunday at FCC

The children will be promoted to the next grade and attend their age-appropriate classroom on Sunday, June 5th.

Youth Ministry

There will be a Youth Ministry meeting right after church services on Sunday, June 5th.

Sunday Evening Study

FCC is having Adult Bible Study and Youth Activities on Sunday, June 5th at 6PM. For the month of June, we will have Evening Study & Youth Activities the 1st and 4th Sunday, due to a conflict of interest. We will resume bible study on the 2nd & 4th Sunday in July.

Team Leader Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Team Leaders on Thursday, June 16th at 7PM. These meetings are set up quarterly, in order to have open communication with all the ministries. If you are Team Leader of a ministry, please try to be there, if at all possible. Your participation is appreciated!

Women's Ministry

The ladies will meet on Saturday, June 18th at 10:00AM.

Father's Day

- Sunday, June 19th—FAMILY SUNDAY
- Lee Bracey will be here from Woodburn Christian Children's Home
- Family Movie Night—Chronicles of Narnia Part 2
Movie starts at 6PM.

Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Ruth Cole; Heather Good; Karmen Kellams;
Bob & Helen Stewart; Elaine Wells; Esther Williams

Our Missionaries including:

Christian Student Fellowship (IU)

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Bob Bretzinger—Sandy Thornburg's brother
Trinity Buck—classmate of Olivia Thurston (2nd Grade)
Pamela Cole—Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law
Janice Dill—Bob Thornburg's sister

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne:

Alex Hagen, Tammerrie's cousin's 4yr old son.

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

From the beginning of time there have been those who have worked the land, as Genesis 1:29 and 30b state, "Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ..I give every green plant for food.' And it was so." The young men in the Boyer household appreciate the land that God has given.

Stephen Boyer is graduating this year from Monroe Central on June 12, 2011 with a 3.75 GPA. He is going to go to Purdue University studying Agriculture Business Management. He would like to eventually go into some aspect of agriculture. While in high school he has been in the National Honor Society. Outside of school he has worked with Brad Keesling doing farm work and general labor. He has also helped Mike Alka with farming as well. In the church he has served with the video taping and with serving communion. He has also been in the youth group. Stephen said that he tries not to take things for granted. He stated that regarding family that, "when they're gone, you realize how much they meant to you."

With the Boyer young men being so close in age and stature, this writer has always had difficulty knowing who was who. Brent Boyer is the older brother and graduated last year from Monroe Central as well. While in high school, Brent was in Future Farmers of America for three years, and on the baseball team for two years. Like his younger brother, Stephen, Brent has also helped with the video taping at the church and has helped with serving communion. Brent has also helped some with VBS. Brent is now going to University of Northwestern Ohio where he is studying Agricultural Diesel Technology. Brent is scheduled to be finished with his studies in November of 2012. His future plans are to work at an agriculture implement dealer, such as John Deere, or a Case Implement dealership, or doing something else related to agriculture.

Brent is currently working at an Equestrian Therapy Center cleaning horse stalls and doing general maintenance work in Lima, Ohio. He has been there for about two months. In the past he has worked for a neighbor on farms and has also helped Brad Keesling with general farm work. Brent has also helped at another horse stable cleaning stalls. When cleaning out horse stalls, one verse that would be good to keep in mind and one that Brent cited as his favorite verse, was from Philippians 2:14, which commands to, "Do everything without complaining or arguing,".