



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

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

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Raise Your Standard

Just a couple of weeks ago the landscape of this country was decorated with American flags in honor and tribute to those who have served this country with their very lives. There is another day that will decorate this land again with the colors of this country. June 14th is a yearly date that has been dedicated as National Flag Day in the United States. There may be no better day to display our “standard,” “ensign,” “banner,” or “flag,” whichever word you are familiar with, since the day was so designated for that purpose. The date chosen for Flag Day was intentional. This particular date was selected because it was on this date, June 14, 1775, that the U.S. Army was first organized. A side note of interest is to see that our Army was organized a year before our Declaration of Independence was adopted.

The use of flags, standards, or ensigns, to represent nations or groups is not a new concept. In fact, it has been traced back to ancient Egypt and Assyria. I can find reference that goes back even farther, there is a first reference to them in our Bible. It is connected to the twelve tribes of Israel as they marched through the wilderness after the Exodus. They would pitch their standard by their camp according to their tribe around the tabernacle. “*The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.*” (Num. 2:2).

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We as Christians have our own standard, and it actually is not the so-called “Christian flag” that is displayed in our church buildings which believers proudly look to as we sing “Onward Christian Soldiers.” The banner over us is the very character of the One who in Heb. 2:10 is called “the author of our salvation.” We have a “manual of arms” in the written Word of God, and it has instructed us to “*Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.*” (II Tim. 2:3, 4).

My mind turns to pictures of the standard bearers during the different wars of the world, but specifically the Civil War. There may have been no braver man than the one who held forth the colors and led the ranks out onto the battle field. If this man was wounded or killed someone else would grab the flag and continue on with the symbol of their allegiance held high. As followers of our great standard bearer, Christ, we must continue to follow His lead; to “*...have the mind of Christ.*” (I Cor. 2:16). That in our lives we should keep ourselves pure “*...just as He is pure.*” (I John 3:3). We must remember that no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in that He “*...suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,*” (I Peter 2:21). As a member of the Lord’s Army we need to set a goal to live our lives in such a manner that we will be able to say some day, just as Paul declared, “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.*” (II Tim. 4:7). May you raise high the flag of your allegiance for all to see, in your character of life, that more than your pride in America, they will see you follow Christ!

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
June 08 6:30PMWalk Through 7:15PMWorship Ministry	June 16 7:00PM . . .Team Leader meeting
June 11 9-11AMCommunity Food Bank 10:00AMLadies Bible Study	June 18 10:00AMWomen’s Ministry
June 12 4:30PMMissions Ministry 5:30—7:30PMOpen House for Stephen Boyer at the Boyer’s home	June 19 FATHER’S DAY 6:00PMFamily Movie Night
June 15 4:00PMFirst Care Ministry 6:30PMWalk Through	June 20 7:00PMLeadership meeting
	June 22 6:30PMWalk Through
	June 25 10:00AMLadies Bible Study

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We are God's Hands and Feet

Are you looking for something to do for just a couple of hours once a month? Do you have a servant heart? Then helping at the Lynn Community Food Bank would be a great way to do this!

Next distribution day will be Saturday, June 11th from 9:00AM till 11:00AM.

Also, looking for volunteers to help unload truck on the day before distribution date of each month. Truck usually arrives approximately 1:30PM on Friday. If you have any questions, or would like to donate food or clothing, please call:

Linda 765-546-3072 or

Ray 765-914-4823

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies will have bible study on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00AM.

Missions Ministry Meeting

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

You Are Invited!

The Boyer family has extended an invitation to the church family to Stephen's Graduation Open House. This is being held at their home on Sunday, June 12th from 5:30PM till 7:30PM. Invitation on bulletin board.



Team Leader Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Team Leaders on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00PM. 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.

Woodburn Christian Children's Home

Lee Bracey from Woodburn will be here at First Church of Christ on Sunday, June 19th. Lee will share with us all about Woodburn, a mission we have supported for many years.

Family Movie Night

FCC is showing "Chronicles of Narnia" Part 2 on Family Movie Night, Sunday, June 19th. Movie starts at 6:00PM.

Leadership Meeting

Next Leadership meeting is Monday, June 20th at 7:00PM.

Jeff Boyer will lead devotions from the book "Simple Church", pages 135—150.

Evening Study & Youth Activities

FCC is having Adult Bible Study and Youth Activities on Sunday, June 26th at 6:00PM.



Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Nelson Collett; Alex Hagen; Eula Newland;
Brianna Slonaker (Doug's cousin's daughter);
Bob & Helen Stewart; Elaine Wells; Esther Williams

Our Missionaries including:

Woodburn Christian Children's Home

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

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

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2). Ecclesiastes is Whitey McDivitt's favorite book of the Bible and he believes that Ecclesiastes sums up much of life. When this writer interviewed Whitey, he said that many farmers are concerned about their planting, when the Bible tells readers that there is a time for everything. So, Whitey believes that one should “relax, sit back, and take it as it comes.” His favorite Bible verses are hopefully familiar ones, being John 3:16 and Acts 2:38.

Whitey, or Virgil as is his actual given name, and Janice McDivitt have attended First Church of Christ for about seven years and have been Christians for nearly 60 years. They have three grown children ages 61, 58, and 55; they have been married for 63 years; they have eight grandchildren ranging in ages from 23-48 years old; and they also have ten great grandchildren ranging in ages from one month to 19 years old. Whitey and Janice had been in school together since the sixth grade. They graduated from Jackson Township School in Preble County, OH. Upon graduation, they both farmed Whitey's father's farm for 13 years. Janice also worked as a cook for Friends Fellowship for seven years. Following the farm work, Whitey went to truck driving school. He then drove semis and moved mobile homes from 1960-1994, when he retired. During Whitey's trucking career the family moved around the country. They moved to Loveland, CO from 1977-1985. Then, in 1985-1991 they moved to Albuquerque, NM. Here, Janice volunteered with the Salvation Army home league where they held a Bible Study and did some craft service projects, such as cutting out squares to be made into quilts for veterans. She also volunteered at a nursing home passing out juice, ice cream and other food. In 1991 they moved to Aurora, CO. In 1994 they moved to Fountain City, Indiana where they currently reside.

Throughout the years Whitey and Janice have served in various churches in various capacities. Janice has been Sunday School secretary, president of the ladies aid, and has helped by serving church dinners. Whitey has been a Sunday School superintendent, a deacon, and has brought communion to those who were sick. He has led Sunday evening ministries and has also helped lead VBS in the past. Whitey has taught Sunday School classes mostly in junior high. The McDivitt's have also been active in the community. Whitey has volunteered his time coaching T-Ball at Northeastern and T-Ball at the Fountain City baseball park. Whitey has also coached basketball for Northeastern from 1994-2000. Something that you may not know about Whitey and Janice is that they remain die hard Northeastern basketball fans and still attend many basketball games at Northeastern School.

This writer believes that in the 82 years that Whitey and Janice have been on this earth, they have learned many life lessons. Through moving around the country, raising children, and being blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren, Janice states that she believes that, “life is like a mountain and a valley, there's lots of ups and downs.”