



***First Church of Christ***

***206 W. Church Street***

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


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

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**It's Not All Fun and Games**

The world has given a stereotype to the church over time that says, “Becoming a Christian means you can’t have any fun anymore.” While being a Christian does require discipline and self control to not fall into temptations and sin, it does not mean that we are simply “sticks in the mud” either. It is our mental attitude that shows forth whether we smile and enjoy life as it comes or complain and frown through the ups and downs of life. Christ assures us that *“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”* (John 15:11).

In the entire Bible, the word “fun” is not mentioned. You can find the word “entertain” in the Bible, but when it is used it is only in reference to someone being hospitable to strangers they may encounter. The activities associated with having fun, being festive, being merry, or taking much pleasure in a certain activity are receive condemnation by the scriptures. Yet there is a growing popularity in many churches across the country today to provide “entertainment” and “fun times” for the members and their families, especially for the teenagers and young adults. It is being taught that this is the way to reach the lost and even back-sliding Christians and then to keep them for the Lord. I believe that a mixture of concentrated study and exciting activities is a great way to keep things fresh and engaging, but what you win them to is what you are going to keep them with.

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Allow me to illustrate in this way since we just celebrated our country's birth with spectacular fireworks. As people set off fireworks they start with the small ones and as we gather around and sigh with "ooohs and aaahs;" the excitement continues to grow as the explosions of color get bigger and bigger till at last the biggest, brightest, and greatest fireworks are lit. Then what happens? When there is neither another one to set off nor a bigger one to fire off, the crowd grows dissatisfied and bored and leaves. So it is with the church if entertainment is what it is built on. The church is to ask what we can do for Christ, not what can the church do for us. In all the scriptures neither the Lord nor the prophets nor the apostles ever showed us an example of this entertaining program to reach the lost and I don't think it was put in reserve for thousands of years to be brought out for just the people of this generation.

As Christians we can have something that is better, and lasts longer than fun and entertainment. In Christ we can have a fulfilling joy from heaven. As I told you earlier, the Bible doesn't refer to the word "fun," but there are many references to "joy" and "rejoicing." Here are a few for you to meditate on: "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh. 8:10. "A joyful heart is good medicine..." (Prov. 17:22). "Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts." (Jer. 15:16). "And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory," (I Peter 1:8).

Happiness, fun, and entertainment, are momentary experiences that fade over time, but the joy of the Lord infused and complete in our lives is something that should be ever growing and constantly shown in our lives. May we be ever reminded that through God's Word and His Spirit in our lives, daily, He shares His joy with us and he wants us to be sustained and strong each day of our lives by that power.

In His service,  
Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
July 06 6:30PM . . . . .Walk Through	July 13 4:00PM . . . . .First Care Ministry 6:30PM . . . . . Walk Through 7:15PM . . . . .Worship Ministry
July 08 9:00PM . . . . . FCC Softball Game (Diamond 2)	July 15 6:00PM . . . . .FCC Softball Game (Diamond 1)
July 09 9-11AM . . . . . Food Bank Open 10:00AM . . . . . Ladies Bible Study	July 16 10:00AM . . . . .Women's Ministry
July 10 4:30PM . . . . . Missions Ministry 6:00PM . . . . . Evening Study and Youth Activities	July 17 FAMILY SUNDAY 6:00PM . . . . .Family Movie Night
	July 18 7:00PM . . . . Leadership meeting

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## Softball Schedule for July

- Friday, July 8th Diamond 2 9:00PM
- Friday, July 15th Diamond 1 6:00PM
- Friday, July 22nd Diamond 2 9:00PM
- Friday, July 29th Diamond 1 7:00PM

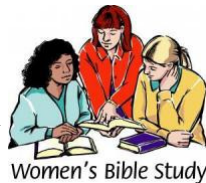
## Helping Others in Need

The Randolph County Food Bank will be open on Saturday, July 9th from 9:00AM till 11:00AM. If you would like to donate clothing, food, or your time, please call Linda Flaugh at 765\*546\*3072.

## Ladies Bible Study

The ladies are having Bible Study at the church Saturday, July 9th at 10:00AM.

Devotions will be from the book "Braking for Joy", pages 154 through 170.



## Missions

The Missions Ministry will meet on Sunday, July 10th at 4:30PM.

## FCC Sunday Evening Activities

Please join us for Evening Study & Youth Hour every 2nd and 4th Sunday here at First Church of Christ. Next Adult Bible Study and Youth Activities will be Sunday, July 10th at 6:00PM. Everyone Welcome!

## Summer Event

On Saturday, July 30th First Church of Christ is putting on a one-day event titled, "Servin' the Son Saturday". This is a mission-based type of event instead of a week-long VBS, which will be held at the Randolph Southern Elementary School. If you would be willing to help, we could use you! There are many openings. This is for only one day from 8:45AM to 4:30PM.

Also, there are many tags placed on the foyer wall with food items needed. Any questions, please see Cindy or Philip Williams.

## Men for Christ

The Men for Christ Rally is Monday, July 11th at Center Christian Church in Knightstown, IN. Dinner is at 6:00PM. Special Guest Speaker is Matt Proctor, President of Ozark Christian College. Program starts at 7:00PM.

## The Series Continues . . .

Every 3rd Sunday is a Family Sunday here at FCC and is also Family Movie Night here at the church. We started the Narnia series and are ready for Part 3. Even if you haven't seen Part 1 or 2, this is a movie you can pick up at any time and follow along. So, with that in mind, please come and bring your family or friends on Sunday, July 17th for an evening of adventure. Movie will begin at 6:00PM.

## Fifth Sunday Carry-In

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 31st. We will have a Carry-In Dinner in the church basement, immediately following AM Worship Service.

## Prayer Concerns

### Those Who Need to Become Christians

#### Home (Health Concerns):

Chris & Nicki Chambers; Nelson Collett; Karmen Kellams  
Naomi Nolen

#### Our Missionaries including:

Christian Benevolent Association

### Those Serving in the Military

#### Home (Cancer):

Bob Bretzinger— Sandy Thornburg's brother  
Trinity Buck— classmate of Olivia Thurston (3rd 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

### Our Children at Church Camp

July 7-8: Colby Bruner; Stacey Glunt; Lily Johnting

(Helpers): Melissa Bruner and  
Sam & Stevie Johnting

**Please be in prayer for Scott & Jenny Paul in the loss of Jenny's father, Harold Jackson.**

## Sewant Spotlight

by Rebecca Glunt

Mark 1:17-18 says that Jesus commanded Simon and Andrew to, "Come, follow me,...and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him." These are Bryce Nolen's favorite verses of scripture because of what Christians are called to give up when they follow Jesus. These fishermen, gave up their whole livelihood to follow Jesus. This could be likened unto a farmer during this time of the year being told to leave the combine to come follow Jesus.

Bryce and Paul Nolen are the sons of Doug and Tammerrie Nolen. Bryce graduated from Maconaquah High School in May 2011. He plans on attending Johnson University (formerly Johnson Bible College) studying Counseling and the Bible. Upon the completion of his studies, Bryce would ultimately like to work for a company, or in a private practice setting, doing counseling. Paul Nolen graduated from the Adult Learning Center in Richmond, IN in Nov. 2010. He plans on attending Johnson University for Christian Ministries and then transferring to Geneva College for Civil Engineering. Ultimately, he would like to use his engineering skills to help people on the mission field. Currently, Bryce works at the Square D factory, which manufactures electrical boxes and panels. This is his first job. Paul has been working at First Care Daycare Center for about eight months. He has previously mowed lawns and was a paper boy.

Besides working these young men have shown a commitment to serving others around them. For the last three years, Bryce has served at the Blue Ridge Christian Camp doing community work with the mentally disabled, working at a homeless shelter, helping with a community farm called Ecclesia Acres; and much more. Paul has served with Habitat for Humanity; and with RAM, a house rescue mission in Roanoke, VA. He has also helped with a soup kitchen and he is currently on the building and grounds maintenance ministry at First Church of Christ. Paul also just finished being a camp counselor at WBCSC. When these young men are not working or serving, some other interests that Bryce has enjoyed has been playing soccer, the marching band, and speech in school. He also likes running, biking and swimming. Paul has enjoyed football, and wrestling in the past in school and had also ran the sound board in a previous church that he attended.

Some things that you may not know about these men are that Bryce wanted to study entomology, the study of insects. Also, Paul wanted to be a doctor until a couple of years ago when he changed his mind during his work with Habitat for Humanity, when he saw the strong need for people to have appropriate housing and clean water.

As these young men prepare to go away to college, leave their families to begin a new chapter in their lives, this writer can plainly see why Paul's favorite verses of scripture are from Romans 8: 38-39 which state, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."