



### ***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**

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***Responding to God's Mission!***

"Back to School!" With the month of August now upon us, we have begun to hear that anthem everywhere. In fact, in several school districts around this region and across the state of Indiana, classes have actually begun already! Regardless of your opinion of the school calendar, our focus continues to address the eternal perspective.

This past weekend's Vacation Bible School ("Rocky Point Lighthouse: Where Kids Shine God's Light!") offered an excellent opportunity for several children and their families to focus on that eternal perspective. Several members of the church family worked together this weekend, with God's strength and help, to remind and "enlighten" those children and their families of the love God has for all of us through His Only Son, Jesus. In addition, together they helped share that eternal Light and Love with children in other countries who have very little food to eat, if any, by packing almost 6000 meals that will be shipped by Lifeline Christian Mission to those families in need.

Of course, as we just indicated above, we understand that all that happened here this past weekend only occurred because God provided the strength and help all of us needed to do it...

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and the added blessing, from my point of view, came from seeing so many individuals in the church family accept the opportunity to work with Him and His mission. In other words, God's mission has a place for all of us. More importantly, He invites all of us to work with Him while He has given us time to spend on this earth.

Sometimes, we read the final words of Jesus in Matthew 28 (just before He returned to His throne in Heaven) thinking that we need a Bible college degree or something to be able to "make disciples of Jesus" or "teach the Gospel" to "the lost." On the contrary, Jesus invites us to walk with Him on this earth (read the last verse again)... and as we do that, He will lead us to our family, our friends, our neighbors, and others... He will give us the opportunities and His wisdom along the way... and when we "peek over our shoulder" from time to time, we will be reminded of His faithfulness and love, through the disciples that have been added to God's eternal family, along the path that we have walked.

Again, the blessings of this past weekend flowed through many of us, as we worked together with God. Therefore, we want to encourage the church family to continue to walk with God in the days ahead. By doing so, God will have the open door to continue growing His mission in this place!

Finally, remembering that our children will, in fact, be returning to school right away, we have already been given some additional opportunities to "Shine God's Light!" Be sure to read the announcements in this newsletter about the specific needs our children have at school and at First Care... and then, ask God how He wants you to respond. Thank You!



**Williams' Wacky Wisdumb:**

**Experience is that thing you have just after you need it.**

### UPCOMING

#### August 03 **DOUBLEHEADER**

6:00PM . . . . . Church Softball  
Diamond 1

7:00PM . . . . . Church Softball  
Diamond 1

#### August 04

10:00AM . . . . . Ladies Study  
Chptr 11-Balancing Work & Worship

#### August 08

4:30PM . . . . First Care Ministry Mtg



### EVENTS:

#### August 11

9-11:00AM . . Food Pantry Open

#### August 12

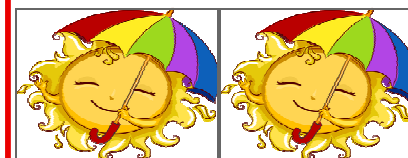
4:30PM . . . Missions Ministry Mtg

#### August 18

10:00AM . . . . . Ladies Study  
Chptr 12-Final chapter of book

#### August 20

7:00PM . . . . . Leadership Mtg



### Elders

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## **FREE** Back to School **HAIRCUTS** and **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

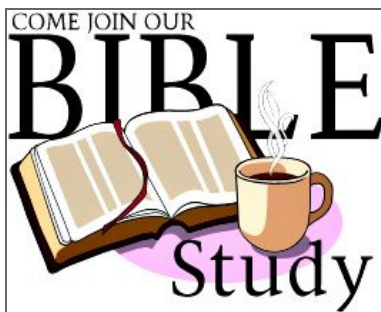
Sponsored by:  
**Franky's Studio of Hair Design**  
**Lynn Church of the Nazarene**  
**First Church of Christ, Lynn**

# **August 9 at Franky's**

Susan and the girls at Franky's will be offering students free haircuts from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Thursday, August 9th. Walk-ins Welcome—No appointment needed. A parent or guardian must accompany child. Haircuts only—no shampoo, styling, drying, etc. Also, there will be school supplies available and refreshments will be provided.

We are asking the church families to donate: Paper-wide ruled, Folders, No. 2 Pencils or mechanical pencils, Erasers, Rulers, etc. We would also like to have a few Backpacks. Please bring all items to the church office. Thank You!

## **FCC Ladies**



Bible study will be Saturday, August 4th for the ladies at 10am. Discussion will be over chapter 11, "Balancing Work & Worship". Only one more chapter to go in the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World".

We encourage all ladies to come and get connected to this group of women and study God's word together.

## **Who's on First?**



Upcoming church softball games will be played back to back. Friday's game is a make-up from the one and only game that was postponed due to bad weather. First Church will play Hillcrest on Friday, August 3rd at 6pm on diamond 1. Then we are scheduled to play Wesleyan at 7pm, also on diamond 1. Come on out for an evening of fun & fellowship.

## **Helping Those in Need**



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

Our food pantry has been a tremendous blessing for many families in this community. If at any time you would be able to donate food to the pantry, please do! The need is great and the supply is low. You can contact Linda at 765-546-3072 to find out more information or if you have any questions.

## **FCC Men**



Leadership will meet on Monday, August 20th at 7pm. Doug will lead devotions from a Thom Rainer article titled, "7 Deadly Sins of a Dying Church".

## *Servant Spotlight by Rebecca Glunt*

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).” This is the favorite verse of Mary Alice Clements. She cites that this love is sacrificial. Mary Alice says that this verse is particularly meaningful saying, “It has to be a different kind of love, that’s for everyone.”

Mary Alice was married to her late husband Wilbur for 56 years until his passing in 2005 from cancer. They began going to First Church of Christ and were baptized in 1955. Joe and Jewel Cross introduced them to the church. Mary Alice and her husband had two children; Connie and Rex. She has five grandchildren; three girls and two boys. Mary Alice also has nine great grandchildren. She graduated from McKinley High School outside of Winchester in 1946. Wilbur graduated from Lynn High School in 1945. Wilbur farmed corn, soybeans, and wheat. Mary Alice helped on the farm driving the tractor and other related jobs on the farm. They also raised hogs.

In the church, Mary Alice has counted the offering and worked in the nursery in the past. She has also prepared communion, taught some in Sunday School classes for children, and has helped prepare funeral dinners. She also used to help with the annual church cleaning. Wilbur served as a deacon in the church. In the community, he served on the Randolph Southern school board for about four years in the past.

Something that you may not know about Mary Alice and her husband Wilbur was that they used to be a part of the BiState Steppers, which was a western style square dancing club. They would go to the Lynn Fair, county fairs, and to nursing homes, performing their square dancing. Mary Alice still belongs to the Rural Couples Club. They meet one time a month. She has belonged to this club for about 56 years.

The hymn Amazing Grace is Mary Alice’s favorite hymn. Some words that this writer believes are meaningful to all believers are from this hymn, “Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see.”

### *Prayer Concerns*

#### Church Camp

Please keep the children & staff in prayer

#### Home (Health Concerns):

Karmen Kellams, Perry Meyers, Joe Newland,  
Brianna Slonaker, and Esther Williams

#### Our Missions, including:

His Seed Sowers  
(Haiti)

#### 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:

Addison House: Kathy Ratliff

Modoc Group Home: Rochella Newland

#### Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier  
Eula Newland

#### Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk (ASSISTED LIVING) Room #32  
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.**

### *Crayon Banks*

Please take notice of the two crayon banks in the hallway behind the Sanctuary. First Care is asking for our “Pennies for Pencils” or “Quarters for Crayons. You can place your pocket change in these crayon banks in order for First Care to purchase some preschool supplies. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!