



First Church of Christ

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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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Living in an Instant World

There is much debate even among the Christian realms as to whether the creation of the world was done in a literal six days. To try and smooth the tensions between the scoffers of a world created by God and the Religious world, some Christian scholars are now agreeing to the thought that God created the world and everything in it, but that His plan involves the use of millions of years to make it happen. Certain Christian intellectuals are accepting and promoting the concept called “process creation,” which is a euphemism for theistic evolution. This term is really an oxymoron, for the word “creation” used in Genesis literally is defined as: Out of nothing something. Therefore, for God to have a formula to follow in creating this world would contradict what He tells us He did.

“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.” (Ps. 148:5). This text is a part of one of the beautiful Psalms of praise. In this psalm the entire creation is exhorted to give praise to the Creator God. The sun, moon, the heavens, and all that is in it are to give honor and glory to God. And then the great testimony of our text is given.

God spoke, and as soon as He gave the command, these things were created, not over long periods of time, but immediately! God’s words were “Let it be so,” and it was! Again, this truth of an instant creation is emphasized in Psalm 33:6-9, *“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host...For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”*

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We turn to the great faith chapter that is found in the book of Hebrews. Hebrews chapter 11 is a list of our great ancestral heroes that were counted as faithful to God in their actions of their life. We quickly go to this portion of scripture to strengthen us by pointing out examples of how we need to persevere in our pilgrimage of life for God also. Have you thought of looking to this chapter for your conviction of creation? As chapter 11 starts out we read a definition of faith and the first object of faith follows from the word of God, "By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." (Heb. 11:3). We are told here that the things we see with our eyes: the sun, moon, stars, earth, mankind, were not made from other preexisting materials that were present, but by the spoken word of God.

Over the past month we have been studying about some of our cultural issues and where we as Christians should be standing according to God's Word. When it comes to the topic of creation and how we came to be, there is no need for anyone who calls themselves a Christian to make a compromise for the sake of settling the waters of confrontation. We need to hold fast to the truth of God's Word and His omnipotence and inerrant Word and not give into such devices as theistic evolution, or progressive creation, or process creation, or whatever word they want to disguise it with. There is no natural process that could ever generate and produce the complex and amazingly beautiful organized systems of creation that the Creator has made. Christian scientists and theologians need to stop being intimidated and so turn to compromise with the ungodly philosophies of evolution and we need to aid in the correction of these teachings and not ourselves fall into the accommodating acceptance of these flawed ideas.

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
Aug 03 6:30PMWalk Through	Aug 12 9:00PM FCC Softball (Diamond 2)
Aug 05 8:00PMFCC Softball (Diamond 1)	Aug 13 9-11AMFood Bank Open 10:00AM Ladies Bible Study
Aug 06 10:00AM Ladies Bible Study	Aug 14 4:30PM Missions Ministry 6:00PM Evening Study and Youth Activities
Aug 07 12:00PM Youth Ministry	Aug 15 7:00PM Leadership meeting
Aug 10 4:30PM First Care Ministry 6:30PMWalk Through 7:15PMWorship Ministry	

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Softball Schedule for August

- Friday, August 5th Diamond 1 8:00PM
- Friday, August 12th Diamond 2 9:00PM
- Friday, August 19th Diamond 2 6:00PM

Ladies Bible Study

“Braking for Joy”

- Saturday, August 6th at 10:00AM
Pages 191—208
- Saturday, August 13th at 10:00AM
Pages 209—225

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, August 7th immediately following AM Worship Service.

Helping Others in Need

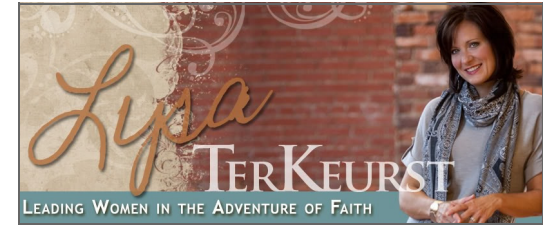
The Randolph County Food Bank will be open on Saturday, August 13th from 9:00AM till 11:00AM. If you would like to donate food, or help distribute food, please call Linda Flaugh at 765*546*3072.

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, August 14th at 6:00PM. Everyone Welcome!

“Becoming More”

Need a break? Ready for a spiritual uplift? Then this is just for You! Coming up next month at the Greenwood church in Indiana will be a Women’s Conference entitled “Becoming More”. Dates are September 16th & 17th. You can attend one day, or come for both. All ladies welcome! Please see Tammerrie Nolen or Rebecca Glunt if you are interested in going.



Leadership Meeting

Next Leadership meeting is Monday, August 15th at 7:00PM.

Mike Alka will lead the Bible Study from “Simple Church”, pages 165—180.

Upcoming Events for the Men

- Monday, October 3rd
Men for Christ
Park Chapel in Greenfield, IN
- Saturday, November 5th
In Christian Men’s Fellowship
9:00AM-4:30PM Clayton, IN

Women’s Ministry

The FCC ladies are scheduled to meet on Saturday, August 20th at 10:00AM.

Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Chris & Nicki Chambers; Nelson Collett; Karen Meyers;
Joe & Eula Newland; James & Melissa Roth

Our Missionaries including:

Central Christian College

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:

Arbor Trace: Karmen Kellams

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

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). This is the favorite Bible verse of Charlie Cole. Charlie and Ruth Cole have been married for 62 years. Ruth went to high school in the Renfro Valley in Kentucky. Charlie also spent some school time in Kentucky in a one room school house. He then moved to this area in 1935 when he was in the third grade. He finished the ninth grade and then spent about six weeks in the tenth grade before he quit. Then he went to work at the Perfect Circle in Richmond, Indiana. Later, Charlie worked at Crosley making Crosley refrigerators. Later, he served in the Navy on a very large aircraft carrier, named the Midway. While serving on the Midway, Charlie was a seaman working toward being a petty officer. His job there was the first loader on a five inch gun. He was responsible for putting in a 70lb. projectile that had explosives on it, into the gun to be shot. This gun would be used to shoot at aircraft or at other boats. After completing his service in the Navy at age 19 years old, he then went back to Crosley or later called Avco as a machinist making guns for war. About one year after he got out of the Navy, he and Ruth got married. The Midway now sits in San Diego, CA. Charlie and Ruth went to see the air carrier about five years ago. Ruth worked for Alcoa for about five years as an inspector as they made bottle caps. When her children were born she stayed at home with them. Later she worked for the Nettle Creek industry, sewing pillows and quilts after her children were grown.

Charlie and Ruth have three kids; one son named Burton 59 years old and two daughters Debra age 56 and Cindi age 54 years old respectively. They have four grand kids and four great grandkids. The Coles have been members since 1962 at First Church of Christ. In the past Ruth has served in the nursery in various churches and has helped to prepare communion. Charlie has been a deacon and a Sunday School superintendent and had taught a teenage boys class for a while and deacon for the last two years. In another church he drove a Sunday School bus to pick up children. Besides service in the church they have also been involved in the community. Ruth has belonged to the Homemakers Extension Club in Wayne County, which purchases Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for needy families. Charlie also had been a volunteer Reserve Police Officer in Wayne County.

One thing that you may not know about Charlie is that he is one of nine children, growing up on a farm when he was younger. He also used to sing in the church choir. When their children were young, they raised black angus steer for 4-H projects. They also raised corn and other crops.

Through nearly 63 years of marriage, this writer can see why Ruth's favorite Bible verse is found in Philipians 4:13 which says, “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”