



***First Church of Christ***

***206 W. Church Street***

***P.O. Box 301***

***Lynn, Indiana 47355***

**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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**Our Journey Begins**

As we announced last week, the church leadership has realized the need to take action related to helping the youth in our community to begin their lifelong walk with God. Understanding that the word of God directs parents to take responsibility for providing the primary leadership of their children's spiritual development and decisions, the church leadership has asked me to help coordinate the ministry of the church to partner with the parents for that purpose.

There can be no doubt that Christ established the church to be His body on this earth, until He returns, to proclaim the Good News of forgiveness and eternal life with God. There can also be no doubt that a major responsibility the church has in fulfilling that purpose involves preparing the children and youth to do the same. As a result, we need to understand that there is no ministry in the church more important than supporting this effort to prepare our youth! Yes, we need to reach our generation with the Gospel of Christ, but we cannot forget our responsibility to the generations that will follow us!

***Facts and Figures:***

<b>08-07-11</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1811.18</b>
<b>08-07-11</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$ 776.22</b>
<b>08-14-11</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1631.29</b>
<b>08-14-11</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$ 699.12</b>
<b>08-14-11</b>	<b>Roof</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

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One foundational step in accomplishing this assignment requires a process of gathering and collecting some information. Another step requires the unifying response of support by the church family for helping the families in our community to fulfill their God-given roles. In other words, our success in achieving this purpose of helping families to lead their children to a lifelong walk with God requires all of us to use the resources God has given each of us to encourage this endeavor.

In order for us to coordinate these resources to accomplish this purpose, we need to know how God has provided. Therefore, we need to collect this information from you. Of course, this will require some time and effort (many good things do, it seems). Will you consider the questions listed below? These questions and your answers will help us get started.

1. What person or program has had the most influence in your decision to begin a lifelong walk with God?
  
2. What person or program have you seen in your lifetime having the most influence among the youth in our church family?
  
3. From your perspective, what should the church do to help the children become loving, lifetime learners of Christ and grow to become the leaders in His church?
  
4. What resources has God provided in your life that can help support the church with her ministry to the families and their children?

We want to hear your answers, in person, as soon as possible. Of course, if you send your answers to us, that will help us get started even sooner! Either way, we look forward to beginning this conversation and this journey together! Thank you!

<b>UPCOMING</b>	<b>EVENTS:</b>
Aug 17 6:30PM . . . . .Walk Through	Aug 24 6:30PM . . . . .Walk Through
Aug 19 6:00PM . . . . .FCC Softball (Diamond 2)	Aug 27 10:00AM . . . . Ladies Bible Study
Aug 21 FAMILY SUNDAY 6:00PM . . . . .Family Movie Night "Rock Show Comedy Tour"	Aug 28 6:00PM . . . . .Evening Study and Youth Activities
Aug 22 . . . First Care Preschool Starts . . .	Aug 31 6:30PM . . . . . Walk Through

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## Movie Night

Join us Sunday evening on August 21st for Family Movie Night. We will watch a comedy DVD entitled "Rock Show Comedy Tour", with Tim Hawkins. Come eat popcorn and enjoy the fellowship! Starts at 6:00PM.



## First Care News

Preschool will be starting up soon and Miss Marjorie, our First Care Director, is asking the church family to help with expenses by donating some of the school supplies needed. If you would like to help with this, please take tag(s) from the foyer wall and bring your purchased items to the church and place into the basket provided. We appreciate all your help!

## Bible Study

There will be a Bible study for the ladies Saturday, August 27th at 10:00AM. Study will be from the book "Braking for Joy", pages 226—243.

## Evening Study Hour

FCC is having Bible study and Youth activities on Sunday, August 28th at 6:00PM.

## Conference for Women

Don't forget to sign up for the ladies retreat that will be happening next month in Indianapolis. Sign-Up sheets are on the bulletin board. It's not too late—sign up TODAY!

## Leadership Meeting

Next Leadership meeting is Monday, September 19th at 7:00PM. Doug Nolen will lead the Bible study from "Simple Church", pages 181—195.

## From the Office

Doug will be out of the office and on vacation the week of August 21st and the week of August 28th.

If anyone should need anything during Doug's absence, please contact the church office or the Elders for assistance.



## Guest Speakers

While Doug is away, First Church will have a couple of visiting speakers who will fill in for him during AM Worship Service. On Sunday, August 21st Steve Skaggs from Cincinnati Christian University will be here to give us the Message. Then the following Sunday, August 28th we will welcome Larry Travis, also from CCU.

## Prayer Concerns

### Those Who Need to Become Christians

### FCC Elders and the Leadership

### Our College Students and their families

### Home (Health Concerns):

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

### Our Missionaries including:

Johnson University

### 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

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23a and 25).” These verses have special meaning for Philip and Cindy Williams. Their daughter Joy's name came from these verses. Married for 31 years, Philip and Cindy have three children Charity 27, Joy 21, and Jonathan 11 years old respectively. Philip and Cindy first met at Johnson Bible College, now Johnson University, when Cindy was there visiting her brother Greg, who happened to be a friend of Philip's.

While at Johnson, Philip earned a B.A. in Bible with a specialty in Communications and Youth Ministry. Cindy attended Johnson studying Bible and education. She later attended Ivy Tech receiving a Child Development Associate degree which included preschool, kindergarten and development classes. Since graduating from Johnson, Philip worked at Thornburg's then later worked for WKOI in Richmond, channel 43, also known as the Trinity Broadcasting station, Philip worked for five years. Later, he went back to Thornburg's working there full time till October 2010. He continued at Thornburg's part time till April 2011. In January of this year he began doing custodial responsibilities for the church. In July 2011 Philip was approved as the Youth Program Coordinator for the church. Cindy had been a First Care Co-Director from 1989-1997. She then worked at Thornburg's as the scanning coordinator. Later she worked at the YMCA as a preschool teacher/director. From August 2006 to the present Cindy has worked at RSE as a Paraprofessional working with kindergarten for half of the day then with special needs children.

Philip and Cindy's work in the church has been in many areas. Cindy has a passion for missions and for youth. Philip has served as a deacon and an elder in the past. Cindy has taught Sunday School and has led the Sunday night youth program, with church camp and missions. Philip has run the sound board and video production. He also used to help produce a weekly radio program with some former ministers. Cindy also went on the New York mission trip once. Philip was also a part of the Haiti mission trip in 1990. Philip and Cindy have also taught a Young Adult class. Recently, Philip and Cindy headed up “Servin' the Son”.

Their daughter Joy is a senior at Johnson and has completed an internship at Staten Island, NY. Jonathan just began the sixth grade at RSE. He is a drummer in the band at school for the second year as the number one percussionist. Jonathan has attended church camp for many years. One thing that you may not know about Philip and Cindy is that when they were doing an internship at West Lafayette the church used to meet in a Jewish synagogue.

During the early years of Cindy's life and in the years of serving in the church, words she has been told many times and that she has told her children are from Proverbs 3:5-6. This writer believes that these words apply to everyone. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight.”