



First Church of Christ

206 West Church Street

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

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

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"A New Harvest?"

I must say, the past couple of weeks have been almost as educational and taxing for me, personally, as the two weeks of church camp that I experienced earlier this summer (See The Lynn Christian, July 3, 2012). It began when I first inquired about the possibility of helping as a substitute at Randolph Southern Elementary. Realizing that creating stronger connections with the local school corporation might lead to some additional opportunities of service and outreach for the church family, I concluded that working, a day or two (but, no more than 3 days!... I had been informed that opportunities to substitute could quickly multiply.) each week as a substitute, could potentially help reinforce the encouraging thought for many individuals and families in the Lynn and Randolph Southern community, that this church family understands and believes that there is no other ministry more important than reaching young people and their families with the Good News of God's Word!

Of course, for almost 25 years, First Care has also provided an essential childcare ministry to many families in this region. Throughout its ministry, First Care has been a strong witness in this community... proclaiming that important message of Christian care for families and children. As a result, there has now been a generation of First Care graduates who have been impacted by caring individuals, this church family, and the Good News of God's Word!

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However, many families who send their children to our area schools often have additional needs in which this church family may help, and thereby, possibly connect with people who need and want to hear of God's love and care. We just need to stay focused in God's Word, sharing our lives together with Him. At the same time, we also need to be conscious of where God is working in people's lives and try to understand how we can help. When that happens, our joy will be complete, because we will know that our lives could be used by God to make an eternal difference for someone else!

As I began to complete the application paperwork, I learned that the process for gaining approval could take four weeks or longer. Suffice it to say that, in my situation, due to advancements in technology and trying to live according to God's standards of morality as revealed in His Word, I completed that process in a small fraction of the time it could have taken. In fact, on the morning of the second day of school at Randolph Southern, I received a telephone call, asking if I could make myself available to substitute immediately following lunch. I quickly agreed and reported to school a short time later.

That afternoon, the school asked if I could also substitute the final two days of that week and all of the following week. Realizing my limits, I did finish that week, but only agreed to the first three days of the following week. However, something else occurred during those few days.

The school suddenly needed another driver for one of the daily small bus routes. Since I was "handy" at that moment, the school asked if I would be willing to be trained to drive that bus route. After learning what that position required and how it would work with my assignments with the church, I agreed. After a brief training process, I am now spending about 15 hours each week, trying to keep U.S. 27 warm as I help transport some of the students to Winchester and back.

Only God knows for certain how long I will be asked to help with this; and only He knows the future results of anything that we do. However, we trust that He knows best and the glory belongs to Him. Of course, with the path of my journey these past couple of weeks, I am praying that a "harvest" will be gathered from this work... and that I might not have to be trained for anything new for a couple more weeks!



UPCOMING

September 08

9-11:00AMFood Pantry Open

September 09

4:30PMMissions Ministry Mtg

September 12

4:30PMFirst Care Ministry Mtg

September 15

10:00AMLadies Study
'Integrity Living the Truth'

September 17

7:00PMLeadership Mtg

September 21 & 22

. . .Men 4 Christ Fall Retreat. . .
Mahoning Valley Camp

EVENTS:

September 22

10:00AM Ladies Study

September 22 Lynn Friends

. . .HYMN SING &DINNER. . .
5-6:30PM Meal
(Free Will Offering)
6:30PMHymn Sing

September 29

10:00AM Ladies Study

September 30 FAMILY SUNDAY

. . . 5th Sunday Carry-In . . .
After AM Worship

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Lynn Friends

The food pantry for Randolph County will be open Saturday, September 8 from 9am till 11am. Volunteers are always welcome.

Missions

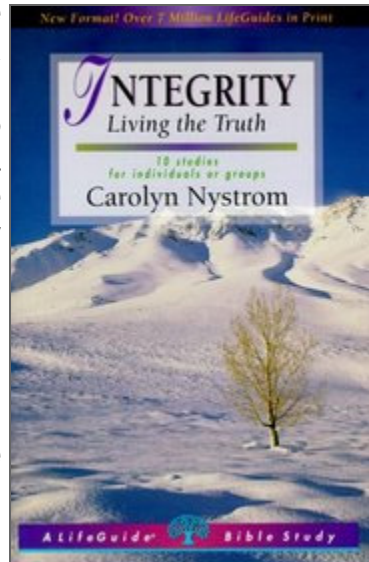
There is a Missions Ministry meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 9 at 4:30pm.

First Care

First Care Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 12 at 4:30pm.

Attention All Ladies!

Now would be a great time to join us for Bible study & fellowship. Starting Saturday, September 15 the FCC ladies will begin a new Bible study here at the church. The study guidebook is by Carolyn Nystrom—Integrity Living the Truth. In a day and age where absolute truth isn't prevalent, we desperately need to be reminded of the biblical value of integrity. If you have any questions, please see Tammerrie Nolen or Rebecca Glunt.



Leadership

September's Leadership meeting will be Monday, September 17 at 7pm.

Mahoning Valley

Men, mark your calendars for September 21 and September 22 for the Men for Christ Fall Retreat 2012 at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp near Rushville, Indiana. For more information, including a list of each day's schedule of events, or to register, you can go online to the Mahoning Valley website at www.mahoningvalley.org.



Carry-In Dinner

First Church is having a Fifth Sunday Carry-In on September 30, immediately following morning Worship. All that you will need to bring will be a covered dish.

Prayer Concerns

Home (Health Concerns):

Ike Dalzell, Sue Hill, Karmen Kellams, Perry Meyers,
Joe Newland, Brianna Slonaker, and Esther Williams

Our Missions, including:

Christian Missionary Fellowship
(Will & Ruth Walls)

Home (Cancer):

Trinity Buck— *back in school and doing well!*
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.**

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 everlasting life (John 3:16).” This is the favorite verse of Scripture of Omer Johnting. Omer was born 86 years ago in Franklin County, Indiana east of Laurel, Indiana. He moved up here as a child in 1940. He and his late wife Ruth Johnting were married 62 years, until her passing on June 16, 2009. They had five children: Kathy, Linda, Theresa,

Becky, and Bill. Omer has eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. The couple began going to First Church in 1964.

Omer served in WWII in the ninth armored division, the second tank battalion company B in three campaigns. He had training at Fort Raleigh, Kansas. He began as a bow gunner in a Sherman tank. At this time, he would look through the telescope of the tank and shoot the gunner as necessary. He served for two years. During this time, he participated in the Battle of the Bulge and became a driver after two deaths of other servicemen. As a tank driver he drove over 2,700 miles during the war.

Following his service to our country, Omer worked at Crosley Abco, where Crosley refrigerators were made. He worked there for ten years. Later, he labored at another factory in the Richmond/Centerville, Indiana area, which made rotary drills for drilling. Omer also labored as a dairy farmer during most of his life, at the same time as his work in the factory.

In the church, Omer has served as a deacon and had taught the eighth grade Sunday School class in the past. Some interesting facts that one may not know about Omer is that he and his family took a 30 day trip to drive to and vacation in Alaska in 1960. At this time, part of their journey was on a gravel road. Omer has also been in eleven foreign countries; some of which are Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. In addition to these travels, when he was eight years old he lived in southern New Mexico in 1934 for about six months during the Depression, while his father worked on an irrigation project in the Rio Grande Valley. Later in life, he also moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1971 for six months; then moved back to this area.

When this writer first asked Omer what his favorite Bible verse was, he responded that he liked the whole Bible. This attitude seems to be in line with what is found in II Timothy 3:16-17, which states, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”