



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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What Line of Work are You In?

I believe that all of the schools are now back in session; we have observed our national holiday that gives us a paid day of rest from our working labors of life, and with that Labor Day weekend past and the month of September well on its way, it seems to have given us a definite mark that the summer and vacations are over and we go back to a more settled and established schedule in our lives to follow again. That dedication back to the routine work and schedule in our lives calls to my mind the thought of God’s Word and what it says about our work in life and what it is made of and the quality it holds when we are judged at the end of time.

“Each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work.” (I Cor. 13:3). This verse of scripture sheds some light for us on the principle of how God is going to evaluate the works of our life serving Him as a Christian in a great future event when all the believers will be assembled before God. Now, this judgment is one for the believers alone. The non-believers are not a part of this judging for when we read about this purifying fire that tries our work, God’s Word says, “If any man’s work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved...” (I Cor. 3:14, 15). For the non-believer, they are not going to be saved at all.

Facts and Figures:

09-04-11 **General Fund** **\$2404.50**

09-04-11 **Missions** **\$1030.50**



09-11-11 **General Fund** **\$1957.20**

09-11-11 **Missions** **\$ 838.80**

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There is something to take careful note of in this scripture, and that is the basis for how God determines rewards or the loss of rewards here. It is not about the “amount” of work done; it is not the number of times that we have witnessed to people or how many souls that we have won to Christ; it is not a total of how many years we taught or how many students we taught during our life, neither is it about how much money we gave to missions in our lifetime. It can also be said that the rewards are not based on what “type” of work was done, that is to say whether it was considered menial labor or highly important evangelistic work, this has no weight as to the rewards. When it comes to the eternal value of a believer’s work that they produce on the Earth it is measured by the “quality” that it is. What is it that motivates the work that you do, your labor? The sincerity involved and the dedication you possess in what you do. It is not about the type of occupation you have or the quantity involved, but the quality of workmanship you put into what you are accomplishing. No matter the nature of your work or the size, what sort of work is it? Jesus challenges us to realize the responsibility of what our labor in life means as we labor in the world with what God blesses us to manage. Jesus lets us know God sees the quality of our workmanship, “*He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much...*” (Luke 16:10).

It doesn’t matter whether you are the President of the U.S.A. or the trash man; whether you are the leader in a church of 12,000 members or a Christian serving in a church of 25 members, may everything you do in life reflect the qualities of God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the fruit of the Spirit in us. “*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*” (Col. 3:23, 24).

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
September 14 4:30PM First Care Ministry 6:30PM Walk Through 7:15PM Worship Ministry	September 21 6:30PM Walk Through
September 16 & 17 . . . Conference for Women . . . Indianapolis, IN	September 23 & 24 . . . Men for Christ . . . Fall Retreat
September 17 5-7PM Chicken Noodle Dinner (Lynn Fire Department)	September 24 10:00AM Ladies Bible Study
September 18 6:00PM Family Film Night “BANANAS” with Ken Davis	September 25 6:00PM . . . Adult Bible Study and Youth Hour
September 19 7:00PM Leadership Mtg	September 28 6:30PM Walk Through

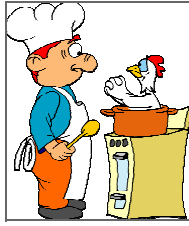
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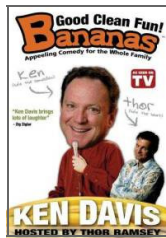
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Chicken Noodle Dinner and Bike Run



On Saturday, September 17th there will be a motorcycle ride that will include 8 covered bridges. All bikes out at 12PM—Last bike in at 6PM. \$20.00 a Bike (rider and passenger), dinner included on return. Community Chicken Noodle Dinner to follow at the Lynn Fire Department from 5:00PM—7:00PM. Freewill Offering. Everyone Welcome. All proceeds go to M.A.F.I.A. (Men About Faith In Action) to support our local projects and ministries.

Family Film Night



Come and watch a comedy DVD on Sunday evening, September 18th here at First Church at 6:00PM. Featuring “Bananas” with Ken Davis. Fun for the whole family!

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.

Newport Aquarium



The Newport Aquarium in Kentucky is offering all church members, their family and friends to reserve tickets for just \$12.00 (twelve dollars) each! This offer is only good for Saturday, October 8th or Sunday, October 9th. This is a ten dollar savings off the General Admission Price. You must pick up a form in the church office to fill out, then fax or mail this form in order to reserve your tickets. You will be able to pick up your tickets at the Aquarium on the day of your visit. If you have any questions, please see Doug or Robin. Must place your order **before** October 5th, as this special rate will not apply to walk-up ticket purchases.

“Braking for Joy” Study



The FCC ladies will have Bible study on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00AM. Study will be from the book “Braking for Joy”, pages 260 through 279. This will finish out the book.

What is SYATP???

. . .and what does that have to do with **FCC** on September 25, 2011? Read Sunday’s bulletin for more clues . . .



Prayer Concerns

FCC Elders and the Leadership

Our College Students and their families

Home (Health Concerns):

**Bob Bretzinger; Chris & Nicki Chambers; Nelson Collett;
Karmen Kellams; Karen Meyers**

Our Missionaries including: Global Missionary Ministries

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

**Trinity Buck— classmate of Olivia Thurston (3rd Grade)
Charlie Cole— biopsy of pancreas
Pamela Cole— Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law**

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home: Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home: Virginia Frazier Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:

**Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch**

At Reid Hospital: Joe Newland—Room #544

**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*

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have,” I Peter 3:15b. In a world with much doom, gloom and hopelessness, it is certainly important to be able to give an answer for one’s hope. Gene Ann Riley knows this as her favorite verse of scripture. In 66 years of marriage to Cy Riley, the above verses would also be important to keep in mind. Cy was born in Richmond, IN and later moved to the Lynn area. Gene Ann has only moved one mile from where she was born in Lynn near the post office. The couple went through 12 years of school together in Lynn. They have sons Mike and John 66 and 64 years old, respectively. Their daughter Susan is 60 years old. Cy and Gene Ann have four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren – eight girls and one boy.

Cy graduated from the Lynn school and then worked for the telephone company for 40 years. He retired in 1983, and then began his own business doing telephone work for people individually. Gene Ann has worked as a homemaker as well as with 4-H. She helped with sewing projects with girls at the Lynn school. At one time she believed there were 50 or more girls under her, learning sewing.

Besides their work and family, the Riley’s have also served in various ways in the church. Members since 1959, they have been in the choir, and have done duets for funerals. Gene Ann has taught a high school class and had led the Cherub choir at one time. One thing that you may not know is that the Cherub choir was on television a couple of times on a community access channel in Indianapolis. While leading the young people, Gene Ann took them to the county home for the elderly. Cindy Williams has commented before that she was glad that Gene Ann took them to the county home. Gene Ann has helped with church and funeral dinners and has worked in the nursery in the past. Cy was part of the Forefathers Quartet, and has been on a building committee. He is currently serving as a deacon. As many know, Cy and Gene Ann are snowbirds who will be leaving Indiana to migrate to Florida for the winter soon. While in Florida they sing in a choir there and have been in cantatas there as well as here.

This writer did not know that Cy still helps people with phone problems. Cy states that he enjoys helping other people, and then in turn he can receive a blessing. Another thing that you may not know is that Cy played basketball with the FCC team in the mid 1950’s. This is how Cy began coming to FCC. Later, the rest of the family followed. Another interesting fact is that their children always went to Lake James Christian Camp, where their middle son met his wife.

Certainly through years of marriage and through raising of children one can never go wrong by trusting in God. Therefore, Cy’s favorite saying is found on money, on license plates and is seen often during one’s day, and something that Cy says that we all need to do goes like this, “In God we trust.”