



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

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

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This annual youth conference continues to generate much energy and impact on all those who attend... especially our young people. Several plan to attend this year. If you would like to get connected, please talk to Philip or Cindy today. You can save at least \$10.00 on your registration, if you sign-up today! More importantly, please begin praying daily for everyone involved in this event! Thank you!



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TEACHING THE TRUTH

Almost one year ago, I happened to be in Tennessee for a college-level volleyball tournament in which Joy participated. While there, I had a brief opportunity to read a current copy of a Knoxville newspaper. That particular edition included an article by Bob Hunt that addressed an issue with which the church has struggled to find effective methods to improve in recent years.

In the newspaper article, Mr. Hunt acknowledged that he had recently examined some surveys of Americans concerning their knowledge level of God's word. Of course, many of us understand that we have so much more to learn and absorb from the word of God... that a lifetime on this earth will not give us all of the knowledge that can be found within its pages.

However, after recently conversing with the American public, there seems to be a serious decline of biblical knowledge when compared with surveys conducted several years ago. In light of this decline, Mr. Hunt reported that a professor in the religion department at Boston University credited the Protestant-influenced schools of the 19th century for helping the general public to gain a good foundation of biblical knowledge. On the other hand, in the decades since, as Professor Stephen Prothero suggests in "Religious Literacy," the emphases by the church on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the personal spirituality of evangelicalism above the teaching and theology of the Scriptures has germinated the roots of a major decline in biblical knowledge.

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In addition, Mr. Hunt reported that Lou Engle (founder of TheCall: solemn assemblies of prayer and worship) believes that fathers and mothers have been failing many times to teach their children the truth of God's word. Mr. Engle believes that the family is the foundation of this nation and if the children do not learn truth from their families, then the nation will lose it.

Of course, regardless of whether the church or the family has contributed the most to this biblical ignorance, the Scriptures teach us in Deuteronomy 6 and Ephesians 6 that fathers have the primary responsibility of teaching God's word to their children. For many of us, understanding that fact may cause an outbreak of panic and fear among the adult male gender of our population (who, more often, have been viewed as instilling fear instead of feeling fear). However, simply sitting beside a child for a few minutes, and reading a chapter or two of the Bible with them each day, will make a large difference towards reversing the trend of biblical ignorance in America... not to mention, helping to fulfill our biblical responsibility as a parent!

In case you need a suggestion regarding what part of the Bible to read with your children, the following books will give a basic historical approach that will give you a good handle for keeping on track: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah, Luke, and Acts. At one chapter per day, these books will take almost a year to complete. In addition, you may want to read a psalm and/or proverb each day to complete your time together. Happy Learning!

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If you would need to call me during school days, please remember that I will not be able to answer your call while I am driving the bus during these times... 7:30 to 8:30, 10:30 to 12:30, and 2:15 to 3:15. If you forget, please leave voice mail and I will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you!



UPCOMING

September 29

10:00AMLadies Study
Chapter 3—Cultivate Endurance

September 30 FAMILY SUNDAY
“BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY”

. . . Fifth Sunday Carry-In . . .
After AM Worship

October 06

10:00AMLadies Study
Chapter 4—Speak Truth

October 07 Life Chain

2-3PMPro-Life Vigil
Washington Street to Meridian
in Winchester, IN

EVENTS:

October 08 Women's Night

. . .Men 4 Christ . . .
Mahoning Valley

5:30PMMeal
7:00PMProgram

October 10

4:30PM . .First Care Ministry Mtg

October 12, 13, 14 MERGE

. . . Jr High Journey . . .

October 13

9-11AM Food Pantry OPEN
10:00AMLadies Study
Chapter 5, Practice Self-Control

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New First Care Director

We are happy to announce that we now have a new First Care Director. Although we are saddened by Miss Marjorie's leaving, we would like to welcome Tina Austin as Director. We are excited to have her here with us.



Please welcome Tina as she starts a new adventure and ministry with us at First Church of Christ!

Living the Truth

The FCC ladies have just begun a new Bible study titled, 'Integrity Living the Truth'. It is not too late to join this study. The ladies meet every Saturday morning at the church at 10:00am. Hope to see you there!

Invite Someone!

Our 'Bring a Friend Day' is Sunday, September 30. Ask someone to come to church and worship with us. We will also be having our Fifth Sunday Carry-In after AM Worship Service. Have your guest stay for lunch!

Life Chain

On Sunday, October 7 the Pregnancy Care Center in Winchester is sponsoring a silent pro-life vigil for one hour. They are asking churches and their families to rally holding a sign and walking from Washington Street to Meridian in Winchester on that day from 2-3pm. Join us and let your pro-life voice be heard!



Men for Christ

Coming up is 'Women's Night' at Mahoning Valley Camp on Monday, October 8. All ladies are welcome to come. Speaker is Dr. Kenny Boles—Heaven: What a Wonderful Place! Meal served at 5:30pm and program begins at 7:00pm. Reservations by Oct. 1.

First Care Ministry

The First Care Ministry team is scheduled to meet Wednesday, October 10 at 4:30pm.

College Boxes

If you have a college student or know of one, please turn their name & address into the church office. The Women's Ministry team will soon be getting "goodie" boxes ready to send out to them!

Donations Needed

Donations of food are always appreciated and needed. The holidays will be here before we know it and we tend to have a greater need at this time. One way to help with the food pantry (if you are able), would be to pick up an item or two at the grocery store each time you shop. Then as you collect a sackful, drop off at the pantry. You can call Linda Flaugh at 765*546*3072 to make sure she or someone else will be at Lynn Friends to receive your donation when you are ready to take them in!



Prayer Concerns

Rehab in New Castle: Bob Stewart (broken hip)

Rehabilitation center: Helen Stewart (broken arm & wrist)

Home (Health Concerns):

**Ike Dalzell, Karmen Kellams, Perry Meyers,
Joe & Eula Newland, Brianna Slonaker, and
Esther Williams**

Our Missions, including:

Pioneer Bible Translators (Tim & Erin MacSaveny)

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

Summers Pointe:

**Beulah Kirk (ASSISTED LIVING) Room #32
Ruth Welch**

Servant Spotlight by Rebecca Glunt

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.... They will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:29-31). These are the favorite verses of Leah Keesling. She is the middle child of Brad and Lisa Keesling and is a fifth grader at Community Christian School in Richmond, Indiana. Brad and Lisa have been married for twenty years.

Brad graduated from Union School at Modoc in 1990. He then went to Purdue and graduated in 1994 with a degree in Ag Systems Management. Lisa graduated from Randolph Southern in 1990. She then went to Purdue as well and graduated in 1994 with a degree in Engineering. Following graduation Lisa worked at Dow Chemical for nearly six years where she was a research engineer; developing packaging for herbicides and pesticides. Brad has worked as a farmer for much of his life.

Besides Leah, Brad and Lisa also have two other daughters: Emma in the seventh grade and Olivia in the third grade, also at Community Christian in Richmond. Olivia's favorite Bible story is the Noah's ark story because she likes the animals. Olivia enjoys playing soccer in the spring time. Emma enjoys being on the cross country team with Union School at Modoc. As this is the area in which the Keeslings live, she is eligible for participating in sports activity in that school district. A verse that seems applicable for Emma is found in Philippians 3:14 which states, “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

In the church, Brad and Lisa have mainly served in the way of teaching youth. While at Lebanon Christian Church they spent a lot of years working with the youth. Lisa spoke about the theme of discipleship that was displayed there in working with the youth. Lisa has also helped with church camp for several years. Brad has served via teaching Sunday School in the past and Lisa subs for Sunday School currently.

Brad's favorite Bible story is the story of Joseph because of the theme of forgiveness that is in this story. He forgave his brothers. Without this the Hebrew people would not have come to Egypt; and the account of the death angel passing over the houses may not have taken place either. The Passover account then sets the scene for believers today regarding our present day communion and the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross.

One thing that you may not know about Brad is that he greatly enjoys bike riding. Some things that you may not know about Lisa is that she enjoyed playing basketball, volleyball, and softball while in high school.

A couple of Lisa's favorite verses from Proverbs 3:3-4 fit Lisa's demeanor and interactions with people; and are verses all believers should strive for which says, “Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”