



First Church of Christ

206 West 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
(Every 2nd & 4th Sunday)

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WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

This past Friday, National Public Radio broadcast its daily episode of Fresh Air with Terry Gross. On that broadcast, Terry interviewed Jimmy Fallon, the current host of NBC's "Late Night" television program. Towards the end of that interview, the discussion turned to Jimmy's view of the church. Jimmy revealed that, as a child, he attended church often with his grandfather, who was "very religious." In fact, he also explained that he wanted to be a priest when he grew up. He said, "I just, I loved the church... I loved the feeling you get when you left church... I loved the whole idea of it."

Then, after being asked if he still attends, Fallon replied, "I tried to go back. When I was out in L.A., and I was like kind of struggling for a bit, I went to church for a while, but it's kind of, it's gotten gigantic now for me... There's a band there now and... you have to hold hands with people... now, and I don't like doing that... I mean it used to be the shaking hands... I don't want - there's Frisbees being thrown, there's beach balls going around, people waving lighters, and I go 'this is too much for me.' I want the old way... just like straight up."

After hearing his thoughts and experience, it reminded me of a story I heard several years ago about a conversation a church leader had with his neighbor over the course of several days.

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Facts and Figures:

10-16-11	General Fund	\$1660.05
10-16-11	Missions	\$ 711.45



10-23-11	General Fund	\$2690.80
10-23-11	Maintenance Fund	\$ 50.00
10-23-11	Missions	\$1153.20

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The church leader asked his neighbor to attend church with him. The neighbor declined due to a bad habit that he could not overcome. The church leader told the neighbor not to let that stop him because his church would accept him. In the days that followed, the neighbor revealed other bad habits he had and the church leader encouraged him not to let those other habits deter him because his church would still accept him. Finally, the church leader learned that his neighbor started attending a different church. When the church leader asked him about it, he replied, "I was afraid that if I went to your church with my bad habits, God would not let me in heaven when I died."

Many people in this world have a similar perspective of the church and its purpose... it is simple and clear to them... and powerful! We see that power and impact of the Gospel when these same people have the opportunity to recognize the sin in their lives... and they realize that they do not have an answer for it... until they truly hear the Good News of Jesus (Romans 1:16). Many in the world respect the church when they encounter those who "live the Gospel" instead of trying to decorate or camouflage it.

Perhaps, in the efforts of several churches to "translate" the Gospel by restructuring their leadership roles and worship, the church has lost some of its meaning... and power... and people... like Jimmy Fallon and others! Perhaps it's time to be reminded that this "Christian" thing is real and that God is real. Perhaps we need to better understand that it's not "our church" that can save the world... it's God's church... the church of Christ... only He has the power to save (Acts 4:11-12). Perhaps it's time we began to ask Him to change our personal world, according to His will. Perhaps it's time we understand that our strength, our ideas, and our plans will not "get it done." Perhaps it's time we finally surrender... completely... to Him!

Philip

(Williams' Wacky Wisdumb: *The right note, played at the wrong time, is a wrong note.*)

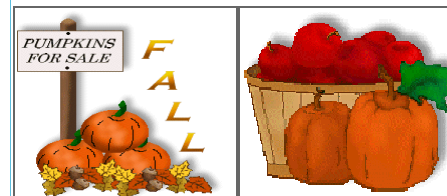
UPCOMING

October 26
6:30PM Walk Through

October 29
10:00AM Ladies Study
"Living Lively", Patsy Clairmont
6-8PM Lynn Trick or Treat

October 30 FAMILY SUNDAY
12:00PM Church Carry-In

November 02
6:30PM Walk Through



EVENTS:

November 05
9-11AM Food Pantry OPEN
10AM-4:30PM In Christian
Men's Fellowship—Clayton, IN
10:00AM Ladies Study
"God Has a Dream for Your Life"
6:00PM 2nd Annual Fish Fry
(Carry-In)

November 06
12:00PM Youth Ministry

November 09
4:30PM First Care Ministry
6:30PM Walk Through
7:15PM Worship Ministry

November 12
10:00AM Ladies Study
"Never Alone", Marilyn Meberg

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Ladies Bible Study

The FCC Ladies will meet on Saturday, October 29th at 10:00AM. Study will be "Living Lively, by Patsy Clairmont.

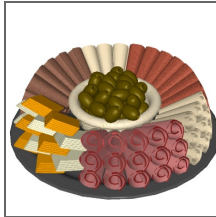
Lynn Trick or Treat Night



FCC will serve hot dogs, hot chocolate, and cookies to the trick or treaters on Saturday, October 29th from 6:00PM till 8:00PM. We are still needing volunteers to help with this. If you would like to help, please see Doug or Philip. A big **Thank You** to all of those who have donated items.

Fifth Sunday Church Dinner

Come and join us for our Carry-In Dinner Sunday, October 30th, immediately after AM church services. Bring your appetite and a covered dish. Tableware and drinks provided. Everyone Welcome!



Food Pantry

Our community food pantry will be open to Randolph County residents on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00AM till 11:00AM. The truck will come in the day before (Fri, Nov 4th) around 2:30PM, and they could use our help in unloading and placing items on the shelves, in order to be ready to distribute the following morning. All help for either day will be greatly appreciated. Remember that this is a joint effort with all our local churches. Each church in the area plays a part in this ministry to help it be a success!

Restoration Revolution

What is Restoration Revolution? Challenging Men to Change the World in the Next 10 Years! To find out more about this go to www.restorationrevolution.com. "In Christian Men's Fellowship" and the Congress of Elders will gather at the Hazelwood Christian Church in Clayton, IN to hear Ken Idleman speak concerning this topic on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00AM—4:30PM. All First Church of Christ men are cordially invited!

Ladies Studies in November

- Saturday, November 5th @ 10:00AM
"God Has a Dream for Your Life", Sheila Walsh
- Saturday, November 12th @ 10:00AM
"Never Alone", Marilyn Meberg

2nd Annual Fish Fry

Bill Miller has invited us once again to help him to enjoy his "catch" of fish with a Carry-In Dinner here at the church Saturday, November 5th at 6:00PM. Bring food to share with everyone—Public Invited. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Bill will be frying up the fish!

Youth Ministry

Next Youth Ministry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. This will be held immediately following AM Worship Service.

Important Meeting

There will be a Team Leader meeting w/Elders Thursday, November 17th at 7:00PM. If at all possible, please plan to be there. This is an opportunity for all Team Leaders to come together to share and communicate concerning your ministries.

Prayer Concerns

Our Elders and the Leadership selection for 2012

Our Youth and Leaders

Home (Health Concerns):

Bob Bretzinger; Chris & Nicki Chambers; Nelson Collett;
Connie Hartman (Doug's mom); Glen Morton

Our Missionaries including:

Christian Missionary Fellowship (Will Walls)

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Trinity Buck— classmate of Olivia Thurston (3rd Grade)
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

**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 remember that what you have is from God and He will not give you more than you can handle (Regina Harris).” This is a thought that Regina Harris tries to keep in mind in her life. Jerry and Regina Harris have been married for 25 years. Regina graduated from Union High School in Modoc and Jerry graduated from Randolph Southern. In the recent past, Jerry obtained his Associates degree in Construction from Ivy Tech, graduating in May 2011. They have three children named Matthew, Jeremy and Ashley ages 35, 30, and 22 years old respectively. Matthew and his wife Adrian have three girls. Jeremy also has two boys. Jerry and Regina enjoy time with their grandchildren. After 25 years of marriage, Jerry's favorite words of wisdom to live by are, “keep mommy happy.”

Jerry and Regina Harris serve in the Kidzone for the four year old through kindergarten. Regina also does the filling and cleaning of the communion trays and volunteers in other ways as needed in the church. Regina has recently been hired at First Care Day Care as the cook. She has been with First Care since October 10th. Prior to being the First Care cook, she worked for 20 years at Thornburg's in Lynn. She has also worked at Big Wheel Department store in Winchester for 2 ½ years till they closed. Jerry worked at Masterbrand Cabinets for 41 ½ years till they closed.

Something that you may not know about Jerry is that he used to be in FFA doing cattle judging. Jerry also had won contests related to basketball while in high school. Some of these were for free throw shooting and for sportsmanship. Currently in life, he likes to go in the garage a lot and do things outside. Regina enjoys reading and she used to be in the Flag Corp in band when she was at Modoc in high school. Also while in high school, Regina used to be in 4-H, with Jim Norris being her leader.

Regina Harris' favorite verses from scripture are words that all believers can keep in mind in their life which are from Philippians 4:4 which states, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

It's a Boy!

We welcome Milo Troy Thornburg, born October 20th and weighing 8lbs. 4oz. Congratulations to grandparents Mike & Denise Thornburg and to great grandparents Bob & Sandy Thornburg.

