



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

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

Evening Programs/study.....6:00PM

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Responding to the Tragedy in Connecticut

(Editor's note: We received the following message from Bob Russell this past weekend. We have edited and condensed it to fit this space. The original message is posted at <http://www.bobrussell.org/2012/12/14/responding-to-the-tragedy-in-connecticut/>)

Our hearts are broken for the families whose children were slaughtered in the Newtown, Connecticut elementary school last Friday. There is nothing more heart-rending than the death of an innocent child. King David wrote about wicked people who, shoot from ambush at the innocent man... "They shoot suddenly, without fear." (Psalm 64:4)

I cannot think of anything more evil than for someone to gun down a defenseless, terrified small child, let alone an entire classroom! We can understand why Jesus warned that it would be better for one to have a millstone draped around his neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea than to harm one of these little ones. (Matthew 18:5-7)

Let us pray for the parents, the grandparents, the brothers and sisters of the slain children as they are experiencing unspeakable grief. Let us pray that God brings a special comfort to those who mourn in the depth of their souls.

Let us also be sure to do our part to protect our own children. Although there is really no totally safe place on this earth, we have an obligation to do our best to protect the lives and innocence of our children. In 1849 Robert Winthrop stated, "Men must necessarily be controlled, either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible, or by the bayonet." Having scoffed at the Bible and removed it from our classrooms, we have been left to restrain the carnal nature of man by force.

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Let us understand the times and be ready for the Lord's return. The Apostle Paul predicted, "There will be terrible times in the last days... evil men and imposters will go from bad to worse." (2 Tim. 3:1 & 13)

Let us make a concerted effort to train our children to know the Lord and respect Biblical standards of truth. Christian parents must be proactive. Read the Bible to your children. Discuss spiritual matters when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

God has not promised us exemption from tragedies or death. But He has promised to be with us. (Matthew 28:20) Let us rise to the occasion and be strong and courageous and joyful in all circumstances. Our children and neighbors need the inspiration of Godly people who live without fear. The Revelation of Christ speaks of those who overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.

Our kids do not need to see us biting our nails and sheltering them from all risks. They need to see that our faith in Christ is genuine and that, "we will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day," (Psalm 91:5) because "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)

The Apostle Paul went on to write, "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

-Bob Russell

In spite of this tragic event and in light of the encouraging message from God's Word, of which Mr. Russell reminded us, we have a greater and stronger reason to rejoice in celebration of Christmas this season... for without the love and hope that we have received from our Savior's first visit via the virgin's birth and ultimate victory of death's defeat, how could we have the courage to continue?... to take another step?... to even take another breath? Yet, we have that courage and assurance because Jesus came to be with us... every day, every step, every breath! So let us rejoice!... because He came... and overcame!

Philip

UPCOMING

December 23

6:00PM . . . Evening Programs/study

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

First Care Christmas Break

December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

December 30 FAMILY SUNDAY



EVENTS:

January 02 NO PRESCHOOL

.....First Care **OPEN**

January 07

.... **Preschool Resumes**

January 09

4:30PM First Care Ministry meeting

January 12

9-11AM Food Pantry **OPEN**



Elders

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That's a Wrap!



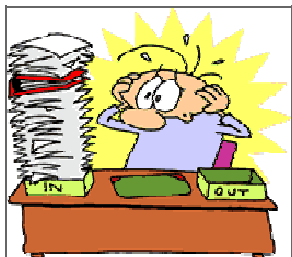
We have one final night of the viewing of 'Bethlehem Year Zero' and the 'Stars of Christmas'. Bring the family and join us on Sunday, December 23 here at the church at 6:00pm.

Holiday Break



First Care will be closed from December 24 through January 1, 2013. First Care will re-open January 2, but there will be no preschool. Preschool resumes Monday, January 7.

Annual Meeting



It's almost the end of another year - time for annual reports again! If you are planning on having something put in the Report for our Annual Meeting next month, please turn your report in by December 31. You can send to

fcclynn@juno.com or just put it on Robin's desk. Thanks!

January Meetings

- First Care Ministry
Wednesday, Jan. 9 @ 4:30pm
- Missions Ministry
Sunday, Jan. 13 @ 4:30pm
- Leadership
Monday, Jan. 21 @ 7:00pm

Food Ministry Donations Needed

The shelves are bare after all the many families that came through the month of December. So, if you are able to donate food or money for the Lynn Community Food Pantry, it would be greatly appreciated.



One easy and inexpensive way to help - each time you shop for groceries, just pick up a canned item or two. Once you've collected enough to fill a bag, bring to the Pantry at the Lynn Friends. Thank you for your help and support! 765*546*3072

Winter Jam 2013

Newsong & World Vision present 'Winter Jam' Tour Spectacular. Sidewalk Prophets - also, featuring TobyMac, Red, Matthew West, Jamie Grace, Newsong, and More. Only \$10 at the door - No tickets required! Fort Wayne, January 20, 2013.

Prayer Concerns

Home (Health Concerns):

Kathy Clark, Tanner Field (friend of Jesse & Eric Yandl), Joe Newland, Melissa Roth, Brianna Slonaker, Bob Stewart, Amanda Thompson (Amy Alka's sister-in-law), Jacob White (friend of Danny & Karen Brock), and Wayne Williams

Our Missions, including:

Christian Benevolent Association

Home (Cancer):

Pamela Cole

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Addison House (New Castle): Kathy Ratliff

Bell Trace (Bloomington): Helen Stewart

Modoc Group Home: Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:
Virginia Frazier
Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:
Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

Please keep Kathy Wagner and her family in your prayers in the passing of her husband, Jim Wagner.



Taste of Home Recipe

“Barbecues for the Bunch”

This crock-pot recipe is **Healthy** and **Diabetic Friendly**. Will feed a hungry bunch - great for carry-ins.

Ingredients

- 2 pounds beef top sirloin steak, cubed
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless pork loin roast, cubed
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- 16 hamburger buns, split



Directions

- In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the beef, pork, onions and celery. In a small bowl, combine the tomato paste, brown sugar, vinegar, chili sauce, Worcestershire sauce and mustard. Pour over meat mixture.
- Cover and cook on high for 6-8 hours or until meat is very tender. Shred meat in the slow cooker with two forks. With a slotted spoon, serve 1/2 cup meat mixture on each bun. Yield: 16 servings.

Nutritional Facts

1 sandwich equals 297 calories, 7 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 53 mg cholesterol, 336 mg sodium, 34 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 24 g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 3 lean meat, 2 starch.

