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Sunday School 9:30AM

Sunday AM Worship 10:30AM

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Why Do We Study the Bible?

Even though you would probably respond quickly if someone asked for a reason to read and study the Bible, many of our friends and neighbors may still need a good answer. No doubt, the enemy has achieved much success in our country of convincing many that the Bible does not have any value for us in these modern times. However, if someone did ask you for a valid reason, what would you say? Perhaps your first thought might be to ask in response, "Why would you not read and study the Bible; after all, it is the Word of God, is it not?"

Recently, I found a series of articles written by Robert Velarde that addressed this question... "Why study the Bible?" Mr. Velarde is a former editor from the Focus on the Family ministry team and author of several books, including his most recent, "A Visual Defense: The case for and against Christianity."

In the first of these articles, Mr. Velarde listed eight of the most significant reasons he discovered from his experience that motivated him to study the Bible. His eight (8) reasons included the following: 1-to understand the world in which we live ("cultural literacy"), 2-to learn what the Bible actually says, 3-to be encouraged in facing and overcoming the struggles that this world gives us ("personal edification"), 4-to gain wisdom and knowledge that we may use to help others deal with their difficulties and problems, 5-to learn of Jesus and His mission, 6-to hear from God directly, 7-to know God better and His mission for us, and 8-to avoid real life and faith errors by learning the truth. That list may not include every reason you and I have, but it probably includes the ones that motivate

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many, if not most of us in the body of Christ, to study the Bible. However, the important issues that this matter raises include identifying the primary reasons that will continue to motivate us to study the Bible. In addition, we need to identify the ones that will motivate our loved ones, who have not studied it, to begin to do so. In taking the time to specifically identify these reasons, not only will we be renewed in our efforts to study the Bible, we will also be prepared to properly encourage our loved ones to do the same.

In concluding these thoughts, please allow me to remind us of two related issues. First, please remember that our primary mission as learning-followers ("disciples") of Jesus, working together as a church family, is to disciple others... first, our families, and then, our friends and neighbors... by teaching them all that God requires of us (see Matthew 28:16-20). In other words, in order to share the word of God, we need to know it... and we cannot know it, unless we study it!

Second, in addition to our regular Sunday School and Worship opportunities each Sunday morning, please seriously consider taking time for additional study of God's word on six (6) Sunday evenings, beginning November 17, as we prepare to celebrate another anniversary of Jesus' birth. As we have already announced, there will also be opportunities each evening for the children to learn the same Bible lessons at their level of understanding. So, bring your family and invite your other friends and neighbors to use these special studies to get started with their own Bible studies... as we pursue our world-wide mission for God!



P.S. If you have not done so already, please contact me as soon as possible (this week!) if your high school child(ren) plans to attend the Indiana Christian Youth Convention (ICYC) on November 22-23. Thank you!

First Church of Christ

November 02

6:00- ??Annual FCC Fish Fry

November 03

.Daylight Savings Time ends

November 09

9-11:00amFood Pantry OPEN
First Church will serve Breakfast

Calendar

November 10

4:30pmMissions Mnstry Mtg

November 13

1:30pm . . .First Care Mnstry Mtg

November 14

7:00pmTeam Leader Mtg

November 14-17

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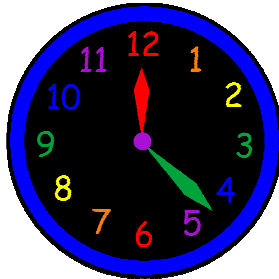
Carry-In Meal

The annual First Church of Christ Fish Fry will be Saturday, November 2nd. Just bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Serving down in the church basement at 6:00pm. All Are Welcome!



Daylight Savings Time

On Sunday, November 3rd Daylight Savings Time will end. So, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed the night before!



Donations



First Church of Christ has been blessed with all the many donations we have received. These donations have made it possible for us to reach out to our community on Fall Festival night. Also, your donations for the Food Pantry Breakfast will help make it a success and able to feed 120 people. We are the church and it takes your support to help further God's kingdom - Thank You!

Prayer Concerns

FOREST PARK: Naomi Schmitt - Room #308
(Rebecca Glunt's mother)

Home (Health Concerns):

Carl Howard, Marie Hutzell, Dale Pease,
Sarah Reed, Gene Ann Riley, Dee Shelton,
and Brianna Slonaker

Our Missions, including:

Purdue Christian Campus House

Home:

Pamela Cole (cancer)
Keith & Debbie Vincent (premature grandchild)
Joy Williams (move to New York)

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Addison House (New Castle): Kathy Ratliff

Autumn Hills (Bloomington): Helen Stewart

Modoc Group Home: Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier
Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk - Rm #32
Ruth Welch

Answers in Genesis

The Pleasant View Missionary Church in Greenville, Ohio is hosting a Free Answers Conference November 10-11. Speakers are Steve Ham (younger brother of AiG President Ken Ham) and Tim Chaffey, a writer and editor at Answers in Genesis. For a complete schedule of sessions and times, see bulletin board in church office, or go to answersingenesis.org **1:1** believing it. defending it. proclaiming it. answersoutreach.org/Greenville13

Sign-Up Sheet

Ladies, don't forget to sign the sheet on bulletin board for the Ladies' Christmas Dinner. Will need a count so we can get enough food ordered. Bouser's Barn will cater.

The National Missionary Convention is now...



Same Mission. New Name.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 14 - 17

**Registration fees paid
Sign-up in church office**

FCC Meetings in November

Missions Ministry is scheduled to meet on Sunday, November 10th at 4:30pm.

First Care Ministry will meet Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 1:30pm.

Team Leader meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14th at 7:00pm.

Leadership meeting will meet Monday, Nov. 18th at 7:00pm.

SANCTUS

1 Peter 1:16 "Be holy, because I am holy" ~God

I.C.Y.C. at Anderson University on November 22-24. Registration fee of \$30.00 by October 31st. This includes adult size T-shirt! Crowder Concert Friday night. If interested in going, please see Philip Williams.



OCC Shoeboxes

We have less than a month to get our shoeboxes ready for Operation Christmas Child. You may bring in your boxes to the church building anytime now, but the deadline to bring packages in will be Sunday, November 24th.

We have been asked to consider preparing our shoeboxes for a boy between 10-14yrs old. Most of the packages are usually made up for the younger children, while the teenage boys don't always receive a box. One suggestion for a gift for teenage boy would be small tools.

