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## Letting Go and Letting God

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Recently, I've been painting a landscape that depicts a looming storm over a peaceful field. The process of creating has both been full of joy but also has invited a measurable amount of frustration. Despite the frustration, however, something keeps drawing me back to "finish" what I have started. Perhaps that's the greatest frustration; trying to decide when the painting is finished – when it finally becomes what I imagine it should or could be – which sometimes feels like never enough!

This creative process has taken me much longer than I had imagined and has invited me to wrestle with the temptation to perfection, control, self-doubt, and even a stubborn will to produce a pre-decided outcome. With all of my willing for this painting to be one way, however; somehow it seems to have a life of its own to become another - its own creation made of "happy accidents."

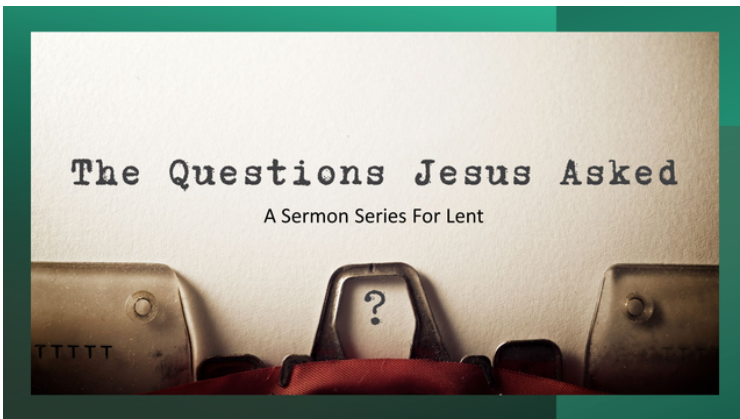
What a metaphor for life and the journey of faith! With all of our good intentions, our desire to control or perfect our life, our self-doubt or certainty, somehow by God's grace, life has a mind of its own, moving to its own rhythm and offering us creative opportunities to "let go" and "let God" lead us into the mystery of the outcome. By so doing, we have the opportunity to surrender and lean on God who will graciously abide with us through the frustration, the grief, the joy, the control and the tumult.

When Jesus said, "It is finished" on the cross, I'm sure it was only natural for those who loved him to say, "this can't be! We had other ideas about the outcome – and this isn't what we pictured!". In time, however, amid their grief, frustration,

disappointment, and limited vision, God had other plans – an ending of death itself and a new beginning beyond anything they could ever ask for or imagine!

I suspect it will be much like this when I eventually finish my painting. All will not be over! Everything I have learned will be brought to a brand-new blank canvas with new hope and endless possibilities! In this season of Lent, perhaps God invites us to trust God's outcome, amid the storms of fear & disappointment. Whether it's an empty canvas or an empty tomb, God's gracious presence is much like a peaceful landscape upholding each step we take along the journey until the storm clears! Thanks be to God!

Grace & Peace,  
**Darla**



Date	Scripture	Title	Preacher
Sun. 3/3 Lent 3	Matthew 7: 1-5	Why Do You Look at the Speck?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/10 Lent 4	John 5: 1-9	Do You Want Me to Be Made Well?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/17 Lent 5	Luke 9: 18-20	Who Do You Say That I Am?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/24 Palm Sun	CHOIR CANTATA	<b>No Greater Love</b> by Lloyd Larson	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/31 EASTER	Luke 24: 13-35	Living the Resurrection	Rev. Kevin Toth



# YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

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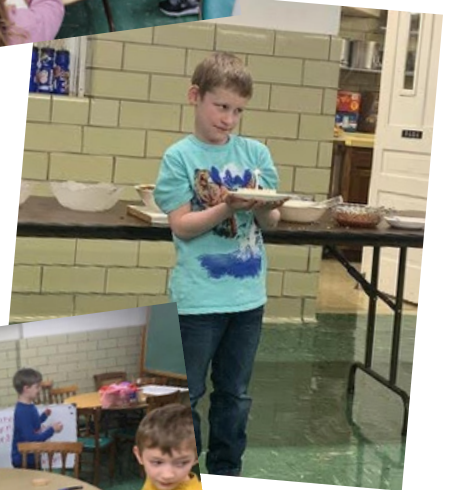
## Children's Church Calendar

Date	Bible Lesson	Teacher
March 3	Jesus & the Children	Diane McLaughlin
March 10	Jesus & Bartimaeus	Gwen Carlson
March 17	Jesus & Zacchaeus	Kate Lindsay
March 24	Jesus the King	Sara Nicodemus
March 31	No Children's Church [Easter!]	None

All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to participate in our  
Worship and Wonder curriculum!



WOW is back from break and we look forward to more fun and faith learning this Spring!



Calling all Youth for Palm Sunday:  
March 24th!

Palm Sunday is now less than a month away from today: March 24th. We would love to invite all our youth to join us that Sunday morning to wave the palm branches into the sanctuary to begin our time of worship. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin if you'd like your child to be involved. And we welcome any adult volunteers to join us as well.

## Youth Sunday, April 7th, 2024!

All youth in the church are invited to led our Sunday worship service. Reach out to Pastor Kevin with any questions. 😊





# UPCOMING EVENTS



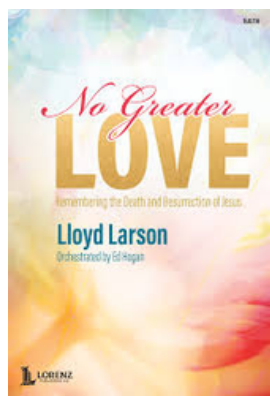
Our annual Easter prayer vigil is coming up in a few weeks! Starting right after our Good Friday service on March 29th at 9 PM, we will have a chance to reflect upon Jesus' death and resurrection as well as take time out of our busy lives to pray and sit with God in the church sanctuary. The prayer vigil time is a meaningful experience for many in the church.

We hope you will sign up for any hour-long time slot starting on Friday night and ending early Easter morning. Follow the link below to see what times are available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB2BA6FAC16-48102337-easter>

You can also use the sign up sheet in the Narthex, and your time will be added to the electronic schedule.

If you have trouble signing up using the link, please contact Pastor Kevin. If you have any additional questions regarding the prayer vigil, feel free to contact Dave Lunsford or Pastor Kevin. Peace and blessings be with you all as we continue through this Lent.



## Easter Cantata

The FCC Choir is excited to perform an Easter cantata: **No Greater Love** by Lloyd Larson. Rehearsals began on Wednesday, February 7 and will be held each Wednesday at 7:15 until the cantata performance on Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday. All are welcome to sing with us! We will

also have a part-track CD available for those who might need to miss a rehearsal and potential child care. Contact choir director Sarin Williams for more information or with questions.

## Rest & Resilience Lent Video Series by Pastor Kevin

Every Monday during Lent, Pastor Kevin will share a 5 minute video with a new Lenten spiritual practice from "Rest & Resilience" Lenten devotional. These videos can be seen on the church Facebook page. We hope these spiritual practices will grant you peace and connect you closer to God this season.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Community  
Women's  
Lenten  
Breakfast



Saturday, March 23rd  
at 7:30 am at FCC

Presenter:  
Rev. Darla

## SEASON OF LENT MULTI-CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
March 5 (Tues) 12 noon - 1 pm	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	First Christian Church
March 12 (Tues) 12 noon - 1 pm	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
March 19 (Tues) 12 noon - 1 pm	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	Christ Lutheran Church
March 23 (Sat) 7:30 am	Women's Lenten Breakfast	First Christian Rev. Darla Presenting
March 28 (Thurs) 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Christ Lutheran Church
March 29 (Fri) 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	First Christian Church

## Information, Please: Cold Weather



A handful of days in February may have felt more like April weather-wise, but then came the blanketing of snow and another blast of cold air.

In a county without emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness, a local group of

recovering drug addicts has stepped up to bring in people from the cold.

When temperatures dip below 20 degrees, the Recovery Recreation Center, 1300 Ladoga Road, doubles as a cold weather warming station open to everyone. Staff offers food, a bag of supplies and a resource folder to those who come in. The station is open from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

As furnaces work overtime in colder weather, low-income families can receive help paying utility bills.

The Energy Assistance Program through the Community Action Program of Western Indiana makes a one-time payment to heating and electric companies for income-eligible families.

The program served more than 640 Montgomery County households in the 2021-22 season, obligating nearly \$690,000 according to the agency's latest annual report. Funding comes from a mix of local, state and federal grants.

Guidelines and applications are available at [capwi.org](http://capwi.org). For more information, call 765-362-3790 or visit the office at 2985 Industrial Blvd., Crawfordsville.



### Ladies Lunch Bunch

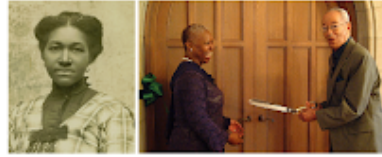
Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, March 21st at 12:30 PM at Little Mexico in Crawfordsville. It will be fun reconvening after a 2-month break! Come join the happy fellowship and send reservations to [bonyund@hotmail.com](mailto:bonyund@hotmail.com).



### Bible for the People Podcast

Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach are examining the book of Isaiah! We will have several episodes discussing the prophet's writings and influence in the bible. We hope you will join us by asking your questions you have about the bible and Isaiah by emailing us at [bibleforthepeople@gmail.com](mailto:bibleforthepeople@gmail.com). All episodes will be shared on the church Facebook page Monday morning and you can find the podcast on Apple, Spotify, and Google.

## Special Disciples History Exhibit & Event



JOIN THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF THE

### OSCAR HAYNES EXHIBIT

on African American  
Disciples History

@  
LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY 03.15 | 6PM

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Dinner & Lecture

TO RSVP Scan the QR Code  
[info@discipleshistory.org](mailto:info@discipleshistory.org)  
4646 North Michigan Road,  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46228



You are cordially invited to join the Historical Society on **Friday, March 15th**, to celebrate the installation of the Oscar Haynes Exhibit on African American Disciples History in its new home at **Light of the World Christian Church** in Indianapolis.

The festivities will begin with **dinner at 6pm (ET)**, followed by several presentations and a panel discussion on key figures and themes in Black Disciples history. Guided tours of the exhibit will also be available for those in attendance.

Please RSVP by clicking on the button below or scanning the QR code above. If you have any questions or accessibility requests, please contact us at [info@discipleshistory.org](mailto:info@discipleshistory.org) or (304) 829-6027.



### VBS Crafts needs your help!

Please bring any (clean) jars that are about the size of a salsa jar (collection bin in Narthex).

Alternatively, Dollar Tree has small plastic jars that could be purchased and donated.







## WOC Benefit Auction Record Donations!

This past Sunday, the Week of Compassion Benefit Auction raised a record \$6,464.00 on auction day. This is a new record since we first began the auction in 2002! The last record year was in 2020, just weeks before the pandemic. Customarily, donations continue to come in through the week following the auction, so we will be announcing the final total amount donated at a later date. We also will likely complete our final installment to Week of Compassion to fulfill a \$10,000 endowment promise made a few years ago. Special thanks to all those who donated creative and delicious items, to all the generous bidders, to the event organizers, Linda Weaver and Judy Michal, auctioneer Amber Rohr, auctioneer assistant, Keith Strain, Ginny Maharry who helped with set up and organize donations, and to Carolyn Snyder and Dave Maharry who kept track of the bids with Judy. What a wonderful way to show our love for our brothers & sisters at home and all over the world!! Thank you everyone for your generosity!



*New Member and Visitors  
Gathering - March 3rd - 5-6:30 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall*



Congregational Care and the leaders of our community invite you to join us for a social gathering and informal meal. We are so pleased that you have chosen to join our community and would like to

offer this opportunity for you to meet/become better acquainted with our community in an informal gathering. Childcare will be provided along with a meal. Hope you will join us to share stories and a meal.



Friends at First Christian Church,

We are thankful that your church is among Week of Compassion's Top 100 giving congregations in 2023. You are leading the way in generosity and

compassion for our neighbors in need, especially as part of our Circle of Compassion.

With gratitude for your shared commitment to this ministry for years to come,

**Matthew Cahill**, Week of Compassion Board of Stewards







## Scout Sunday and Continental Breakfast

On Sunday, February 11th, we celebrated Scout Sunday along with enjoying a continental breakfast.

What a wonderful day we had with troops 247, 365 and 909! Thank you to our scout troops for all the many ways you serve our community. We feel so honored to get to be a charter congregation for your troops.

Some of the Scouts and our members attended our February Continental Breakfast. Our third Continental Breakfast will be Sunday, March 10th from 9:00 to 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. This includes a light meal with fruit, coffee, tea, and milk. We hope you will join us!





# March Calendar



Sun. 3/3	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am <b>New Member &amp; Visitor Dinner</b> (fellowship hall)—5-6:30pm
Mon. 3/4	<b>Lay Leadership Meeting</b> (parlor)—5pm <b>Scouts Committee Meeting</b> —6pm Scouts—6:30pm
Tues. 3/5	<b>Lenten Soup Lunch</b> (fellowship hall)—12-1pm <b>FCC Book Club</b> ( <i>Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths</i> by Bruce Feiler) discussion led by Dave Lunsford—6pm <b>Men's Pool Fellowship</b> —7pm
Wed. 3/6	<b>WOW</b> —4:30-7pm <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15pm
Thurs. 3/7	<b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10 am <b>Cruisers</b> (Pizza Hut)—11:30am <b>Men's Pool Fellowship</b> —7pm
Sun. 3/10	<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> <b>Continental Breakfast</b> —9-9:50 am <b>The Wired Word</b> —9am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 3/11	<b>Pathfinder articles due to Crystal</b> Scouts—6:30 pm
Tues. 3/12	<b>Lenten Soup Lunch</b> (Wabash Ave. Presbyterian)—12-1pm <b>Elders Meeting</b> (parlor)—7pm
Wed. 3/13	<b>WOW</b> —4:30-7pm <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15pm
Thurs. 3/14	<b>New Pathfinder Newsletter</b> <b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10am
Sun. 3/17	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am <b>Multi-Church Youth Group</b> (Wabash Ave. Presbyterian)—3-6pm
Mon. 3/18	Scouts—6:30pm
Tues. 3/19	<b>Lenten Soup Lunch</b> (Christ Luthern)—12-1pm <b>Euchre</b> (parlor)—1pm <b>Coordinating Council</b> (parlor)—7pm <b>Men's Pool Fellowship</b> —7pm <b>Governing Board Meeting</b> —8pm
Wed. 3/20	<b>WOW</b> —4:30-7pm <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15pm

Thurs. 3/21	<b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10 am <b>Ladies Lunch Bunch</b> (Little Mexico)—12:30pm
Sat. 3/23	<b>Women's Lenten Breakfast</b> (fellowship hall)—7-10am
Sun. 3/24	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 3/25	<b>Pathfinder articles due to Crystal</b> Scouts—6:30 pm
Wed. 3/27	<b>NO WOW</b> (Spring Break) <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15 pm
Thurs. 3/28	<b>New Pathfinder Newsletter</b> <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> (Christ Luthern)—7-8am <b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10am
Fri. 3/29	<b>Good Friday Service</b> (sanctuary)—7-8pm <b>Prayer Vigil</b> (sanctuary)—9pm
Sat. 3/30	<b>Prayer Vigil</b> (sanctuary)—all day
Sun. 3/31	<b>Prayer Vigil</b> (sanctuary)—ends at 6am <b>The Wired Word</b> —9am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15am <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> —following worship

## March Birthdays

3/2	Liam Venis
3/4	Jeff Cass
3/9	Mary Fossnock
3/9	Sara Nicodemus
3/15	Bev Cunningham
3/15	Darla Goodrich
3/16	Alan Plunkett
3/17	Anna Lindsay
3/22	Charlotte & Olivia Nunan
3/23	Kim Mason
3/25	Jason Hankins
3/27	Bev Quigley
3/28	Cameron Jenness
3/30	Mark Brown
3/30	Tom Keedy

## March Anniversaries

3/1	Ken & Carol Bandy
3/9	Kelly Stanley

# PRAYER

*Help us keep this list up to date!*

Please email [211fccville@gmail.com](mailto:211fccville@gmail.com) if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

**LADAWN PRIEBE**—diagnosed with a brain tumor and will begin chemo and radiation soon. More information on how we can support the Priebe's will be coming in the next newsletter.

**THE FAMILY OF COZETTA JANE HANES** who passed away Sunday, February 18th.

**THE FAMILY OF TANYA WILHITE** (Arleen's daughter) who passed away on Monday, February 19th.

**SHIELA CLARK**—hospitalized at Witham Hospital in Lebanon (Room 2203) for pneumonia with an underlying condition of Leukemia.

**THE FAMILY OF THOMAS MAY** (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband) who passed away on Sunday, February 18th.

**THE FAMILY OF MARCIA POWELL** who passed away on Tuesday, February 6th.

**THE FAMILY OF SUSAN HODGES** (Ethan and Kourtney McKinney's grandmother) who passed away on Sunday, February 4th.

**THE FAMILY OF DENISE REESE** (Joe Reese's sister) who passed away on Wednesday, January 30th.

**BONNIE YUND**—recovering at home after knee replacement surgery

**DEBBIE FREDERICK** (Jan Vaughn-Horner's daughter)—recovering from Jan 11 surgery to remove multiple kidney stones.

**AMY WOODALL**—pre-brain surgery symptoms have returned including some new symptoms.

**RANDALL GARRETT**—health issues

**JUDITH SMITH'S** husband **RICK** had open heart surgery (12/23) / 2 months of rehabilitation.

**JORDAN TURNER** (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from motorcycle accident

**DALLAS McDONALD**—ongoing cancer treatment

**JOHN HOOPER**—ongoing Parkinson's issues

**QUINTON NANNET** and family—Quinton continues to remain in New Zealand, is physically safe, but is facing a lot of uncertainties ahead. Please pray for Quinton's resilience, courage, hope and wisdom, amid the challenges he's facing.

**GERRY TURNER**—health issues

**BETTY CEDARS**—ongoing health concerns

**ALLEN GOFF** (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

**DEBBIE** (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—lung cancer

**SANDY & KEN BROWN**—ongoing health concerns

**MATT RYKER** (Ron Yund's friend's son)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

**CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP**

*Pray for our Shut-ins*  
*Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.*

BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET**

WHITLOCK:  
**CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

MAPLE PARK REHAB at WESTFIELD, IN:  
**BOB DIXON**

HOME: **DALLAS McDONALD, PAUL & MARIAN CASS, RICHARD McDONALD, JACK WYATT, BOB DIXON**



Amid total knee replacement prep, surgery, and now physical therapy, your reaching out to us in wonderful caring ways was and

is deeply appreciated! God bless you for being the loving spirit of Jesus in our lives, as we work through this challenge!! We are so grateful for you!!

~ **Bonnie & Ron Yund**



Hello Church friends! I'd like to thank you all for the prayers and cards and visits. Surgery went well after Thanksgiving. I was released to drive just after a month. This month's final checkup has me healing slow. Spring is around the corner and I went outside today to rake and toss leaves. I discovered daffodils already coming up!!

Peace be with you.

**Beth Lowe**



# Welcome Sarah Karnes!



We are so thrilled to announce, that this last week, Sarah Karnes, joined First Christian Church as a new member. Sarah grew up in Reno, Nevada and moved here to Crawfordsville about two years ago. She learned about our church through Barb Frye as she was looking to deepen her relationship with God. Sarah commented at how wonderfully people have welcomed her at FCC and how special it was that Kate and Don Lindsay reached out to invite her to fellowship. Sarah is a single person and has no family here locally and so she was thrilled to find such a welcoming church home. She works very hard juggling several part time jobs. Sarah, we look forward to growing in faith together with you, experiencing and being changed by the special gifts you have to offer, and sharing our lives with each other as precious church family! Welcome!!



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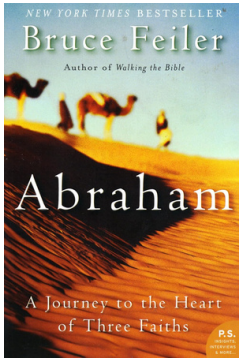
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*Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.*

*Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.*

*On their days off, please contact the other pastor or the Church Office with questions, concerns, or emergencies.*



## FCC Book Club

Please join us this coming Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 6-7:30 pm, as Dave Lunsford leads the discussion about *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler. And then on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Kevin Toth will lead the discussion on the book *Unclobber* by Colby Martin. A copy of each book is available through the church library, but please contact Kelly Stanley ([kellyostanley@me.com](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com)) if you need help obtaining a copy of either book.

After the March meeting, we'll announce the book for May and decide whether to meet during the summer. If you have any book suggestions (in particular, looking for fiction), please let Kelly know ASAP. Thank you!

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

<b>General Questions</b>	<b>Contact Kay Nannet</b> (contact information above) for any questions about the church: building, calendar, messages for personnel, ministers, elders, lay leaders, prayer requests, and general communication.
<b>Financial Questions and Concerns</b>	<b>Andrew Nicodemus</b> , FCC Financial Administrator FCC Office: 765.362.4812 (leave a message)   <a href="mailto:fccvillefinance@gmail.com">fccvillefinance@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Other Leaders or Ministries</b>	For a full list of our leaders, go to <a href="http://www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders">www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders</a> or consult your church directory.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**DUSK TO DAWN  
BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**  
**Cheryl Furman**

765.267.1760 | [dusk-to-dawn.org](http://dusk-to-dawn.org)  
[info@dusk-to-dawn.org](mailto:info@dusk-to-dawn.org)

### FISH FOOD PANTRY

*Distributes grocery items to meet emergency needs.*

Located at St. Bernard's Church,  
1306 E. Main St., Crawfordsville  
765.362.3474

### HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

**Chantel Allen**, Director  
765.367.1727 | [hhcldirector@gmail.com](mailto:hhcldirector@gmail.com)

### MONT. CO. FREE CLINIC

*Offers local, uninsured residents high-quality medical and dental care and other health services.*

816 S. Mill St., Crawfordsville  
[www.mcfreeclinic.org](http://www.mcfreeclinic.org)  
765.362.3244

# “Let the Little Children Come to Me<sup>1</sup>”

You are very special to Jesus, just as special as the children whom He met when He was on Earth! Take a moment to imagine yourself as one of the children Jesus held in His arms. That's how close He is to you now. He will always be there for you!



<sup>1</sup>Look up Mark 10:14–16.

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