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Hello everyone!

Wherever you are at the time you are reading this Pathfinder article, I invite you to take a few moments to pause your day.

And take a deep breath with me...

And then slow your breath as you exhale...

If you are in a safe and comfortable place, take a moment to look around and find God's beauty in your surroundings. Perhaps God's beauty is in the form of nature. Perhaps God's beauty is in the form of humanity. Or perhaps God's beauty is in the assurance of the possibilities that we have today and this new year we find ourselves in.

Take another deep breath with me... Inhale...

And slowly exhale...

As we begin another year together as a community, what are you most excited about? What are you most anxious about? How will you invite God into your daily life through all the adventures and trials that may occur this year? Lots of questions to ponder but I invite you to take your time in answering them.

The Breath Prayer

Written by Sheridan Voysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your love & release my insecurity

I receive your joy & release my unhappiness

I receive your peace & release my anxiety

I receive your patience & release my impulsiveness

I receive your kindness & release my indifference

I receive your goodness & release my ungodliness

I receive your faithfulness & release my disloyalty

I receive your gentleness & release my severity

I receive your self-control & release my self-indulgence

Artwork by @jodiew888

Take another deep breath with me as you reflect...inhale...

And slowly exhale...

The road of 2023 lies in front of us. May we continue to breathe together. May we breathe in God's presence into our lives. May we

give thanks for the exciting times that are to come and may we look forward to another wonderful year at First Christian Church.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Upcoming Events

The calendar of events and activities was emailed on Jan 1—but you can also find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events or call the church office to request a copy.



There will be a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 15** immediately following worship to approve FCC's 2023 annual budget. If you're an FCC member and have not received a copy of the 2023 budget, please let the church office know and we'll get one to you!



DATE	SERMON TITLE & SCRIPTURE	PREACHER
01/08	Imagine More Forgiveness Acts 6: 8-15 & 7: 54-60	Rev. Darla Goodrich
01/15 MLK	Imagine More Justice Isaiah 58: 6-9	Rev. Darla Goodrich
01/22	Imagine More Community Acts 2: 42-47	Rev. Darla Goodrich
01/29	5th SUNDAY ECUMENICAL COMBINED WORSHIP At FCC	Rev. John Van Nuys
02/05	Imagine More Beauty & Creativity - Psalm 19: 1-6	Rev. Darla Goodrich
02/12	Imagine More Hope Week of Compassion Heb 10: 23-35	Rev. Kevin Toth
02/19	Imagine More Compassion Week of Compassion Mt 25: 31-44	Rev. Darla Goodrich
02/22	ASH WEDNESDAY Ecumenical Worship - Location TBA	Shared Leadership

Remember when?

Remember when Elvis Presley came to the First Christian LOGOS parent meeting? (Actually, it was Frank Everett "impersonating" Elvis).

On Sunday, January 15, at 3:00 PM in the church parlor, we will be reminiscing about such fun times and people from days gone by at First Christian as well as sharing stories about what brought us to FCC and why we have stayed. We hope you will join us as we start the new year by remembering the good days of our past!

Even if you are new or nearly new to our congregation, you are welcome to come and listen, ask questions, and maybe even help by taking notes.

Come and enjoy some snacks while celebrating our personal and church history!

Judy Michal for the Congregational Care history subcommittee



Fifth Sunday Ecumenical Worship beginning soon!

It is a joy to announce that—together with other Crawfordsville church partners in ministry—the leadership of each have decided to celebrate our unity as Christians by worshipping together on the fifth Sundays throughout the year. Each of the congregations will take a turn hosting a fifth Sunday worship service. A minister from another congregation will be the guest preacher at the host congregation's worship service.

FCC will be hosting the first combined ecumenical worship on Sunday, January 29, in the sanctuary and Rev. John Van Nuys (from Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church) will be the preacher that day. The other dates for 5th Sunday worship are **April 30, July 30 and October 29, 2023**.

By way of background, the word ecumenism comes from the Greek words *oikoumenē*, referring to the *whole inhabited world*, and *oikos*, referring to *house*, which brings to mind when Paul spoke of the *one household of God* in Ephesians 2:14-22. The term *ecumenism* or *oikoumenē* first began to be used after the 1910 International Missionary Conference at Edinburgh as a way of describing the shared gathering and ministry of varied church traditions across our world as an expression of our given unity in Christ. Since then, *ecumenism* is a term that is used whenever Christ's diverse church gives concrete expression to its given unity in Christ. Ecumenism is historically and biblically linked to Jesus' many teachings regarding unity and reconciliation, especially as he refers to Christian unity in his prayer in John 17:20-21 which says: *"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

Hope you will share in all four of the ecumenical worship events in 2023 to give witness to the sacrificial gift of unity given in Christ who makes us one!



Save the date! Tell your story!

While Pastor Darla is on sabbatical in the spring, we're looking forward to many opportunities for us to gather with each other, grow in fellowship, and share our faith journey stories with each other and how those have been changed by our time at FCC. Some may share during worship services or small groups; others may wish to record their stories on video. Still others may write them down for our archives or newsletter.

There will be several ways to share—if and how you choose—and we promise not to put you on the spot!

But we know it can be overwhelming to think about how to share our stories—sometimes we aren't sure what we even have to tell, or it's hard to find the right words. To that end, **the Sabbatical Team is thrilled to invite you to one of three upcoming workshops in January**. We have three different times to choose from:

- **Thursday, Jan. 19 • 9–10:30 am**
- **Thursday, Jan. 19 • 6:30–8 pm**
- **Sunday, Jan. 22 • 4–5:30 pm**

Gwynn Wills, who's trained to facilitate these workshops, will lead us, creating a safe space and prompts to help us think about our stories in encouraging ways. The Sabbatical Team took part in a preview session and found it quite moving and meaningful. We're so excited to open this up to you! Everyone is encouraged to attend. If we need to add other sessions to accommodate others, we will. To register for your preferred session time, go to SignUpGenius here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9AD2FAAFDC16-tell> or contact Kate Lindsay (email kate@donandkate.org or 817-564-4191) or Kelly Stanley (765-366-6709). The church office (765-362-4812) also has a paper sign-up sheet.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to any member of the Sabbatical Team: Darla Goodrich, Kevin Toth, Kate Lindsay, Dave Maharry, Nick Hedrick, Tom Keedy, Amber Rohr, Linda Weaver, or Kelly Stanley.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Let Pastor Darla know if you want to learn more about what takes place at the **General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from July 29–August 1 in Louisville, KY**. Hope we get a good group since Louisville is so close. It will be fun and meaningful to share meals, worship and go to workshops together!

JOIN PASTOR DARLA FOR A 'SERVICE SERVICE'!

Join other Disciples friends and be part of worship to bless the builders, the resources, and the homeowners—and then help frame a house right in the Exhibit Hall during the 2023 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July 29–August 1. Join Week of Compassion on Sunday morning at General Assembly, or stop by afterward to write words of blessing within the walls. Add this to your General Assembly registration and more information will follow soon! (Register at ga.disciples.org, and find us in worship/other sessions.)

Let Pastor Darla know by March 1 if you plan to attend General Assembly with her and Pastor Kevin and/or will be joining her in this Week of Compassion build, if you wish to caravan to Louisville together, and if you wish to book a group of rooms in the same hotel so that FCC can share the whole GA experience together!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2023

REGISTER AT ga.disciples.org

Week of Compassion

Join us Sunday morning in the Exhibit Hall for a 'service service'. Help bless and frame a home right at Assembly!

FCC BOOK CLUB

February's book is *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. There are two copies available through the church library. Contact Kelly Stanley if you need help locating a copy to read.



Plan to join us **February 7th at 6 pm** for a light snack and a good discussion! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, kellyostanley@me.com, or call or text 765.366.6709.



The Ladies Lunch Bunch enjoying fellowship together in December.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH meets at **1 pm, Tuesday, January 17th in the church parlor. (We've moved to the 3rd Tues. permanently!)** Please pick up your food ahead of time and bring it along. All women of the church are invited for fellowship and lively conversation!

Contact Bonnie Yund for more information!



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Middle and high school youth are invited to youth group, resuming back on January 8th. Youth group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.

WOW returns next Wednesday, January 11th! We look forward to welcoming back our amazing youth and invite any youth, K-12th grade, to join us for a series of fun, compassion, and excitement!



Baptism

Pastors Darla and Kevin would like to invite youth interested in baptism for the Spring. Please contact either Pastor if your child is interested or if you have any questions regarding the Baptism process.



YOUTH RETREAT * FEBRUARY 17-19 BEDFORD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

All middle and high school youth are invited to a weekend retreat at Camp Bedford next Spring. It will be similar to camp activities but just over a brief weekend. Registration details will be coming out this month, but if you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Kevin.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
January 8th	Matthew 2:1-12	Diane McLaughlin
January 15th	Luke 2:39-52	Sara Nicodemus
January 22nd	1 Samuel 2:18-3:20	Gwen Carlson
January 29th	1 Samuel 8:1-22, 9:1-27, 10:1	Kate Lindsay

We love to have your children, ages 4 to 12, join us for fun, fellowship, and great learning!

...one more way
you make us smile!



Thanks to those of you who designated FCC as their charity through Amazon Smile, the church has earned \$164.29 this year! And it didn't cost you even a penny!

If you haven't already set FCC as your charity of choice, here's how to do so:

- Sign in to **smile.amazon.com** on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
- From your desktop, go to **Your Account** and select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
- Select **First Christian Church Crawfordsville**.
- Then, every time you need to shop at Amazon, start by going to **smile.amazon.com** and we earn a small percentage of every sale at no additional cost to you!



New service opportunity!

Are you looking for a new way to serve with others in the new year that will enhance relationships and offer warm hospitality?

Join others in rotating every 6-8 weeks to make coffee, set out goodies and welcome arriving worshippers on Sunday morning before the 10:15 service. An anonymous and generous donor has provided funds to acquire finger foods and continental breakfast items for this ministry. **If you are interested in joining this rotation please let Pastor Darla know by e-mail or phone.** Once we have the group then we will gather and share ideas about how to make this ministry most welcoming, resourceful and discern the best schedule. All those signing up to serve will still be able to attend worship.



After a break over the holidays, we are back! We hope you join us by listening in to our discussions on 1 Samuel this month. And we love to address any questions you have so please send them our way by emailing bibleforthepeople@gmail.com. <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



Bethany Fellows
Prepare to Lead

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for your support of young pastors. We appreciate you!

Right now, pastors you love are praying with depth, preaching with courage, and present for the most tender moments of life—pouring themselves into ministries of light and hope. Pastors everywhere are building communities of connection in the midst of division, and hope in the midst of heartbreak. And yet, what we most want you to know is the way your support connects the Bethany Fellows pastors you love to mentors and colleagues who share similar stories as single persons, newly married partners, young adults feeling the loneliness of accepting a new call far away from family, balancing parenthood and pastoring, or courageously leading a community into creative vision. Young pastors thrive when they are connected to the Bethany Fellows well of wisdom, spiritual practices, and relationships.

With your help, Bethany Fellows provides spiritually sustaining spaces of friendship, wisdom, rest and renewal that help spiritual leaders and faith communities thrive. Thank you for your support!

**Rev. Melanie Harrell Delaney &
Rev Kim Gage Ryan, Co-Director/Pastors, The
Bethany Fellowships**



Join us for lively discussion of scriptural topics inspired by current events—every Sunday at 9 am in the parlor.

prayer concerns



Don't forget to bring FISH Food Pantry donations for the children to collect during our weekly worship services!

Pray for Our Church Family, Friends, and Other Concerns

Continue to pray for the protection, health, and well-being of those people who are serving in various ways that put them at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. We give thanks for their service.

SETH & JENNIFER NUNAN, DARYL & MARY HELEN FRY and their family on the loss of Seth's grandfather and Mary Helen's brother-in-law, Robert Nunan

GERRY TURNER—hospitalized with complications from an infection

ED & SARAH DOWD AND FAMILY as Ed's Aunt, Patricia Dowd, passed away December 17

JUDY NABORS—at Franciscan Hospital in Crawfordsville, after being admitted on Friday for a heart condition and related medication issues

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown, 6712 Restoracy Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075

PAUL & JUTTA HUTSON, at the loss of Paul's mother, Mary Hutson, on Friday, Nov 26

MARTHA BAUSCH—pancreatic cancer/hospice

LAFOLLETTE FAMILY—passing of James "Jim" LaFollette on Nov 14

ERIK & ANNA KILE (Kelly Stanley's daughter & son-in-law)—he's deployed with the military/serving overseas while she is due to have their baby in late Jan.

Marlyn Dimmick's son-in-law, **CLINT**—kidney cancer (has only one kidney)

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

DALLAS AND KAREN MCDONALD—Karen's health has declined leading to her being placed in hospice care and Dallas is being treated for cancer

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

BOB AND BETTYE HUDSON—cancer

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer

CATHY MOFFETT (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer

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

ALEX (and parents, Beth & Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—tumor on his spine

JENNIFER (FRY) KREKELER (daughter of Daryl & Mary Helen Fry)—chronic fatigue syndrome

GARY MEEK—ongoing health concerns

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Pray for our Shut-ins

Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET**

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

HOME: **DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BETTYE AND BOB HUDSON**

ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email fcc.comm211@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.



Congratulations to **Grace Suitors** upon the arrival of her first baby, **Jasper Hayes**, born on December 22 at 4:50 am. Jasper weighed 8 pounds and was 21 1/2 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great! Cards can be sent to Grace at 405 Aspen Drive, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Many blessings upon Grace as a new mom and upon precious little Jasper!

FCC OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 10-1
Wednesday 10-1
Thursday 10-1

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PASTOR DARLA

Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.
Please contact Rev. Kevin with
questions, concerns or emergencies
when Darla is unavailable.

CELL: 314-805-0347
darla.goodrich@gmail.com

PASTOR KEVIN

Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.
Please contact Rev. Darla with
questions, concerns or emergencies
when Kevin is unavailable.

CELL: 724-825-0997
katoh112792@gmail.com



LAST CHANCE!

Calendars are still available and are now on sale for \$10 apiece! Available in the church office, by contacting Kelly Stanley directly (765-366-6709 or kellyostanley@me.com), or at kellyostanley.com/product/2023-calendar/



Find us on **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville)** for updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays. Also check out our website at www.fccville.org

TYPIST NEEDED / \$15 HOUR

Howard Goodrich is looking for someone who would be willing to regularly type, correct and print out his poetry/writings. This would likely be just a few flexible hours per week and can be done remotely. Call Howard & Darlene's home phone at **765-323-3158** or Darlene's cell phone at **314-520-4324**. Howard and Darlene often don't receive their messages, so please call back if you don't reach them or let Pastor Darla know. Thank you!



VACATION Kelly Stanley will be on vacation until Jan. 10th. You may contact Pastors Darla or Kevin or call the church office if you need anything while I'm gone, otherwise I'll return all messages and calls on Jan. 11th. Thanks!



HOW CAN WE HELP?

OFFICE

211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933
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Email: 211fccville@gmail.com

GRIEF AND LOSS

Jai Miranda, Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services
Cell phone: 765.720.2829 (call or text) | Email: jmiranda@coachj.com

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

Andrew Nicodemus, FCC Financial Administrator
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HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

Chantel Allen, HHCL Director
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COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)

Kelly Stanley, Communications Administrator
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OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES

For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders