



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 211 South Walnut Street
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**JANUARY
 SERMON SERIES**

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This past Sunday, we began the first in a four-part sermon series on the topic of grief entitled, Good Grief – Living Through Life’s Setbacks.” As mentioned in my sermon this past week, we may wonder what such a topic has to do with the start of a new year. Everything!



The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

PSALM 34:18

Daily setbacks and longer-term grief can build up for any of us over the weeks, months and years of our lives. Sometimes the experiences of small or large losses or setbacks can prevent us from fully seeing or embracing the full measure of our gifts, our hopes, and even our own faith in the future God intends for our lives. This can happen not only to us personally but even congregations can be experience and carry unrecognized grief that may prevent us from living more fully into our lives with each other and the world God invites us to love and care for.

So before we begin to consider how we might live anew in Christ, or before we consider trying to embrace new resolutions for a better life this year, I thought it would be good to examine our “griefs” first and what they have to teach us. Hopefully this will be an opportunity for us to lay them before one another and God in prayer in order that we might

discover grace’s power to claim us wherever we are and take us to where God wants us to be. Who knows what we might discover about the redeeming presence of God if we are courageously willing to explore the deepest parts of our hearts and lives. For the Lord is

close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in Spirit! (Psalm 34:18) Hope you will join us through the end of January in bringing your whole life near to the heart of God!

Grace & Peace,
Darla



DATE	JANUARY SERMON SERIES	
Jan 9	Hope Amid Sadness	Psalm 13
Jan 16	Hope Amid Anger	Psalm 22
Jan 23	Hope Amid Guilt	Psalm 51
Jan 30	Hope Amid Fear	Psalm 137



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Our new Music Director, A. Paul Johnson, would like to invite musicians to get in touch. Please contact the church with your info and Paul will give you a call. Not only singers, but pickers, strummers, drummers, tooters of flutes and clangers of bells. Friends, cousins, your neighbor with a nabra and your barber with a banjo, have them get in touch! Paul has eclectic chops as an arranger and is looking to bring artists into diverse ensembles to explore the new and the ancient, the world and the local, all together in musical celebration of our well-tempered spirits!



What a delight it was to have Paul Johnson lead our choir for the very first time in such a creative and meaningful way this past Sunday, January 9 at First Christian Church! We hope you will join us this coming Sunday as we have the opportunity to officially welcome and celebrate Paul's new call at FCC as our new Music and Choir Director!

NEW OFFICE HOURS!

In response to accommodating the noted and experienced patterns of office activity of the congregation, staff and community over the past year, **beginning tomorrow, Friday, January 14, new office hours will be observed.** Remember to ring the doorbell at either the parking lot entrance or Walnut Street entrance during office hours and staff will buzz you in during regular office hours. Here are the new hours that will be posted on the Walnut Street door beginning this Friday:

Mon	10:00 – 3:00
Tues	10:00 – 3:00
Wed	10:00 – 4:00
Thurs	10:00 – 4:00
Fri	11:00- 1:00

If you need to visit the office after hours for church business, please contact staff. Additionally, several evenings a week staff are already in the building due to regularly scheduled church events and meetings and can open the office during those times.

Constitution & Budget Updates

At a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 2, a revised Constitution and the 2022 budget were passed. Thanks to all who worked diligently and faithfully to serve our church in this way.



MORE SMILES NEEDED

Thanks to all of you who have sent photos for our upcoming "Who's Who" display of our church people! But we need more! Please send the church a recent photo* of you and your family to help us with this "getting to know you" project.

You may:

Send your photo to
fcc.comm211@gmail.com

Mail it to 211 S. Walnut Street

Or drop it by the office during office hours

**FYI, we will not be returning your photo, so please do not send one you do not want to lose.*

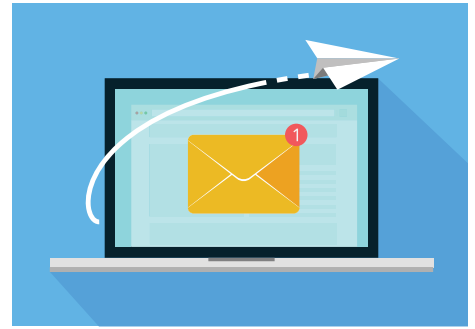


Bible for the People— We're Back!

This Friday, check out our first episode talking about the book of Numbers! Send us your questions, comments, and feedback anytime.

<https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>

Calendar of Upcoming Events



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUEST UPDATES

If you have a prayer request or announcement you would like shared with the congregation, please reach out to pastors Darla or Kevin, or Communications Administrator Kelly O'Dell Stanley, by e-mail or phone. Before staff can send any personal information about an illness or someone passing away it is important that we receive permission from the family to honor personal privacy and privacy laws related to medical information. Thank you so much!

- Fri. 1/15 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 1/16 **Wired Word class** (Parlor)—9:00-9:45
Worship (in sanctuary or online) 10:15
- Mon. 1/17 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (office open)
Scouts meeting (Upper Room)—6:30 pm
- Tues. 1/18 **Euchre** (Fellowship Hall)—1:30 pm
Coordinating Council—7 pm
Board Meeting (all church members welcome)—8 pm
- Wed. 1/19 **Quilters**—9-3
WOW—4:30-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Fri. 1/21 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sat. 1/22 **Upstairs Education Wing Clean Up Event**—11:30 am
- Sun. 1/23 **Wired Word class** (Parlor)—9:00-9:45
Worship (in sanctuary or online) 10:15
- Mon. 1/24 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6:30 pm
- Wed. 1/26 **WOW**—4:30-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Thurs. 1/27 **Next Pathfinder newsletter**



SCHEDULING AND CALENDAR REQUESTS

Please be sure to notify Kelly Stanley and Kym Bushong if you need to schedule any meetings, events, or activities in the building. Recurring events are already on the schedule, but anything new should be communicated so we can ensure that there are no conflicts and that the area is ready for use. Thank you!



UPSTAIRS EDUCATION WING CLEAN UP EVENT: INVITE

**Saturday, January 22
@ 11:30am**

A few of the classrooms in the upstairs educating wing have become cluttered and unorganized. I am planning a clean-up event where anyone interested can come and assist with the organization of several of these classroom spaces, including our craft closet, curriculum closet, and one room that is currently not being used. My hope is that we will find a home for all the supplies that are in each of these rooms and open up the possibilities for future ministry spaces. If you are interested in helping with this clean-up process, please feel free to join us on this date! And if you are interested but are not able to join us, please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Peace,
Pastor Kevin



WOW Resumes!

Yesterday evening, WOW returned after a three week holiday break. It was wonderful to see all the youth again and to engage in fun, fellowship, education, and worship with one another. WOW Directors, Emily and Sharon, and myself have decided to update our COVID policies to assure we keep our children safe. At this time, we will not be needing table parents as we will not be having meals with one another. Instead, meals will be prepacked and taken home when WOW concludes. We are so thankful for the individuals who offered to help be table parents for WOW and look forward to the time when we can invite table parents to engage with our youth once again. There are still opportunities to help either by preparing meals before hand or welcoming kids to WOW on Wednesdays. If you are interested in assisting in these opportunities, reach out to myself, Emily, or Sharon anytime throughout the Spring. Again, thank you all for supporting our youth each week!

Peace,
Pastor Kevin

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WOW Schedule

Jan 19, 26,
Feb 2, 9, 23
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

Opening for Child-Care Worker on Sundays!

We are looking for an 18+ individual to look after our young children on Sunday mornings from 9:15-11:15am. Vaccination and approved Background checks are required. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you are interested.

Interested in Counseling Camp?

Applications to help counsel camp are now available on the Indiana Region website along with dates of each camp being offered. Reach out to Pastor Kevin if you have any interest or question about counseling and we will get you signed up for a wonderful volunteer opportunity this summer!



HONORING THE BOWENS

Last Sunday's special celebration honoring Dr. Richard and Eileen Bowen!



What a blessing they both have been to First Christian Church as Music/Choir Director and violinist/pianist among many other gifts! It was a bittersweet day saying goodbye even as we celebrated their legacy at FCC that will be a gift that will continue to keep on giving in the years to come! Many, many blessings to both of you!



The First Christian Church Staff thanks the congregation for your many generous gifts that enabled all of us to have a special Christmas bonus. Between this and a 3% salary increase for 2022, there are simply not sufficient words to describe how much we appreciate this particular way in which you have expressed your care, love and appreciation for us! We are truly humbled and so grateful for such a loving and generous church family!! How else can we respond than to pay it forward with love, generosity and service to one another and to the ends of the earth! Thank you so much!

I am humbled by and grateful for the generous gifts and expressions of care at Christmastime. Thanks, too, for your support of the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, which makes it possible for me to attend Christian Theological Seminary on scholarship. I am so thankful to be a part of our First Christian Church community and for each of you.

With gratitude, j

WELCOME DON & KATE LINDSAY TO FCC!



It is with great joy that we announce that Don and Kate joined First Christian Church on Sunday, January 2, by transfer of membership from Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Austin, TX. Don and Kate were founding members of this congregation when Vic was a toddler. Don is a retired Disciples

of Christ minister and school law attorney. Kate is a retired operating room Registered Nurse. As a member of Shepherd of the Hills, she helped with youth activities, VBS, and served on several committees before serving as Board Chairman.

Don and Kate began their marriage 42 years ago committing monthly support to Church World Service. They have been regular CROP walkers and supporters. It was through CWS and the Amity Foundation of China that they were able to serve in Fuyang in Anhui Province English as oral English as a second language teachers at the college for 3 years. Don and Kate come to Crawfordsville from Denton, Texas.

Don and Kate indicated that they will be supportive of their new community of faith by regular participation in its activities, especially related to youth and outreach/mission activities. Both of them wish to express their sincere appreciation to all for our warm welcome of them and our support/inclusion of Vic/Beth and their granddaughters into the FCC family since 2019.

What a great blessing it is to get to welcome Don and Kate to the FCC family! Cards of welcome may be sent to Don and Kate at 2315 S. Logan Road, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Thank you to our caring congregation for the continued support of Local and Global Ministries in 2021. We look forward to your continued support for the Week of Compassion offering in February and our continued planning with five other Crawfordsville churches to resettle an Afghan family in the Indianapolis area. We have received acknowledgement of our contribution to the resettlement project.

A quote from Cole Varga, Executive Director of Exodus Immigration Services, "Refugees are some of the most courageous and resilient people I have ever met. Because of your generosity, they will have the support and resources to weather this uncertain time and build lives of hope and opportunities." You are a part of this generosity. Thank you!

John VanNuys has let us know Afghan women at Camp Atterbury are making wonderful garments from the donated yarn and could use more. If you have yarn in the colors of red, green, black or white, their favorite colors, please let Carolyn Snyder know.

The Local and Global Ministry Team
Carolyn Snyder Sandra Ruby Linda Weaver

SCOUTS UPDATE

Our Scouts will be participating in the Winter Camporee on January 28th at Camp Krietenstein in Brazil, IN. This is a great time for the scouts to use their skills.

Feb 4th: annual planning meeting and auction (lock-in) at First Baptist Church.

Service Projects: Our units helped the Masonic Lodge Cornerstone and Event Center store their Christmas decorations from the past years, and the Troops collected gloves/hats/mittens for the Youth Service Bureau, Pam's Promise and Trinity Mission house for Men. Thank you for your donations!

Needs for the units: new or gently used scout equipment for the Scouts to purchase with their 'Scout Bucks' at our Feb. annual planning lock-in. If you can donate, please leave in the upstairs room or in the office. We will also eventually need an enclosed trailer so let us know if you know of one for sale.

Scouts BSA Troops 247 and 365 meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you are 11-17 years old (or an adult) and are interested in being a part of our boys' or girls' organization, we would love to have you. You can come to our meeting or contact Scouting247.365@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE ACROSS THE MILES



Brett & Linda Spencer's daughter, Jessica and her husband, worshiped with FCC on Christmas Eve from their New Jersey home and lit candles with us while singing *Silent Night*. We never know where our services and the Holy Spirit are able to reach! Special thanks to our Media techs extraordinaire, Vic Lindsay and Dale Petrie, who especially went the extra mile in Advent so that all of our services could reach across the miles and literally across the earth to proclaim the Good News!



What a wonderful day for music we had on New Year's Sunday! Special thanks to Amy, Riley and Wyatt Woodall, and Alivia Williams, for sharing your beautiful voices in singing "Seasons of Love" as a way to celebrate God's love that goes with us through all the years as we began a new one! Special thanks also goes out to Bonnie Yund and the micro-choir for leading us in song and celebration both on our Quiet Christmas Sunday New Years Sunday! We especially appreciated Bonnie's exquisite and moving solo about baby Jesus. Thank you for sharing your gifts to bring glory to God and joy to our hearts!



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.

RICK AND KERRI WARNER and family on the passing of Rick's mother, **MARTHA WARNER**

DALE & LINDA PETRIE and the whole Petrie/Laetsch family on the passing of Dale's mother, **MARILYN PETRIE**, and Linda's father, **W. BRUCE LAETSCH**

JACK WYATT in the Neuro Trauma Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis with a brain bleed

THE FAMILY OF DORIS BRANSTETTER on her passing

DAVID KLINE—recovering from a stroke he suffered this spring after having a brain tumor removed

HENRY VAN LEEUWEN (Jaci Wollenberg's dad)

ALAN & JANENE PLUNKETT—recovering from illnesses

CAROLYN TUNIN—recovering from a third surgery on her right hip

BEN MCCORMICK—at home but still recovering

BETTY CEDARS—recovering from pneumonia and Covid 19

LIAM VENIS and family—Liam is recovering from surgery

RANDAL TURNER—recovering from hip surgery

RUSSELL RUBY—health issues

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

SANDY & KEN BROWN—he had pacemaker replacement procedure and she's recovering from broken arm

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer; recovering from mastectomy

BOB MASON—energy is low from tests and treatments for cancer

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

MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend)—victim of a beating

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

CARSON COLLINS and family (friends of Kym Bushong's)—leukemia

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

JOE CARTER—friend of Keedys, cancer

GARY MEEK—ongoing health concerns

SHEILA CLARK—Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Pray for our Shut-ins

Long-term care facilities are open again to visitors, even without vaccination. Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

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

FOUNTAIN SPRINGS ADULT COMMUNITY IN COVINGTON: **EILEEN MORRETT**

WELLBROOKE: **MARGE KOPERSKI** (Marge Michael's mother)

HOME: **BILL & FRANCES COLLINGS, RUSSELL & SANDY RUBY, DALLAS & KAREN McDONALD**

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

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and comforting comments over the past few weeks with first the passing of Dale's mom, Marilyn Petrie, and then two weeks later the passing of Linda's father, Bruce Laetsch. While neither death was a surprise and they both lived good and full lives we are saddened to realize that their physical time with our families has ended. It is comforting to have heard from so many of our church family.

Blessings to all,
Dale & Linda Petrie

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 13 Sona Hartman (87)
Ray Cedars
- Jan. 14 Lucee Melevage
Rebecca Priebe
- Jan. 19 Larry Fields
- Jan. 20 John Hooper
Carol Lamb
- Jan. 21 Tim Stewart
Amber McLaughlin
- Jan. 23 Darlene Goodrich
- Jan. 24 Janet Keedy (87)
Andie Nannet
Riley Woodall
- Jan. 26 Morrett
- Jan. 27 A. Paul Johnson
- Jan. 29 Beverly Wyatt

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan. 13 Warren and Sona Hartman
- Jan. 21 Rex and Sandy Henthorn
Bob and Nancy Rogers
- Feb. 1 Dick and Carolyn Tunin

If you would like your birthday and anniversary included in the bi-monthly Pathfinder newsletter, please let Kelly know.

Thank you

Thank you for all you did for our mom throughout the years. She really loved her church family.

The Branstetter Family



HOW CAN WE HELP?

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

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PASTOR KEVIN

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

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YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

We continue to wear masks and practice social distancing for all church activities in order to create a welcoming, safe environment for all. All church staff and childcare givers are fully vaccinated.



Sharing our Facebook posts helps us grow! On our **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville) page**, we share updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays.

(NEW) OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday 10 – 3
Wednesday & Thursday 10 – 4
Friday 11 – 1

The FCC doors will remain locked during office hours in order to maintain safe space for our Hand in Hand children and staff, and our FCC staff who may be in the office by themselves. Please simply ring the bell during office hours (at either the Walnut Street or Parking Lot doors) and FCC staff will be delighted to "buzz" you in!

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