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PASTORAL MESSAGE
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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Have you ever been doing something when suddenly it feels like a light bulb just pops over your head? Maybe you were doing something mindless like going for a walk or in the middle of a very hectic day when this happened? For me, I just happened to be driving to the church after visiting my dentist. I decided to turn on the radio and a song I love came on and I began to smile. The song titled "Be a Light" by country music singer Thomas Rhett is one of my absolute favorite songs in recent years. The chorus sings:

**'In a world full of hate,
be a light**

**When you done somebody
wrong, make it right**

**Don't hide in the dark,
you were born to shine**

**In a world full of hate,
be a light'**

This song was released in March 2020, yet still feels extremely relevant to many today. While the entire song gives me hope, the lyric that speaks the most to me is, "You were born to shine". I hear this lyric and it makes me reflect upon the aftermath of the resurrection when Jesus returns briefly to all his disciples. The world committed another act of hatred by killing an innocent man [Jesus] and in their despair, the disciples hid away from the world. And when



Jesus returned, he brought the Disciples out of the darkness, so they can shine light into the world. The disciples were born to shine and be a light in world full of hate.

It can be easy to be consumed by the negativity that seems to be in the world today. Hatred is still present in the world, and I admit, I am tempted sometimes to hide in the dark to escape from it all.

This is why this is one of my favorite songs, because it reminds me of my calling as a follower of Jesus to do acts of love, justice,

peace, and hope in the world.

If you too are finding it difficult to bear witness to the darkness in the world, may this message be a hopeful reminder to you: You are born to shine God's Light into the world. Jesus' love through the resurrection lives on in you and all people that believe in a better world for all people.

So may we, as the church, continue to shine God's light into the world and hold onto hope that sustains us and all people we are called to serve and love.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Reboot your prayer life!

Do you get bored? Tired? Frustrated? Do you have doubts about whether this prayer thing is really all it's cracked up to be? Prayer doesn't have to be dry or serious. It can be creative and new if you just open your hearts and minds. When we get together and talk about our individual experiences with prayer, we can all learn from one another, and along the way, we might find a new type of energy or inspiration for our prayer lives.

The Prayer Reboot will be a cross between a class and a prayer group. It will be an exploration and a casual, interactive discussion facilitated by Kelly O'Dell Stanley. It's a time to come together as a community to share our own experiences in prayer and learn about others—and have fun in the process.

We'd love to have you join us in the Parlor for the first of four one-hour sessions on Monday, March 16, from 3-4 pm.

Interested or have other questions?

Email, call, or text Kelly (765-366-6709 / kellyostanley@me.com).

P.S. There was slightly more interest in this time slot than the others, but hopefully we'll be able to offer something at the other times for those of you who can't meet on Mondays.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities for May was sent in an email on May 1. You can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events



LAST CHANCE!

Please help us to recognize those in your family who are graduating from high school or college or completing other degrees or certifications. Please contact Pastor Kevin or the church office before May 8 so that we can celebrate these accomplishments in worship and in the Pathfinder.

Thanks to all of you who have already contacted us!

Judy Michal for Congregational Care

Thanks from Week of Compassion

The good people of First Christian have our most profound thanks for your commitment to refugees, disaster survivors and the churches joining to make disaster preparedness a widening ministry. As a member of the Week of Compassion board of stewards, I offer you my personal thanks. Please thank your congregation for their generosity. It, quite literally, means the world.

With gratitude for you and your ministry,

Rebecca Smith, Wee of Compassion Board of Stewards

In need of assistance

In June I'd like to add at least one more day a week to Tim attending the day program Joyful Journey in West Lafayette. Currently I take him on Tuesdays and stay in Tippecanoe county all day. If he was able to go another day while I worked at home, or found a job, it would be a good experience for both of us.

So, I'm wondering if there would be anyone willing to provide transportation for \$30-\$50 a trip, leaving our house between 8-9, and picking Tim up there between 3-5 and bringing him home. They could spend the day in the Lafayette area maybe running errands, etc? **Please contact Kay Nannet**, tkqafarm@tctc.com, 765-918-7967 if you can help!



LEADERSHIP RETREAT REFLECTIONS

Over a month ago, on Saturday, March 19, nearly 30 leaders of the church met to reflect on the past two years at FCC and our vision for the future. We gathered in small groups to share our experiences of church during the pandemic and began to consider our future ahead. Here are some of the high points of our many conversations:

There was a consensus that we are a welcoming, caring and faithful service minded congregation but that we can always improve and grow in our evangelism and welcome with all people. In wondering about what the future will be like with both online and in person worship, we agreed that keeping them both is vitally important going forward even as we focus on enhancing and encouraging folks to join us as they are able in person. We spoke together of the grief and sense of separation we felt during the pandemic and the importance of fellowship, pastoral care by our spiritual leaders as well as giving special attention to getting to know and support our newer attenders and members. Reaching out more to shut ins and those who may feel they are on the periphery of congregational life was lifted up as vitally important to our commitment to hospitality and care for others.

The group was grateful for all the ways we were able to adapt and make continuous shifts to accommodate live worship during the pandemic but mentioned that for a while it will be important to have a steady pattern and rhythm in worship so that members can have a sense that they've "come home" again after a long separation. Even so, creativity in ministry, service, the arts, music, and worship were highlighted as one of our many strengths as a congregation. The group spoke of still missing those who had not yet returned in person and dreamed of coming together around fellowship events like dinners for 8 and firepit fellowship, in person educational and faith sharing opportunities, engaging with our ecumenical and community partners again in person, and mission and service opportunities with each other.

Finally, we agreed that we need to continually evaluate and enhance our ongoing current vision and mission and our ability to communicate most resourcefully with members and the community through e-mail, calls, social media, and our website. These are just a few of the high points as there were many many details and ideas discussed. If you are interested in seeing a larger document with a summary of all the details, please let Pastors Darla or Kevin know. We will be happy to e-mail or print you a copy! Special appreciation goes out to all of our amazing leaders for your faithfulness, devotion and care especially throughout these past two years!



NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS!

On Sunday, May 1, **Hailey Lobaugh** (parents: Ben Lobaugh and Sarah Zartuche, brother, Oliver) and **Elizabeth Nunan** (parents: Seth and Jennifer Nunan, brother, Michael and sister, Abigail) made their confession of faith and were baptized into the membership of the body of Christ! Both young ladies were presented with new bibles and baptismal certificates at the end of the worship service.



What a joy it was to welcome them to the First Christian Church family and the church universal as we celebrated the beginning of their journey ahead as ministers of Jesus Christ! Congratulations, Hailey and Elizabeth, and many blessings ahead on the journey! Cards of welcome and celebration may be sent to both families as follows:

Hailey Lobaugh at 205 Jones Ave., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Elizabeth Nunan at 602 W. Main St., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.



New Members Event

Many thanks to all of you who planned, prepared for, set up, participated in, and cleaned up after our May 1 Welcoming Event for new members and visitors. You made it happen! You made it fun! You made it memorable! We are all blessed by your efforts!

—Judy Michal for Congregational Care

HHCL Says Thank You!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our May basket fundraiser a success! We raised over \$830, all of which will go towards scholarships or emergency tuition assistance for families attending Hand in Hand Creative Learning. We were able to deliver flower or children's May baskets to all the families currently staying at the Family Crisis Shelter in town, and delivered 16 baskets to

shut-ins and nursing home residents, identified through First Christian. We also gave each HHCL teacher a surprise basket on their classroom door to thank them for their service. We hope the baskets brought a little cheer to those who received them!

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

LUKE 18:16 (NIV)



JON REED ASSISTS WITH FCC MINISTRIES!

I'd like to introduce you to Jon Reed, if you haven't had the wonderful pleasure of meeting him already. Jon is a member of the Jay family and is Sarah Reed Jay's brother. He has been helping Pastors Darla and Kevin, and the worship team, for the past year or more with setting up and taking down worship installations, moving furniture and cleaning up afterwards. Jon LOVES to volunteer to help with ministry events at the church in this way and is an absolute joy to serve with! Since Jon has some developmental delays, of which reading is included, he will not be able to assist with reading or writing tasks but is best suited for helping with set up and clean up. Just this past Sunday, Jon enthusiastically helped in a big way with the Congregational Care team as they set up for the new members meal and fellowship event.

If you are interested in having Jon help at the church with your ministry event simply reach out to him by a telephone call at 352-255-8107 or if you have difficulty scheduling, please call Sarah Reed Jay at 352-457-4197. He can be picked up and dropped off at their family home nearby or in decent weather is delighted to ride his motor bike to church. You won't find a more willing and joy filled servant than Jon. He has already been such a blessing, not only by all the many ways he has served, but more importantly the great joy, enthusiasm, and friendship he brings with him!

—Grace & Peace, Darla



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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WOW had a wonderful fun gathering last Wednesday! We are so thankful for all our youth and everyone involved this past year in making WOW so successful!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
May 8th	John 20:11-18	Beth Lindsay
May 15th	John 21:15-29	Sara Nicodemus
May 22nd	Matthew 25:31-46	Kate Lindsay
May 29th	John 10:11-16	Diane McLaughlin

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

Camp Registration: May 15 Deadline!

If you are planning on attending any camps at Geneva or Bedford this summer, please be sure to complete your registration by Sunday, May 15th. Bedford has online and paper registration forms, while Geneva's registration is completely online. Both can be found with the link below:

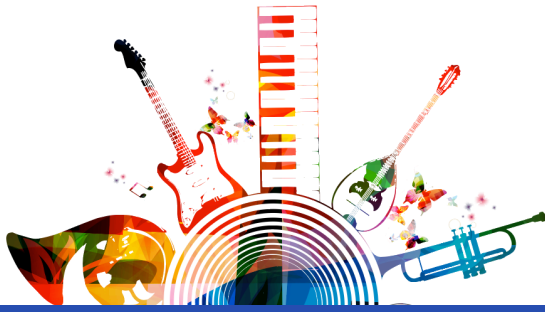
<http://indianadisciples.org/commissions/commission-on-faith-formation/#camp>

Please reach out to Pastor Kevin if you have any trouble registering and if you like the church to offer a scholarship to attend any camps.



VBS SAVE THE DATE— JULY 13-15, 2022!

Be on the lookout for registration forms, which will be sent out in the upcoming weeks!



Still looking for a Director of Music

We are looking for a **Director of Music** that will work with the Senior Minister and other staff to plan music for worship and other special services.

- ✓ Requires about 10-12 hours per week
- ✓ Choir serves from late August through early June
- ✓ Responsible for weekly rehearsal with the Chancel Choir
- ✓ Directs the Chancel Choir for Sunday Worship and other special services
- ✓ Recruits all special music as needed which would include finding volunteers to sing or play an instrument during the summer season when Choir not serving in Worship
- ✓ Should have experience in choir directing, knowledge of Christian music, a natural leader with a collaborative leadership style

A Sincere Thank You!

The past 2 ½ years, New Ministries has engaged in creating new fellowship and service opportunities, reactivating former ones, and supporting needs of other Council leadership projects by enlisting volunteers from within our church family. One example was the cleaning of all classrooms and hallway for the opening of the Hand-in-Hand Learning Center, which engaged 14 church members working in shifts. There were many other projects and offerings, ALL of which were made possible because of the wonderful willingness of our congregation to support worthy causes for the good of Christ's Church and its ministry to serve others. Thank you most heartily to everyone who said "Yes!", when tapped on the shoulder for help! You made New Ministries possible!!

~ bonnie yund, Chair



Troop 247 and Pack 909 represented at Governor's breakfast



Trailer load of brush cleaned out from the old cemetery behind First Baptist Church for Eagle Project.

SCOUTS

Dear FCC,

Activities: We had scouts represented at the Governors' breakfast on April 26th. We did the opening ceremony, pledge and invocation.

Service Project: Currently helping our Eagle Scout candidate, Matthew Barnes with his project over at First Baptist Church.

Blessings: Scout Trailer—We found an enclosed trailer! Thank you all who were taking the time looking for us.

Next Meetings: Monday May 9th and May 16th @ tentatively planned for FCC @6:30pm Opening Flag ceremony. With nice weather, we typically will meet outside at a park.

Contact Information: 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: 247.365fundraising@gmail.com

prayer concerns

“True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth.”

CHARLES SPURGEON

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please notify the office or email fcc.comm211@gmail.com if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Otherwise, the prayer requests will remain on the list. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

Address Update

Please make note of this new address:

Howard and Darlene Goodrich
403 Spruce Lane
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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.

BARB FOSTER and family on the loss of Barb's sister, Marilyn Marilys Miller
NANCY ROGERS—recovering from heart attack/receiving a pacemaker and having pneumonia

CAROLYN SNYDER and family on the loss of **BOB SNYDER**

RUSS RUBY—health concerns, recovering from three falls

ARLEEN WILHITE—recovering from a stent procedure

OWEN SIDDENS—recovering from tonsilectomy

JOHN HUSTED—recovering from a fall

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

CINDY GRIMES and family on the loss of Cindy's father, **BILL COLLINGS**

JACI AND MARK WOLLENBERG and family on the loss of Jaci's dad,
HENRY VAN LEEUWEN

RAYLENE BUSSE (friend of Nancy Beach)—5-year old with leg pain, numbness, and possible back surgery

JENNY SAYLER (daughter of Joe & Deb Carter)—heart attack and seizure

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitation after hospitalization for a brain bleed

DAVID KLINE—Ongoing health issues related to a stroke & cancer.

BEN McCORMICK—at home but still recovering

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

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)

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

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

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

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

Vacations/Out of Office

Pastor Kevin is currently on his Bethany Fellows Spring Retreat this week in Chicago. He will be back for Sunday worship on May 8th.

Pastor Darla will be attending her daughter Megan's graduation the weekend of May 13-15 and on vacation with her family from Wednesday, June 1–Friday, June 10.

Pastor Darla is on call on May 9 (and Pastor Kevin is off that day) and Pastor Kevin is on call on May 13 (while Darla is off).



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays and anniversaries will now be emailed once a month (with paper copies of the list sent to all who receive the Pathfinder by mail). The email went out on May 1, but we have two May birthdays to add to the list:

May 5: Jackie McDermott
May 21: Malachi Meyers



Pastors Darla and Kevin continue discussing the book of Deuteronomy with Chuck Ranspach on our bible podcast. Send us your questions and feedback at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.
<https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



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

EMAIL:

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

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katoth112792@gmail.com



Those who are fully vaccinated and not at risk of severe Covid or influenza are welcome to show their smiles. **Masks are optional for all church activities!**

We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated, who might have been exposed to someone who is ill, or who simply feel more comfortable wearing a mask, to continue to do so. Disposable masks are freely available in the Narthex in both adult and child sizes. Thank you for your continued care and concern for the health of our community!

OFFICE HOURS

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

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!

OFFICE STAFF

Arleen Wilhite, Volunteer

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri. 5/6 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 5/8 Mother's Day
The Wired Word (Parlor)—9:00 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online)—10:15 am
- Mon. 5/9 Pastor Darla on call; Pastor Kevin is off
Scouts—6:30 pm
- Tues. 5/10 **Ladies Lunch Bunch** (Mexican Bytes, south of DQ)—1:00 pm
Elders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)—7:00 pm
- Wed. 5/11 **Choir Practice**—7 pm
- Fri. 5/13 Pastor Kevin on call; Pastor Darla is off
New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 5/15 **The Wired Word** (Parlor)—9:00 am
Graduation Sunday
Worship (in sanctuary or online): The Best Sheets (Acts 11:1-18) with Rev. Sarah Reed Jay
- Mon. 5/16 **"Prayer Reboot"** (Parlor) with Kelly O'Dell Stanley—3 pm
- Tues. 5/17 **Euchre** (Parlor)—1:30 pm
Coordinating Council—7 pm
Board Meeting—8 pm
- Wed. 5/18 **Choir Practice**—7 pm
- Thurs. 5/19 **Next Pathfinder newsletter**
- Fri. 5/20 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 5/22 **The Wired Word** (Parlor)—9:00 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) with Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15 am
- Mon. 5/23 **"Prayer Reboot"** (Parlor) with Kelly O'Dell Stanley—3 pm
Scouts—6:30 pm
- Wed. 5/25 **Choir Practice**—7 pm
- Fri. 5/27 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 5/29 **Worship** (in sanctuary or online) with Rev. Kevin Toth



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 Ruth Hester (92)
May 2 Gretchen Stewart
May 5 Jackie McDermott
May 6 Gerry Turner (86)
May 7 Andrea Venis
May 9 Tammy Plank
May 11 Betsy Strain (80)
May 12 Nicole Kyger
May 16 Linda Spencer
May 19 Joshua Fosnock
May 21 Malachi Meyers
May 26 Arlene Slaughter (84)
May 26 Sandy Henthorn (82)
May 26 Mary Ellen Fields (81)
May 26 Cindy Grimes
May 26 Amy Woodall
May 27 Gary Meek
May 29 Mark Frank
May 31 Shari Lovold

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 3
Jesse and Hannah Scott
- May 17
Carl and Carol Lamb
- May 26
Kevin and LaDawn Priebe
- May 28
Dallas and Karen McDonald
- May 29
Mark and Jaci Wollenberg
- May 31
Dale and Linda Petrie
- May 31
Merlin and Sandy Guthrie (53rd)

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

