

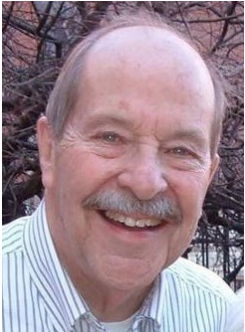


May 11, 2023

FRONTIER CHRISTIANITY AT CRAWFORDSVILLE

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A message from Rev. Dr. Howard Goodrich, our former Indiana Regional Minister and a Global Ministries Mission Co-Worker, with Rev. Darlene Goodrich, throughout southern Africa.



Nearly 200 years ago, in 1826, Elder Michael Combs, a strong devotee of the Christian Church frontier movement, arrived in Crawfordsville

with his family after he'd been preaching for several years in the East and the South. After clearing dense wild forests of abundant oak, poplar, walnut, sugar maple, and sycamore, where it was said you could hardly see the sunlight, Combs built a small humble 40' x 60' log cabin and established First Christian Church Crawfordsville (FCCC). Soon thereafter, new settlers arrived at a growing pace enabling the church to grow.

It was only just five years earlier, in 1821, that Crawfordsville, previously an unexplored frontier, had just begun. It was the pristine homeland of several Indigenous communities, including the Piankeshaws, the Miamis, the Potawatomis, and the Shawnees. Just a little less than 2 decades before Crawfordsville's founding, between 1804 and 1806, the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled up the Missouri River and made it to the west coast and back, Spanish trading took place along the

Mississippi River and The Louisiana Purchase was made in 1803.

It was during these groundbreaking years in the country's history, and during the second great awakening of the early 19th century, that Barton W. Stone, an American evangelist and outstanding Christian Church leader led the largest of all Western revivals at Cane Ridge, Kentucky in 1801. The almost weeklong Cane Ridge Revival was attended by an estimated 20,000 to 40,000 Christians of every denomination and background where they celebrated their Christian unity by worshiping and sharing communion together. This was unprecedented!

Later in 1833, six years after FCCC was established, Stone's "Christian" movement, also referred to as the "Stoneites" or the "New Lights" merged with the "Disciples" movement, led by Alexander Campbell. Campbell's movement, known as the Restoration movement of primitive Christianity, relied on the scriptures alone as a means for unity. Once the movements came together, they were known as the Christian Churches or Churches of Christ.

The movement took off like wildfire on the frontier with emphasis on returning to the simple faith of the New Testament church through the centrality of Jesus himself with the scriptures

alone as the guide. Hence, human creeds, dogma or barriers to the Christian life were removed with the intent of welcoming all to the faith with the Lord's table as central to the expression of God's welcoming grace in Jesus Christ. Since then, the Christian Church initiated, and has always been a leader in, the global ecumenical (oikoumenē - to dwell together) movement to bring churches together in order that we might witness to the gift of Christ's reconciliation and love as central to our very existence and reason for being.

FCCC is part of this great global movement and story, and shares in its deepest roots! Did you know that even both our founders visited and preached at FCCC? Barton Stone while visiting churches in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio in 1843, visited and preached at First Christian Church. This was just one year before his death. Alexander Campbell preached at FCC on January 1, 1861, just four months before the beginning of the civil war. Since then, we have weathered the great changes of time, shifts in circumstances, and thrived by the grace of God in Christ through the great cloud of witnesses who have broken bread around the Lord's Table of unity through nearly the past 200 years at FCCC. Thanks be to God!

*Blessings,
Howard*



Roots and Branches

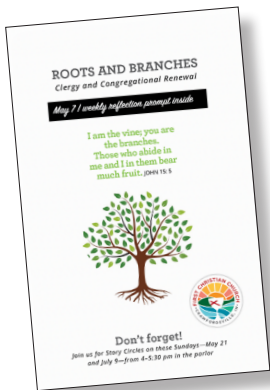


Speaking Schedule During Renewal Time

May 14	Rev. Sam Vaught
May 21	Kay Nannet, Linda Spencer
May 28	Rev. Kevin Toth
June 4	Ellen Oaks, Nancy Beach
June 11	Tammy & Justin Meyers
June 18	TBD
June 25	Rev. Kevin Toth
July 2	Jackie McDermott & Nate Thompkins
July 9	Ben McCormick & Chuck Ranspach
July 16	Rev. Rick Spleth

We thank everyone for taking the time to share their faith stories with us during worship! Please contact Pastor Kevin with any questions.

Reflection Questions



As you may have noticed, we're including a bulletin insert with contact information for the clergy and congregational renewal time, a summary of the theme, and a weekly reflection question. We hope you will spend some time thinking through the questions as we work as a congregation to better understand our individual and collective stories. These are intended for your personal use—but if your answer is one

you'd like to share with the congregation, please either leave it in the church office or email it to Kelly Stanley at fcc.comm211@gmail.com. If we have space, we will include some of these in future Pathfinder newsletters.

Food Finders

The Food finders Food Delivery will be in our church parking lot on Tuesday, May 30 from 10-12:30. We will again provide volunteers to put food in trunks of cars. This is a great opportunity for youth and adults to participate in warm weather. Please let the office or Carolyn Snyder know if you will be available that day. Because it is a holiday weekend, some volunteers may not be available. Thank you for helping.

~Outreach Ministry

You're invited to join us for one or both Story Circles—May 21 and July 9 from 4-5:30 pm

As part of our congregational renewal time, First Christian Church is holding three "Story Circles" over the next three months. **These small group discussions about our lives and faith are an important part of the overall theme and planning for this renewal time.** We think they'll also be fun! When we gather together, there is always laughter and connection and kindness—and each one will have a different focus.

How will this work? Each gathering will start at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, where the topics for the afternoon will be introduced. Everyone will get copies of the questions we'll discuss. No advanced prep is required, because these are questions about your everyday life.

We'll divide into small groups, or "story circles." The groups will gather in different areas (parlor, chapel, library, etc.) to discuss the prompts and share a bit about ourselves in the process. We'll wrap up at 5:30.

These times of intentional sharing in safe spaces will help us build our relationships with each other, strengthen our bonds within this church, and provide an opportunity to reflect on our individual spiritual lives.

Who's invited? Everyone who is or wants to be part of our church community is welcome. **Childcare** is available, but please be sure to indicate that child care is needed when you sign up.

How do I sign up? Signup sheets are on an easel in the narthex, near the stairs to the sanctuary. You may also email fcc.comm211@gmail.com or call the church office (765-362-4812) to tell us which sessions you can attend. **Pre-registration is not required** but is helpful to us in planning.

Questions? Contact Kelly Stanley (fcc.comm211@gmail.com).

UPCOMING

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



Celebrating our Graduates: May 21st!

Thanks to all of you who have contacted Kevin or me with information about 2023 graduates! We are looking forward to celebrating all of those graduates associated with our church and will be honoring them in worship on May 21 and/or in the church newsletter.

If you haven't contacted us and you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or other studies, please send us their name, degree achieved, institution, and future plans. We need this information by May 14. Thanks for your help!

Judy Michal – email judymichal@yahoo.com or text 765-376-8255

Men's Pool Fellowship

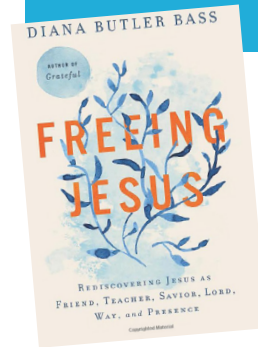
The Men's Pool Fellowship will have its last meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. before the summer break. It will form and begin meeting again in the fall.

Learning Series

Dusk to Dawn's next Learning Series event is **Healing Harp: Therapeutic Music at the Bedside on Wednesday, May 10, from noon to 1 pm.** Certified Music Practitioner and harpist Sabrina Sigal Falls plays live therapeutic music for seriously ill patients at home, in hospitals, or in hospice settings. In this interactive session, Sabrina will play her harp, demonstrate the instrument and talk about how she supports others through this healing practice. Session is in the sanctuary at Christ Lutheran Church, 300 West South Blvd. **Please RSVP at www.dusk-to-dawn.org or by calling 765-267-1760.**



FCC BOOK CLUB



Join us on June 6 from 6-7:30 pm for a discussion about **Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence** by Diana Butler Bass. This meeting will be led

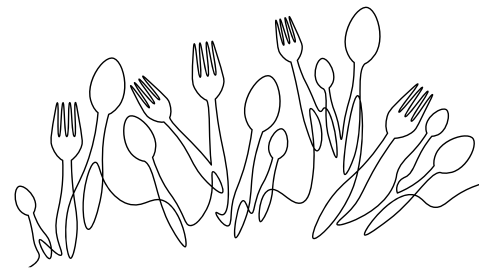
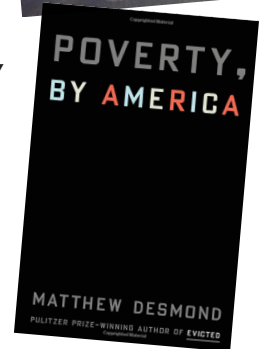
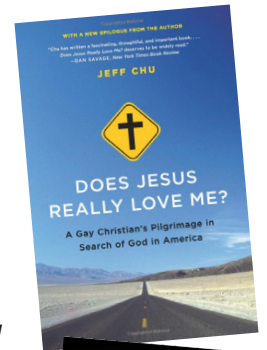
by Aaron Morrison

from St John's, right here at FCC, hopefully with members from both churches present.

We will not meet in July.

August 1 we will discuss **Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America** by Jeff Chu. Our book for September 5 will be **Poverty, by America** by Matthew Desmond.

At least one copy of each book is available in our church library. Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will dine at the Country Club on **Thurs. May 18 at 1 pm.** Please reserve a spot by emailing bonyund@hotmail.com no later than Tuesday, May 16. All women of the church are welcome.

Rediscovering the Parables of Jesus

In this time of the Clergy and Congregational Renewal, as we take time to tell our stories and the stories of this community of our church, I found myself thinking about the stories that Jesus told that we find in his parables. I have pulled them together in what I think of as somewhat common themes so we can consider them over a period of four weeks, **beginning May 28. See you each Sunday at 9 am (instead of the Wired Word) as we rediscover the Parables of Jesus.**

Grace and Peace, *Dave Maharry*

To study parables, we should:

- 1) Read the parable, and then read it again.
- 2) Try to discover the original situation. To whom was Jesus telling the story, his disciples, the Pharisees, or? This may require reading the text around the parable, what comes before, etc.
- 3) Try to discover the description of our ordinary human lives to which Jesus is speaking today. Try to think of how Jesus might tell the parable to us, or to an equivalent group of people in today's world. What change is Jesus calling for from his audience?

Are there other parables that we have not listed here which you would like to consider? Bring them with you and let's explore them together. Especially bring parables that seem most powerful to you, or are most difficult to understand.



May 28 – Parables of Pride

The Pharisee
and the Publican Luke 18:9-14
Chief Seats Luke 14:7-11
Servants..... Luke 17:7-10

June 4 – Cost of Discipleship

The Good Samaritan.. Luke 10:25-37
Hidden Treasure Matthew 13:44
Pearl of Great Price Matthew 13:45-46
Talents Matthew 25:14-30 &
Luke 19:11-27

June 11 – Grace of God

Laborers in the Field .. Matthew 20:1-16
Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7
Lost Coin..... Luke 15:8-10
Prodigal Son and
Elder Son Luke 15:11-32

June 18 – Parables of the Judgment

Two Sons Matthew 21:28-32
The Great Feast..... Luke 14:15-24 & Mt 22:1-10
Wise and Foolish
Bridesmaids..... Mt 25:1-13
Vine Dressers Mt 21:33-41, Luke 20:9-16
& Mark 12:1-9
Last Judgment Matthew 25:31-46



APRIL 30TH COMBINED ECUMENICAL SERVICE @ WABASH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN

What an incredible Sunday we had worshiping alongside our Christian neighbors at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church! Over 120 people from the Presbyterian church, Christ Lutheran Church, and our church were in attendance, with 65 of our own members. Pastor Kevin led a great children's moment, Pastor Kelly Nelson gave a powerful sermon, and Pastor John VanNuys joined us all together to partake in Holy communion. We also raised \$100 for FISH food pantry. We thank Wabash Avenue for hosting us for worship and we look forward to our next combined ecumenical service on July 30 @ Christ Lutheran Church!



Celebrating FCC's 50+ year members!

How do you know that someone is rooted in faith & in their church? Look at the 38 members of First Christian Church who now have 50+ years of membership! They have been taught the following virtues: Trust the Lord with all of your heart. When your life is rooted & built up in Christ, you will be strengthened in faith & your life will overflow with thankfulness. You will be spiritually blessed & fruitful. Your faithfulness will glorify God.

1. Gene Everett - 84 years
2. Marian Cass - 77 years
3. John Horner - 74 years
4. Carol McDonald - 72 years
5. Mary Ellen Fields - 69 years
6. Carolyn Snyder - 69 years
7. Sam Thompson - 68 years
8. Arleen Wilhite - 66 years
9. Janet Keedy - 66 years
10. Sandy Lofland Brown - 65 years
11. Paul Cass - 64 years
12. Maxine Williamson - 63 years
13. Marlene Elmore - 61 years

14. Myrna Thompson - 61 years
15. Randall Garrett - 61 years
16. Lucille Garrett - 61 years
17. Rex Henthorn - 59 years
18. Sandy Henthorn - 59 years
19. Gerry Coats - 58 years
20. Donna Coats - 58 years
21. Dallas McDonald - 58 years
22. Karen McDonald - 58 years
23. Richard Tunin - 58 years
24. Carolyn Tunin - 58 years
25. Glenda Walther - 58 years
26. Raymond Williams - 58 years

27. Lois Williams - 58 years
28. Robert Dixon - 56 years
29. Sharon Keedy - 55 years
30. Tom Keedy - 54 years
31. Nancy Beach - 54 years
32. Leanah Brown - 54 years
33. Bettye Hudson - 54 years
34. Bonnie Yund - 54 years
35. Cindy Grimes - 52 years
36. Gerry Turner - 52 years
37. Kristy Reese - 51 years
38. Kim Mason - 50 years



Community Support Team Spotlight: Crawfordsville ARC

The Exodus Refugee website recently featured the Crawfordsville ARC community support team. Here is an excerpt, but you may read the whole article at: <https://www.exodusrefugee.org/article/community-support-team-spotlight-crawfordsville-arc/>

The team holds a lot of admiration for how the family continues to

learn and holds a determination to succeed no matter what they are faced with.

The family is hardworking and hospitable; always bringing something to contribute when invited to dinners with the team and other community members. They recall at one such dinner, the 4-year-old was helping to pass out cookies she had helped bake to everyone with a huge smile on her face. David and his wife said the family sees them as the "grandparents of their American family" and they are so fortunate to have gotten to know such a wonderful family.

Another way the team worked to connect the family to the community was by taking them to

different things around Indianapolis. They helped the family get a pass to the Children's Museum (which they love to go to frequently), organized a trip to the zoo, the State Fair, gone for picnics in the local park and more. The team wanted the family to not just know but enjoy their new home and community.

While their official time as a Community Support Team at Exodus has ended, many team members are still close with the family and have continued to support them. The team learned a lot about the challenges refugees face and has continued to learn about other immigrants in their community and started outreach to them as well.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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Thank you for a WOWful 2022-2023 Year!

There are not enough words to describe just how grateful I am for all our volunteers who not only supported but enriched our children and youth's experience at WOW this past school year! The passion and love for all our youth and children is a big reason why I accepted being called to this beloved church community. Each week, our youth know they are loved through their supportive teachers; our youth know they are accepted and welcomed through the table parents who take the time to listen and affirm who they are; our youth know they are cared for through the amazing food that is cooked each week by all our many cooks; and our youth come back each week with excitement, joy, and hopefulness they receive from all the volunteers. Directors Emily & Andrea and I look forward to another amazing year of WOW in the fall and we hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Many Blessings,
Pastor Kevin





**Save the Date-
Vacation Bible
School: July 19-21!**

Registration is coming in May! If you are looking to volunteer, reach out to VBS Director, Tammy Meyers.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
May 14	Good Shephard & Lord's Supper	Sara Nicodemus
May 21	Ascension	Diane McLaughlin
May 28	Pentecost	Beth Lindsay
June 4	Baptism	Gwen Carlson

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



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.

The family of **BETTYE HUDSON** as they mourn her loss

DALLAS McDONALD and family as they mourn the loss of **KAREN**

The family of **CAROL AIREY BANDY** on the loss of Carol's mother, Catherine (Kit)

FRIEDA COSBY—recovering from a fall

ELIZABETH MORTON—recovery from arm surgery

THOMAS MAY (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband)—suffering from Stage 4 Cancer and is taking chemo but is seriously ill. Lisa and Thomas have a 12 year old son, Connor.

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.

GAIL MERRIMAN—health issues

GERRY TURNER—health issues

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

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

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

DALLAS MCDONALD—treatment for cancer

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

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

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer

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

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

DARLA GOODRICH—for a meaningful and rejuvenating time of clergy renewal

Pray for our Shut-ins
Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.
BICKFORD: TIM NANNET, ROD GONSO
WHITLOCK: CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)
HOME: DALLAS McDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BETTYE HUDSON, BOB DIXON
THE LANE HOUSE: BETTY CEDARS



The church has been notified that our long time former church member, beloved **Frieda Cosby** has fallen and broke her pelvic bone. She is currently residing in a nursing home in Brookville until she is well enough to return to her apartment. Cards may be sent to Freida at 1301 Fairfield Ave. Apt C, Brookville IN 47012. Her daughter Pam will take them to Freida. Her daughter said her Mother would enjoy hearing from her friends at FCC.

It is with sorrow that we share that **Karen McDonald** passed from her earthly body on Sunday, May 7th. Visitation will be Friday, May 12th at First Christian Church,, starting at 10 AM and continuing until the service begins at 1 PM. Pastor Kevin Toth will officiate. After the service, she will be laid to rest at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Church Directory Update

Please take note of these correct phone numbers for Barbara Frye in your copy of the directory:
Cell 765 376 3667; Landline 765 362 4811

Who to contact during the clergy renewal time

Rev. Kevin Toth is lead pastor during this time. He will fulfill all of Pastor Darla's normal duties.

Contact the church office (765.362.4812 or 211fccville@gmail.com) for adding events to the calendar and for **assistance with anything other than pastoral care.**

If Kevin is not available or you have questions, you may reach out to our lay leaders: **Dave Maharry** (Governing Board Chair), the **elders**, or the **leaders of any of the ministry teams.**

If you need information about church activities or have news for the congregation, reach out to our **communications administrator, Kelly Stanley.**

You may also reach out to the **members of the clergy renewal team:** Kate Lindsay (chair), Dave Maharry, Kevin Toth, Linda Weaver, Tom Keedy, Amber Rohr, Nick Hedrick, Jerry Whipkey, and Kelly Stanley.

All contact information can be found in the church directory. If you need a copy of the directory, contact the office.

We ask that you respect Pastor Darla's time away by not contacting her directly during this time. She will not be answering her phone or email so that she can return rested and recharged.



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



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PASTOR KEVIN
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katoth112792@gmail.com

**MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY
& CONGREGATIONAL
RENEWAL TEAM**

Kate Lindsay (chair),
Dave Maharry, Kevin Toth,
Linda Weaver, Tom Keedy,
Amber Rohr, Nick Hedrick,
Jerry Whipkey, and
Kelly Stanley

HOW CAN WE HELP?



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| OFFICE | Kay Nannet , Office Manager, 211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933
765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays)
Email: 211fccville@gmail.com |
| PROPERTY | For general property issues , call office and leave a message.
For urgent property issues , call Tom Keedy
Cell phone: 765.376.2699 |
| 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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