



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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PASTORAL MESSAGE



When I was called to be your Senior Minister (beginning in August of 2016), FCC leadership and

I agreed that, after

serving 5 years in this role, it would be mutually beneficial for me and for the congregation to observe a 3-month time of sabbatical renewal. In August of 2021, I became eligible to observe this 3-month sabbatical time but did not feel it was a good time for us to be away from each other due to the effects of COVID-19 that kept us from gathering.

For this reason, in conjunction with the FCC Board's approval and in consultation with my Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC), we have mutually agreed that I will observe 3 months of sabbatical time next year from Monday, April 17 – Monday, July 17, 2023. During this time both the congregation and I will engage in activities that are designed to deepen our spiritual connection with God, ourselves, one another, and the world we love and serve. The theme of the Sabbatical, collaboratively selected by myself, Pastor Kevin and my PRC, will be "Roots and Branches."

As we draw closer to our 200th anniversary as a congregation in



But Jesus would often go to places where he could be alone and pray.

Luke 5:16

2026, 2023 will be an opportune time to begin to deeply reflect on how the foundation of Christ himself and the many forebearers of FCC (our "roots") have paved a solid foundation for our future together. Congregational members will have the opportunity to share stories of their life and faith with each other in small groups while I am away. Members will also be sharing their reflections from the pulpit. At the same time, I will be reading and traveling, praying, and reflecting on my own spiritual journey and the amazing path we have been able to walk together—even as you and I both will be considering what the future holds for our life ahead together (our "branches").

Plans for both the congregation and I are currently being

considered and will be described in forthcoming articles. I will also share the "Roots and Branches" vision for the Sabbatical at the FCC Congregational Meeting on June 26, 2022. The current vision has Pastor Kevin stepping up to fill in while I am away, along with an FCC Sabbatical Committee and other FCC spiritual leaders in our midst to create a wonderful experience of spiritual growth for the whole congregation. More details will continue to follow as plans begin to come together for this special moment in our life together. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, my PRC, or our FCC Board.

Grace & Peace,

Darla

Mark Your Calendars for June 26th!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities for June was emailed on May 31—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events



Congregational meeting followed by a pitch-in!

Mark your calendars! There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, June 26, to approve the new slate of leadership for the 2022-23 year. Watch for info to come in an email regarding the new leadership slate and voting procedures. We will be sending a ballot that you can return by mail or drop off at the church office if you're unable to attend.

After a brief congregational meeting, stay for a potluck! It's a perfect time to fellowship and get to know others in the community! The church will provide fried chicken and beverages. All you need to bring is a side dish or dessert to share! *To help us ensure that we have plenty of chicken, please RSVP here:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9AD2FAAFDC16-june>

Comparative Religion Study

Starting Sunday, June 4, and continuing for four weeks, we will meet at 9 am in the Parlor. The Wired Word class will pause during this time. Each session will begin with a 30-minute video followed by discussion.

For those unable to attend in person, the lecture CD can also be made available at other times.

Contact Dave Lunsford at davelunsford2604@gmail.com for additional information.

The upcoming lectures will be:

June 5 - Sacred People: Prophets and Saviors

June 12 - Sacred People: Clergy and Monastics

June 19 - Creation Stories: Myths and Sacred Stories

June 26 - Sacred Stories and Letters to Doctrine

You may still join us for the final two sessions of Prayer Reboot!

It's been a great group so far, but it's not too late for you to join in! The final two sessions will be on Monday, June 6, and Monday, June 13 from 3-4 in the parlor. We'll be discussing praying for others, what it means to "hear from God" or have prayers answered, and written prayer and prayer journaling.

Interested or have other questions? Email, call, or text Kelly (765-366-6709 / kellyostanley@me.com).



We have finished the book of Deuteronomy and the entire Pentateuch! Be sure to check out all our episodes so far and stay tune for our Deuteronomy re-cap episode coming out this Friday, June 3. The Podcast will be on a break throughout all of June and return the first week of July. <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



Create in Community!

Do you like to draw, color in coloring books, paint, knit, crochet, do word-finds or puzzles or other kinds of creative activities—all while socializing and getting to know others? Here is a great new group for you at FCC! ***If you are interested in coming together for creativity, fun, and fellowship with others, please let Kelly O'Dell Stanley know by emailing fcc.comm211@gmail.com or calling the church office.*** Please let us know what times of day or evening you are available.

Food Finders Coming!



**Food Finders
Food Bank, Inc.**
fighting hunger, giving hope



On **Thursday, June 16, from 11:00 – 12:30, Food Finders is scheduled to have their truck at First Christian Church's parking lot. We need at least 12-16 volunteers** (older children, youth or adults) from First Christian Church to help distribute food to families in need in our community.

If you are able to volunteer, please e-mail both Rev. Darla (darla.goodrich@gmail.com) and Carolyn Snyder (carolynsnyder42@gmail.com) to let them know you would like to serve. Hope to see you at this wonderful opportunity for mission and service with our community in need. Thank you so much!



There are so many ways to get involved at First Christian Church, and it's a great way to get to know people and build friendships with others in the church community, all while serving in a helpful way! We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might like to be involved. Contact the person listed below if you are interested.

WAYS TO HELP WITH SUNDAY WORSHIP

Greeter—Welcome people before Sunday morning worship. Talk to Leanah Brown to volunteer.

Scripture Reader—See Leanah Brown if you'd like to read Scripture during Worship.

Media Volunteer—We need people willing to be trained in running the Powerpoint, sound, and cameras for Sunday worship so that they can fill in when our usual media staff are unavailable. Contact Vic Lindsay if interested.

Online Worship Chat Monitor—If you worship from home, consider volunteering to respond to comments and engage others watching on Facebook at the same time. Get with Leanah Brown to volunteer.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED DURING THE WEEK:

Office Volunteer—People needed from 10-1 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Volunteer on a particular day or sign up for an ongoing spot. Tasks include things like answering the phone, accepting deliveries, helping with Pathfinder mailings, and so on. Contact Pat Hooper to sign up for a time.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



REGISTER NOW FOR VBS!



JULY 13-15, 5:30-7 pm at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CRAWFORDSVILLE fccville.org



Reach out to Leannah Brown or Pastor Kevin for any questions or assistance in registering for VBS!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

| Date | Bible Story | Teacher |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| June 5th | Acts 2:1-41 | Kate Lindsay |
| June 12th | Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35 | Sarah Jay |
| June 19th | Acts 8:26-40 | Beth Daniel Lindsay |
| June 26th | Acts 9:1-19 | Gwen Carlson |

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

Camp Blessings!

We are excited for our youth and church members who are attending camp in two weeks.

Ross Brown is attending You & Me camp at the Geneva Center, June 13-15, with his grandmother, **Leannah Brown!**

Harley Rangel is attending Explorers Camp at Geneva Center, June 13-18!

Nora Carlson and **Anna and Addie Lindsay** are attending New Beginnings Camp at Geneva Center, June 13-15!

We send our prayers and blessings to these campers and look forward to hearing their stories when they return!

Pastor Kevin's June Schedule

Pastor Kevin will be away from the church three weeks in June to Keynote and Counsel camps.

He will respond to any communications sent to him Saturday and Sunday afternoons each week.

June 12th to June 18th

CYF Camp at Camp Kum Bah Ya (Kentucky)

June 20th to June 25th

Explorers Camp at Camp Bedford

June 27th to July 2nd

High School/Middle School Camp at Geneva Center

Beverly Quigley Joins FCC!



On Sunday, May 29, Beverly Quigley, a Crawfordsville native, joined FCC! Beverly began attending FCC not all that long before the pandemic began. She worked at Crawford Industries for a number of years and now works at Banjo. Bev has 3 wonderful grown sons, Tim, Brandon, and Nicholas. Just

last Thursday we celebrated the precious life of Bev's husband (of 33 years), Tim Quigley, at Sanders and Priebe Funeral Home.

It was especially meaningful that Bev joined on Memorial Day weekend, a time when we honor our loved ones we've lost who have profoundly touched our lives and a time when we express gratitude for God's care for us and the care we give to each other. Cards of both sympathy and welcome may be sent to Bev at P.O. Box 36, New Market, Indiana 47965. We are so thrilled Bev has joined our church family!



Nate Tompkins and Jackie McDermott Are Wed!

This past weekend on Saturday, May 28, **Nate Tompkins and Jackie McDermott** celebrated their wedding at FCC!! The 1832 Brew coffee truck, which arrived prior to the wedding, drew quite a crowd and j Miranda offered beautiful pre-wedding, processional and post-wedding piano pieces including "Moonlight Sonata." Congratulations, Nate and Jackie—may you have many blessings and great joy in your years ahead together! Cards of congratulations may be sent to Nate and Jackie at 511 W. Main St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.



Troop 365 has another Eagle Scout!— Matthew Barnes

Title of the project: Grave Salvation (Kanine-Smith cemetery behind First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road)—Project entailed cleaning of the grounds around the cemetery for ease of lawn maintenance, cleaning the fence surrounding the cemetery, repairing the benches and rebuilding two others. Gravel was added under the benches and fence for easy maintenance as well.

Matthew gave a presentation to a group of people including the Board of Trustees for First Baptist Church on May 12. This cemetery is open to the public and you are more than welcome to go see the work he accomplished. We applaud and thank Matthew for a job well done!



Vivian Cass Dedicated at FCC

On Sunday, May 22, during 10:15 worship, FCC had the great privilege of getting to celebrate together the blessing and dedication of **Vivian Belle Cass**, daughter of **Logan and Ellen Cass**. What a wonderful opportunity and honor it was to surround this extended family with God's love and be a living sign of Christ presence with our prayers, commitment and affirmation! Cards of blessing, welcome, and congratulations may be sent to Vivian at 4444 W 600 N, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.



Bethel AME Church 175th Anniversary Celebration

The opening celebration of the 175th anniversary celebration of Bethel AME Church will be on **Sunday afternoon, June 12th at 3:30 p.m.** Presiding Bishop John Franklin White of the 4th District of the AME Church will be the special guest and speaker.

The congregation obtained the property on North Street in 1847 and built a log church building. The current sanctuary where the service will be held was built in 1892. Volunteers from First Christian undertook the project to repair and preserve the building. The first school for African American students was built on the property and named the Lincoln School after the Civil War.

Bethel AME will continue with anniversary services of celebration through June and July.

Volunteers Needed!

Our FCC Local Outreach Ministry Team seeks volunteers to assist Bethel AME Church with their booth at the Children's area of the Strawberry Festival on **Sunday, June 12, from 1-4 pm**. Our volunteers will work in the Bethel booth in one-hour segments—two volunteers each hour—to take tickets and give prizes to children. The booth is an important fundraiser for Bethel. Bethel members will be attending the opening 175th Anniversary Celebration of Bethel AME Church that afternoon. AME Bishop John Franklin White will be the guest. Bethel will work the booth until 1 pm and will return to close it down at 4 pm. We can assist Bethel AME and have some fun. **Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius below or call Raymond Williams or Carolyn Snyder to volunteer.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9AD2FAAFDC16-strawberry>

NEW! HATS AVAILABLE—ORDER NOW FOR FATHER'S DAY!

As we head into summer, wear our new logo with pride! Photo color may not be completely accurate, but photos show an actual sample we ordered. (Come see it in the office if you would like.)

To receive your hat before Father's Day (June 19), place your order no later than June 3rd.

Proceeds will go toward the Agape Fund. Print and fill out the order form to the right or pick one up in the office.

At a later date, we may also offer visors, but they are currently unavailable from our source.

Payment is due at time of order. You may pay with cash or check (made payable to First Christian Church). Sales tax and shipping costs already included.



HAT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Number of hats ordered: _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

How should we notify you when the hats arrive?

email: _____

phone: _____

prayer concerns

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.

SANDY RUBY—recovering from a heart catheterization procedure

NANCY ROGERS—continues to recover from a heart attack she had in April; now at Wellbrooke (517 Concord Road), Room #212

BEV QUIGLEY and family on the loss of Bev's husband Tim Quigley

PAUL CASS and son-in-law **DALE HANKINS**—recent hospitalizations

KAREN KELLER & KATHY (KELLER) LEE (daughters of the late Max & Sally Keller—FCC church members) and family in your prayers—Karen & Kelly's brother Keith Keller passed away

BOB HUDSON—cancer

BARB FOSTER and family on the loss of Barb's sister, Marilyn Marilys Miller

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

JOHN HUSTED—recovering from a fall

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

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, SANDY RUBY, DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD**

SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE PARKWOOD: **RUSS RUBY**

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

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

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.

Vacation/ Out of Office

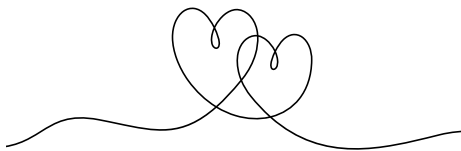
Pastor Darla will be on vacation with her family from Wednesday, June 1–Wednesday, June 8 (back in the office on the 9th).

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays and anniversaries are now being emailed at the beginning of each month (with paper copies of the list sent to all who receive the Pathfinder by mail), so watch your email inbox around June 1 for all the birthdays and anniversaries in June!

One addition to the list:

June 9 is Logan and Ellen Cass's wedding anniversary



Wedding Announcement

Monica Everett, daughter of Carol and Frank Everett, would like to share with the congregation that she will be marrying Micha Frayne in a backyard wedding on June 4th in Columbia, MO, where currently they reside. Monica grew up in the church from the time she was 2 months old and has good memories of VBS, Logos, and many friends. We are happy to share in the joy of this celebration with our Crawfordsville family.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

PASTOR DARLA

Pastor Darla is on vacation until June 9th. 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.

CELL: 724-825-0997

EMAIL:

katoth112792@gmail.com

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

765.362.4812 (Leave a message. Voicemail is checked on weekdays.)
EMAIL: 211fccville@gmail.com

GRIEF AND LOSS

j Miranda

Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services

CELL: 765-720-2829 (call or text)
EMAIL: jmiranda@coachj.com

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

Andrew Nicodemus

FCC Financial Administrator

765.362.4812 (leave a message)
EMAIL: fccvillefinance@gmail.com

HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

Gwen Carlson, HHCL Board

In process of hiring HHCL Director

765.362.4812 (leave a message)
EMAIL: hhclboard@gmail.com

HAVE INFO FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

Kelly Stanley

Communications Administrator

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CELL: 765.366.6709

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



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!