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**WHAT'S IN A NAME?
PASTORAL REFLECTION**

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Throughout the month of June, I have been traveling to several different camps. The first week I was invited to counsel at Camp Kum Ba Ya in western Kentucky from my former pastor growing up, Rev. Jamie Eubanks. After that week, I was invited to counsel the Explorers camp at Camp Bedford and High School/Middle School camp at Geneva Center, both in Indiana.



Every week, we looked at the same curriculum and asked this question every day: "What's in a name?" I, along with the campers and fellow counselors, took time each day to reflect upon the power of names and how our names can define us, define our relationships with one another, and how names can create meaning in our faith journeys with God. We reflected upon the biblical stories of God calling Moses from the burning bush; Jesus calling Zacchaeus out of the tree; Elizabeth naming her son John; Naomi naming herself Mara; Jacob being renamed Israel; and Jesus naming Simon Peter. This curriculum quickly became a personal favorite of mine and I believe a relevant one for not just our youth but many people who wrestle with the questions of "Who am I?" "Who is God?" and "What is the meaning of the names that define us?"

In addition to myself, this year, we had 10 church youth attend camp this summer and reflect upon the same questions and learn the same biblical stories that I did:

Ross Brown attended You & Me Camp at Geneva Center with his grandmother Leanah Brown.

Nora Carlson, Anna and Addie Lindsay attended New Beginnings Camp at Geneva Center.

Harley Rangel attended Explorers Camp at Geneva Center.

Hailey Lobaugh and Malachi Meyers attended Explorers Camp at Camp Bedford.

Jacob Rangel attended High School camp at Geneva Center.

Justice Strietelmeier and Ashlyn Adams attended Middle School camp at Camp Bedford.

Seven of these youth had never attended church camp before.

Eight of them received full scholarships to attend camp this summer because of the generous donations the church provided earlier in the year.

I can not be more thankful for your support of our children to attend camp this summer! Your generosity and care for our youth gave them the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith and walk away this summer remembering that God knows their names and calls them all beloved children of God.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Kevin





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



MORE CAMP PHOTOS



VBS IS HERE! Be sure to check out our daily updates on the church Facebook page and an overall summary in the next Pathfinder!

Interested in Baptism?

Pastors Darla and Kevin are planning to host another Baptism class for the fall. If you and/or your child is interested, please reach out to them as we will be working on setting a class date for August.

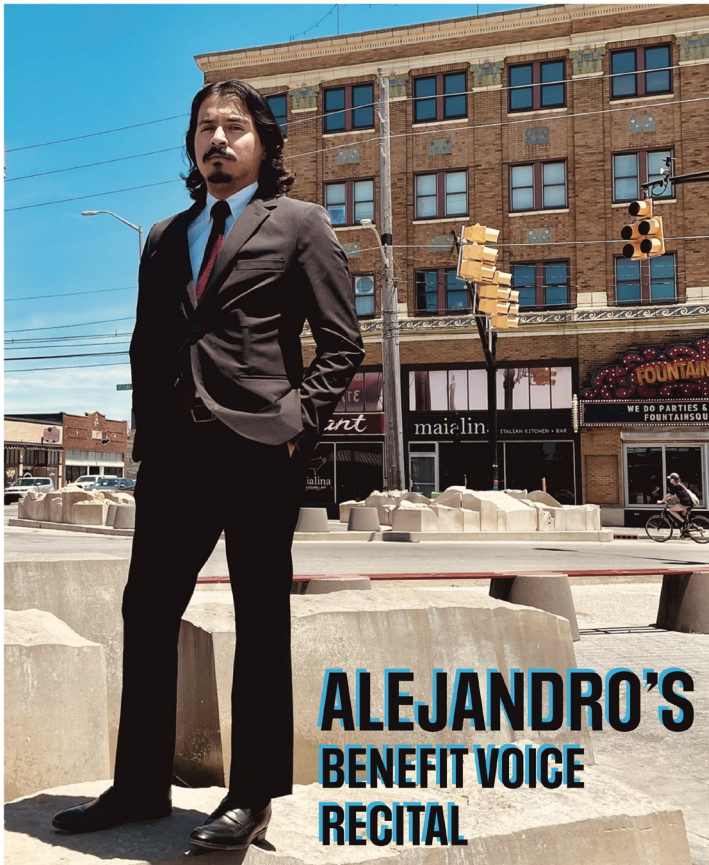
CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
July 17th	Ephesians 4:1-16	Sara Nicodemus
July 24th	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Kate Lindsay
July 31st	James 1:19-27; 2:1-7	Gwen Carlson

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



EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN AUGUST!



ALEJANDRO'S BENEFIT VOICE RECITAL

INCLUDING WORKS BY G.F. HANDEL, J. HAYDN, G. VERDI, A. LARA, AND SEVERAL MUSICAL THEATRE NUMBERS
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ★ **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 6:30 PM**
OPEN ADMISSION. DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

FCC Hosts Alejandro Reyna Benefit Voice Concert!

We are excited to announce that First Christian Church will be hosting a Benefit Voice Concert for our former Associate Choir Director, Alejandro Reyna, on **Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 pm** for the whole community at large. Through free-will donations, concert goers will help fund Alejandro's special honor of being accepted to the **Aspen Music Festival for Seraphic Fire's Professional Choral Institute**, August 6-22. The concert, which will take place in the FCC sanctuary, will feature works by G.F. Handel, J. Haydn, G. Verdi, A. Lara, and several musical theatre numbers! All are welcome!



After the Amen

Conversations about Sunday's Scripture & Sermon

Beginning with **Sundays in AUGUST**, on the weeks Pastor Darla is preaching, she will be gathering in **the Parlor from 11:45 – 12:30** for the **"After the Amen" class**. This is a class for anyone interested in exploring deeper conversations and questions about the scripture and sermon offered in worship. We will re-read the scripture together and spend more time talking about the many themes that are present and perhaps those that were not touched upon in the message. This will be a time when any questions, comments, challenges, or reflections about both the sermon and scripture itself will get to be shared with each other. In addition, we will specifically reflect upon what the scripture means for our daily lives. **Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch** (optional). Hope I get to share some meaningful conversations with you beginning Sundays in August!



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? The new FCC **Creativity Circle is going to begin to meet in AUGUST on Thursdays at 1 pm in the Church Parlor**. Tables & chairs will be available as well as comfortable couch seating. If you are interested in coming together for creativity, fun and fellowship with others beginning in August, please let Kelly O'Dell Stanley know at fcc.comm211@gmail.com, call the church office—or just show up!

Scout Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily

Alilyona (Lily) Coffman has done just that. Long story short, she saw smoke outside of a neighboring apartment building and found that the mulch was on fire and was at the building.

She, with the help of her parents, put the fire out without damage to the building and no injuries. It took about 30 minutes using the dirt from the flowerbeds and the garden hose.

Can't thank Lily enough for being observant and caring about others. She holds the rank of Star in Troop 247.

**Note* we will not be meeting on July 18th. Next meeting will be at Lake Holiday Club House July 25th at 5:30*



Grieving Well Dusk to Dawn Learning Series Event, July 27

Join dietitian and Yoga Teacher Chelsea Shafer and grief counselor j Miranda for this engaging discussion about the importance of self care when grieving. Together they will explore concepts and practices in mindfulness and mindful eating, the importance of movement in the healing process, and other mind/body connections to support wellbeing. Bring your lunch and join us for this Learning Series event.

**Wednesday, July 27, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm, Luther Hall
at Christ Lutheran Church.**



Library News

The library has been given books about the religions of the world. I have placed these books on the shelf under WORLD RELIGIONS. On the desk are the new additions to this collection. They cover the religions of Latter Day Saints, Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism, Catholicism, Protestant denominations. Disciples of Christ history and beliefs are on another shelf.

A reminder to please sign out the book or video. An unsigned book was recently returned after being gone quite a while. Since its return in June, four people have read and appreciated it. Check your book spaces for books or videos that have a white label on the spine and return them to the desk or table in the library, not on the cart.

The "free cart" will have new selections by Sunday. There is a small selection of books for the younger reader. Also you will find plastic VHS containers that are looking for a new life limited only by your imagination. EX., sewing kit, first aid kit for the car, trading cards, small projects container, pencils, crayons, child's jewelry, toys, etc. Take what you can use. Of course, puzzles are still available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities for July is being emailed with this Pathfinder— but you can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events

NEW ADULT ED OFFERING: FCC BOOK CLUB!

When and how often? Beginning on Sept. 6, and continuing on the first Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30

What's it about? The focus will be on books that can lead to spiritual, personal, or community growth, mostly nonfiction but not all. They will also hopefully inspire interesting conversations. This book club is a time of fellowship and community growth. The books are accessible and most are reasonably short.

How do I sign up? You don't have to sign up, just show up. While we'd love to have you every month, you're not obligated to come every time. In fact, if you're only interested in one or two books, you may choose to come to just those meetings.

Who chose the books? Kelly Stanley, as adult education coordinator, compiled a list after talking to several leaders and members of the community. The group will choose books for two of the months, and the topics are subject to change based on the interests of the group. But in order to allow people plenty of time to get the reading done, we're giving you a fairly complete list up front.

What will be expected of me? All you need to do is show up (and preferably be part of the discussion, if you're so inclined). However, if a particular book or topic really speaks to you, you may volunteer to lead or facilitate that discussion. We will have the book's authors present for at least two of the meetings.

Where can I find the books? The church library has one copy of each of the books that you may borrow and pass around. Most are also available at our library. Also, **the church office will have copies of Mark Frank's book (for September) available during office hours for \$10 apiece.** In addition, that book can be purchased at Quest for Balance or on Amazon. Watch for a display to come in the Narthex so you can take a peek at these titles.

How do I get more info? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, kellyostanley@me.com, or call or text 765.366.6709.

Schedule

- September 6, 2022 *That Which We Already Know*
by Mark Robert Frank
(author will be present for the discussion!)
- October 4, 2022 *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*
by Mitch Albom
- November 1, 2022 *We Are Called to be a Movement*
by Dr William Barber
- December 6, 2022 *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*
by Suzanne Stabile & Ian Morgan Cron
- January 3, 2022 **BOOK CLUB CHOICE**—Group will select one of these (or possibly others):
Almost Everything: Notes on Hope by Anne Lamott
The Furious Longing of God by Brennan Manning
Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans & Jeff Chu
- February 7, 2022 *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass
- March 7, 2022 *Lose, Love, Live: The Spiritual Gifts of Loss and Change*
by Dan Moseley
- April 4, 2022 *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown
- May 2, 2022 *Praying Upside Down* by Kelly O'Dell Stanley—author present :-)
- June 6, 2022 **BOOK CLUB CHOICE**





HAITI NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As you may remember, FCC member Ryan Venis founded a charity called Avek Anpil Men Medical Relief (AAMMR) in 2014. The charity helps fund a medical clinic just outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, ran by Haitian doctors and dear friends Vlado & Merline Roseau and Francise Milien Dorestyl. Recently, Drs. Vlad and Merline have taken their mobile clinic to a civilian women's prison and the needs are tremendous. Here are words from Dr. Merline on July 7th...

Today I want to share with you a really great and difficult project we have. It's about a mobile clinic we are invited to do in the civilian women prison, the biggest one in the country. We went last Thursday for a visit and we had found out those needs that we wanted to share with you: They have around 230 people from 17 yo to 70 yo, including a baby and 50 officers and other staff members. They have a nursery but not functioning—no drinkable water, no electricity, no water in shower inside. Praise the Lord they have a well outside but decreasing the security, food available only one meal a day, clothing are wearing out. Ok, why I am telling you all that? I am sure it's a lot, but as you can see, today is a year of commemorative of our president's murder. With no more details the situation is chaotic, the complaints we had from the leaders of the prison made us scared because we are just a small clinic trying to help and because of the Covid we missed our friends who would like to help us in many ways. We know we won't be able to cover all their needs but we wish to do as much as we can in medical and sanitation. We will take someone to spray the entire local area because bugs of all kind are giving troubles. We are taking someone to help clean hair and do nails. We will try to get some used clothes to take also. We will look for some big rechargeable flash lights for the guardians officers, put together some hygiene kits, will be bringing some bread, powdered milk, peanut butter and crackers. That is the best we think can do. If by chance you can share with your friends or church for some support, we will be grateful. Take care. We don't have a date yet as we still putting stuff together.

Unfortunately, getting supplies to Haiti is challenging at best. But if you would like to help Drs. Vlad, Merline, and Francise and their Alpha Omega Medical Ministries, you can always donate monetarily to AAMMR. The money is then mailed or hand-delivered to Dr. Vlad every few months while he is here in the States. **Here's how you can donate...**

ONLINE at AAMMR's website:
<https://www.aammr.org/new-page-1>

MAIL a check made out to AAMMR to the Venis home: 63 N Sugar Cliff Dr, Crawfordsville

The people of Haiti thank you for your support!!



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.

WARREN HARTMAN—recovering from aortic valve replacement surgery

GINA TURNER (Gerry Turner's daughter-in-law)—recovering from heart attack and heart surgery

MAXINE WILLIAMSON—recovering from a stroke

ARLEEN WILHITE—recovering after heart related hospitalization

FAMILY OF BLAINE NORTON, the 7-year-old boy we prayed for, who passed away on June 17 after being injured in a water accident

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

HOWARD, DARLENE AND DARLA GOODRICH on the loss of their cousin Greg Northcutt

SANDY RUBY—recovering from a heart catheterization procedure

NANCY ROGERS—at Wellbrooke

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

BOB HUDSON—cancer

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

JACK WYATT—ongoing health concerns

BEN McCORMICK—ongoing health concerns

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

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer

BOB MASON—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, long recovery ahead

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

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: **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.



Thank you

Sundays haven't been at all the same since I stopped rising early, donning my best—well, my only—suit, and walking the single block to First Christian, nor has any Sunday lunch settled as well as those I've shared with my church family after service. While I could list a great number of things I miss about First Christian (chief among them Dr Maharry's jokes, of course), I would instead like to thank each and every one of you for welcoming me for these past four years. While in college, First Christian was the only other place that felt like home that wasn't total solitude, and I'm sincerely grateful that God led me to the company of such caring individuals, all of whom I consider family. I intend to visit soon.

Thank you,
Ian Gale



Vacation

Kelly Stanley will be on vacation from July 17-25. Her email will be monitored by Darla or Kevin while she's away.

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation July 26 to August 5th

Pastor Darla will be away as follows:

Aug. 15 – 21 Vacation

Sept. 20 – 25 Continuing Education

Oct. 17 – 22 Vacation

Nov. 07 – 13 Vacation



CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays and anniversaries are now being emailed near the beginning of each month (with paper copies of the list sent to all who receive the Pathfinder by mail), but I missed one July birthday:

July 22 Ellen Cass

Need Covid tests?

Mark Allen, through his volunteer work with the Health Department, obtained some free Covid test kits for the church. They're simple to do at home—just follow the written instructions. If you need tests to keep at home, stop by the church office during office hours, call 765-362-4812, or email 211fccville@gmail.com and we'll set them aside with your name on them.

Correction—lay leadership

You should have received an updated list of our new lay leaders with the last Pathfinder, but there was at least one mistake. Sara Nicodemus is now chair of the coordinating council. Sorry!



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
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
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!

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