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“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” LUKE 11:9

Jesus' wisdom in Luke's chapter eleven invites us to actively ask for God's presence in our lives, to search for God's will in our everyday living, and to even knock on, what may feel like, the daunting doors behind which lie the great mysteries of the Kingdom of God. The last request of knocking is the hardest.

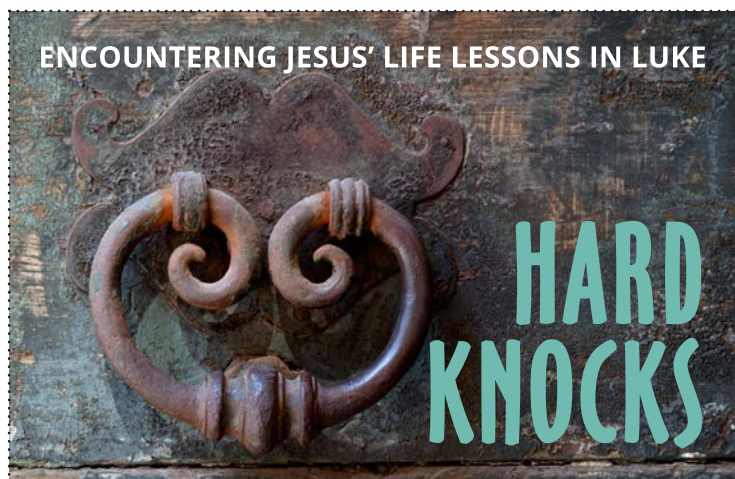


We don't know what will happen when God opens the door to the kingdom. It might require great change on our part, a shift in how we see or experience our own lives,

or a transformation of the way we live. What's more, when that door is open, it in turn invites Jesus to come knocking on the door of our own hearts with his wisdom and love. In other words, Jesus just might just come home with us just like he did with the tax collector, Zacchaeus! His knock on our door may not always feel so gentle or welcome as his teachings are not always easy to hear. However, while they challenge us, they also invite us to a greater life, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of the world God so loves.

In the month of August and September, we we'll be exploring some of those "Hard Knocks" or challenging lessons from Jesus (in Luke) remembering Jesus' reminder: *For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? How much more will God give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!* Now that's what I call "Good News!"

Grace & Peace,
Darla



DATE	SCRIPTURE	TITLE & PREACHER
08/07	Luke 12: 13-21	Trash or Treasure? <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
08/14	Luke 10: 38-42	Hurried & Harried <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
08/21	Luke 19:1-10	Labels that Cause Separation <i>Rev. Kevin Toth</i>
08/28	Luke 10: 25-37	Once a Priest, Always a Priest <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/04	Luke 14: 25-33	The Cost of Love <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/11	Luke 13: 10-17	Bent on Tradition <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/18	Luke 11: 1-12	Oh Bother! <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/25	to come	<i>Rev. Sarah Reed-Jay</i>
10/02	Luke 14: 7-14	Honor or Disgrace? / World Communion Sunday <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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New! Sunday Youth Gatherings for Older Youth

Starting on August 28, Pastor Kevin would like to invite all the middle and high school youth to gather every Sunday from 11:45 am-12:45 pm for an informal youth gathering time. These gatherings will be laid back and filled with some fellowship with one another, fun small group games, small devotion time, and discussions regarding any questions about faith or the world. Snack food will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kevin.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
August 14	Genesis 25:19-28	Gwen Carlson
August 21	Genesis 27:1-29	Diane McLaughlin
August 28	Genesis 32-33	Kate Lindsay
September 4	Genesis 37	Sarah Jay

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

Enjoy this coloring page :-)



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.

SAVE THE DATE

WOW Begins Sept. 14th!

Registration and details will be sent out in August. Contact WOW Directors Emily McLaughlin and Andrea Venis with any questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities is being emailed right before the start of each month—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events

New Creativity Circle—Thursday at 1



Join us **Thursdays at 1** for our new Creativity Circle. This is time to draw, color in coloring books, paint, knit, crochet, embroider, do word finds or puzzles, or other kinds of creative activities, all while socializing and getting to know others. Contact Kelly Stanley at fcc.comm211@gmail.com if you have questions, but no need to RSVP—just show up on Thursday! (Parlor is under renovation so we will likely meet in the Fellowship Hall.)



After the Amen

Sundays in August from 11:45-12:30

Explore deeper conversations and questions about the scripture and sermon our pastor offered in worship that day. We will share questions, comments, challenges, or reflections with each other and reflect upon what the scripture means for our daily lives. **Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch** (optional). While parlor is actively under renovations, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.

STARTING SEPT 6: FCC BOOK CLUB!

Our first meeting will be next month, Sept. 6, from 6-7:30 pm (with subsequent meetings on the first Tuesday of each month) in the Parlor. We're kicking this off by talking with author Mark Frank about his new book, *That Which We Already Know*.

One copy of each book on the schedule is available in the church library. Be sure you sign out the books as you borrow them. Also, **the church office has copies of Mark Frank's book available during office hours for \$10 apiece.**

Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, kellyostanley@me.com, or call or text 765.366.6709.

You may also view the year's lineup of books or print and download the flyer at www.fccville.org/fcc-book-club



REMODELING

Parlor Remodel

Thanks to three incredibly gracious donor families, our church parlor will be getting a big facelift over the next few months. The purpose is to transform it into a multi-generational resourceful community space that can be used for receptions, Christian education, ministry events, small spiritual gatherings, congregational meetings, Sunday morning gatherings, and worship overflow for special worship events. We have already learned from the upgrade of the narthex and our art gallery that creating inviting and welcoming spaces truly enhances and increases fellowship, relationship building, and ministry with one other and the community.

Some of the upgrades include: a new ceiling and LED lighting, not just in the Parlor but in Fellowship Hall as well; new flooring; new café style tables and chairs; fresh paint and curtains; additional comfortable seating; a large screen smart monitor for educational events, movie night and other kinds of events; as well as the installation of a new kitchenette/coffee bar.

A team of FCC leaders has come together, in conjunction with the board, to ensure wise use of the funds and the greatest functionality of the space to enhance the ministries of our congregation and community. In order to be able to remodel the space, groups meeting in the parlor will need to temporarily use other spaces in the church during just a few selected weeks in August and September, including this week and next week. If you have questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas, please reach out to Pastor Darla, Board Chair Dave Maharry, or Property Chair Tom Keedy.



Alejandro's Benefit Concert

On Wednesday, August 3, FCC was thrilled and honored to host a benefit concert for our former Associate Choir Director, **Alejandro Reyna**! The whole concert was simply moving and inspiring! Alejandro recently graduated from Butler University with a choral conducting master's degree and now teaches private voice lessons at the Butler University Community Art's School. He also serves at a staff tenor in Indianapolis' Christ Church Cathedral's Coro Latino.

Free-will donations received that evening helped fund Alejandro's special honor of being accepted to the **Aspen Music Festival for Seraphic Fire's Professional Choral Institute**, August 6-22. If you did not attend and still want to support Alejandro, checks may be sent to his address at: 1709 Woodlawn Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Coming Soon...

Your 2022-23 First Christian Church directory!

We hope to have these ready so you can pick up your copy before or after worship on Sunday, April 21.



Bible for the People Podcast

We are continuing to read through the book of Joshua. If you have any questions you like us to address on the podcast, you can email bibleforthepeople@gmail.com or reach out to Chuck Ranspach or either pastor. Be sure to check out all our previous episodes covering the entire Pentateuch!

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



Comparative Religion Course

This video/discussion class will resume on Sunday, August 14, at 9:00 am. The Wired Word class will take a three-week break. The upcoming studies will be:

August 14 : Sacred Texts—The Bible and the Qur'an—Focuses on the scriptures connected with Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

August 21 : Sacred Texts for the Hindus and Buddhists—Outlines the major types of sacred literature in these traditions.

August 28 : Polytheism, Dualism, Monism, and Monotheism—Illustrates different ways various religions fit into these categories.

The entire Comparative Religion video series is available for viewing at additional times, and arrangements can be made by contacting: davelunford2604@gmail.com



FCC has applied for a Resource Grant from the Center for Congregations for \$4000 to pay for a full energy audit of our building. The Engineering company that will perform the audit has offered another \$4000 to completely cover the cost of the service so there will be no cost to the church! Anyone interested in joining in this energy saving effort please contact Dale Petrie.

Here's an energy saving tidbit for the month:

Saving energy isn't just about your thermostat, it can come from turning off the faucet too! According to the EPA, homes with high efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances can save up to 30% of indoor water use and money on water, sewer, and energy bills! Stop leaks, replace old toilets and washers, and install WaterSense labeled faucet aerators and showerheads. By installing these products a family can save "nearly 3,500 gallons of water and 410 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year."



Join Global Ministries for a 5K for climate justice!

You are encouraged to walk, roll, run, jog, or spiritually sprint wherever you are anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022. You may choose to do the 5K with neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own. For \$25, each registrant receives a collapsible water bottle and magnet. Throughout the 5K month of August, there will be opportunities to participate in advocacy actions in solidarity with international partners. Part of the registration fee will also support the work of international partners in their climate justice efforts and additional fundraising opportunities are available.

<https://www.globalministries.org/global-ministries-mission-dash-5k/>



Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), gratefully recognizes

First Christian Church, Crawfordsville

as a **Circle of Compassion** congregation.

Through an endowment with the **Christian Church Foundation**, they participate in this ministry of the whole Disciples church, toward the vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

June 2022




Vy Nguyen, Executive Director

Circle of Compassion

First Christian Church has been honored by Week of Compassion for our new "Circle of Compassion" commitment to raise \$10,000 for their endowment over the next few years. We will now have, with other churches who have made the same commitment, the designation of a "Circle of Compassion" congregation.

We have already contributed a portion of our 2022 Week of Compassion Benefit Auction proceeds to our Circle of Compassion \$10,000 goal. The remaining amount we raised in 2022 went to fund the ongoing humanitarian response ministry of Week of Compassion that cares for communities all over the globe every day!

Thank you for your generous response each year to the great needs of our neighbors everywhere who are beset by natural disasters, war, hunger, disease, violence and homelessness. May we continue to witness God's love through our commitment to Week of Compassion and many other outreach agencies and ministries in our community and beyond!



Thank you to my church family for reaching out in love and support during my father Edward Vought's recent passing. Your cards, prayers, hugs and remembrances mean so much to me and my family and have helped lift our spirits during this sad time.

The late Clyde Gentry told me during my first church visit over 30 years ago that First Christian Church "is full of love." That love remains stronger than ever, and is deeply appreciated.

~Linda Vought Spencer and family

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.

LET US
THEN WITH
CONFIDENCE
DRAW NEAR TO
THE THRONE
OF GRACE,
THAT WE
MAY RECEIVE
MERCY AND
FIND GRACE TO
HELP IN TIME
OF NEED.

Hebrews 4:16

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.

- BARB FRYE**—recovering from hip surgery
- SANDY RUBY AND FAMILY** on the loss of her husband, Russell Ruby
- THE COVINGTON FAMILY** (family friends of Emily Cass)—the mother and all 3 young children have COVID
- LINDA SPENCER** and family on the loss of her father, **EDWARD VOUGHT**
- 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
- ALLEN GOFF** (friend of the Keedys)—cancer
- NANCY ROGERS**—at Wellbrooke
- 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

Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

- WHITLOCK: **CAROLYN SIMPSON** (#151)
- WELLBROOKE: **MARGE KOPERSKI** (Marge Michael's mother)
- HOME: **DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD**
- ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**
- THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

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 volunteers or staff will be delighted to "buzz" you in!

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!

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.



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

Vacations

Pastor Darla will be away as follows:

Aug. 15 – 21 Vacation

Sept. 20 – 25 Continuing Education

Oct. 17 – 22 Vacation

Nov. 07 – 13 Vacation



HOW CAN WE HELP?

OFFICE	765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays). Email: 211fccville@gmail.com
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 765.362.4812 (leave a message) fccvillefinance@gmail.com
HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING	Chantel Allen , HHCL Director 765.367.1727 (leave a message) Email: hhcldirector@gmail.com
COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)	Kelly Stanley , Communications Administrator Cell phone: 765.366.6709 Email: fcc.comm211@gmail.com
OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES	<i>For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders</i>