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PASTORAL REFLECTION: GRATITUDE

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Over the last few months, I have done quite a lot of traveling. This includes to my Bethany Fellows ministers retreat in Chicago; to three different camps in Kentucky and Indiana; and to events that involved my fellow ministerial peers in the Indiana region. Throughout all these traveling adventures, I engaged in numerous conversations and almost in every conversation, I am asked, "How are you in your current ministry setting?" My responses include the following statements:

"I love my church!"

"FCC Crawfordsville is an amazing congregation with such caring people."

"I am so glad that I was called to serve in such a great community!"

As the end of August is coming to a close, it suddenly dawned on me one day last week as I was drinking my coffee in my office that my 2nd year anniversary will be coming up on August 31st. The sensation in my body was strange, as there are many days that I feel I have been here much longer than just two years, but then there are the moments when I am reminded that there are still spaces in the church that I have yet to completely discover! But in truth, I am glad that there are still parts of the church that I have yet to discover, as I am excited to learn more about our incredible church alongside all of you!

I like to finish my pastoral reflection with a poem by Andrea Potos called, "Essential Gratitude":

Sometimes it just stuns you

Like an arrow flung from some angel's wing.

Sometimes it hastily scribbles

A list in the air: black coffee,

Thick new books,

Your pillow's cool underside

The quirky family you married into.

It is content with so little really;

Even the ink of your pen along

The watery lines of your dime store notebook

Could be a swiftly moving prayer.

This poem perfectly captures the gratitude I have for First Christian Church and for the care and support I have received since I have arrived here. So again, thank you for calling me as your associate pastor and for the opportunity to serve alongside you all as we do the wonderful ministry of God.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



WOW! Registration Open and Volunteers Needed!

WOW officially begins on September 14th! You may now register your children to join us this fall and spring for some amazing fun and fellowship! Reach out to Pastor Kevin or WOW Directors, Emily McLaughlin and Andrea Venis, to receive information regarding the WOW program and sign up!

In addition, we are still looking for some amazing volunteers to assist us in making WOW a great success. Without volunteers, WOW would not be possible, so we appreciate assistance in any of these ways:

Table Parent: Sits with a group of kids and engages in conversation with the kids. *Please note that you can choose which age group you prefer to sit with.

Cooks/Kitchen Crew: Assist with meals and clean up. This is a cook's choice meal. Make sandwiches, cook at church, or order something to pick up and bring. (Contact Tom Keedy.)

Welcome Crew: Arrive early to help set up for WOW and welcome the kids as they arrive.

Transportation: Some of our WOW families do not have easy access to transportation to bring their children to WOW. We may ask for assistance in transporting children to and from WOW if needed.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you can volunteer in any of these ways. By volunteering, you are not required to be present every week but as often as you are able to help out. We greatly appreciate your support and your care for our amazing children!

Sunday Youth Gatherings for Older Youth—Starts Next Sunday!

On August 28, Pastor Kevin will invite all the middle and high school youth to gather every Sunday from 11:45 am-12:45 pm for an informal youth group 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.



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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

AMEN

GRACEFORMOMS.COM

One more note on church directories

If you haven't received your copy of the 2022-23 church directory, you have another chance to pick one up at church this coming Sunday, August 28. If you can't come, you might contact someone who will be there and ask them to pick yours up for you. Or you can come into the church during office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Thanks to Kelly Stanley for all the work she did creating the cover design for the directory, formatting the pages, and printing the directories. Thanks, also, to Pat Hooper, Kate Lindsay, and Arleen Wilhite for stapling all those directories. In addition, thanks to all of you who let us know about needed updates. Who knew it takes a village to create a church directory!

—Judy Michal for Congregational Care

We already have one address correction for the Pathfinder. Will you please mark this in your new directory once you've picked it up?

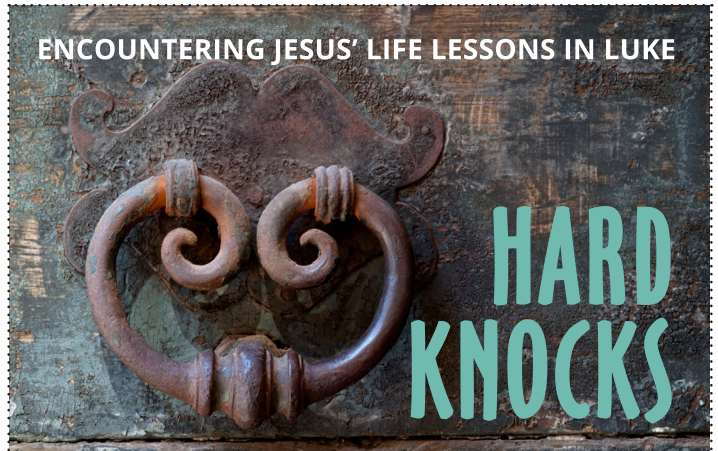
The correct address for Jai Miranda is 614 E. Seminary Street, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy

My husband and I shared life's ups and downs for nearly 70 years until his death left me suddenly bereft. Then your cards of sympathy and prayer started to arrive and I found unexpected kindnesses easing my grief. What a comfort to realize that neighbors or strangers in this world - in God's world we are a closely knit and caring family. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ann Vought

ENCOUNTERING JESUS' LIFE LESSONS IN LUKE



DATE	SCRIPTURE	TITLE & PREACHER
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>



Sundays in Sept. from 11:45-12:30

On the Sundays on which Rev. Darla Goodrich preaches, join us to explore deeper conversations and questions about that day's scripture and sermon. 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.

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



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

Creativity Circle—Thursdays at 1



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. (Parlor is under renovation so we will likely meet in the Fellowship Hall.)



Call for volunteers at Bethel AME Church

A group of 5-7 volunteers are needed to stain ramps to the front and back doors at Bethel AME Church.

Wabash Freshmen planned to do that on Monday, but it was not feasible due to rain. Volunteers from First Christian will do it during dry weather. The date will be decided at a time convenient for the volunteers. If you are willing to work for a couple of hours at Bethel AME, please contact Raymond B. Williams to put your name on the list. He will arrange a time. (Tele: 765 362 2446, leave a message if no answer; Email: williamr@wabash.edu.)



**CENTER FOR
CONGREGATIONS**

Helping congregations find and use resources

FCC AWARDED A RESOURCE GRANT!

On August 17, 2022, First Christian Church was notified that it was approved to receive a **\$4,000 Resource Grant** from the Indianapolis Center for Congregations! The grant funds will be used to contract with LIT Consulting to perform an **energy audit** for our church building and to provide recommendations from their findings.

First Christian's interest in reducing our energy consumption moved from a general conversation, in response to examining our financials at a monthly board meeting, to a call to action when we joined Thriving Faith Communities and were able to see what other congregations were doing with energy savings. This company has a track record of helping churches realize significant savings in energy usage and cost. TFC is church focused so clearly understand both the opportunities available and how to navigate the issues raised by congregations during this process.

With half of FCC's building space being constructed in 1905 or earlier there are sure savings to be found! This grant funded energy audit will help FCC pinpoint both the physical areas where energy can be conserved as well as in how we program and use our space for ministry. Special appreciation goes out to **Dale Petrie** for taking notice of this great opportunity and for writing this successful grant! Thank you, Dale!!

10th annual
ART WALK
 Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 • 10:00 AM 3:00 PM

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Featuring a range of artists' works on exhibit in the Athens Arts Gallery, Crawfordsville Public Library, Carnegie Museum, and more.

Works by local artists will grace shop windows all along the downtown route, and many local businesses will stay open for the duration.



If you would like to display your art please contact:
Linda Weaver (Art Walk Chair) at
CrawfordsvilleArtWalk@gmail.com by September 10

Learn more on Facebook by checking out @CrawfordsvilleArtWalk.

Come be a pART of it!

Lots of things happening with Troops 247 and 365

First our Summer Camp was quite adventuresome!! We had 22 scouts start the week with us. We had great weather, great kids and activities. There were over 14 merit badges that were offered and all of our scouts that went, are advancing up in rank! It was truly a great experience.



Upcoming Schedule:

August 28th: MB Class and Court of Honor (late afternoon)

August 29th: Troop meeting - Working on Eagle project for Christian Campbell, our next Eagle candidate, building bat boxes for Lake Holiday.

Sept 10th: working a food booth for Community Airport day at the Crawfordsville Municipal Airport

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: troop247.365.acct@gmail.com for more information.


Celebrating
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY!

Friday
 August 26
 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 Wine and cheese
 At the airport - 759 West 400 South

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County invites you (members and guests alike) to celebrate this date when the 19th Amendment became federal law.

- Come and celebrate Women's Equality.
- Learn about what our League of Women Voters is doing.
- Enjoy some socializing.
- Both women and men are invited.
- Members may sign up for work teams.
- Guests may learn and join if they wish.

www.lwvmontcoin.org



Sing for Joy! a capella singers

Would you like to be part of a group that will be caroling during Downtown Party Night in Crawfordsville on Saturday evening, November 26? And for those interested, we will also be singing downtown during the Farmer's Market/Art Walk Saturday, September 24.

We will have an optional "rehearsal" before each event, and copies of the uplifting, joyful hymns and Christmas carols we will sing. We are pleased to have Roger Dieckeyer as our musical director. We will glorify God with boldness and be a witness to our community of the wonder of our Savior. Contact me if you are interested!

Soli Deo Gloria, Judith Lynn Smith

jswaveland@sbcglobalnet | 765.435.2092



Comparative Religion Course

We will continue this video/discussion series for one more Sunday (starting at 9 am), then go back to the Wired Word. Watch for announcements in the future about the next batch of videos to come this fall!

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



We are almost finished with 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 Pentateuch!

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

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church to Offer Ecumenical Women's Bible Study

In the Fall of 2019, a group of the most influential female Christian artists today gathered to write songs, stories and create art around women in the Bible. From this collaboration came The Faithful Project which is comprised of a book, music video, cd and study of Biblical figures such as Ruth, Mary, Naomi and Rahab, just to name a few.



The women of Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church are offering a monthly study to women of various churches in the area with a focus on gathering and fellowship around the study of these women in the Bible. Led by Gwynn Wills, whose daughter is featured as one of the singer/songwriters on the project, the group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 am at WAPC beginning on September 20, 2022. There will also be an evening option, on the same days from 6-7:30 pm. If you cannot attend one session, you may go to the other.

The study guide will be furnished by WAPC. The book that goes with the study may be purchased for \$24.99 beforehand through sources listed below.

There is the possibility of a national tour of Faithful and we may be able to go as a group to see the performance in Indianapolis. No date(s) have been announced as of yet.

In order to know how many copies to make, prospective group members will need to RSVP Gwynn Wills by phone (317-345-5306) or via email gwill6735@me.com by Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Do not hesitate if you have any questions to contact Gwynn.

www.faithfulproject.com/ - video and introduction

Book order: www.amazon.com/Faithful-Amanda-Bible-Williams/dp/0830781730/

prayer concerns

"if we are
To Love our
neighbors, before
doing anything
else we
must see our
neighbors. with
our imagination
as well as our
eyes, that is to
say like artists,
we must see
not just their
faces but the
life behind and
within their
faces. Here it is
love that is the
frame we see
them in."

Frederick Buechner

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.

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.

- EMERIE VENIS**—recovering from cochlear implant surgery
- 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 AND BETTYE 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:

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>