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I Can Sing of Your Love Forever

Pastoral Reflection

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One morning last week, I woke up and a tune came into my head. It was a tune I haven't heard for many years but I immediately knew

where it came from. The tune was from a contemporary Christian praise song that I used to listen to when I was a teenager: *I Can Sing of your Love Forever*. In regard to the written lyrics, the song is short, but it repeats the verses multiple times including the chorus which is simply the name of the song: I can sing of your love forever.

The song immediately puts me in a mode of worship and praise for God's eternal love for all of humanity. But upon re-listening of the song, I realized the song is not just about God's love but is also an invitation for us to sing of God's love for our entire lives. But what does that look like: singing of God's love our whole lives. What does it mean when we take on the commitment to sing of God's love?

As I mentioned, this song immediately makes me want to worship God and a major part of our worship is through music. However, I feel we can use our imagination to go beyond the literal definition of "singing God's love." Singing, in my mind, isn't just a way for our hearts to vocalize the tune and joy that lives in our souls. Singing is also God's way of inviting us into the Love that God gave for us and to spread God's love to every corner of the world.

So for me, singing God's love is when people rise up to help others in the wake of human catastrophe; it's when people cross the boundaries that set us apart like racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and everything else that divides us and works to offer justice and safe/brave spaces for all of God's children to flourish. Singing God's love for me is when people say no to hateful legislation and hateful actions and instead reminding people the gospel truth that in the end, Love wins.

For me, if we are to praise God's amazing love for the world and all of humanity; then our singing must go beyond just praising God but living into that commitment of love.

I invite you to reflect on what it means to you when you are asked to "Sing of God's Love Forever" and as always, thank you for the honor and blessings of serving as your associate pastor now officially 3 years today!

*Many blessings,
Pastor Kevin*

**Save the Date:
Pub Theology,
Monday, September
18 @ 5:30pm at
Backstep Brewery**

Pastor Kevin and Father Christian Baron from St. John's Episcopal Church are hosting the next Pub Theology in September. Pub Theology is an opportunity to engage in conversation on a theological topic or question in a public gathering. The topic will be shared in the next Pathfinder.



CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

September 9, 2023

The Congregational Leadership retreat will take place on **Saturday, September 9 from 9 am – 2 pm (childcare provided) at Fusion 54.**

If you are serving in leadership in the congregation (Elder, Board, Council, Personnel, Deacons, Office and Music Staff, Lay Leadership, Congregational Renewal Team) this will be a very important time, after our Clergy and Congregational Renewal experience, to re-imagine and plan our future together through small and large group conversations. Lunch and continental breakfast will be provided.

In addition, to provide a broader generational perspective to our conversations, if you are a young adult or young family in the congregation, we invite you to join us in sharing your experiences and vision as well.

Please **RSVP by September 1** to 211fccville@gmail.com or sign up in the Narthex.



THE LEARNING CAFE, a weekly conversational class led by Pastor Darla, will take place during WOW, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6 – 7 pm in the Parlor (child care provided).

In this class we will explore different parts of scripture and have discussions around how it may inform our own lives and the challenges of our time. We are going to begin with the Gospel of Mark, the oldest gospel, as a means for considering different ways of interpreting the overall bible and how our interpretation of it impacts our vision for today's living. **Please sign up in the narthex, call the church office or e-mail Pastor Darla at darla.goodrich@gmail.com if you wish to participate** as you will receive ongoing communication and updates regarding the class. Let Pastor Darla also know if you need child care. Snacks will be provided.



September Sermon Series

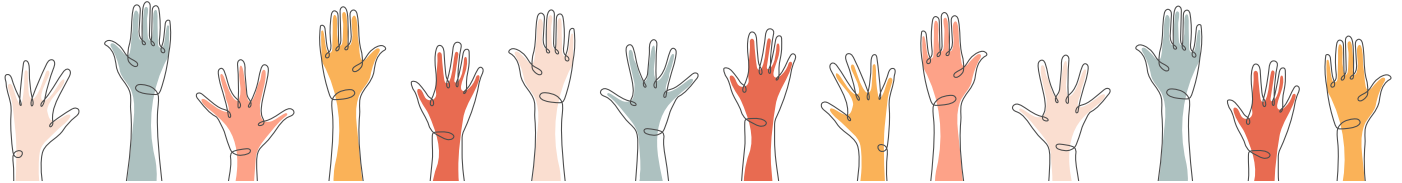
FACING FEAR

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." John 14:1

DATE	TEXT	TITLE	PREACHER
Sept 03	Exodus 3: 1-15	Who Am I?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sept 10	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Fear of Change	Rev. Kevin Toth
Sept 17	Mt 6: 25-34	Worrying About Worrying	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sept 24	Mark 7: 24-30	Broken Dreams	Rev. Darla Goodrich

UPCOMING events

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.



Ministry Team Volunteer Fair | September 10

The congregation can pledge its help with programs and activities at the Ministry Team Volunteer Fair immediately following worship Sept. 10 in Fellowship Hall.

Committee chairs will share plans, sign up volunteers and accept ideas for other projects.

Committees include adult education; Christian outreach; congregational care; good news/new ministries; midweek ministry; worship; and youth education. You will also be able to order shirts, mugs, and stickers to benefit the Agape fund. Light refreshments will be served.

FCC BOOK CLUB

Books have been selected for the next several months. Flyers available in the Narthex with complete schedule through March. If you would like to facilitate any discussions, please let me know! I'd love to have you help!

Our next meeting, with discussion led by Dr. Warren Rosenberg, is **Tuesday, September 5 from 6-7:30 pm**. The book is *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond.

On October 3, Aaron Morrison from St John's will lead the discussion on *Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places*, by a Methodist pastor from Indianapolis, Michael Mather.

November's book, a National Book Award finalist in 2017, is a fiction selection. Set in New York and China, *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko is a vivid examination of borders and belonging. It's a moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of the past.



Then in December, I'm thrilled to announce we will have **Agata Szczeszak-Brewer** here with us to discuss *The Hunger Book: A Memoir from Communist Poland*, which releases in late Sept. She will be happy to sign books and answer questions.

One copy of each book is (or will be soon) available through our church library.

If you would like me to order a copy of any of the books for you, I'm happy to place the order and have it delivered straight to you. Please let me know by **Sept. 5** which book(s) you may want.

Remember, this group is open to the entire community. Feel free to invite friends! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709 or fcc.comm211@gmail.com.

CLASH OF CANS CHURCH CHALLENGE



Please bring donations to the church every Sunday for the children to collect. We will transport food donations to FISH on behalf of the church!

FISH FOOD PANTRY is challenged to keep food on our shelves.

Soup, spaghetti sauce and canned fruit are most needed.

Our CCCC will run through the end of September.

We challenge each attendee to bring in one item listed above to add to our shelves. Thank you for your donations!



Music News

This summer we have listened to a lot of wonderful special music during worship. On September 10, we will have **Mac Bellner**, a professional performer and teacher of folk music, dance and theatre. She has also had careers in social work and ministry.

Then, on September 17, we look forward to hearing the choir again! New singers are welcome. Also, if you would like to provide special music or dance, contact Jerry Whipkey.

Crawfordsville Community Chorus will be using our building to rehearse and perform a Christmas concert. The first practice is Tuesday, September 12, 6:30-8:00 pm. All singers are welcome.

Ladies Lunch Bunch gathers at 1 pm on Thurs., Sept. 21 at Lil Mexico. All Gals & Guest Gals are invited!!! Pls email bonyund@hotmail.com for a seat!



Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services Learning Series: A Table for One

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6- 27,
11:30 AM-1 PM

Join Monica Nagele, RD in this 4-session interactive event. "A Table for One," is for those who have experienced loss and find themselves cooking for one. This can be challenging and daunting, especially if you're used to cooking for a larger family or group. You'll have access to a range of delicious recipes and cooking tips that are perfect for one-person portions that not only nourish your body but also bring you joy and comfort. Participants are asked to register for all 4 sessions.

Monica Nagele is a Registered Dietitian and is the Health and Human Science Educator for Purdue Extension Montgomery County. Monica has been providing education on food, family, money and health in Montgomery County for 10 years.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



WOW begins on September 13th @ 4:30pm!

In less than two weeks, WOW will begin for another school year filled with fellowship, faith learning, and tons of fun! Please make sure to complete a registration form for your child by September 10th. You can complete a registration form online using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr9LjHr6X5t_Hsi_a2o2fHb91MLh2XhghTrOHKDY43Td5XQ/viewform

Physical registration forms also available upon request. If you have any questions about WOW, you can contact WOW Directors- Andrea Venis & Emily McLaughlin-Jenness or Pastor Kevin.

Pastors Class Invitation

Pastors Darla and Kevin are inviting all youth 4th grade and higher who are interested in learning about baptism and becoming a member of the church. **If you and/or your child is interested in attending this class, please let the p astors know by 8 pm tonight, August 31st.** We will contact everyone interested regarding class dates in September.



Middle & High School Youth Gathering: September 17th at 3 pm

Pastor Kevin would like to invite all the middle school and high school youth of the church for a fun ice cream gathering @ Ice Creams La Michoacana! This will simply be a fun outing as we enjoy some ice cream and check in with the start of the school year. RSVP is not required, and ice cream costs will be covered! Hope to see you there

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
Sept 3	Exile and Return	Gwen Carlson
Sept 10	How the Church Tells Time	Sara Nicodemus
Sept 17	The Mustard Seed	Diane McLaughlin
Sept 24	The Leaven	Beth Lindsay

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

Interested in becoming an office volunteer on Thursdays?

We're always looking for new volunteers to help in the office on Kay's day off. Please contact the office if you're interested!

Scouts Update

In July the Crossroads of America Council decided to increase the cost of Scouting for our youth membership. Going forward the cost of Scouting has doubled and it will be \$160 per youth for 2024. So to help offset costs we are doing multiple fundraisers in and around the community this fall. Please help where you can, we certainly appreciate it.

Upcoming Events

- September 9th – Food vendor and parking cars at Community Airport day
 - September 16th Relay for Life – Honor Guard-Flag presentation @ Noon
 - September 16th – Car Show - Waynetown Fish Fry
 - October 7th – 8th – Feast of the Hunter's Moon
 - October (fall break) - T247 Indiana Dunes trip
 - November 18th - T247 Campout
 - December 2nd – Christmas in the Park-Waynetown
- Sign up for free plane rides - Sept 9th, 10am-2pm - for ages 8-17 at www.yeday.org.

Crawfordsville Airport AIRPORT DAY

Brought to you by:

FREE Plane Rides for ages 8-17 * → Lifeline Helicopter
Aircraft on display → Fire & Police → Helicopter Rides
R/C Aircraft display → Food by Boy Scouts & Hoosier Ice Queen

SEPTEMBER 9
10a-2p

759 W. 400 S. CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Follow Crawfordsville Regional Airport

*EAA FREE Young Eagle flights require pre-registration & parent/guardian to be present at the time of the flight

*You don't ever need to say
goodbye too soon!*

Youth Service Bureau and Volunteers for Mental Health
invite you to

Say Hello to QPR! Free Lunch and Learn

QPR is an easy-to-understand suicide prevention technique that can help you assist your friends and family in need!

Choose either of these dates:

Tuesday, September 12
Thursday, September 14
11:30 to 1:00

Then, [please click here to register on the form](#)
and place your order for lunch.

held at the **Hoosier Heartland State Bank Success Center**
1623 US-231, Crawfordsville, IN 47933



Thanks to the generosity of HHSB, there is no cost for this program.



Artwork will be on display throughout the Historic Downtown District and beyond.

Brochures and maps with the names of artists and exhibit locations will be available on Sept. 22 & 23 at the following downtown locations:

Athens Arts Gallery
Green Street Gallery
Wabash College
Carnegie Museum
Crawfordsville Public Library

11th Annual

Saturday
September 23, 2023
10am to 3pm



The 2023 Art Walk is sponsored by
The Art League of Montgomery County
Founded in 1896

For more information please contact:
CrawfordsvilleArtWalk@gmail.com

PRAYER

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.



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, BOB DIXON, PAUL & MARIAN CASS

THE LANE HOUSE:
BETTY CEDARS

AMY WOODALL—ongoing serious health challenge

MARLENE ELMORE—in hospital

CARRIE SAUNDERS (daughter of Joe and Phyllis Boswell)—facing the challenge of an uncertain cancer diagnosis and treatment plan

SHANNON & DOUG HUDSON—on the loss of Shannon’s mother

KAY NANNET—in process of cleaning up after upstairs pipes in their home burst and flooded multiple areas

FRIEDA COSBY—has recovered from her fall and will be staying at Brookville Healthcare Center

DALLAS McDONALD—ongoing cancer treatment

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

GAIL MERRIMAN—treatment for cancer

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.

GERRY TURNER—health issues

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

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



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



Book cart has new selection of books. Bibles are featured. There are several translations from King James to current language style (The Message). There are several large print bibles also. You may know of someone who could use a Bible or you may want to read a different translation. Please do not take the bibles from the library shelves as those are to remain with our church's collection and for someone who might like to study them in the library.

Don't forget to return the borrowed books and sign/date the card.



Campbell Rules of Interpretation

See the below guide submitted by a member of the Wired Word class.

Our Wired Word Class on Sunday discussed biblical interpretation and why First Christian has been called "a New Testament people," but not fundamentalist literalists. It goes back to seven rules of biblical interpretation by Alexander Campbell in 1839. He founded Bethany College and once preached at First Christian Church, Crawfordsville. The rules are based on his knowledge of the Bible and Enlightenment thought.

- Rule 1.** Consider the historical circumstances: author, date, and location of the author, and what occasioned its writing.
- Rule 2.** Consider to whom the words are being attributed and the historical period: pre-Christian, Jewish, or Christian.
- Rule 3.** Use the same principles and rules for interpretation as for other works.
- Rule 4.** Prefer the common usage, but where words have more than one usage, consider scope, context, and parallels.
- Rule 5.** For figurative language, determine in what way it is figurative.
- Rule 6.** For symbol, types, allegories, and parables ascertain the point to be illustrated; for comparison is never to be extended beyond that point.
- Rule 7.** Come within understanding distance through humility and teachableness.

These rules avoid proof-texting (taking a phrase or sentence out of context) and twisting the Bible, created over centuries in many cultural contexts, into a level undifferentiated text.

Click here to read Campbell's rules in early 19th century English:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z6Fy4VYfADXt0ErFb-2-F6zB3tW6o1il/view?usp=sharing>



New Church Directories

This year First Christian Church began using CDM+ software to improve our record-keeping system. With this new system, we can improve our data collection, retrieval, accounting, giving, and financial records, and many other features, including a mobile app! Eventually emails will be coming from this system, and so will the 2023-2024 directory.

In order to have accurate information in CDM+ and the new directory, FCC will be sending out a **Community Questionnaire form**. On this form, which can be completed on paper or electronically, we would like names (including children), addresses, phone numbers, emails, and other information you would like to share such as birth dates, anniversary dates, interests, etc. All information is optional to provide, and you can share your information with the leadership but mark that you do not want it listed. In that way it won't be part of the directory or mobile app. Your financial giving records are never public, nor even able to be seen by staff that is not involved with finances.

So please keep an eye out for the questionnaire (which will be sent out soon), complete the info and help us keep our records updated and useful!

September Calendar



See calendar online at www.fccville.org/events
To add something to the schedule, email 211fccville@gmail.com

- Sun. 9/3 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15 am
Deacons meeting—following worship
- Mon. 9/4 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 9/5 **Book Club: Poverty, By America** by Matthew Desmond with Dr. Warren Rosenberg (Parlor)—6-7:30 pm
- Wed. 9/6 **Choir Practice**—7:15 pm
- Thurs. 9/7 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am
- Sat. 9/9 **Congregational Retreat** (Fusion 54)—9 am to 2 pm
- Sun. 9/10 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth and special music by Mac Bellner—10:15 am
Ministry Fair—11:30 am
- Mon. 9/11 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 9/12 **Crawfordsville Community Chorus** rehearsal—6:30-8 pm
Elders Meeting—7 pm
- Wed. 9/13 **WOW** begins—4:30-7 pm
Conversation Café adult class (Parlor)—6-7 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm
- Thurs. 9/14 New Pathfinder newsletter
Men's Coffee—9-10 am
Classic Hymn Sing (Parlor)—7-8 pm
- Sun. 9/17 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich with FCC choir—10:15 am
Worship leaders meeting—following worship
Middle & High School Youth Gathering (La Michoacana)—3 pm
- Mon. 9/18 **Pub Theology** (Backstep)—5:30 pm
Scouts—6:30 pm
- Tues. 9/19 **Euchre** (Parlor)—1 pm
Crawfordsville Community Chorus rehearsal—6:30-8 pm
Coordinating Council—7:00 pm
Governing Board Meeting—8:00 pm
- Wed. 9/20 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm
Conversation Café adult class (Parlor)—6-7 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm
- Thurs. 9/21 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
Ladies Lunch Bunch (Little Mexico)—1 pm
- Sun. 9/24 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich with FCC choir—10:15 am
- Mon. 9/25 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 9/26 **Crawfordsville Community Chorus** rehearsal—6:30-8 pm
HHCL Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- Wed. 9/27 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm
Conversation Café adult class (Parlor)—6-7 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm
- Thurs. 9/28 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
Food Finders Mobile Pantry (Parking Lot)—9:30-12:30
Praise Sing (Parlor)—7 pm

Pastor Kevin is on vacation Sept. 25-Oct. 7.

SEPT BIRTHDAYS

- 2: Richard Tunin
- 4: Mallory Dowd
- 4: Brad Plank
- 6: Paul Hutson
- 7: Howard Goodrich
- 9: Leanah Brown
- 11: Logan Cass
- 13: Graham Petrie
- 16: Jan Horner
- 16: Kristy Reese
- 18: Nick Hedrick
- 19: Sandy Brown
- 19: Linda Petrie
- 20: Josh Fosnock
- 21: Taylor Hankins
- 21: Kay Nannet
- 24: Oliver Lobaugh
- 25: Bonnie Yund
- 28: Connor Hankins

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1: John & Pat Hooper
- 4: Brett & Linda Spencer
- 4: Jeff & Amy Woodall
- 5: Jack & Beverly Wyatt



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GRATITUDE

What are you grateful for today?

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU'RE
LOOKING FORWARD TO?

WHO IS SOMEONE YOU'RE
THANKFUL FOR TODAY?

WHAT IS A TASK YOU'VE
ACCOMPLISHED TODAY?

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU
LOVE ABOUT YOUR BODY?

WHAT IS ONE THING I'VE
LEARNED TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF
MY DAY SO FAR?

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*Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.
Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.
On their days off, please contact the other
pastor or the Church Office with
questions, concerns or emergencies.*

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

DUSK TO DAWN BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Cheryl Furman and Jai Miranda
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info@dusk-to-dawn.org

FISH FOOD PANTRY

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