



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
 211 South Walnut Street  
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**PASTORAL MESSAGE**

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**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,  
 for God who has promised is faithful.**

Hebrews 10:23

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by and here we are beginning our new stewardship campaign this Sunday, October 9! This year, I chose "Sowing Hope" as the title of our 4-week stewardship emphasis because it seemed so fitting with exactly what all of you have been doing through your continued faithful giving of time, talent and resources through very unsettling times in our communities, nation and world! I can't tell you how humbled I am by your faithful care of our congregation and community through your selfless sacrificing and sharing, mission and service especially over the past couple of years of pandemic. You truly are Sowers of hope in a world desperately needing some good news!



This sowing of God's hope is what we are going to continue to build on in this coming year. It's a foundation that God has blessed FCC with for almost 200 years as a congregation. It's simply part of our DNA that has enabled us, not just survive, but thrive through monumental changes in our world. It may seem counter-intuitive, but Sowing hope, can

be especially exciting in ever changing times, because it invites us to place an ever-deeper trust in God's leading, invites us into more intentional prayer, and keeps us on our toes as we assess what God is calling us to do and be from one day to

the next. So, as we consider our commitments of time, talent and resources for the coming year, may we do so as we hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who has promised is faithful!

**Grace & Peace,  
 Darla**



DATE	SCRIPTURE	TITLE & PREACHER
10/09	Mark 4: 1-8	<b>BEING LIVING GROUND</b> Rev. Darla Goodrich
10/16	Mark 4: 21-25	<b>BEING LIVING LIGHT</b> Rev. Darla Goodrich
10/23	Mark 4: 26-29	<b>BEING LIVING SEEDS</b> Rev. Kevin Toth
10/30	Mark 4: 30-32	Pledge Sunday <b>BEING LIVING BRANCHES</b> Rev. Darla Goodrich

## Church Staff News

We so regret that our wonderful pianist, Jai Miranda, has decided to step back from this music call at this time due to needing to prioritize their own health and many obligations. We're so grateful for Jai being an important part of the reason FCC worship thrived through a two-year pandemic, and we are going to miss their moving piano music and calming presence as a music leader in worship. In the future Jai may be available to play special music on occasion, or a wedding or funeral if needed. Jai will continue to offer grief counseling for the congregation through Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services and may be contacted if you would like to meet.

Jai looks forward to continuing to worship with us online (as they live in Greencastle) and in the sanctuary soon, as they are able. We look forward to getting to worship with Jai and continuing to grow together with them in the faith as a beloved part of this church family! We wish Jai many blessings and love on their new journey ahead!

We also give great thanks to Sandy Henthorn for stepping up over the past 5-6 weeks and bringing such moving music. As always, Sandy brings such a delicate and beautiful flow to her piano playing that truly engenders a worshipful heart. We're already in a new search for a pianist/organist, even as we continue to search for a Music Director. Let us know if you have any leads for these positions!



My dear friends,

Over the last two years I have been so richly blessed through the opportunity to share music and worship with each of you at First Christian Church. I am sad to step away, and only do so in order to prioritize my well-being. The abundance of friendship and care, example of discipleship, and sense of community will continue to enrich my life. I have grown in both music and faith, and I look forward to continuing to be nurtured alongside each of you as a member of the church. Thank you for all the ways you have cared for me, I am truly grateful.

Blessings,  
Jai



## Dusk to Dawn Learning Series

On October 12 at noon, Gwynn Wills joins Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services as this month's Learning Series presenter. Her session, "Every One of Us is a Writer," explores the intersections of grief and writing and the idea that all of us have a distinct and unique voice. Learn more and register at [dusk-to-dawn.org](http://dusk-to-dawn.org) or call Jai at 765-267-1760.



## Pastor Darla's Spring Sabbatical: Update

A sabbatical team of about eight persons—comprised of an elder, board member, council member, a church history representative, and members of both pastor Kevin and Pastor Darla's Pastoral Relations Committees (PRC), as well as at-large members—have already met and are starting to put a plan in place for Pastor Darla's sabbatical in the spring of 2022. The congregation will be regularly updated and included as decisions are made. The sabbatical team also includes a separate ad-hoc history committee who is reviewing and organizing all of FCC's historic documents and pictures.

If you have any questions or concerns about the sabbatical process or Pastor Darla's sabbatical itself, please reach out to Board Chair, Dave Maharry; Darla's PRC chair, Linda Weaver; Sabbatical Committee organizer, Kate Lindsay; or to Pastor Darla.



The calendar of events and activities is being emailed near the start of each month—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at [fccville.org/events](http://fccville.org/events)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FCC BOOK CLUB

We had another great meeting on October 4. Thank you to all who came and took part!

The book for our next meeting, November 1st, is *We Are Called to be a Movement* by Dr William Barber. Here's the book description from Amazon:

*It's time for everyone who cares about the state of our nation to heed the call and join forces to redeem the soul of America.*

*It's time to come together and renounce the politics of rejection, division, and greed. It's time to lift up the common good, move up to higher ground, and revive the heart of democracy.*

*In a single, rousing sermon, the celebrated Reverend William J. Barber II of the Poor People's Campaign makes an impassioned argument whose message could not be clearer: It's time for change, and the time needs you.*

There is a copy available through the church's library. Be sure you sign out books if you borrow them from the church. **Questions?** Reach out to Kelly Stanley, [kellyostanley@me.com](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com), or call or text 765.366.6709. View the year's lineup of books or print and download the flyer at [www.fccville.org/fcc-book-club](http://www.fccville.org/fcc-book-club)



Who are the Judges? Why is this book in the bible? These questions and much much more are being discussed right now on the podcast! Be sure to send us your questions so we can add them into our discussions. <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



### Saints and Soup!

On November 6, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday during worship as we remember those who have passed away during the year.

Immediately following worship, we would like you to join us in Fellowship Hall for a steaming bowl of vegetable soup. We will provide the soup and drinks; we hope you will bring sandwiches, finger foods, or dessert, along with your appetite.

*Judy Michal for the Congregational Care Team*



### Comparative Religion

Starting October 23, we will offer Comparative Religion videos and discussions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in place of The Wired Word class. Here are the topics:

- Oct. 23 From Birth to Death—Religious Rituals
- Oct. 30 Daily, Weekly, Annual Religious Rituals
- Nov. 6 Ritual Sacrifice in the World's Religions

## Parlor Update

Our parlor renovation is coming along! The painting will be finished this week followed by flooring being installed. New furniture and appliances are ready to be put in place. As soon as we get an opening date, you will be notified right away! We thank you for your patience and we continue to give thanks for our three very generous anonymous donors for enabling us to enhance this space for new and creative ministry possibilities!



## What is FCC doing in Crawfordsville...? BEANS!

That's right. Green beans, black beans, kidney beans, pork 'n beans, beanie weenies. And more.

The FISH Food Pantry is in need of soups, peanut butter (plastic jars, please), spaghetti sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna, salmon, chicken, healthy cereals, pasta, and cornbread mix. FISH also needs empty 6 and 12 ct egg cartons.

Please bring your food offering into the sanctuary during Sunday's worship services. This will be ongoing ministry. The children will circulate through the aisles, collect the food, and place it in front of the communion table.

Jesus teaches us to be a caring people, reaching out to others who need a helping hand. Speaking of those who follow his teaching, Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food . . ." Matthew 25:35. Bringing beans to church will be a weekly reminder of the needs of families in Montgomery County and our church to be a servant church.

~Don Lindsay

## 2022 Indiana Regional Assembly

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

Geist Christian Church  
Promise Road Campus  
12756 Promise Road,  
Fishers, Indiana

Gathering & Exhibits: 9:00 am  
| Plenary: 10:00 am | Worship  
Service: 2:30 pm | Assembly will  
conclude at 4:00 pm

**Mark your calendars and register!** Come and join Disciples from across the state of Indiana after a two year pandemic to reconnect and celebrate our life together in the Indiana Region! Rev. Darla Goodrich is the Chair of the Regional Assembly Planning Team. The theme for the Assembly will be "On Promise Road." We are delighted that Disciples author and minister **Rev. Sandhya Rani Jha** will be our keynote speaker and **Rev. Janae Pitts-Murdock**, senior pastor at Light of the World Christian

Church (Indianapolis) will be our worship preacher. Both speakers will help us unpack the Emmaus text: Luke 24:13-35. The Regional Assembly will be a "hybrid" event, meaning that you may register to attend in person for \$45 (which includes a box lunch), or you can register to attend on-line for \$25. You can register here: [https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event\\_registration\\_v2/attendees?guid=be-1f58b2-a637-11ec-9f8a-a2186f-91aabb](https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=be-1f58b2-a637-11ec-9f8a-a2186f-91aabb)





# Celebrate with Second Baptist on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, in our Sanctuary!

Celebrating 150 years in God's Service  
October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Let Everything that has breath praise the Lord, Praise ye the Lord  
Psalm 150: 6


Friday & Saturday Service will be held at First Christian Church 211 S. Walnut St. Crawfordsville, IN

Friday Night Service 6:00 PM – MC Leanna Elmore

Opening: Second Baptist Sanctuary Choir & the Sounds Of Memphis, TN

Liturgical Dance Ministry: LaDonna Williams Greenfield, IN  
Soloist: Mary Kenner Lafayette, IN

Love Offering, Benedictions and Refreshments



Saturday Night Service 6:00 PM - MC Lady Townsend of Seven Star MBC

Opening: Grace Memorial Church Choir Indianapolis, IN

Group - As'One Gospel Singers Indianapolis, IN

Love Offering  
Benediction  
Chairperson Remarks

Sunday Morning October 16th Worship will be held at Crawfordsville Park & Rec Center 922 E. South Blvd.  
Crawfordsville, IN

at 11:00 AM Guest Speaker Dr. Christopher Armstrong of Mt Vernon MBC Indianapolis

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

**EARLY VOTING**  
in person

**Montgomery County Courthouse**  
1st floor 100 E Main Street  
Monday thru Friday  
Oct 12 thru Nov 4.....9 am-4:30 pm  
Saturdays  
Oct 29 and Nov 5.....8 am-3 pm  
Monday Nov 7.....8 am-12 noon

**Rock Point Christian Church**  
429 W 150 S  
Saturday October 29.....10 am-2 pm  
Thurs Nov 3 and Fri Nov 4.....2pm-7 pm  
Saturday November 5.....10 am-2 pm

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Call 765-364-6437 to request application  
for a mail-in ballot. Your completed ballot  
must be received by October 27.

**ELECTION DAY VOTING**  
in person

November 8.....6 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Rock Point Church** 429 W 150 S  
**4H Building** 400 Parke Ave  
**North Montgomery IIS** 480W 580N  
**Whitesville Church** 3803 S Ladoga Rd

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE**  
Tuesday, October 11



## SCOUTS UPDATE

We are just coming off of a great weekend at the Feast of the Hunter's Moon. The kids had a great time and did an amazing job! Couldn't ask for a better weekend of great weather, people and the Tippecanoe County Historical Association for putting this on every year. It was just phenomenal!

Our Next campout will be November 5th for our Fall Camporee at Camp Cullom in Frankfort.

As always, if you are interested in being involved in Scouting, 11-17 years old, or even as an adult leader, please let us know.

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Michele Enlow 765.401.6228  
Rolf Samuelsen 317.966.7609**







# YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram  
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WOW is off to a great start this year! We continue to learn more about Compassion and last week, we served our neighbors in places of need after being impacted by natural disasters. We did this by collecting and putting together 12 relief buckets filled with cleaning supplies, trash bags, insect repellent, clothes lines and pins, and additional requested items from Church World Service. We thank everyone who assisted the WOW kids through this project and we lift up in prayer all the people who will receive these buckets that are in need of ours and God's compassionate care. - **Pastor Kevin**



## Thanks, everyone!

Thank you to everyone who participated in preparation of twelve stuffed cleaning buckets for our Church World Service project. We are now looking for transportation for the buckets and supplies to get to Elkhart to the Church World Service Warehouse. If you know anyone traveling to the South Bend/ Elkhart area, please let me know. Thanks. *Carolyn Snyder and Rev. Kevin Toth*



**Older Youth group will NOT be meeting on October 9th.** We will resume again on October 16th. We hope you will join for some relaxed faith discussions and fun with Pastor Kevin.

# prayer concerns

## Help us keep this list up to date!

Please notify the office or email [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Thank you for the many greeting cards, phone calls and visits during the many months of Russell's and my time, as we dealt with his illness. Each one brightened the day and strengthen us as we lived one day at a time. My family and I wished to express our gratitude for the caring support and loving embrace through the days of Hospice. Again, your calls, cards and delicious food reminded us that, you, the people of First Christian Church, understand what it means to be the church to one another. Thanks to each of you for your Compassionate Liturgy.

**Compassionate** [Latin: to suffer with] **Liturgy** {Greek: public work of the people}

Just learned this term. Like it.

*Sandra Ruby and Family*

My family and I are so thankful for all your prayers for my son Chris before during and after major surgery. His recovery in the hospital was amazing, and he continues doing well at home.

*Judy Michal*

## 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.

**DARLENE GOODRICH**—Recovering at home after choking & lengthy CPR

The family of **ROBERT (BOB) MASON**, who passed away on 9/20

**CHRIS MICHAL** (Judy's son)—recovering from surgery

**SHARI LOVOLD'S 17-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER**—update: she's doing much better! She's back to school and work. God's hand was surrounding her that day!

**JOHN HUSTED**—Unexpected life changes & moving into Whitlock Place

**DALLAS AND KAREN MCDONALD**—Karen's health has declined leading to her being placed in hospice care and Dallas is being treated for cancer

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

**MAXINE WILLIAMSON**—recovering from a stroke

**ALLEN GOFF** (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

**BOB AND BETTYE HUDSON**—cancer

**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

**CATHY MOFFETT** (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer

**MATT RYKER** (son of Ron Yund's friend)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

**ALEX** (and his parents, Beth & Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—tumor on his spine

**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: **NANCY ROGERS**

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](http://www.fccville.org)

## Vacations

**Pastor Darla** will be away as follows:

Oct. 17 – 22 Vacation  
Nov. 07 – 13 Vacation

**Pastor Kevin** will be away as follows:

October 3-11 Bethany Fellows Retreat and Vacation



## HOW CAN WE HELP?

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OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES	<i>For a full list of our leaders, go to <a href="http://www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders">www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders</a></i>