

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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*“Through Heaven’s Eyes”
A Pastoral Meditation*

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I have an interesting relationship with the stories found in the beginning of Exodus. Before the age of 12, I did not grow up going to church and my family never talked about religion or God, at least nothing I could remember. And yet somehow, I was very familiar with the character of Moses and how he

freed his people from the Pharaoh in Egypt and brought them to the promised land. The reason for my familiarity with this story is because of the 1998 Dreamworks’ animated film, “The Prince of Egypt. To this day, the Prince of Egypt is in my top ten favorite animated movies. The animation is phenomenal, the storytelling (while not fully accurate to the writings in Exodus) is incredible, and the music beyond amazing! Every song in the movie is performed with such passion that it draws the viewer into the movie even more. If you were to ask me which one is my favorite, I would say “Through Heaven’s Eyes” performed in the movie by Brian Stokes Mitchell.

In the film, this song is sung by the character, Jethro, to Moses after Moses has fled to the land of Midian. Moses feels he is not worthy of receiving hospitality from Jethro’s family and tribe because of what he has done in his past. The song beautifully asks Moses (and the listener) to not measure our worth through our limited human understanding but instead through the eyes of Heaven (or more specifically, God).

*“So how can you see what your life is worth
Or where your value lies?
You can never see through the eyes of man
You must look at your life
Look at your life through heaven's eyes”*

For me, I feel humbled imagining how God’s love for me, for everyone around me, and for the entire world is far greater than I could ever truly understand. Whenever I have moments of doubt about what I may ‘can or cannot’ do, these lyrics remind me that God’s love is seeking to remind us all of the wonderful worth that we each have and the positive works we are capable of when we remember to believe in ourselves because God loves and believes in us.

So, I invite you to wonder with me: What would it mean for us to measure our lives not through our eyes, but through God’s eyes? And how is God’s love inspiring us and transforming us each and every day?

Many Blessings,
Kevin

BEYOND WORDS
Exploring Common Words of our Faith

Join us for 10:15 WORSHIP
In Person or Livestream / fccville.org

A Sermon & Teaching Series
for Spring/Summer

Date	Scripture	Sermon	Preacher
05/12	Deuteronomy 6:4-6 Matthew 22:34-40	What is Love ?	Rev. Kevin Toth
05/19	Acts 2:1-13, 42-47 Ephesians 2:11-22	What is Church ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
05/26	John 1: 1-5	What is Word ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
06/03	Romans 9: 6-7, 14-25	What is Sin ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
06/10	Romans 12:1-21 Acts 11: 19-26	What is Worship ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

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Another season of WOW has come and gone and every time it does, I wonder, “How the time just goes by way too fast?!” It continues to be a gift to watch our amazing youth create and building meaningful friendships with one another, grow in their faith, sharing deep and meaningful prayers, and have so much fun every Wednesday! I want to take a moment to thank every person who supported WOW by volunteering their time and gifts to support this amazing youth ministry:

The WOW Teachers:

- Kate Lindsay & Gwen Carlson (1st & 2nd Grade)
- Ann Taylor & Darla Goodrich (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade)
- Justin Meyers (6th to 12th Grade)

Table Parents:

- Kate Lindsay
- Ben McCormick
- Andie Nannet
- Linda Petrie
- Sandy Ruby
- Jerry Whipkey

WOW Set Up Crew:

- Barb Foster
- Barb Frye
- Cindy Grimes
- Judy Michal
- Jan Stout
- Karen Venis
- Glenda Walther
- Maxine Williamson

WOW Directors:

- Emily McLaughlin-Jenness
- Andrea Venis

Kitchen Cooks and Clean Up Crew:

- Josh & Mary Fossnock
- Tom & Sharon Keedy
- Dave & Ginny Maharry
- Kim Mason
- Alex McDonald
- Diane & Steve McLaughlin
- Brad & Tammy Plank
- Kevin Priebe
- Chuck Ranspach
- Carolyn Snyder
- Tom & Deb Vaught
- Amy Wright
- Ron & Bonnie Yund

**WITHOUT ALL
OUR AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS,
WOW WOULD NOT
BE POSSIBLE SO
THANK YOU!**

**What a
Fantastic
Year!**



Supporting Our Youth!

Is your child participating in any extracurricular activities this summer, including (but not limited to): sports games, theater performances, dance recitals, and more? Pastor Kevin would love to come and support our youth by attending any activity your youth is involved in! Please let him know when your child is playing/performing, and he will get it on his calendar. Thanks so much!

Children's Church Calendar

Date	Bible Lesson	Teacher
May 12	Ascension	Kate Lindsay
May 19	Pentecost	Mary Fossnock
May 26	No Children's Church	None

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

**ATTENTION:
VBS VOLUNTEERS**



**OUR FINAL VOLUNTEER MEETING WILL BE MAY 19TH
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH AND WILL LAST ONE HOUR.**

VBS at First Christian Church

211 S Walnut Street, Crawfordsville

June 3-7, 2024 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM
For ages 3 years through 5th grade

All children registered by May 15th will get a free t-shirt!

Register online at: tinyurl.com/VBSatFCC



Congratulations

This past Sunday, we celebrated and honored the graduates who have been a part of our church and the graduates who are relatives of many of our church members. Be sure to extend your congregations to the graduates and their families listed below (in alphabetical order).

Nhan Huynh—graduating from Wabash College with a BA in Biochemistry & Financial Economics; plans to work as a research assistant at Scripps Research in San Diego, CA; is a community friend of Judy Michal.

Haley Maharry—graduating from University of Chicago Laboratory School; plans to attend Knox College in the fall; daughter of Jeff & Mary Maharry and granddaughter of Ginny & Dave Maharry.

Sophie Michal—graduated from London School of Economics with Masters; granddaughter of Judy Michal.

Austin Rasmussen—graduated from ISU with Criminology degree; grandson of Janet Keedy.

Samantha Rohr—graduating from Crawfordsville HS; plans to attend Purdue University in the fall; daughter of Amber & Kris Rohr.

Luke Spencer—graduating from University of NC Chapel Hill with MBA and honored as an Owen Mitchell Fellow; son of Linda & Brent Spencer.

Amy Weliver—graduating from Crawfordsville HS; plans to attend Ivy Tech in Terre Haute in the fall to study medical imaging and work in a hospital setting; daughter of Susie & Mike Weliver.

Emily Weliver—graduating from Crawfordsville HS; plans to attend University of Evansville in the fall to become an ER/trauma nurse and later join the Air Force; daughter of Susie & Mike Weliver.

Samuel A Wilhite—graduating from North Montgomery HS; plans to attend school to become a lineman; son of Thad & Carrie Wilhite; grandson of Arleen Wilhite.

Wyatt Woodall—graduating from Southmont HS; plans to attend Marian University to study engineering and play football; son of Amy & Jeff Woodall and grandson of Bonnie & Ron Yund.



grad party!
2024

honoring
WYATT WOODALL

SUNDAY JUNE 2ND
1 - 4 pm

LAKE HOLIDAY CLUBHOUSE
5000 S. Co.Rd. 400W
Crawfordsville, IN.

UPCOMING EVENTS

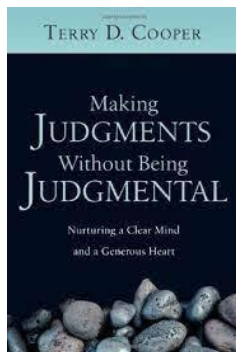
Two Classes Left

WHO: Pastor Darla will be leading this class / All are Welcome!

WHEN: 9:00 – 9:40 am in the Gathering Room (Sundays May 19 & May 25)

WHAT: A class exploring the book ***Making Judgments Without Being Judgmental***: Nurturing a Clear Mind and a Generous Heart by Terry D. Cooper. This will also integrate exploration of the scriptures on this topic. If you don't have the book, please join us anyway for a great discussion!

WHY: This is a timely discussion as we live in a divided culture that tempts us to make harsh judgments of others who do not think the way we do. The book takes seriously the need to make judgments in our own lives but clearly articulates how easy it is to fall into the trap of judgmentalism without even being aware. This impacts all of our relationships and our own well-being.



Smart Recovery Every Tuesday!

A SMART Recovery Friends & Family gathering is being held at the **Recovery Coalition Inc, Recovery Rec Center**, 1300 S Ladoga Rd, Crawfordsville, IN for the friends and families with loved ones struggling with a substance use disorder. It will be every **Tuesday from 6-7pm**. ALL are welcome! See or call **Jeff Moore** for details at **765.307.0595**.

MAY 18th at Wabash College!



Montgomery County
Youth Service Bureau

It's not too late to
DONATE & VOTE!



Donate, Vote, and Support!

It's not too late to support the YSB and VOTE for your favorite DANCER! FCC Dancers Rev. Darla Goodrich & Kaylynn Ranspach humbly ask for your vote! You may do so by SUPPORTING our wonderful YSB with a DONATION on their website at: <http://www.mcysb.org/>

The YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU (YSB) does the following incredibly meaningful work to support, empower & let our youth know how much this community cares about them through the programming of *Nourish, Reindeer, CASA, Prevent, JUMP, YAR, Inspire, Teen Court, Drug Free Montgomery County!*

every. body. yoga.
because every body is a yoga body

Free!

Chair Yoga:
<https://tinyurl.com/ChairYogaWithTammy>
6:30-7:00pm
Thursdays: May 9, 23, & 30th.

Gentle Yoga:
<https://tinyurl.com/GentleYogaWithTammy>
8:00-8:30pm
Wednesdays: May 8, 15, 22, & 29th.

Tammy Meyers
tjmeyers@gmail.com

Tammy Meyers is finishing her yoga teacher certification and will be offering two different classes throughout May in order to fulfill the rest of her requirements for licensing. Classes are free and on Zoom. Join any or all! Chair Yoga participants will remain seated the entire time. Gentle Yoga is a calm practice that will involve some standing and balance but has variations to be accessible to all! Hope to see you there!



Ladies Lunch Bunch

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will dine Thursday, May 16th at 12:30pm at **Yamato Steak House**. This recommended restaurant is across from Culver's in the strip mall. Please send reservations to bonjund@hotmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars! Indiana Disciples

Indiana Disciples Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Light of the World Christian Church
4646 N. Michigan Road,
Indianapolis, IN 46208

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

HHCL May Basket Fundraiser



A very sincere thank you to everyone who helped make our May basket fundraiser a success. We made 92 baskets this year- wow! Many of these were delivered to members of the FCC congregation, local nursing homes, the family crisis shelter, and we made one for each HHCL teacher. A very special thank you to the volunteers who helped make this all possible-- from the middle school group that put together the paper baskets, to people donating flowers from their yard, helping us assemble the baskets, and a wonderful team that delivered them. We appreciate you all, and heard many reports back that the flower baskets helped brighten people's day!



If you live in MoCo, you are invited to attend HUE's next planning meeting on May 19th from 12:30-2pm at Fusion 54's 4th floor. We have several activities and efforts we're working on, and we'd love your input! We especially encourage high school students to come. Let us know how our community can be more welcoming!



Save the Date

Turkey Run Outing on June 23rd from 2-7pm

Plans are not finalized, but the event will include swimming and food. It will be at Tennis Court Shelter "C" - Located off Trail 1, at the west end of the parking lot at the Nature Center. This very large, wheelchair accessible shelter has a large stone fireplace with two stone cooking areas, electricity, lots of picnic tables under the shelter, and many more just outside. Nearby are a drinking fountain, wheelchair accessible modern restrooms, a playground, ball courts, and a couple more picnic tables with charcoal grills. The swimming fee is \$3 per person.

Information, Please: Grief Counseling

Dusk-to-Dawn Bereavement Services, the non-profit grief support organization recently featured in this series, has ended its services following the retirement of founder Cheryl Fuhrmann.

The organization refers people seeking individual counseling to the Christian Theological Seminary School of Counseling, where graduate students provide telehealth services under the direct supervision of a licensed mental health therapist.

The school can be reached at 317-924-1331.

Locally, Quest for Balance Wellness also offers grief counseling. Services include end-of-life coaching, grief care and education and advanced care planning. For more information, visit qfbwellness.com.

Food Finders Event

It's that time again! On **Monday, May 20th** we will do a joint service project with our friends at St. John's Episcopal Church. We need 8-10 volunteers from First Christian to help serve our food insecure neighbors. The Food Finders truck will be in our (First Christian) lot at 211 S. Walnut that morning. Our St. John's friends will join us in the parking lot. Volunteers are needed by 10:30 am to get organized and receive their assignments. We start serving at 11:00 am. Please contact me at tdvaught@mymetronet.net or text me at 765.376.9207 if you would like to volunteer. Thanks!
—Deb Vaught



FCC BOOK CLUB

First Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 pm



Hope you will join us for some or all of these upcoming meetings:

- June 4—**Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive** [also a miniseries on Netflix] by Stephanie Land
- July 2—**The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett
- "August" meeting (held one week early, on July 30)—**Liminal Thinking** by Dave Gray | Kevin Toth, discussion leader

One copy of each book is circulating through our church library. Contact Kelly Stanley with questions (kellyostanley@me.com).

Prayer Requests

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email 211fccville@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.

JAN KEMPER (Crystal Hahnstadt's mom)—currently hospitalized in Illinois with recent colon cancer diagnosis. She is awaiting surgery and further testing.

THE FAMILY OF BRIAN GRIGGS (Nancy Griggs's son) who passed away on Tuesday, April 30th.

BOB DIXON—now recovering at home and welcomes afternoon calls and visits.

JEFF SCHULTZ (Judy Michal's nephew)—diagnosed with tongue cancer and will be having surgery in early May.

SANDY LOFLAND & KEN BROWN—Sandy is recovering at Wellbrooke Crawfordsville (room #129) from a broken shoulder and hip and Ken has ongoing health concerns.

MARK BROWN—recovering from knee replacement surgery

THE FAMILY OF DARLENE GOODRICH who passed away on Thursday, April 18th.

THE FAMILY OF RICHARD "DICK" McDONALD who passed away Sunday, April 14th.

STEVE HOUSE—had surgery on 3/26 for cancer on his neck

GERRY COATS—home after receiving a blood transfusion in the ER and being transferred to the IU Arnett hospital. He is awaiting further testing.

TOM BROWN (Jan Stout's brother)—is improving after having a severe staph infection and stroke, but will remain hospitalized for approximately 4-6 weeks.

GENE EVERETT—completed rehab at Ben Hur and will now be living at Wellbrooke (room #25)

LADAWN PRIEBE—began chemotherapy and radiation after being diagnosed with a brain tumor

AMY WOODALL

JACK WYATT—at home with health concerns

SHEILA CLARK—chronic leukemia and recovering after a heart catheterization procedure.

JUDITH SMITH'S husband RICK—prayer for continuing improvement after open heart surgery

JORDAN TURNER (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from motorcycle accident

JOHN HOOPER—ongoing Parkinson's issues

QUINTON NANNET and family—Rejoice for Quinton is back in the USA! Please continue to pray for his strength, courage, and discernment as he navigates these next steps.

GERRY TURNER—health issues

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

Pray for our Shut-ins
Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

WHITLOCK:
CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

WELLBROOKE CRAWFORDSVILLE:
GENE EVERETT (#25), SANDY LOFLAND BROWN (#129)

HOME: **PAUL & MARIAN CASS, BOB DIXON**



Thank you

Our family wants to express our heartfelt gratitude for the thoughtful and caring gesture of providing a funeral dinner for my father. Your effort and dedication in preparing and organizing the dinner did not go unnoticed. It meant a lot to the extended family to have a meal together as we celebrated our dad/grandfather and great grandfather.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Mclaughlin/McDonald Family

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

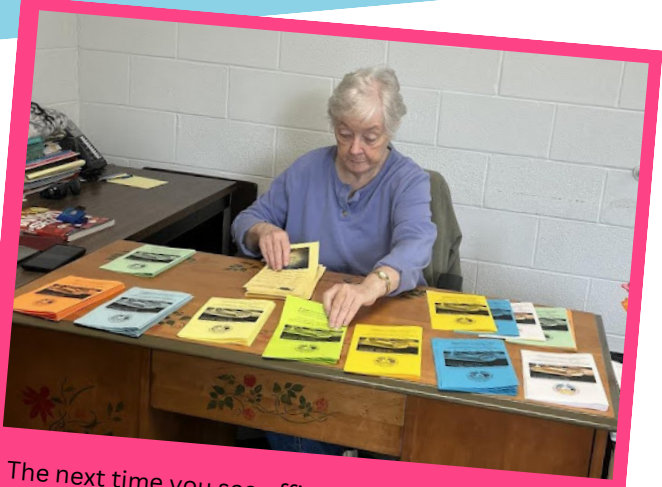
DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—lung cancer

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

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Thank you

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by **the family of Tanya Wilhite**. Thankful for the wonderful dinner.



The next time you see office staff volunteer, **Arleen Wilhite**, please tell her thank you. Every day she goes above and beyond the call of duty to support all the staff members, the congregation, welcome all the people that walk through our doors Monday – Friday and is always a friendly voice answering the phones. As you can see, she takes on any project and does dozens of things to keep things running such as, in this case, folding all the bulletins for Sunday morning! Along with other wonderful volunteers she does this for all the funerals, the Pathfinder and specialty services as well. She also does many behind the scenes tasks everyday to ensure the congregation is supported in small and large ways. We love you, Arleen! Thank you for taking such good care of your church family!

Dear Friends,
Once again, we thank you for your continued support and commitment to our cause. Your donations to FISH have made a significant difference, and we appreciate your partnership in helping us to serve our community. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Elaine S. Chase



Special thanks to artist **Mary Lou Dawald** who, after having an art exhibit with Linda Cherry in FCC's Gallery Hall, offered her delightful fish sculptures to Kay, Kevin and Darla as a gift! Given they are symbolic of the Christian Faith we are deeply grateful to receive these creative and colorful works of art! Thank you so much Mary!!

Dear First Christian Church Team,
On behalf of the staff and young folks at Indiana Youth Group, I would like to thank you for the generous donation made on 04/17/2024, in the amount of \$150.
IYG is dedicated to serving Indiana's young LGBTQ+ community by offering safer spaces, enriching programming, and lifesaving resources such as housing, food, and clothing. Donors such as yourself make it possible for our team to continue providing the love and support these young people so greatly need and have come to expect from IYG. Your contributions significantly impact their lives, and your support is valued more than words can express.
We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in keeping our mission strong. Thank you for standing with us in the effort to keep resources stocked for the young people we serve.
Gratefully,
Whitney Morris-Lange

Welcome Zach & Willow!



On Sunday, May 5 Zach Anderson and his adorable daughter Willow joined the church! Zach is a transplant to Indiana. He has grown up across the United States—having lived in Minnesota, Arizona, Hawaii, Texas, California, and New York. He came to Indiana for Wabash College and has been a part of the community since graduating as a theater major in 2018. Zach works for

the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence as an evaluator and strategist, but recently was a case manager with the Indiana Department of Child Services in Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties. He is a social worker by trade and passion and is finishing up his master’s degree in social work in Spring of 2024. He is also an executive officer and board member for Humans United for Equality and The Recovery Coalition.

It’s inspiring and telling to him that so many “good people” he has met in the community helping others are members of this church. In looking for a church community to join, he wanted to find one that elevated the voice of women, welcomed all into the body like people who identify as LGBTQ+, and prioritizes love as our most powerful tool of change and care for one another. He feels in First Christian, he has found a church that lets people know they are Christians by our love. A body that embraces rather than turning away. It is the kind of community he has valued most about his journey with Christ and is grateful Willow will have a chance to grow up witnessing the same. He thanks everyone for their kindness to her and inclusion of his nephew, Carsyn. He is excited to grow with this community and give back.

Welcome Zach and Willow!! We are so thrilled and honored to get to receive you into the membership of FCC that goes back nearly 200 years!



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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

MEALS ON WHEELS

On Fridays of even months.

Dave Maharry

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maharryd@wabash.edu

FISH FOOD PANTRY

Distributes grocery items to meet emergency needs.

Located at St. Bernard’s Church,
1306 E. Main St., Crawfordsville

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Chantel Allen, Director

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HOW CAN WE HELP?

General Questions	Contact Kay Nannet (contact information above) for any questions about the church: building, calendar, messages for personnel, ministers, elders, lay leaders, prayer requests, and general communication.
Financial Questions and Concerns	Andrew Nicodemus , FCC Financial Administrator FCC Office: 765.362.4812 (leave a message) fccvillefinance@gmail.com
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Other Leaders or Ministries	<i>For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory.</i>



**KINDNESS
MATTERS**

