



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

July 26, 2023

Pastor's Note

Matthew 25:8-13 (NRSVUE) **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

When was the last time something surprising happened? Some say, "Nothing surprises me anymore."

It's a common sentiment that the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic was a big surprise. Seems an unlike take in light of the recent past.

2003 SARS: U.S.+30 countries
2011 Dengue Virus: U.S.+140 countries
2013 Ebola: U.S.+10 countries
2015 ZIKA: U.S.+85 countries
2017 MERS: U.S.+27 countries
2019 COVID-19: U.S.+231

At this time of the year, thoughts turn to returning to school and the Labor Day holiday weekend. When a plan is made it seems inevitable that an unexpected surprise is encountered.

The Bible is filled with evidence of how God is the God of the unexpected.

Consider Sarah and Abraham. The Lord appeared to Abraham as he sat at the entrance to his tent. Abraham saw three men standing nearby. He and Sarah no longer had hope of having a child. When Sarah overheard the Lord

telling Abraham that she would have a child, she laughed as she knew such a time had long passed. God made it so where Sarah not only gave birth, she was provided with even strength to raise the boy.

Gideon, belonged to the least tribe of Israel's 12. Within the least tribe, his was the least clan. Within the least clan, Gideon's was the least family. Within the least family of the least clan of the least tribe he was the least of his brothers. Consider his surprise when God revealed he would be the one to free Israel.

Consider Jesse's surprise when the prophet Samuel arrived and revealed that David, the youngest, would be anointed king. Unexpected surprise: Jesus in a manger. The Messiah, the Savior of Israel and the world, as a newborn baby.

Do you think there is anything that God cannot do? Matt. 13:58 tells how few instances of Jesus healing in his hometown of Nazareth: "And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief."

God is not limited by anything other than the faith of the believer. The trouble is not with God! The wrinkle lies with the believer. Doubts, second thoughts and disbelief walls away just how God can surprise. We set expectations too low. We become satisfied with mediocrity. We go to God to patch our clothes when God wishes to provide us a new garment. It's not like God doesn't have the power. Do you want a patch or do you want new clothing?

Rev Colby Smith

Inside...

August events, birthdays, anniversaries and more

KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club resumes on August 20th!

Fall Theme: Game On!

Join the fun as we use traditional children's board games to learn more about the bible!

July 30-Kids Club Trip to Get Air!

August 6-Acolyte training and refresher

August 13-NO Kid's Club/Back to School Sunday

August 20-Kid's Club Game On!

August 27-Kid's Club Game On!

Sept 3-NO Kid's Club (Labor Day Weekend)



Sunday Morning Children's Programs Return to Fall Schedule on August 20th

All children age 4-rising 5th graders have been worshipping together following the Children's Chat this summer in Summer Children's Worship.

Thanks to Patricia Calvert, Molly and Jacob Cooper, Linda Dachenhaus, Kendra Funkhouser, Darell Rickmers, and Penny Vaught for their leadership with our children this summer!

On August 20th, we will go back to our School Year Children's Schedule

Worship & Wonder: Children age 4-2nd grade

Children's Church: Children in 3rd-5th grade

Nursery: Children birth-age 4



Acolytes needed for fall!

This important role is a chance for children in 2nd-8th grade to be an integral part of our Sunday morning worship as they carry the light into and out of the sanctuary.

Orientation Meeting

Sunday, August 6th

Immediately following worship

Experienced acolytes are needed that morning as well to help teach our new acolytes. Meet at the Welcome Table.

Contact Patti for more information or to sign up your child.

Our Children need YOU!

We have such a great group of children and want you to get to know them!



Volunteers are needed for the following:

Kid's Club-provide lunch or assist Patti with activities (no planning involved)
Immediately following worship

Children's Church or Worship & Wonder-lead already planned Sunday School type activities. During worship.

Nursery-Assist Crystal with babies and toddlers during worship one Sunday a month to comply with our Safe Sanctuary Policy.

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

News & Announcements

Happy Travelers—Going to Berea for Lunch | Aug 24th

We will meet at 10am to traveling on the Church Van to Boone Tavern for Lunch at 1pm and Downtown Browsing & Shopping.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please sign up no later than 20th at the Welcome Table. See www.boonetavernhotel.com for more info!

- Margaret Clark

Soul Squad August Meeting | Aug 8th

The Soul Squad Young Adult group will have their next get together on August 8th, at 6:30pm. We will be gathering at the home of Joe and Laurie Kirk. All young adults are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Kellie McMurry Jones.

- Kellie McMurry Jones

Book Connection | Sep 3rd

Book Connection starts again on September 3rd; Immediately after Worship, Come and Join us as we begin another thought provoking book discussion. Our New Book: [How the Bible Actually Works by Peter Enns](#) Invite any friends that might want to attend; they do not have to be FCC members to participate!!

- Margaret Clark

Danville Summer Singers | Aug 1

Common Ground: A Concert for Unity. August 1 at 7:30 pm. The Presbyterian Church of Danville 500 West Main Street. Contributions by cash or non-perishable foods for Danville food pantries welcomed.

- From Larry Davidson

7 Round the Table | August 26th

We will be gathering on Saturday evening, August 26th at 6:30. Come by yourself or with another person to enjoy fellowship and good food. Sign up at the Welcome Table or call the church office if you will be able to attend. For more information contact Mary Ann McGlothlin at 859-396-7109

or maryann.mcglathlin@gmail.com

- Mary Ann McGlothlin

Prayer Concerns

Baby Madelyn
Larry McGhee
Georgianne Smith
Gary Gibson
Charlotte Hopper
Steve Bruce
John Taylor Ross
Jan Sheffield
Margaret Milburn
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Bonnie Wilson
Bill Barker
Robin Lee
Lauryn Crawley
Cheryle Inestroza
Family

Craig Fulks
Debbie Cline Pope
William Simpson
Karen Rickmers
Michael Gretton
Shannon Calvert
Warren
Barbara Cash Rankin
Heather Lockhart
Jenny McClure's
Brother
Rodger Morris
Britt O'Brien
Donna Brown Vanhook
Paul Gwaltney
Linda Fisher

Keep Grieving Families in Prayer

Mike Anderson: May 16, 1965-July 14 2023

Jackie Fowler's Father

Jan Edmiston: January 14, 1951-June 16, 2023

David Newhall: January 25, 1966—June 15, 2023

Shut-In / Homebound

Martha Akin
Jerry Boyd
Pat & Steve Bruce
Steve Campbell
Mindy Carter
Bill & Patty Castle
Hugh & Mary Jo
Coomer

Tom Ensslin
Odell Hines
Lucille Lemmon
Margaret Milburn
Betty Ramey
Aubrey Sivis
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson

Some Organ Updates

Many of you have mentioned over the last few months your eagerness and interest as to how the organ project is going. So here are some points of interest for you to ponder.

1. The console shell is at the Phoenix factory in Canada and is in process of being retrofitted with all of the new technology and hardware. All materials for the upgrade are in-house and ready for installation with one major exception—The DRAWKNOB assemblies. These “knobs” are what engage or silence the the voices (ranks) the organist uses [to turn ON or OFF] at the console. The drawknob assemblies for our newly refurbished organ are being manufactured by the Harris Company in California. Harris is one of the major suppliers for organ technology in the world. They make the best!

Their equipment works flawlessly and has a very long life of uninterrupted service.

We are in the queue with Harris for our new drawknobs and will hopefully very soon have that final piece of the puzzle in place. By the way, our newly refurbished console will have a total of 59 drawknobs over the 4 divisions of the organ.

2. When these final components are in the hands of the factory, they will be installed and the console will then be shipped to the church at which time Oldham Organs will begin their task of installing the new systems to control the operation of our beautiful organ. Many wires must be connected, speaking pipes must be re-connected to wind chests, pipes will need tuning and adjusting, and many other artistic and mechanical decisions dealt with. All of this expertise will go into play to produce the final product to which we are all so excited to be looking .

PATIENCE is difficult! And, the organist is probably THE most impatient one among us these days. We will all be glad once more when all the pieces come together and our beautiful organ is back in its place and doing its part in our Worship of God!

Harry Mercer, Organist

July 19, 2023

News & Announcements

Back-to-School Sunday Blessing | Aug 13

As FCC's students, teachers, and school staff head back to school, join us to celebrate and bless them during morning worship! Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks with them as both as sign and symbol of the challenges and joys awaiting within their next chapter. Teachers and school staff will be recognized and receive prayer, encouragement, and blessings. We hope all will join us for this special Sunday.

- Patti Wright

4 Cans 4 Others

We have collected a total of 34,400 cans after receiving 116 in June, bringing to the total this year to 460. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday. The Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

Information from Terry Dachenhaus

Giving Thanks

We simply cannot thank you enough in helping to provide transportation for our 2023 Gilly Eklund Day camp. Your role in the Camp was crucial in helping us to be successful. We look forward to working with you in future camps, etc.

Walk in Love

David Roberts

Director of the 2023 Ginny Eklund Camp



Hal's Haven has written us a thank-you card for our donation during our VBS pet-centered year, "Jesus Cares FUR You!"

August 2023

Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays</p> <p>9:30am The Bistro</p> <p>9:45am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10am Grace Presbyterian Church</p>		1	2	3	4	5
			9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	10am Worship Team Meeting	9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	8pm Al-Anon
<p>6 School Supply</p> <p>10:45am Worship</p> <p>Book Connection</p> <p>Morning Pointe</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
	9am Body recall 10am Bridge 6:30pm Parents/ Addicted Loved Ones 7pm Boy Scouts	6:30pm Soul Squad	9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	9am Connections Meeting	9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	8pm Al-Anon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20 Shut-In Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27 Infant Dedication	28	29	30 Highlights	31		
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Debbie Bosley	2 Candy Shepard	3 Susan Taylor Julie Hastings	4	5 Edna Prall Jane Paynter Shelley Gover Cole Jarnagin Addison Chidester
6	7 Ruth Sigler *Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer* *Jan & Larry Scott*	8 Cathy Glover Bonnie Trachsel Terry Derringer	9	10 Conley Horn Elizabeth Joiner	11 Walter Gross	12
13	14 Kerry Babcock Patrick McClure Kierstyn Gibson	15	16	17 Kandi Williams	18	19 *Candy & Jerry Shepard*
20 Tillie Sowders	21 Kathryn Ensor	22 Liam Welch Elijah Welch	23 Penny Vaught Ken Clark	24	25 Kate Hoffman	26
27 *Bill & Sue Prete*	28 *Jim & Mary Lester*	29	30 Ella Grace Gover *Reid & Melissa Talley*	31 <i>Tim Barringer</i>		

Service Roster July

	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug
Worship Leader	Cheryl Gibson	Jane Boyd	Lyle McGlothlin	Tom Huckleberry
Elders at the Table		John & Kendra Funkhouser	Elmer & Suzi Jackson	Mary Ann & Lyle McGlothlin
Deacons	Terry & Linda Dache Sherrie Horn David May	Molly & Jacob Coop Terry & Linda Dachenhaus	Molly & Jacob Coop Linda Dachenhaus Sherrie Horn	Sherrie Horn David May Terry & Linda Dache
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Katie Powell	Steve Cline Ruby Cline-Eaton	Youth	Wendy & Rodger Ross
Stewards		Joey Kirk	John Caywood	John Caywood
Children's Chat	Kendra Funkhouser	Patti Wright	Martha Bryant	Darell Rickmers
Children's Summer Worship	None	None	Connie McVicker Penny Vaught	Connie McVicker Penny Vaught
Children's Church	Patricia Calvert	Patti Wright	Martha Bryant	Darell Rickmers
Nursery	Mary McKitric	Kris Hamlin		
Acolytes	Training after Worship			
Sound				
Camera				
Slides				
Other	Morning Pointe Jane Boyd & Kendra Funkhouser	Back to School Blessing	Shut-In Communion	Elder's Lunch

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