



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

August 30, 2023

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

Hebrews 11:1 is among the most cited and memorized verses. It is taught in the youngest Sunday School classes and continues to inspire the oldest within a congregation. It is among the foremost of inspirational scriptures when a believer faces a time of trial.

The author of Hebrews conveys faith as a certainty so Jesus' teachings are incontrovertibly true resulting in what is expected will indeed come to pass.

In contrast, faith is not looking forward with wistful longing. Christian faith is hope which looks forward with conviction. Christian hope expresses itself in its highest form when shaping a person's conduct. Such faith leads the person to live in it and die within it.

Scottish theologian and Oxford scholar, Dr. James Moffatt, born 1870, differentiates 3 forms by which Christian faith operates.

1.) Christian hope is belief in God in opposition to the world. Pursuing societies' ambitions results in attaining authority or realizing comfort and prosperity. To follow God's standard, people of faith face trials. People of faith may be the object of ridicule. The faithful believe it is better to suffer scorn from following Jesus than to prosper with the world. In *Daniel 3:16-18*, three believers whose conviction was in things not seen.

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king. ¹⁷If our God whom we serve is able to deliver

us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸But if not, be it

known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that

you have set up."

When considering things eternal, God's ways are

worthy to stake everything on than to trust the rewards of the world.

2.) Christian hope is belief in the spirit in opposition to the senses.

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,

Old Time is still a-flying;

And this same flower that smiles today

Tomorrow will be dying."

Our senses are enculturated to grasp trending item of the moment. At the same time, we are trained to grab the thing of the moment, the Spirit teaches us there is something far beyond. The person of faith believes the Spirit rather than senses which are easily led astray.

3.) Christian hope is belief in the future against the present. Epicurus, Greek philosopher born 341 BC, determined the chief goal of life was pleasure. But he didn't mean what so many now think he meant. He insisted one should always take the long view. That which is immediately pleasant may bring suffering later, that which is difficult at the moment may bring deepest joy in the long run. The Christian is certain in the long run.

It looked as if the dikasts jurors eliminated Socrates, as if a Roman governor had silenced Christ, as if the temple authorities had destroyed Stephen - and for all such similar instances - but the verdict of the future reversed the verdict of the moment. It has been written though Nero condemned Paul, after the witness of time, children are named Paula/Paul while pet dogs are called Nero.

The cheap and easy perspective: "Why refuse pleasures now for an uncertain future?" Christians answer the future is not uncertain as it's held within God's hands. It's enough that God has promised.

Rev Colby Smith

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KIDS CORNER

GAME ON!



The fall theme for Kid's Club has us playing a lot of games!

Each week we will be using a classic board game to focus on a specific Bible story.

In August, we learned what Jesus said about forgiveness with **Sorry!** and talked about temptation with **Candy Land**. We will be moving on to the other games in September and October.

Our children in K-5th grade are so much fun! You can get to know them by providing lunch one Sunday after worship. Contact Patti for details.

Want to put names with faces?

Check out the bulletin board at the end of the glass (arcade) hallway to see photos of our amazing Kid's Club group!



Kid's Club Schedule

Sept 3rd	NO Kid's Club-Labor Day
Sept 10th	Hungry, Hungry Hippos (Luke 12:13-21)
Sept 17th	Operation (Matthew 7:1-5)
Sept 24	Painting Event



For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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

News & Announcements

4 Cans 4 Others

We have collected a total of 34,519 cans after receiving 269 in July, bringing to the total this year to 729. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday. The Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

Information from Terry Dachenhaus

CTRN Online Directory

This allows you to look up phone numbers and addresses at home! Please get in touch with Crystal for your login information if you are unsure of what it is. Log in here: <https://fccdanville.ctrn.co/>
Mobile Code: FCCDANVILLE

Sherrie Cocanougher

Sherrie is settling in to Florida life and focusing on her grandson Colton and her family. If you'd like to send her a card or a gift please contact us for an address! We are all thankful for her hard work and we wish her well!

Outreach News

The FCC Outreach team has been busy this summer!

Scholarships for area students have been sent to Murray State and University of Kentucky.

Many area families visited our table at the Back to School Block party on July 29.

We helped collect 72 backpacks full of school supplies that the congregation generously donated.

Soups on Us delivered 312 boxes in June and 298 in July.

Four Cans for Others continues to help supply the Salvation Army's food pantry.

Exciting Outreach Events and Projects Coming Up: Backpack Kids weekend food distribution picks back up after summer break. Tentative congregation collection will be Sept 10.

Trunk or Treat tentatively scheduled for October 29. This event is dependent on the commitment of "trunk" hosts; look for a signup sheet on the back counter or see Patti Wright or Patricia Calvert if you're interested in participating.

Waynesburg Manor Visits: beginning 10/31. See Jan Bradshaw to sign up.

Soups on Us: 3rd Saturdays. We always need cookies (no nuts)

Coat Drive: details TBA
- Patricia Calvert

Prayer Concerns

Patty Castle
Becky Whited
Kay Edgington-
Segerland
Gary Gibson
Charlotte Hopper
John Taylor Ross
Jan Sheffield
Margaret Milburn
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Bonnie Wilson
Bill Barker
Michael Gretton
Shannon Calvert War-

ren
Robin Lee
Lauryn Crawley
Cheryle Inestroza
Debbie Cline Pope
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

Bill Castle: January 25, 1934-August 5, 2023

Bill Simpson: December 19, 1922-August 3, 2023

Shut-In / Homebound

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

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

News & Announcements

Open Invitation | Sep 6 & 13th-Ongoing

Did you ever consider singing in the choir or ringing a bell? Well, here's your chance. Our FCC musicians will be "back in the saddle" next week. Dinner at Pioneer Playhouse: 6 PM Wednesday September 6th. Rehearsals resume: Wednesday September 13th. Bells 5:30 to 6:30, Choir 7:00 to 8:30. We are called to "make a joyful noise" BUT a joyful noise sounds much better with rehearsal. Give us a try 'til Christmas. You might like us.



News & Announcements

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](#). Following a light lunch, we will be discussing Chapters 1 and 2. Bring your ideas, an open mind, and your listening skills to this thought provoking discussion group. Invite any friends that might want to attend; they do not have to be FCC members to participate!!

- Jan Bradshaw

Soul Squad | September 12 @6:30pm

The Soul Squad Young Adult group will have their next get together at the Joiner's home (please contact us for the address). We will be meeting regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All young adults are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Kellie McMurry Jones.

- Kellie McMurry Jones

Free Exercise Equipment | September 17th

Any equipment not taken Sept 17th will be donated to Bluebird Mission

Happy Travelers | September 29

We will be going to Bread of Life Cafe and Gift Shop (Liberty) for lunch on Friday, September 29th. We will meet at the church at 10:45am. All ages and Non-Congregation folks are welcome. Bring a friend and join a Fun group for an Autumn outing. A sign up sheet will be provided closer to the date. OR you can call Margaret Clark at 859-319-3895.

- Margaret Clark

Round the Table | Saturday, Sept 23rd

7 Round the Table is now ROUND THE TABLE. Could be 7 people, could be 11.....Hoping you can come on Saturday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm for an evening meal and opportunity to socialize with other church attendees. Sign up sheet will be at the Welcome Table starting this Sunday. You can also sign up for **September Round the Table** by texting Mary Ann McGlothlin at 859-396-7109.

- Mary Ann McGlothlin

Joint Concert | December 14

This winter we will be having another concert by Resonance and Sounding Joy. More information to come.

- Larry Davidson



A fun trip on August 24th to Boone Tavern. Join us for another trip on September 29th



We welcomed baby Noah on August 27th with his family: Parents: Sean and Donna Carol. Big Brothers: Liam, and Elijah



August Soul Squad meeting. Join us on September 12!

September 2023

Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	2 10:30am Al-Anon
3 Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Book Connection Elder Service	4 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Closed</i>	5	6 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 6pm Choir & Bells Pioneer Playhouse	7 9am Connections 10am Worship Team	8 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	9 10:30am Al-Anon
10 The Bistro Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Kids Club	11 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 5:30pm Outreach 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	12 6:30pm Soul Squad	13 9am Body Recall 10am Luncheon 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA NO Bells/Choir	14	15 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	16 8am Soups on Us 10:30am Al-Anon
17 <i>Shut-In Communion</i> Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Kids Club	18 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 10:30a Jane Meeting 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	19	20 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	21 6pm FCC Men's Dinner & Discussion Continues 7pm Church Board	22 <i>Articles</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	23 10:30am Al-Anon 6:30pm Round the Table
24 Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Elder's Lunch Kids Club	25 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 1pm Finance 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	26	27 <i>Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	28	29 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	30 10:30am Al-Anon

September 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Kendra Funkhouser
3 Charles Paynter	4 Jeffery Baker	5	6	7 Martha Caywood *Lyle & Mary Ann McGlothlin*	8 Jerry Dunn Ken Pearce	9 Molly Cooper Gary Gibson
10 Brody VanHook	11 Charlie Jarnagin Alice Reynolds	12 Catherine DeMoss William Prete	13 Elizabeth Joiner William Jones Ryan Jones	14	15	16
17 *Debbie & Jeff Baker*	18	19 Pat Bruce	20	21	22	23 Scott Reisinger David Robertson *Jenny & Patrick McClure*
24 Wendy Ross	25 Disney Darnell	26 June Harmon Robin Lockhart	27 Emma Taylor	28	29 Nancy Robertson	30 Tom Huckleberry

Service Roster September

	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep
Worship Leader	Julie Jones	Vince Pennington	Larry Scott	Jacob Cooper
Elders at the Table	Jan Bradshaw Cheryl Gibson	Brian & Patricia Calvert	Joey Kirk Brent Williams	Jane Boyd Martha Caywood
Deacons	Libby & Jeff Joiner Connie McVicker Jeff Withers	Jenny & Patrick McCallister Libby & Jeff Joiner	Jenny & Patrick McCallister Connie McVicker Jeff Withers	Terry & Linda Dachenhaus Connie McVicker David May
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Sherri Horn	Terry & Linda Dachenhaus	Youth	Alice & Jay Reynolds
Stewards		Elmer Jackson	John Caywood	Joey Kirk
Children's Chat	Pastor Colby	Jacob Cooper	Patti Wright	Debbie Baker
Children's Summer Worship	Patricia Calvert Jackie Fowler	Kandi Williams Sherrie Horn	Linda Dachenhaus Jackie Fowler	Alice & Jay Reynolds
Children's Church	Patti Wright	Molly & Jacob Cooper	Penny Vaught	Patti Wright
Nursery	Mary McKittrick	Edna Prall		Trista Hinkle
Acolytes	Meryk Hinkle Ainsley Shartzer	Lillian Russell Jenny Wilson	Ainsley Shartzer Bari Bowman	Meryk Hinkle Bari Bowman
Sound	John Funkhouser	Brian Calvert	Doug McMurry	Kevin Jones
Camera	Patsy Clevenger	Patricia Calvert	Cory Jones	Margaret Jones
Slides	Connie McVicker	Molly Cooper		Connie McVicker
Other	Morning Pointe		Shut-In Communion Patricia & Brian Calvert	Elder's Lunch Elmer & Suzi Jackson

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School Supply Drive *Successful!*



Thank you to everyone who made such a successful drive possible! We filled over 72 backpacks (beyond our goal!) and helped provide school materials to kids in need.

Welcome back! Now that Summer is ending, our usual programs will be continuing as usual. Keep an eye out for fun new groups and continuation of some favorites!

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