



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

June 17, 2020

Κoinōnía (Koinonia)

koinō' nēā, noun: Christian fellowship

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NRSV)

Peace and Grace from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I want to begin by saying that I miss you all. The texts, phone calls, emails and social media messages are wonderful, but nothing compares to being able to see you in person and to give you a handshake or hug.

I also want to mention that I have no reason to believe that God is “doing this” to us. I do not believe that God has sent this virus to punish us or test us. However, I do believe that in the midst of our unfortunate circumstances, God is using this pandemic for the good. It is up to us to seek and find the Spirit of God in all of this.

Have you been finding the blessings in the hardship? Have you seen where God is at work in your life?

For me, I have been experiencing the joy and blessings of family time. You know, my children aren't going to be children forever! One day, sooner than I like, they will be off to college and to start families of their own. So every day with them is precious. Every day with my wife is precious. Every day is precious. I've mentioned this before, but at the beginning of the year, I made a New Year's commitment to eat dinner with my family twice a week. That was a tall order, considering how busy our schedules were. Now, because God's blessings are available in the unlikely of places, I get to eat dinner with them almost every night! I have also been taking the time to evaluate my ministry and the direction of this congregation. God has been working on me, and my eyes have been opening. I have seen how much we prioritize worship above everything else, and I have seen how vulnerable that has left us when something like a pandemic hits.

I think we need to pull up our flag from the center of worship and stake it in the center of scripture. As God has been pushing me in this direction, I have been spending more time myself in the Bible and I have started a virtual Bible Study. We are going through the Gospel of Matthew one small section at a time. I record and post a short (8-12 minute) video on YouTube and Facebook Tuesday through Friday. Then that link goes out in the Tuesday-Friday email at 4p.

Also, our world seems to be in disarray. Lately, we have seen again how our sisters and brothers have been suffering great pain and oppression because of the color of their skin, and this needs to stop. I believe that God has a Word that will correct and will heal. For this reason, it is important for disciples of Jesus to study the Bible and to proclaim what it says. We as Christians do not look to our politicians or the media to tell us what to believe and how to think. We look to scripture. And we follow Jesus wherever he takes us, knowing that it will be through the narrow gate, knowing that we will have few companions or friends on that path.

I don't enjoy ending this article on such a heavy note, but here it goes: it is time to immerse ourselves in the Bible, so that we can faithfully speak the Word of God into this world that needs it so. But the Bible is going to challenge you. It challenges me. The Bible is going to offend you. It offends me. But there is no other church than the one built on the rock of the Word. We must be prepared to live a life like that of Jesus, who was scorned, rejected, betrayed, abandoned and crucified. But remember always that our faith is in the God of the resurrection, and that our treasures are stored up for eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Shalom,
Joey Pusateri

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4 Cans 4 Others

There were 36 cans donated for the month of May, bringing our total to 31,921. Can donations should be taken to The Salvation Army at 519 S. 4th St., M-F, 9-12 pm or 1-3:30 pm. Just knock on the door and drop off! Don't forget to send us an email so we can add to our can contribution total.

Isaiah House Recognizes FCC

As a faithful monthly supporter of Isaiah House, FCC has been recognized as a charter member of the Lifesavers Club. Isaiah House is grateful for the consistent support and commitment in an effort to save lives, restore families, and improve community life across Kentucky.

Endowment Funds

Several years ago First Christian Church established an endowment fund for the church. It was established as a means for members or friends of the church to donate money or other property to the church as memorials, planned gifts, bequests, or beneficiary of life insurance policies. The FCC Endowment Fund is divided into two funds:

- **Memorial Fund**—This fund is established in the memory of the giver and will usually be named for that person. It may also have a specified use for those funds. The Ansel Herndon and Maxine Maxey Funds are examples of a Memorial Fund.
- **Endowment Fund**—This fund is established for givers with no particular designation of use for the funds. This fund is the major one of the two endowment funds and produces the most revenue for yearly use by the church. Any gift of \$100 or more with no designated use will be placed in this fund.

The church has a policy for administering the endowment funds of the church. A committee composed of a Trustee of the church, Sr. Minister, and two members in good standing of the church are designated by the Church Board to oversee and administer all of the endowment funds. The policy defines where the yearly revenue from the funds is to be distributed. A contribution to this fund can be made at any time, or bequeathed to the church with their will. All endowment funds of the church are invested through Kentucky Trust and Farmers National Bank.

A plaque is on the wall in the church arcade with the names of everyone who has given money to the Endowment Fund. There are 14 people listed, most of them leaving their contribution through their will.

Christian Women United

To keep all our members safe, CWU officers have decided not to have their celebration on July 3rd as scheduled. The next gathering will not be scheduled until the governor and other authorities give the "go-ahead" to meet in large groups again.

Since Church Women United began as a movement of Prayer, Action, and Advocacy by Christian women, it is more than fitting that we continue in prayer, providing assistance to our Brothers and Sisters and be an advocate to others whenever possible. As our churches begin to formulate plans to worship across the internet or in person, we all promise to pray for everyone's health and safety and communicate as we move forward during these changing times.

In Christian Love,
Judy Morgan

Soups on Us Update

On Saturday, May 30th, Soups On Us was able to deliver commercially prepared frozen meals to over 400 individuals which included more than 120 households and Arnold Tower. Funding for the day was provided by the COVID-19 Response Grant from The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Saturday, May 30th was the seventh consecutive Saturday that First Christian Church provided the leadership for Soups On Us. Starting in June the responsibility for SOU resumes its normal rotation among the four churches. Many thanks to the organizational team and drivers that made all of this possible.

Patricia and Brian Calvert
Linda and Terry Dachenhaus
Kendra and John Funkhouser
Emma and Martha Jackson
Laurie and Joey Kirk
Jenny and Patrick McClure
Mary Ann McGlothlin
Wendy and Rodger Ross
Ruth Sigler

Church Under the Bridge (CUTB)

First Christian Church will provide a meal July 12th and Sept. 6th for CUTB. This is an extremely important ministry that ministers and feeds the homeless in Lexington. Due to Covid19, we will prepare box lunches, drop them off and the CUTB staff will distribute the meals. At this time we are asking for monetary donations to help cover the cost of the meals and a small toiletries bag for each person. Your donations are appreciated in our effort to reach out to those who are in great need. Please contact Terry or Linda Dachenhaus if you have any questions.

FCC Re-opening Update

Dear Church Family,

I hope this finds you well and safe. Our staff has been working extremely hard to keep us virtually connected and I commend their efforts as they've provided worship, studies, children's moments, hope and joy during our time of physical separation. FCC virtual services continue to have over 300 views per service each week. It appears we are reaching more people virtually than our average in-person attendance has been, a huge blessing that we are spreading the Word to many people. That said, many are missing traditional services and the in-person connection with our church family. We miss the fellowship and connective energy that we share together.

The re-opening team has been communicating regularly to form a plan for re-opening our building. The team is using resources and guidelines to develop the safest plan for in-person gatherings. The current timeline for re-opening our building is a "soft" opening in late June for small groups that utilize the facilities. Our target for in-person worship service is July 12th. We will monitor the situation and proceed with continuing to expand opening to more groups. Please understand that the plans are fluid and based on the current status of the virus and our community and may be adjusted as needed. Safety is and will continue to be the upmost priority for our church family.

New service roles are vital to the re-opening plan. Please be in prayer and consider whether you are willing and able to serve one of these roles on Sundays.

Our challenge going forward is how do we remain connected to the 300 plus viewers we currently have? How do provide worship for those that still cannot attend church in person? This challenge allows plenty of opportunity for our church to get creative and rethink how we do church. If we truly want to be "Disciples who make a difference", how does this look in our new normal? Please send any ideas to Joey and Donna.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, cooperation, support, commitment and your prayers as we navigate into our new normal.

Brent Williams

Camp Wakon'Da-Home

In place of our traditional outdoor ministry experience at Camp Wakon' Da-Ho this summer, throughout the month of July the camp staff will be presenting virtual programming for our children and youth. Beginning July 6th a once weekly age specific keynote presentation will be accompanied by other online and interactive offerings that your age group's Directors will email you about. We are offering these activities free of charge.

Register online for Camp Wakon'Da-Home (ccinky.net)

All participants must register separately. **The registration deadline is June 26.** The schedule and themes are as follows:

- Week 1, July 6-9: **Perseverance**
- Week 2, July 13-16: **Compassion**
- Week 3, July 20-23: **Faith**
- Week 4, July 27-30: **Patience**

You do not need to present for each session in order to participate. Each age group will have their own day as indicated below.

- **CYF** (youth who completed grades 9-12 in 2020): Mondays
- **Chi Rho** (youth who completed grades 6-8 in 2020): Tuesdays
- **Upper Elementary** (youth who completed grades 3-5 in 2020): Wednesdays
- **Early Elementary** (youth who completed grades K-2 in 2020): Thursdays

The Directors for your age group will contact you by email about all activities. If you have questions please call Dave Carr at (859) 338-6972, or email him at dave@ccinky.net.

FCC Kids Corner

Hello Everyone!

I imagine that you already know that this **Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day**. But have you ever wondered how Father's Day got started? A woman had the idea in 1910 to have a day to celebrate fathers, but it didn't become a national holiday until 1972. Even without the holiday, Christians have been celebrating their fathers for a long time! . . all the way back to the Ten commandments given to Moses!

We know that God commanded us to honor our father and our mother, but what does that mean?

Some ways we can honor our father is by listening to him, showing him love, obeying him, appreciating the things he does for us and forgiving him when he makes mistakes.

How will you honor your father this year? Here are some ideas to start your thinking:

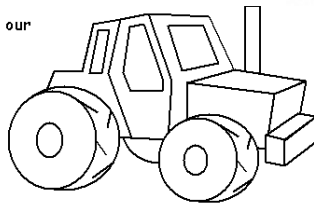
- Color a picture of him
- Play a game with him
- Ask him to tell you what he liked to do when he was your age
- Make him his favorite snack
- Tell him things you love about him
- Pray for him

No matter how you decide to honor your father, remember that spending time with YOU is probably his favorite thing to do! You can work together to color the picture or figure out the anagram together. Either way, have fun spending time together.

Patti

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Father's Day Anagram



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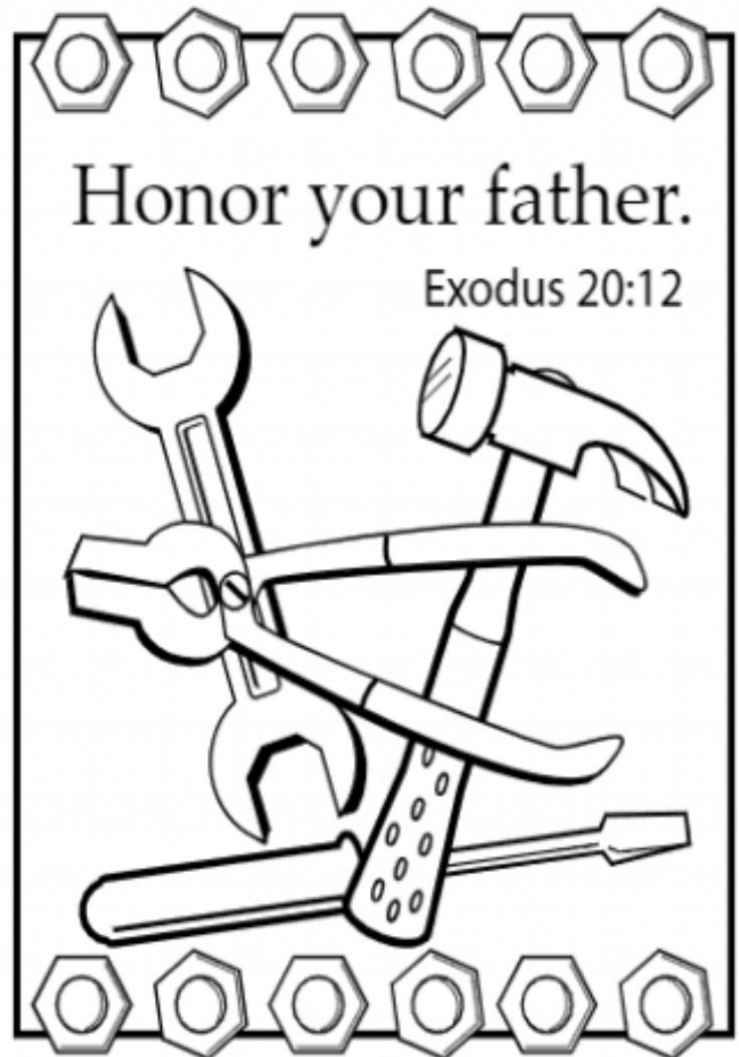
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Prayer Concerns

Greg Anderson
Bill Barker
Janice Bohannon
Jerry Boyd
Steve Bruce
Steve Cline
Lynne Dean
Odell Hines
Jack Kaiser
Marianne Kirby
Marilyn Marlowe
Paul McWhorter
Margaret Ann Milburn
Mike Miller
Julian Mitchell
Peggy Mitchell
Susan Montgomery
Bill Morgan
Jim Page
Betty Ramey
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson

June Birthdays

June 1 Katie Kirk
2 Joey Pusateri
3 Sara Barringer
4 Anne Kerbaugh
Frances Martin
7 Grace Fons
8 Maripat Biles
11 Bart Gover
Andrew Lockhart
Harry Mercer
Patti Powell
12 Ben Guerrant
14 Brian Calvert
Willard Morris
16 Mary Emily Gross
17 Donna Elam
20 Avery Shartzter
21 Emily Barringer
Joseph Fons
22 Janice Bohannon
23 Bob Milby
24 Mary Ann Wilson
25 Betty Holtzclaw
30 Meghan Paynter

June Anniversaries

June 2 Jeff & Mary Lou Withers
3 Doug & Nancy McMurry
7 Clark & Amy Bradshaw
9 Mike Gragg & Donna Plummer
Eric & Farrah Guerrant
12 Steve & Pat Bruce
Vince DiMartino & Patti Powell
13 Bobby & Ann Rightmyer
18 Jim & Caroline Sullivan
20 Rodger & Wendy Ross
21 Tom & Rosemary Huckleberry
23 Joey & Laurie Kirk
27 Tom & Susan Hensley
30 Greg & Kelly Anderson

Giving Options

We are grateful for your financial support during the pandemic in continuing the operations and ministries of the church. The following options of giving are:

1. Online giving via church website:

fccdanville.com/give

(navigates directly to: abundant.co/fccdanville/give)

2. Scan the QR code



3. Text the word "fccdanville" to 73256

4. Simply mail at First Christian Church
555 E. Lexington Ave.
Danville, KY 40422

Thank You

What a wonderful birthday! Thanks for the flowers, the calls, the cards, and my birthday cake. Best of all, was seeing the familiar faces at the drive-by parade that I've missed seeing on Sunday mornings at First Christian.

Sincerely,
Wanda Huffman

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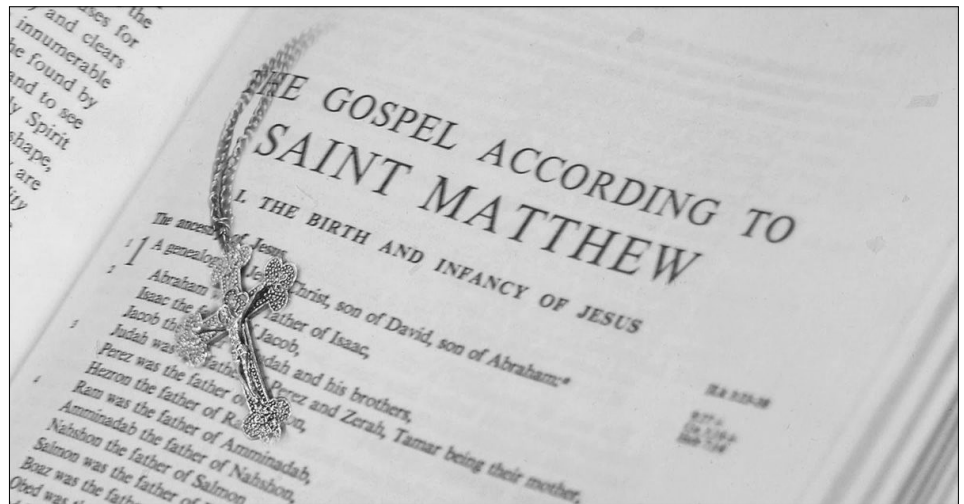
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Daily Online Bible Study on the Book of Matthew

Look for daily email links, go to FCC YouTube or church website to access.

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