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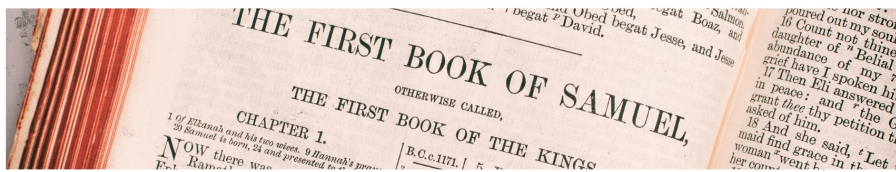
FCC MEN'S *DINNER & DISCUSSION*

TIME & PLACE

→ January 19 @6:00pm - 7:00pm
3rd Thursday | FCC Chapel

ACTIVITIES

→ 6:00pm - Tapas Style Dinner
Discussion: Samuel 23:9-17



Read more inside about this dinner, upcoming activities, and what we have been up to lately!

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FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

December 28, 2022

Starting Prepared

"I'm not doing this again," I proclaimed. I meant it with all my heart. Surrounded by moving boxes, walking in what was days ago another's home, with no familiarity to even get aspirin in a new place - with loud conviction (in a room by myself) "I'm not doing this again."

After years of pastorship, watching our children grow up and graduate in the same place, the move was arduous, filled with blood and sweat. While I knew I couldn't cling to the idea of never moving again, what I could do was to purposely do it differently next time. Moving to Kentucky the journey was indeed different. We whittled away furniture, cookware/dinnerware, accent pieces and created a simpler, much more manageable approach to mobility.

The scripture above finds God talking to the Israelites, as they begin a journey. After years in captivity, they rejoiced at the freedom to return to their homeland. But to get there, they would have to relocate a great distance.

Israel's travel was unlike ours — no planes, trains or automobiles. No moving vans or trailers hauling their belongings. It's easy to imagine the challenges such a great host met: steep mountains, wide rifts, rough waters over deep rivers. Families with folk of every age, livestock and all their earthly belongings would require finding a way past each challenge.

Though we may not come upon actual deep waters, we will likely encounter something which makes us feel:

- ♦ In over our heads,
- ♦ Sinking in deep, rough waters,
- ♦ Between the rock and the hard place.

But now, God's Message,

the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,

the One who got you started, Israel:

"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.

I've called your name. You're mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.

When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you're between a rock and a hard place,

it won't be a dead end—

Because I am God, your personal God,

The Holy of Israel, your Savior

Isaiah 43:1-3 (MSG)

Take note, God's Word says, "**When you are in over your head ... When you are in rough water ... When you are between a rock and a hard place.**"

When. Not if.

The Hebrew people were guaranteed to encounter all of these and more on their journey. At the beginning of a new year, I believe obstacles will arise before us. In fact, I know it. The only way obstacles never appear is by going nowhere, doing nothing, being with no one. So, let's prepare?

When realizing the uncertainty of things to come, we purposed to rehome all the unnecessary which only weighs a person. The things we absolutely could live without and would ultimately free us up to follow God wherever He chose to lead us. When preparing for inevitable moves - whether of household or of the soul - keep essentials, paring down all else, frees one to follow wherever God leads.

When the waters are rough. When feet can't reach the water's button. When the place now at offers rocky on one hand and only hardness on the other. When your body and soul are tired, but the other side is still away in the distance. We will never be able to conquer our troubles alone. God does alone warn of difficult moments, God included promises to stand with you in the midst of them.

God will be with us. We will not be overtaken. We will not be consumed.

Crossing the threshold into the new year, let's begin by preparing. Cut the useless weight and old baggage. Then when facing the trials of life we will stand resolute and upright. Indomitable amid rough waters. Rising above times when in over our heads. Indefatigable when pressed hard.

Inside...

*December Birthdays, Events, News
and Announcements, Prayer
Requests and more!*

Rev Colby Smith

FCC KIDS CORNER

Upcoming Calendar of Events

January 8th– Kid's Club Resumes!

Fidgets of Faith Wrap Up

January 15th– Kid's Club

Bible Superheroes

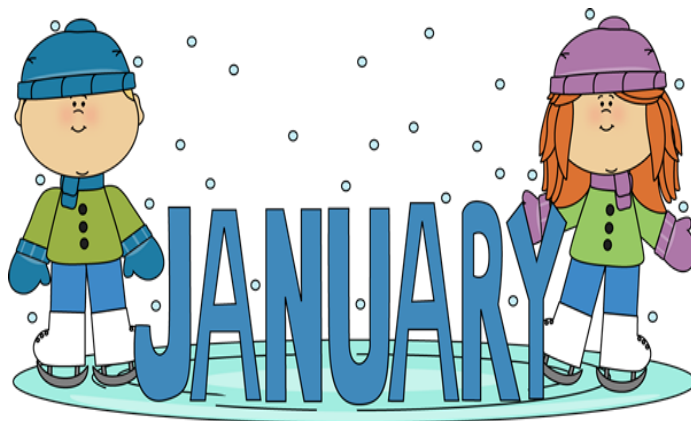
January 22nd– Kid's Club Mosaic

Workshop at

Plaid Elephant

January 29th– Kid's Club

Bible Superheroes



Volunteers are always needed to provide lunch for our weekly Kid's Club meetings

If you are available to help with a meal in January, please contact Patti Wright .

It is a great way to get to know our FCC children in a relaxed atmosphere!

Contact Patti Wright if you are willing to help or need more information!

FCC Kid's Club for children in K-5th grade

meets most Sundays, right after worship until 2pm. We share a meal, play games, and do fun activities all based on a Biblical theme.

In January we will wrap-up our Fidgets of Faith Curriculum, take a field trip to Plaid Elephant for a Mosaic workshop and learn meet some Super Heroes of the Bible!



Please see the calendar (above) for details

Check out Photos from the Christmas Program!

See the display on the bulletin board at the end of the Arcade Hallway.



Our children have been so faithful in 2022 about bringing their offering to Worship & Wonder and Children's Church.

This year, they donated almost \$300 which enabled them to buy clothes, coats, socks, shoes, and toys for two children in our community through the Angel Tree Program!

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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Snow Policy

Sundays will proceed as normal in snowy weather.

In the case that emergency vehicles only are to be on the roads is the only scenario where it would be altered or held online.

Prayer Concerns

Michael Allen
Cassandra Kimits
Jane Boyd
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Tom Calvert
Charlotte Hopper
Gary Gibson
Jan Scott

Lucille Lemmon
Jan Sheffield
John Taylor Ross
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Howard Wilson
Bill Barker
All Ongoing & Unspoken

Keep in prayers

The families and friends of those lost:

Ann Quinn Kerbaugh
Dr. Jay Lukins
Danny Gibson
Roselyn J. Goodpaster

Shut-ins

Martha Akin
Jerry Boyd
Pat & Steve Bruce
Mindy Carter
Bill & Patty Castle
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer
Tom Ensslin
Odell Hines

Marianne Kirby
Margaret Milburn
Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Aubrey & Jennie Sue Sivils
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson

News & Announcements



A HUGE THANK YOU . . .

to all who supported the Christmas Program and Luncheon presented by our children and youth through your prayers and your presence. It was so great to have a standing room only crowd! So many people helped make it a success!.

Program-Nancy and David Robertson, Harry Mercer, Darell Rickmers, and Susan Hensley.

Our In-house Chefs-John Funkhouser and Brian Calvert

Servers-Sueann Rice, Becky Whited, Martha Caywood.

Set Up Crew-Terry Dachenhaus, Mary Ann and Lyle McLaughlin, Sueann Rice, David May, Corey Jones, Ryan Jones, Julie Jones, Becky Whited, Jan Bradshaw, the Connections Committee, and everyone who brought yummy desserts!

Most importantly, our **Children and Youth** who worked hard, learned lines, sang solos and trios, read scripture, and played instruments!

FCC Kids-Bari Bowman, Asher Hamlin, Asher Hinkle, Meryk Hinkle, Becca Hoffman, Lillian Russell, Ainsley Shartzter, Avery Shartzter, and Katie Wilson.

FCC Youth-Chloe Darnell, Maddy Funkhouser, Edie, Ella, and Ethan Gover, Kate Hoffman, George and Paul McClure, Abbie, Ellie and Henry Pennington, Kendall Williams, and Jenny Wilson.

Outreach activities - December Edition

Outreach has been busy giving back to the community all month long.

Holiday Food Boxes were sent out to 22 Boyle County families: two large boxes filled with staple food items, a ham, turkey, gallon of milk, paper towels, toilet paper and holiday goodies. Recipients were recommended by Family Services of Boyle County.

Soups on Us prepared and delivered 318 meal boxes for the food insecure in the Danville/Junction City area in December.

Angel tree gift bundles were given out to 42 children in our area to ensure they had a Merry Christmas

COVID Tests

Free COVID tests are available again, you can go to covidtests.gov to order yours for this season!

More Cans for 4 Cans

We have collected a total of 33,940 cans after receiving an amazing 102 in November!

We have added a red box by the walking track so it's easy to donate during the week. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday, the Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

-Patti Wright

CALLING ALL READERS FOR A BOOK STUDY OF GOD STORIES EDITED BY C.

Michael Curtis

-Jan Bradshaw

From the cover of the book:

"Brings art and faith together...a fiction lover's book of common prayer."

From the back cover:

"In a fresh approach to an age-old discussion, an esteemed editor of the Atlantic Monthly collects twenty-five dazzling short stories by eminent writers about spiritual experiences of all sorts."

"Challenging the mind and exhilarating the soul...."

All interested folks are invited to join in this discussion group on **Sunday, January 8, in the chapel immediately following church**. An informal bowl of soup will provide a light lunch as we pull together insights from these fictional short stories. Please go ahead, order the book, and enjoy the calm of the winter season reading.

We will focus on the 4 stories written by Philip Roth (p.294), Cynthia Ozick (p. 186), Eudora Welty (p.357), and Elizabeth Spencer (p.322) for our first session. Read all four or any one story and add to our

MEN'S DINNER & DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 19 @6:00 p.m.

FCC Chapel

-Rev Colby Smith

An invitation to all is extended to all for a men's fellowship Dinner & Discussion on January 19. A tapas style dinner will be on offer in the Chapel:

Hors d'oeuvres, followed by
Sauteed vegetables, followed by
Dinner Salad, followed by
Select cheeses, followed by
Entree, followed by
Fruit, nuts & dessert

After dinner is served, a discussion will follow. The Bible calls for, and expects, men to be strong in faith. II Samuel 23:8-17 will be the scripture guiding this first gathering's discussion. The account of David and his three mighty men of God holds much wisdom yet today for those with eyes that see it.

Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion ends prompt at 7:00 p.m.

Make plans to attend.

Evening guaranteed to be worth at the least price of admission.

Thankfulness

Thank you for the great assortment of things in the Thanksgiving basket. Also, we are appreciative for the contacts from First Christian Church.

Sincerely,
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer

Thanks to ALL who contributed to an afternoon of fun and love for our friends at Waynesburg Manor. Jingle Bells and engaging music was provided by The Robertsons. Gifts from so many FCC individuals, including the Thursday morning Bible Study and Brent and Jaye Hensley Powell, along with special food by crafter Sueann Rice were appreciated. Once again the generosity of this church family is amazing!

Sincerely,
Jan Bradshaw

We have also received many Christmas cards from people and local businesses alike!

Service Roster

January 2023

	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Worship Leader	Tom Huckleberry				
Elders at the Table	Lyle and Mary Ann McGlothlin	Debbie Baker Jan Bradshaw	Brian and Patricia Calvert	Cheryl Gibson Joey Kirk	Martha Caywood Kathryn Ensor
Deacons	David May	Linda and Terry Dachenhaus	Linda and Terry Dachenhaus	Kasey Wilson David May	Rodger and Wendy Ross
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Sueann Rice	Sherri Horn Debbie Baker	Youth	Jay and Alice Reynolds	Patrick and Jenny McClure
Stewards	Elmer Jackson			John Caywood	
Children's Chat	Patti Wright	Susan Taylor	Darell Rickmers	Martha Bryant	Kendra Funkhouser
Children's Worship and Wonder	Patti Wright Sueann Rice	Connie McVicker Debbie Baker	Conie McVicker Debbie Baker	Linda Dachenhaus Sherrie Horne	Darell Rickmers
Children's Church	Combined w/ W&W	Linda Dachenhaus	Penny Vaught	Martha Bryant	Kendra Funkhouser
Nursery	Mary McKitric	Becky Whited	Kris Hamlin	Kendall Williams	Trista Hinkle
Sound	John Funkhouser	Margaret and Kevin Jones			
Slides	Connie McVicker				
Camera	Chloe Darnell				
Shut-In Communion					

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Aubrey and Jenny Sue Sivils	2	3 Mary Lester Charlotte henson	4 Nicolas Campbell	5	6	7
8 Doug McMurtry Ava Smith **Evelyn Guerrant and Woodie Leavell	9	10 Donna Plummer Sheri Humpert	11	12 Linda Dye Elmer Jackson	13	14
15	16 Kelli Darland Pat Mallard	17	18	19	20 Steve Bruce	21 Ann Derringer Sueann Rice Rodger Ross
22 Rita Reisinger	23	24 Kay Thurmond	25 Bill Castle	26	27 Jack Jones	28 Julie Jones
29 Jay Bradshaw	30	31				

Events

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:45am Worship After: The Gathering 2:00p Morning Pointe	2 6:30pm Parents of addicted loved ones 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3	4 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	5 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Team	6 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	7 10:30am Al-Anon
8 10:45am Worship After: The Gathering, Kids Club	9 6:30pm Parents of addicted loved ones 12pm Finance team 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10	11 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	12 10:00am Bible Study	13 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	14 10:30am Al-Anon
15 <i>Guest Preacher</i> 10:45am Worship After: The Gathering, Kids Club	16 6:30pm Parents of addicted loved ones 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17	18 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	19 10:00am Bible Study 6pm Men's Dinner	20 <i>Highlight Due</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	21 7am Soup's On Us 10:30am Al-Anon
22 10:45am Worship After: The Gathering, Kids Club	23 6:30pm Parents of addicted loved ones 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24	25 <i>Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	26 10:00am Bible Study	27 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	28 10:30am Al-Anon
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