

The Lifeline

First Christian Church
Knox, IN

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By the time you read this newsletter, some of our area schools will have already dismissed for the summer and the rest will do so in a day or so.

We wish all of our kids a fun and safe summer!

I'm not sure if "Mancakes" will be on the menu, but there will be plenty to eat at our

**Father's Day Breakfast
June 19th @ 9:00 a.m.**

Guys, you know how good this has been in the past. You don't want to miss out!

(Sunday School classes will be dismissed this Sunday.)



Some of you already have made or are now making your summer vacation plans.

Don't forget that church is year-round. So please be sure to include a weekly trip to the Lord's House both at home and on vacation.



First Christian Church (Knox, Indiana) exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To do this we will reach out with the Good News of salvation, encourage spiritual growth through Bible study, prayer, and the application of God's Word to our lives, and provide opportunities for worship and service.



In a few weeks our current sermon series on “Getting to Know God” will come to an end. I hope the various attributes of God that we have looked at thus far have helped you get to know God better. A question that I would like you to consider is: “What do you see when you take a good look at *your* God?”

Here’s what actress (*War Room*), author, and speaker Priscilla Shirer says: *He is the First and the Last. The Beginning and the End. He’s the Keeper of creation and the Creator of all. He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all time.*

He always was, always is and always will be unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone. He was bruised but brought healing. He was pierced but eased pain. He was persecuted but brought freedom. He was dead and brings life; He has risen to bring power; and He reigns to bring peace.

The world can’t understand Him. Armies can’t defeat Him. Schools can’t explain Him. And leaders can’t ignore Him. Herod couldn’t kill Him. Nero couldn’t crush Him. The New Age cannot replace Him. And Oprah cannot explain Him away.

You remind yourself that He is Light, He is Love, He is Longevity, and He is the Lord. He is goodness and kindness and faithfulness. He is holy and righteous and powerful and pure. His ways are right; His Word eternal; His will unchanging; and His mind is on us. He’s our Savior, our guide, our peace, our joy, our comfort, our Lord, and He rules our lives!

I serve Him because His bond is love, His yoke is easy, His burden is light, and His goal for us is abundant life. I follow Him because He’s the Wisdom of the wise, the Power of the powerful, and the Ancient of Days, the Ruler of rulers, the Leader of all leaders.

His goal is relationship with me. He’ll never leave you, never forsake you, never mislead you, never forget you, never overlook you, and never cancel your appointment in His appointment book. Never!

When you fall, He’ll lift you up. When you fail, He’ll forgive you. When you’re weak, He’s strong. When you’re lost, He’s your way. When you’re afraid, He’s your courage. When you stumble, He will steady you. When you’re hurt, He’s going to heal you. When you’re broken, He will mend you. When you’re blind, He will lead you. When you’re hungry, He will feed you. When you face trials, He’s with you.

He is everything, for everybody, everywhere, every time, and in every way. He is your God.

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MISSIONS UPDATE

This new three-year 48-credit hour practical ministries program is a distance education degree designed to enhance the work ministers are already doing in ministry without relocation. Courses are hybrid, combining both online courses and 1-2 intensive on-campus residencies each year. Courses are offered in the following areas: Christian Ministries (15 credit hours), Biblical Studies (15 credit hours), Church History and Christian Theology (12 credit hours), and Spiritual Formation/Mentored Ministry Experience (6 credit hours).

Having just completed its 51st school-year, Emmanuel has a number of goals for every one of its students:

- >Develop a maturing love for God, commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and participation in the Holy Spirit’s work in the world.
- >Cultivate a heart of compassion, loyalty, courage, and self-giving love in support of kingdom values.
- >Integrate the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture, experienced throughout the history of the church, and explored in twenty centuries of Christian thought.
- >Interpret and communicate Scripture with historical integrity and theological imagination in relation to contemporary cultures.
- >Develop commitment to serve the church in its universal and local expressions with appreciation for the unique contribution of the Stone-Campbell tradition to unity and mission in keeping with the biblical witness.
- >Extend dignity and worth to all persons, men and women, created in the image of God, with deepening compassion for the marginalized.
- >Identify, shape, and refine one’s calling through a well-articulated theology of ministry.
- >Demonstrate, as leading servants, the practices of moral discernment, together with authentic and faithful ministry in complex and diverse contexts.

MARCH					
Financial:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Fund</u>	<u>Bldg/Land Fund</u>	<u>C.O.M.E.</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 7,356.00	\$ 296.01	\$ 3,125.65	\$ 155.59	\$ 378.08
Income	+ <u>5,240.00</u>	+ <u>720.00</u>	+ <u>25.00</u>	+ <u>50.13</u>	+ <u>447.28</u>
Subtotal	\$ 12,596.00	\$ 1,016.01	\$ 3,150.65	\$ 205.72	\$ 825.36
Expenses	— <u>5,055.35</u>	— <u>680.00</u>	— <u>0.00</u>	— <u>92.65</u>	— <u>90.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 7,540.65	\$ 336.01	\$ 3,150.65	\$ 113.07	\$ 735.36
Attendance: (avg.)	<u>Sunday School</u> 18		<u>Worship</u> 44		

MISSION



UPDATE

[Note: Since we only report on each mission semi-annually, some of the information provided may seem like “old” news, but it isn’t really.]

THE CARING PLACE

The Caring Place was incorporated in 1978 as a volunteer-operated organization. It has grown to a staff of more than 24 full- and part-time employees and has a large base of volunteers who continue to provide thousands of hours of help yearly to victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The Caring Place provides...

- >Safe Shelter — Staff and volunteers serve the needs of both shelter residents and 300-350 community clients each year who seek our services outside of shelter. Clients include women, men, children and the elderly.
- >Victim Advocacy — One-on-one sessions and support groups assist clients in connecting to community resources including housing, employment, and childcare. Advocates educate clients on the dynamics of family violence, while group sessions focus on developing life skills.
- >Legal Advocacy — A Legal Advocate is provided to ensure clients discover their legal rights and resources available to them. The Advocate acts as a liaison with the client and the legal system.
- >Sexual Assault Support — Support and resources are provided to sexual assault survivors and their families to assist victims through the recovery process. Emergency Response Volunteers (ERV) are available 24 hours a day to reinforce law enforcement and the hospital in crisis intervention.
- >Domestic Violence Support — A variety of topics are covered, including the dynamics of domestic violence, effects of family violence on children, substance abuse, parenting, nutrition, budgeting, and esteem building.
- >Community Awareness — Education presentations on domestic violence and sexual assault are conducted regularly for organizations, businesses and community groups. Youth dating violence prevention is also offered, highlighting awareness and pro-social skills.
- >Caring Designs — A new business, Caring Designs, is an upscale resale furniture showroom located at 3107 Cascade Dr. in Valparaiso. All proceeds benefit The Caring Place. Donated furniture can save lives!

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SEMINARY

Jack Simpson, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement recently wrote: “On July 1, 2015, Emmanuel Christian Seminary became an embedded seminary within Milligan College. This fulfills the vision of then Milligan President Dean E. Walker, who founded the seminary on Milligan’s campus in 1965. By bringing Emmanuel into Milligan, we are able to perpetuate the ministry of the Stone-Campbell Movement’s premier seminary while simultaneously gaining much needed space to staff and grow Milligan programs. In fact, Milligan will establish new electrical and mechanical engineering programs this fall in the B.D. Phillips Building, and in 2017 we plan to add a physician assistant program. Neither of these programs could have been started so quickly without the integration with Emmanuel.”

Ben Cachiaras, Senior Pastor of Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, MD, writes: “The playing field has changed! Anyone hoping to engage in ministry in today’s complex and rapidly changing world knows we need all the help we can get. For those already in ministry who are hungry to keep learning and growing, Emmanuel’s new online masters degree is a great solution.”

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JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u> (under 3 years)
05	Darla Cook	Gwen Kriss & Kathy Jo Peelle	Sarah Schwandt
12	Bob & Nancy Fosnough	Pauline Lawhorne & Jerry Reese	
19	Alex & Christine Jack	Bob & Melanie Robertson	Sarah Schwandt
26	Bob & Melanie Robertson	David & Sharon Wallsmith	Darla Cook

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Church</u> (3yrs. - 1st gr.)	<u>Junior Church</u> (2nd-5th gr.)	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Meditations</u>
05	For the month:	Janan Brown	Keith Youngberg	Alex Jack
12		Judy Bachelder	Keith Youngberg	Bob Robertson
19	Michelle Snowdon	Sharon Wallsmith	Keith Schwandt	Keith Schwandt
26		Melanie Robertson	Keith Schwandt	Ken Whiles

“Serve the Lord with gladness” (Psalm 100:2)

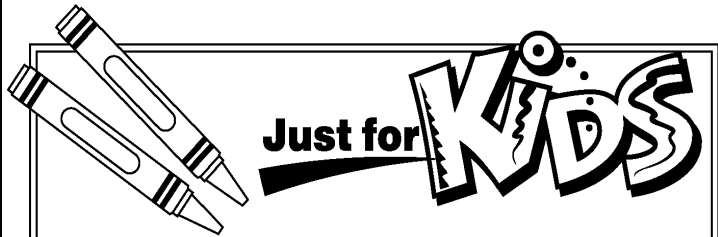
ON THE LIGHTER (?) SIDE

A short quiz

Q: What time of day was Adam created?
A: A little before Eve.



“That’s the remote control he’s holding. He could never rest in peace without it.”



Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

“HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US,
THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!”