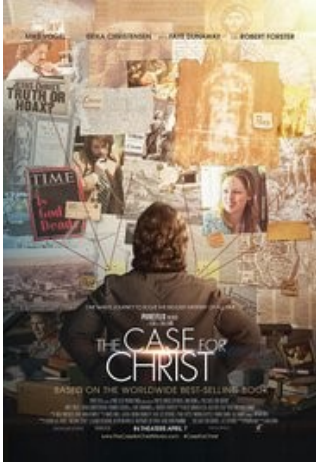


# The Lifeline

First Christian Church  
Knox, IN

March 2017



Investigative reporter Lee Strobel, an avowed atheist, set out to disprove Christianity but instead became a Christian. The result of his investigation into Christ was published as the bestselling book *The Case for Christ* in 1998.

Now the movie seeks to capture the journey that Lee personally made to move from atheist to an world-renown defender of Christ.

***The Case for Christ***  
***April 7, 2017***

## ***Easter*** ***April 16, 2017***

7:00 a.m. — Early Worship Service

8:00 a.m. — Breakfast

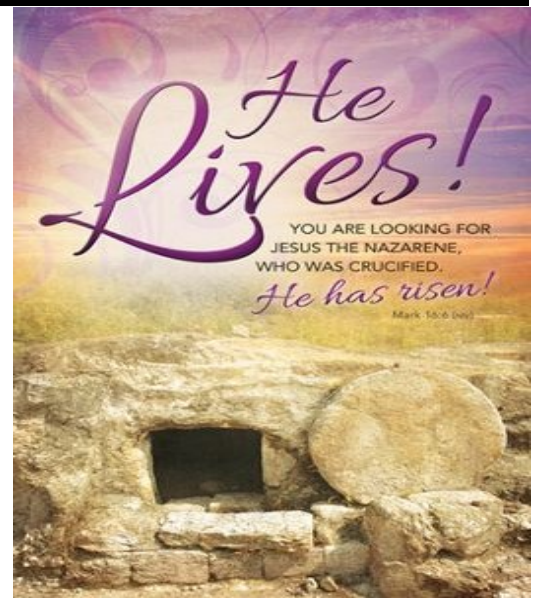
(Look for sign-up sheet on a table at back of sanctuary)

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School

9:30 a.m. — Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service

(Donations of candy for the Easter eggs will be needed.  
Watch the weekly bulletin for more information.)



**Prayer Breakfast: 7-8 a.m. — N.J. Dembowski Community Ctr.**  
**Tickets \$10 available @ Mayor's Office until April 7th**

***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.



### Pastor Search Update:

The Pastor Search Committee has received seven resumes and these are at various levels of consideration. The Committee is requesting additional information from a couple of the candidates to help them in their review process. They have also decided to send a packet of our church's information to a couple of the candidates for their further consideration of us.

Please, don't forget to continue to pray for the Search Committee because their work is not yet finished. Also pray that the man God has in mind to be our next minister has either sent or will soon be sending his resume to us.

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Although just born and very much still in its infancy, the church now has a presence on Facebook. You may "follow us" at **First Christian Church—Knox, Indiana**. I am new, and I mean NEW, at this but will do my best to make regular posts that will hopefully be of interest to you. But, please, be patient! (Note: If your are proficient with Facebook, HELP!)

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For the remainder of my space, I want to borrow from Mark Pike's *Campus Minister's Notebook* in a recent newsletter we received from Ball State's Christian Student Foundation. As the song says, "I can only imagine" what would happen if we here at First Christian Church would put into practice what they hope to see practiced by the students involved with the Christian Campus House. I will bracket [ ] the words and phrases I have changed from a CSF-meaning to a FCC-meaning.

"We want to state these expectations clearly and coach [members] in developing consistency in these practices. Above all, we want [members] to see this list as an opportunity to grow in Christ and to make Him visible in their life.

"The Bible: Read the Bible daily with intent to hear the word of God. Attend a weekly Bible study.

"Prayer: Engage in daily conversational prayer with God for your own spiritual growth, the needs of others, the opportunity to share the gospel of Christ and for the ministry of [First Christian Church].

"Worship: Attend the weekly worship service at [FCC] on a regular and consistent basis in order to honor God and to encourage each other in [First Christian Church].

"Serve: Seek opportunities each day to serve people, following the example of Christ in humility and obedience.

"Welcome: Develop the practice of welcome and hospitality at [First Christian Church] and [in our community], reflecting the ministry of Christ.

"Invite: Develop the practice of inviting [acquaintances] to events and meetings of [First Christian Church]. Invite someone at least once a month.

"Develop the practice of conversation with [people] you do not well, at least once a month. Season your speech with grace and truth in order to build up the other person. Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit for opportunities to encourage and build them up.

"Testimony: Be able to share your testimony of how Christ has changed your life and your devotion to God.

"Gospel: Practice sharing the gospel of Christ at least twice [semi-annually], once with someone at [First Christian Church] and once with a friend who is not involved with [FCC]. The goal is to practice sharing the gospel with believers so you will be prepared to do so with a seeker who wants to know what it means to follow Christ."

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### MISSIONS UPDATE

**to thriving over the course of the next few years.** It is exciting because we have the chance to partner together to prepare for the next ninety years of ministry."

This summer LRCA will explore the theme "RE-FRAME: Know Christ, Re-Frame Your Life" from the book of Matthew. Each camp will spend time digging into these four main points: re-framing self, re-framing view of others, re-framing service and re-framing for eternity.

You can find out more about the Camp online at [CampLRCA.com](http://CampLRCA.com), by liking them on Facebook, or by contacting the Camp office by calling 219-663-2530 or emailing [office@camplrca.com](mailto:office@camplrca.com).

## FEBRUARY

<u>Financial:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Fund</u>	<u>Bldg/Land Fund</u>	<u>C.O.M.E.</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 4,757.92	\$ 372.01	\$ 1,488.65	\$ 62.88	\$ 698.61
Income	+ 4,380.00	+ 920.00	+ 5.00	+ 200.00	+ 40.00
Subtotal	\$ 9,137.92	\$ 1,292.01	\$ 1,493.65	\$ 262.88	\$ 738.61
Expenses	— 5,238.17	— 680.00	— 0.00	— 0.00	— 0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 3,899.75	\$ 612.01	\$ 1,493.65	\$ 262.88	\$ 738.61
<u>Attendance: (avg.)</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> 15		<u>Worship</u> 36		

# 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.]

### Ball State Christian Student Foundation

The Fall semester began August 22. The first eight days of the semester were exciting and busy as well as challenging with multiple days of rain. CSF had a successful Open House followed by SnoJam on the following night. Clarksburg Christian Church shared a delicious meal with international students and then on Sunday CSF welcomed new students to stay after worship for Fazoli’s. On Wednesday Tri-County Christian Church grilled for CSF and joined them in worship. And, CSF’s first men’s and women’s activities were successful in spite of the rain.

Students are involved in Brotherhood groups for the guys and Faith groups for the women. CSF has broadened their horizons to focus on an even greater presence on campus than what they have had in the past. They are planning a variety of outreaches including handing out free Bibles. At the end of September they reserved the multi-purpose room at Park Hall for a coffeehouse/open mic night.

The following is what CSF is all about: Three years ago, Jenna came to the Campus House with her friend Jessica. She was a freshman who had been on campus for a few months. As a senior, on November 6 (2016), Jenna began a new journey in her life. As she shared on Facebook, “A few weeks ago the Holy Spirit was really pressing on my heart while thinking about baptism and so I had a meeting with my pastor at campus House and I made the choice to get baptized. Today was the momentous day and I couldn’t be happier. Thank you to everyone who was there to witness this step in my life.”

Last year CSF announced the development of a permanent endowment fund supporting their ministry. The goal of the *Legacy Fund*, as it is called, is \$320,000 by 2020. This fund is being supported by every director and staff member who together pledged \$102,000 in the fall of 2016. CSF’s hope is to raise the remaining pledges by the end of this year. It is anticipated that by 2020 the *Legacy Fund* will provide 10% of CSF’s annual budget need. Please pray for this ambitious endeavor.

### LRCA

At the end of the summer last year, LRCA had completed its 91st season of camping. This again was made possible through the prayers, the work, and the sacrifices of many people who still see Camp LRCA as a vital ministry. This is an especially significant accomplishment in light of the very serious financial situation the Camp had been led into a couple of years ago.

“Improving but not there yet” would be the way I would summarize LRCA’s current status. Here is how the still new Executive Director Matt Chandler stated it in the winter newsletter:

“Everything is not solved and while **we will have camp in 2017 and 2018**, the future of camp is not yet firmly secured. The truth is **we have a lot of work before us**. I say “we” because this will take a team effort. LRCA is in the midst of changing its organizational structure and re-evaluating every area of the ministry to ensure many more years of meaningful ministry are possible. We are faced with a seemingly endless list of projects to be done, an increase in the number of scholarships being requested, an amazing but overworked volunteer base, improving but weak connections with our churches and the list could go on and on. We want to let churches and volunteers know that we are here and would love to work with them. This is an exciting time in the life of Camp LRCA because **God has given us the opportunity to move from surviving, to stability,**

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# APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u> (under 3 years)
02	Chuck & Judy Bachelder	Gwen Kriss & Kathy Jo Peelle	Sarah Schwandt
09	Darla Cook	David & Sharon Wallsmith	Amanda Watkins
16	Pauline L. & Jerry Reese	Amanda Watkins & Jaylin Youngberg	Sarah Schwandt
23	Bob & Melanie Robertson	Wayne & Marilyn Alberding	Darla Cook
30	David & Sharon Wallsmith	Dwayne Babiarz & Linda Berndt	Sarah Schwandt

<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>
02		Janan Brown	Keith Schwandt	Ken Whiles
09	For the month:	Judy Bachelder	Keith Schwandt	Keith Schwandt
16	Darla Cook	Sharon Wallsmith	Keith Schwandt	Dan Lafountain
23		Dwayne Babiarz	Keith Schwandt	Keith Schwandt
30		Children stay upstairs	Joey Snowdon	Bob Robertson

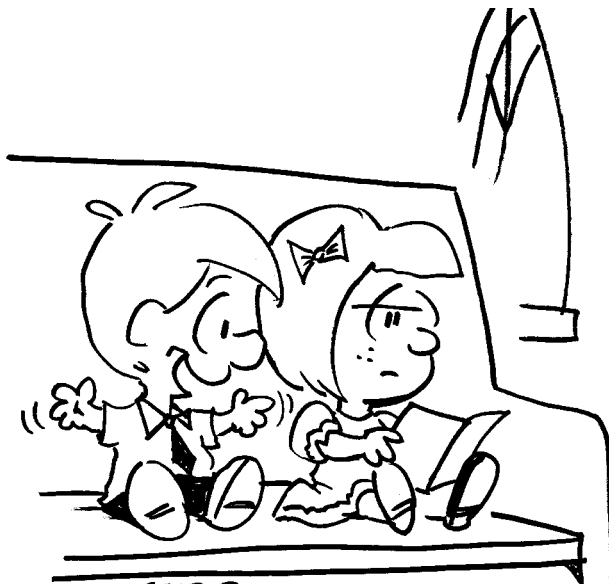
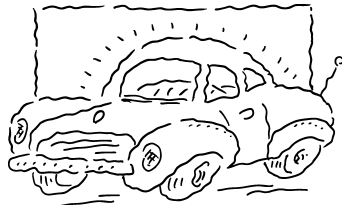
*“Serve the Lord with gladness” (Psalm 100:2)*

## ON THE LIGHTER (?) SIDE

### Car wash

During a youth group car wash, a teenager drove up in his dented, old automobile.

“Welcome!” said another boy. “But I have to tell you that while we can wash your car, we can’t iron out the wrinkles.”



*ENGESSER*

“So basically he took two loaves of bread and supersized ‘em.”



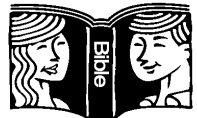
## ★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★ READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Many people read their local newspapers, but Jesus says we should read and share God's Word daily! Below, hidden among the words READ YOUR BIBLE, is a message from Jesus recorded in Mark 1:15, NIV. Circle those words and write them on the lines below. (For extra fun, count how many times the word “Bible” appears in the article!)

LOCAL EDITION BIBLE TIMES TODAY

### GOOD NEWS!

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MARK 1:15, NIV

Answers:  
“The time has come ... The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”  
Bible: 48 times