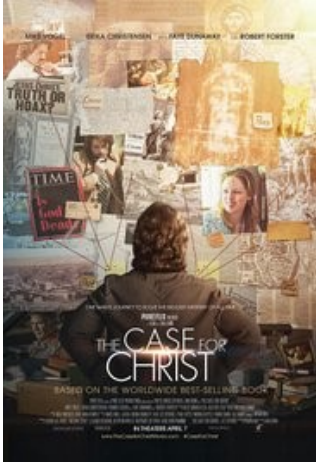


The Lifeline

First Christian Church
Knox, IN
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Still playing & recommended to see

The Case for Christ Valparaiso Cinemark

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.



Prayer Breakfast: 7-8 a.m. — N.J. Dembowski Community Ctr.

Thank you to all who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, money for the Easter lilies, and food for the breakfast.



We thought “Yes” then “No” then “Yes” but finally “No” to the annual Mother’s Day Luncheon.

Some Women’s Fellowship ladies got together to try to reschedule the event when it was decided that the original date was not going to work. But they could find no date that would really work.

So, sorry ladies, this year’s luncheon has been cancelled.

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:

To date the Pastor Search Committee has received thirteen resumes and six of these are still active and at various stages of consideration. Seven candidates have been informed that consideration of their resumes has been discontinued. Two online/phone interviews have been conducted with one of those candidates being considered for a personal meeting with the Committee and interview with the Elders. Another candidate is being scheduled for an initial phone interview; likewise possibly for a third candidate. The Committee is requesting additional audio/video sermons from a couple of the candidates to help them in their review process.

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.



Just over a month old 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 you are proficient with Facebook, HELP!)

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MISSIONS UPDATE

100 people have joined one of the partner churches and about 200 regularly attend Bible studies.

Mulberry has been given an opportunity through grants from the International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) and a generous supporter to develop and implement a few initiatives to provide jobs for the relocated and unemployed.

Here is a note Mulberry received from one of its ministry recipients: "I am a mother of two, our family escaped from (name withheld). My husband is retired, but the government has not been paying his pension. Our children got sick and I was hospitalized due to post-traumatic stress. When I was discharged, I would cry in the kitchen behind closed doors and beg the Lord for health. I realized that I cannot survive without God's help, and it was time for me to confess my sin and ask the Lord to show me His ways, so I can follow Him. We thank you so much for your help, it is so priceless and necessary that words cannot describe!"

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (CMFI) - SRI LANKA

I want to take the remainder of the available space to introduce you to our newest supported missionaries, Laminda and Denise Ubhayawansha. At our March Mission Committee meeting it was approved to recommend to the Elders that we begin supporting the Uphayawansha's upcoming ministry in Sri Lanka. [The Elders later approved.].

Here is some information Denise provide via email:

We have "officially" been a part of CMF for about 1 year, after taking them to Sri Lanka on a research trip, they opened Sri Lanka as a new field to work in, and we will be ushering the organization into Sri Lanka. So far we have raised 57% of our monthly budget and about 10% of our sending budget (the cost to move there, initial investments etc.). A large part of that monthly budget comes from our home church here in Cincinnati (Whitewater Crossing Christian Church). Our goal is to leave for the mission field hopefully by August or September of this year.

We were married in Sri Lanka, my husband is a Sri Lankan national and my hometown, in which my family still lives, is Lansing, Michigan. We will be celebrating our 10-year anniversary this June. We moved to America after a year of church planting, so we could get more education. We graduated from Great Lakes Christian College with Bachelor degrees and then moved down to Cincinnati, OH to continue our education. In May 2016 we both completed our Masters of Divinity degrees, Laminda's with an emphasis in Biblical studies, and mine with an emphasis in Pastoral Care and Counseling. We have one son, Levi, who will turn 4 in July, and we are about to welcome our second son any day! I am actually scheduled to go into the hospital to deliver on Monday (3/27/17) if he does not come before that! [8.4 pounds and 19.5" long healthy baby son Judah Lucas]

We hope to have Laminda & Denise visit us here at FCC before they leave for Sri Lanka so we can meet them and get to know them a little better. Please pray for them as they continue preparing for the mission field.

MARCH

<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	\$ 3,899.75	\$ 612.01	\$ 1,493.65	\$ 262.88	\$ 738.61
Income	+ <u>6,238.00</u>	+ <u>640.00</u>	+ <u>35.00</u>	+ <u>151.95</u>	+ <u>10.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 10,137.75	\$ 1,252.01	\$ 1,528.65	\$ 414.83	\$ 748.61
Expenses	— <u>4,827.97</u>	— <u>730.00</u>	— <u>27.28</u>	— <u>162.96</u>	— <u>0.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 5,309.78	\$ 522.01	\$ 1,501.37	\$ 251.87	\$ 748.61
<u>Attendance: (avg.)</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> 19		<u>Worship</u> 38		

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.]

GOOD NEWS PRODUCTIONS, INTERNATIONAL 40 Years and Growing

GNPI accelerates global evangelism through strategically positioned Regional Centers, Project Nomad, and a variety of other media resources. Creating culturally relevant media equips local ministries and missionaries to effectively share Christ in their communities. Besides GNPI’s main office in Joplin, Missouri, the regional centers now include Mexico, Chile, Eurasia, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, India, SE Asia, Philippines, and Thailand.

In 2016 GNPI provided training to 143 people in 10 locations to prepare them for media ministry. The use of media technology helps the teams to communicate the ministry of the gospel to people of various regions importantly and most effectively *in their own languages*.

Custom apps are now available from both the Apple Store and Google Play Store or you can visit www.gnpi.org/app and download for free. One app that is available is *The Global Gospel* app which is available in the African languages of Swahili, Luganda, African French, and in two Arabic translations: Ketab El Hayat and Smith/VanDyke. *The Global Gospel* is a series of short videos which present the life and teachings of Jesus using colorful illustrations and dramatic Bible readings. Nearly 20,500 people have completed plans and tracks incorporating videos from this app.

A longstanding but still very useful tool for GNPI is their “Solar Kit” which is extremely portable, even to barren areas, because its power source is primarily the sun. More than 600 solar kits have been sent to 50 nations since 1981.

Other recent GNPI developments include:

GNPI-SE Asia is multiplying discipleship training opportunities. Their team of evangelists visited 1,020 villages, shared with 5,220 people, and led 31 seminars. They counted 94 people who converted to Christ. GNPI-Eurasia uses the internet to encourage believers and teach apologetics to people of all ages across all of the former Soviet Unions countries in 10 times zones.

GNPI-Nairobi, Kenya, is working on projects about the sanctity of life and health issues. The team is creating Public Service Announcements in cooperation with the Faith-Based Media Group, comprised of 45 broadcasters nationwide. This content has the potential to reach 26,320,000 people, which is 56% of Kenya’s population.

Your prayers and financial support make the mission of GNPI possible. Technology is improving lives everyday all over the world with many people coming to Christ through the progress and efforts of GNPI.

MULBERRY INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

The situation in eastern Ukraine continues to be grave. Heavy fighting recently resulted in about 80 casualties and affected 17,000 people who lost electricity, shelter, and access to infrastructure. About 700 fled to Mariupol. Mulberry’s Executive Director says “Mulberry International is using all resources we have to provide food, clothing, life-saving medication and basic supplies to the internally displaced and at-risk population in the Mariupol area. More and more displaced people are coming to our partner churches asking for help.” Throughout this time over 1,000 IDPs have been touched by Christian love and fellowship. Over

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MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u> (under 3 years)
07	Amanda Watkins	Bob & Nancy Fosnough	Sarah Schwandt
14	Ken & Carolyn Whiles	Edith Gurrado & Gwen Kriss	Amanda Watkins
21	Chuck & Judy Bachelder	Pauline Lawhorne & Jerry Reese	Sarah Schwandt
28	Darla Cook	Kathy Jo Peelle & Amanda Watkins	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>
07		Janan Brown	Keith Youngberg	Ken Whiles
14	For the month:	Judy Bachelder	Keith Youngberg	Dan Lafountain
21	Michelle Snowdon	Sharon Wallsmith	Keith Youngberg	Bob Robertson
28		Dwayne Babiarz	Keith Youngberg	Ken Whiles

"Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2)

ON THE LIGHTER (?) SIDE

Fun in Sunday school

A Sunday school teacher was explaining how God created Eve out of Adam's rib. Suddenly, a student who enjoyed showing off started groaning and grabbing his side.

When the teacher asked what the boy's problem was, he said with a smile, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1** "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2** "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3** "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4** "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5** "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6** "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7** "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

<input type="checkbox"/> Caring	<input type="checkbox"/> Godly	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepared
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardworking	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearty	<input type="checkbox"/> Priceless
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kind	

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly