

The Lifeline

First Christian Church
Knox, IN
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It's summertime summertime sum sum summertime.

(Remember the 1958 song by the Jamies?)

Well, it's almost summertime which means

no school
(and bored kids)



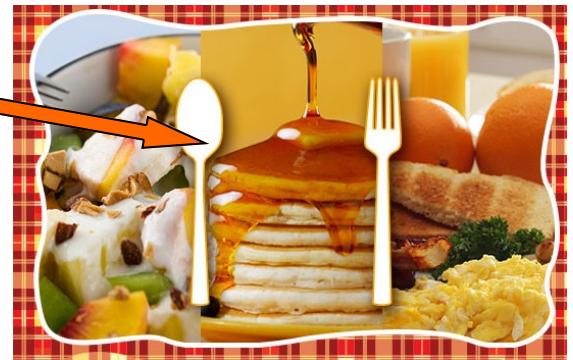
church camp
(to date FCC has 5 going to LRCA)

vacations
(enjoy but don't forget to attend church)

"Feedback is
the breakfast of champions."
(Management guru
Kenneth H. Blanchard)

**FATHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST
JUNE 18th @
9:00 a.m.**

BUT
for one morning in
the year we are glad
the ladies give us this
instead of that



"The Breakfast of Champions"



We have been asked to provide 3-4 volunteers
to work in the Camp kitchen at lunch time
on June 29th (Thursday).
Sign-up sheet on foyer bulletin board.

Sound/Video System Schedule



Sign-up sheet is
on foyer bulletin
board for S/V
volunteers for the
last half of 2017.

Please sign up soon so we can publish
schedule in next month's newsletter.
(Training provided)

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:

At this point, the Search Committee has narrowed the list of more than a dozen applicants for the ministry position here are FCC down to three that they would like to follow-up on with a person-to-person interview. They have already had either phone or internet interviews with these three individuals as well as having reviewed resume, statement of faith, etc. and listened to sermon mp3s.

Please, continue to pray for the Search Committee as they schedule these interviews.

New Sunday School Class

After wrestling for some time about the curriculum we've been using in the Middle/High School class and a needed class for some of our newer church members we've come up with an answer. We're combining these two groups into one class which has just begun. (NOTE: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN. WE'VE JUST STARTED AND HAVE ONLY LAID SOME OF THE INITIAL GROUNDWORK SO FAR.) The cross-generational class will, I think, benefit both groups in that the "young" adults will be able to hear of things which concern their tweens/teens today, the tweens/teens will be able to hear insights from those who've "been-there-done-that," and we'll all be growing together.

The curriculum that I've reasons is by and called "free and downloadable" which attendance in this class will



STRATEGIC DISCIPLESHIP

settled on for two primary *Strategic Discipleship*. It is is great for us because likely always be in flux and we

can increase or decrease materials without excess study books sitting around gathering dust. However, the real reason for this choice is in the title "*Strategic Discipleship*." As I pointed out in Sunday's sermon, the church's Great Commission is to make disciples and some people are accurately of the mindset that this has become a lost art. *Strategic Discipleship* will help us better accomplish the Great Commission as we address Getting Familiar with Your Bible, Foundations of Faith (Who is God? Jesus? Who are we? Why Jesus came? Baptism, Lord's Supper, Resurrection, 2nd Coming, etc.), Spiritual Disciplines, The Mission of the Church, Spiritual Warfare, Kingdom Rule, and more.

You're welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. (CT) in the church basement. (Bringing your own Bible is advised, although we do have copies available if you forget.)



The last month-plus has been difficult with the death of my mother and then my hip replacement surgery; but, you, my Christian family, have been there for me as you always have been. Thank you to the church and individuals for the flowers on both occasions. Thank you for the cards, text messages, and phone calls of concern and support. And, thank you for the meals that were provided after my surgery—I know Chuck appreciated not having to try to cook every evening while also being the primary grandkid chauffeur since I can't drive. You are wonderful. Thank you.
Judy Bachelder

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MISSIONS UPDATE

Milligan College which Emmanuel Christian Seminary merged with a couple of years ago has recently partnered with Stadia, a world church planting organization. The intent of this partnership is to raise awareness of church planting and further the mission of both institutions by creating new educational opportunities for Milligan and Emmanuel students and Stadia's church planters alike. Having graduated from both Milligan and Emmanuel, Stadia's Executive Director, Dr. Tom Jones said, "We believe wholeheartedly in the educational training that Milligan and Emmanuel provide. ... We believe this new partnership can potentially provide church planters with what they need to go to the next level as leaders."

Along with Jones, nine of Stadia's administrative staff earned undergraduate and/or seminary degrees from Milligan or Emmanuel. Among church planting staff and volunteers, at least another 18 have earned degrees from one or both institutions. Stadia has planted 270 new US churches and 112 new global churches—both with a 90% five-year success rate. In 2016 alone, Stadia planted 21 churches in 12 states and nearly 20 churches throughout South America. More impressive than the number of churches, though, are the lives that are being changed. And Milligan and Emmanuel graduates are an important part of that.

APRIL

<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	\$ 5,309.78	\$ 522.01	\$ 1,501.37	\$ 251.87	\$ 748.61
Income	+ <u>5,275.00</u>	+ <u>1,020.00</u>	+ <u>15.00</u>	+ <u>262.00</u>	+ <u>10.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 10,584.78	\$ 1,542.01	\$ 1,516.37	\$ 513.87	\$ 758.61
Expenses	— <u>5,825.37</u>	— <u>730.00</u>	— <u>50.50</u>	— <u>19.47</u>	— <u>0.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 4,759.41	\$ 812.01	\$ 1,465.87	\$ 494.40	\$ 758.61
<u>Attendance: (avg.)</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> 16		<u>Worship</u> 41		

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.]

STARKE COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

In a recent study looking at children exposed to violence, the study found that children who are homeless are much more likely than other children to be exposed to all types of violence, including community violence, domestic violence, and child abuse. Also, these children are exposed to high rates of related stressors (e.g., losing a home, changing schools frequently, hunger and malnutrition, lack of basic supplies).

These issues can make children more vulnerable to mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and PTSD when exposed to traumatic events. Safe and stable housing is critical to children's recovery and healthy functioning; housing alone is not enough. Studies have found that formerly homeless children in stable housing continue to suffer from high rates of mental health problems.

Children react to exposure to violence in different ways, and many children demonstrate remarkable resilience. However, children's exposure to violence has been associated with difficulties with attachment, regressive behavior, anxiety and depression, aggression and conduct problems, dating violence, delinquency, and involvement with child welfare and juvenile justice systems. There is a strong likelihood that exposure to violence will affect children's capacity for partnering and parenting later in life, continuing the cycle of violence into the next generation.

That is why our Phoenix House transitional housing program is a program, and not just a place to live. The program allows the moms and their children to get used to living without violence in their daily lives. It allows moms and their children to get counseling, use resources that will help them become independent, and be able to function on their own after leaving the program. It has been amazing to see the families learn how to live in a non-violent environment.

What can you do to help? You can mentor a child or parent, act as an advocate for policies that support children and families, or donate to child-serving organizations. Each of these actions helps increase the protective factors in your community.

Recently, during April and Child Abuse Prevention month, pinwheels were given out to represent a symbol of a happy childhood. Pinwheels only turn if there is a breeze to turn them. Be that breeze for a child. Help them be all that they can be.

As they are out of supplies for Phoenix House and the children's room, please consider donating any of the following: paper products, personal care products, shampoo & conditioner, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, batteries, plastic & aluminum wrap, dishwashing soap, bath soap, 60 W light bulbs, trash bags, children's books, DVD/VHS videos, coloring books, and coloring pencils. To donate call Wendy at 574-772-3331. If you prefer a cash donation, we will purchase the items. Thank you.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SEMINARY AT MILLIGAN

ECS is a graduate seminary across the highway from Milligan College near Johnson City, Tennessee. Nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains it is a beautiful place to enhance one’s preparation for ministry beyond that which is available in a 4-year Bible college setting. Itself situated on top of a “small mountain” (really just a pretty high hill) the campus affords a view for miles of the beauty of God’s creative hand at work in eastern Tennessee and also gives one the sense of being nearer to God.

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