

# The Lifeline

First Christian Church  
Knox, IN

July 2017

## They're Here!!!!

**Patric, Callie, & Miriam Klingforth** have arrived! They arrived in Knox on July 17th. They have been very busy with setting up temporary housing in the church's Annex, house hunting, getting acquainted with Knox trying to remember the names of all have made an offer on a house in town the inspection.

Patric's delivered his first sermon thought Chuck Bachelder had looked at the Old Testament book of which was continued by Nehemiah in follows Ezra in the Bible. Patric's text which he issued the challenge, as strengthen their hands for the good church.

Patric has a vision for First accepted *and* adopted by all of the working together as we have been on our community.

If you were not here on the 23rd to meet and welcome the Klingforth's we hope you will be able to change that situation soon. They really would like to meet and get to know you.



and now are awaiting the outcome of housing in the church's Annex, house and the surrounding communities, and the people they are meeting. They

and now are awaiting the outcome of on July 23rd continuing the transition presented in his last sermon which Ezra and the rebuilding of Jerusalem his namesake book that immediately was from Nehemiah 2:9-20 from Nehemiah did, for the people to work of continuing to rebuild the

Christian Church that he hopes will be church because it will take all of us doing to make an even greater impact



Come and help Chuck Bachelder celebrate the new phase of his life called retirement.

**August 26, 2017**  
**4:00 p.m.—????**

@  
**First Christian Church**  
**301 S. Pearl St.**  
**Knox, IN**

Some kids and most parents are ready for it!  
Our area schools will be back in session soon:

**Culver Community Schools begin on August 2st**  
**Knox Community Schools begin on August 3rd**

Please be in prayer for our kids as they go back to school.



***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.

Committed Christians hear the sermons, read the books, attend small groups, take classes, go to conventions, and listen to lectures. We have taken in a good deal of information over a long period of time. It's as if taking in information is the culmination of our work. There is always a new idea that needs to be heard or a different strategy to learn. We get so consumed with absorbing information, our "free time" to do the actual work is used up. Before we continue, I understand by writing this column, that I am taking the proverbial saw to the branch on which I sit. I also confess that I am a chief offender. I love reading, learning, and thinking. It is a struggle sometimes to wake from the academic stupor, and begin the practice. But my issue of disconnect between learning and practice is one the church commonly faces.

We have been oversaturated with information to the point that we forget most of what we have learned. Without practicing what is preached our ability to retain new information atrophies. We rarely make a habit of putting our knowledge into motion, missing the transfer of the intentional into second nature. Making good work instinctual through practice frees up room for our minds to fully explore new depths in our faith. Instead of being preoccupied with the "ought to" and "should have" of the same messages, through doing the work, we can focus on the "what next" of our faith. It is hard to progress from milk, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3, to meat without living what we have learned. James says it perfectly:

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do." James 1:22-25

We need to flex our "Do what it says" muscles more.

My instinct is to say, "I already do this, that, and the other thing! Don't lecture me about not working!" That reaction is understandable, but let's ask ourselves the questions, "Do I practice my faith in all areas of my life? Do I focus on the small details of everything I do with a disciple's mentality?" I am frequently forced to answer "No."

Let's be clear, our work doesn't take the place of Christ's salvific sacrifice. We are not justified by our practices. Our work is a byproduct, an outpouring of gratitude for the salvation Christ won for us. But that is the point! Our work and practice of faith, practically shown in our lives, points back to Jesus. It shows the world who Christ is, and convicts them to be like Him.

There is a natural cycle to developing a full-bodied faith; Listen and learn, intentionally practice what you have learned, develop an instinctual Godly habit, repeat. The phrase "practice makes perfect" was a proverb originating in the mid-1500s but I think it applies well here. The practice of our faith is the process of sanctification, being made like Christ. As we practice our faith and continue to deepen both our knowledge and work in a natural cycle, we become more and more conformed to the image of Christ. As Christians, we have all been called to this type of life. No one is excluded from the joy and responsibility of being made more like Christ.

For perspective: With at least 2.8 million members of the Restoration Movement in the USA, only about 3.6% of us would need to adopt one child to take care of all orphaned children in our country.

For perspective: If each church member in the Restoration Movement volunteered one hour a month to help care for our elders in nursing homes, every location in the USA would get 2,156 volunteer hours per year. That is 269.5 working days a year.

In Christ, Pastor Patric

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## MISSIONS UPDATE

For those who would like to get more involved with Ignite, they invite you to sign up for their Prayer Journal. They say the tool "will be a valuable resource for anyone wanting to develop a deeper walk with Jesus". To sign up, go to their website [www.ignitechurchplanting.com](http://www.ignitechurchplanting.com).

As for potential growth this year, Lance, the director of Ignite, says in February alone they received three contacts from potential church planters. He continues to celebrate the blessings of God in this ministry, and operating under the knowledge that there is a huge community of believers out there praying for their work and continuing to support them financially.

They are also working on a program called Mobilize Illinois. The goal of the program is to unite Christian Churches in the mission of starting churches with Ignites planting program. Let us continue to pray and to be in support of this wonderful and exciting mission.



Rejoice! Rejoice! **Kayla Fellows** was baptized on Wednesday July 12, 2017. Kayla is the daughter of Dan and Tammy LaFountain and had recently began asking questions about salvation and the church. We thank Dan and Tammy for being the positive example they have been, for being there to answer her questions, and for helping her to make the most important decision of her life. Please pray for Kayla as she starts her new Christian life and as she starts a new job on July 24th.

Kayla and her two sons live at 2 N. Main St., Knox. Please add her to your church directory.

## JUNE

<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	\$ 4,265.34	\$ 1,002.01	\$ 1,525.87	\$ 494.40	\$ 778.61
Income	+ 4,764.91	+ 680.00	+ 5.00	+ 50.70	+ 25.00
Subtotal	\$ 9,030.25	\$ 1,682.01	\$ 1,530.87	\$ 545.10	\$ 803.61
Expenses	— 4,926.41	— 730.00	— 0.00	— 83.69	— 0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 4,103.84	\$ 952.01	\$ 1,530.87	\$ 461.41	\$ 803.61
<b><u>Attendance: (avg.)</u></b>	<u>Sunday School</u> 20		<u>Worship</u> 48		

## 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.]

### Extended Hand Ministries

Director Lee Ladd wrote his last letter to us the day after Easter and opened that letter with these words:

*Wow! What a great week in ministry celebrating the powerful resurrection of our precious Lord and the extreme love Jesus showed on the cross for us! Hebrews 12:2 ... “for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame ...” To think, even though Jesus was going through all that excruciating pain He had joy in His heart for us because He wants an intimate relationship with all of His creation!*

*Thanks to the Lord and you, I can share this powerful message which is the “power of God unto salvation” to so many, not just during “Holy Week” but every week. Just last Tuesday I had the pleasure of baptizing 12 boys at the Pendleton Juvenile Correction Facility. ... The Angels in Heaven weren’t the only ones rejoicing. The Chaplain there emailed me saying, “Lee, thank you for completing our last baptism class and providing the twelve participants with the opportunity to make significant changes in their young lives. Your love and concern for our PJCF boys is such a blessing. See you in May for our next baptism class!”*

It is really encouraging to see that people who may not be of Christian Church/Church of Christ persuasion still appreciate Lee Ladd’s teaching and the importance of baptism in a person’s life. Here is a press release made by Pendleton’s Public Information Officer the day of those baptisms.

#### *New Year A New Me!*

*Pendleton, IN (April 11, 2017) Pendleton Juvenile Correction Facility baptizes 12 students. Students looking to make a better life decision through a higher power completed the four step process to be baptized. Students are required to complete four classes led by Pastor Lee Ladd. The classes are intended to teach the students some fundamentals about what it means to be a Christian, the promises God makes to believers and exactly what baptism represents to a believer—all based upon the teachings of the Bible. All students must have the permission of their guardian to participate in the baptism program. “We applaud these young men on the choice they have made and support them in the new journey they have chosen” stated Superintendent Yancey.*

### Ignite Church Planting

There has been good reason to celebrate around the offices and churches that support Ignite since the launch of two new church plants this year. February saw the start of Nations Chapel Christian Church. They are a multinational congregation reaching out to immigrants and newcomers in the Carol Stream, IL. area. In April, Engage Christian Church in Oak Lawn, IL. officially launched. What a blessing to hear of the positive impact they are having for the work of God’s kingdom.

In one of their recent newsletters they shared a testimony of a young lady who had started attending one of Ignites church plants years ago, it was all because of a post card that they had sent out inviting the neighborhood to their services. This is a similar practice that we do here at the First Christian Church in Knox, IN. We send a welcome card and information about the church, inviting them to join us. It is a small thing that is making a big impact, for them and for us.

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# AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u> (under 3 years)
06	Bob & Melanie Robertson	Michelle & Joey Snowdon	Sarah Schwandt
13	David & Sharon Wallsmith	David & Sharon Wallsmith	Amanda Watkins
20	Amanda Watkins	Amanda Watkins & Jaylin Youngberg	Sarah Schwandt
27	Ken & Carolyn Whiles	Wayne & Marilyn Alberding	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>
06		Janan Brown	Joey Snowdon	Dan LaFountain
13	For the month:	Judy Bachelder	Keith Schwandt	Keith Schwandt
20	Darla Cook	Sharon Wallsmith	Keith Schwandt	Bob Robertson
27		Dwayne Babiarz	Keith Schwandt	Keith Schwandt

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

## ON THE LIGHTER (?) SIDE

**Hay, there!**

An elderly farmer was finishing his haymaking one Sunday afternoon when his pastor drove by. “I noticed you weren’t in church this morning,” said the pastor. “Don’t you know that the Creator made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh?”

“Yes,” replied the farmer, as he looked uneasily at the rain clouds gathering in the sky. “I know all about that. But He got done and I didn’t.”



“You’ll notice your pews have a new feature this morning. Sit down and buckle up.”

## The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

**KEY:**  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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19+4	10-2	10+5	10-5	18+4	1+4	20-2	8+1	12+7		
18+2	1+7	10-1	20-2	18+1	20-0	26-1	6+6	5-0	10+10	
4+4	8+1	8+5		1+2	10+5	15-2	1+4	0+1	7+7	1+3
26-3	7+1	20-5	2+3	21+1	6-1	19-1				
21+2	9+0	18+1	10-2	7-2	15+4		10+2	7-2	17+3	
6+2	11-2	11+2	20+0	2-1	9+2	8-3	22-2	11-3	2+3	
3+3	22-4	5-0	1+4	3+4	7+2	9-3	9+11	14+1	8-2	
23-3	12-4	8-3		21+2	4-3	20-0	10-5	20-2	13+2	4+2
5+7	12-3	9-3	6-1							

” *Revelation 22:17, NIV*

Answer:  
“Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” Revelation 22:17, NIV