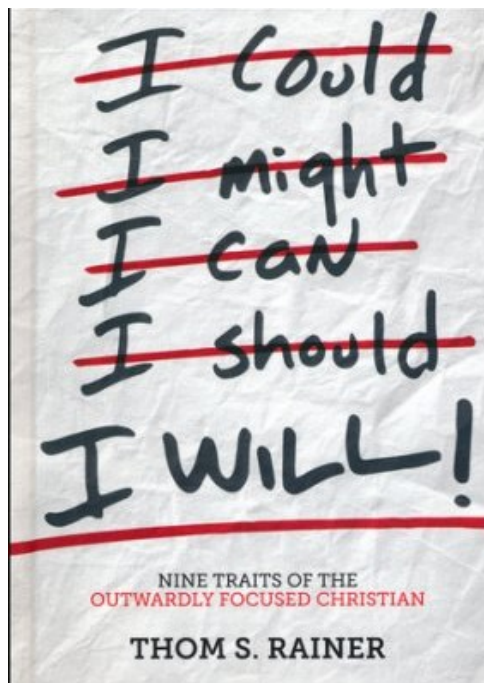


The Lifeline

First Christian Church
Knox, IN

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Could you be the answer to the problems you see?

Every day we are faced with the needs of those around us. Emotional. Physical. Spiritual. What are we to do about it? Are these problems for our pastors to address or is there a way for the church member to make an impact that will last?

Bestselling author Thom S. Rainer answers these questions by offering nine simple traits that you can incorporate into your life no matter your background, stage of life, or sense of capability.

You can do it. Now it's time to just stand up and say you will!

**It's not too late to get involved with
the coordinated series of *I Will ...*
Bible Studies on Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
& Sermons on Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.**

**There are a few books still available.
Say "I will" and join us in this spiritual journey.**

Hope you'll join us for the
"Almost Annual" Wiener Roast
@ The Bachelder's (1035 E. 150 S., Knox)

8 5:00
October 7, 2016 5:30 p.m.
(Rain date — October 14, 2016)
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Hot dogs, buns, & fire (in our new pit) will be provided.
Bring side dishes, chairs, & bug spray.



TWO BRIEF PRAYERS FOR YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER AND EVEN PRAY

Lord, I am willing ...
To receive what You give;
To lack what You withhold;
To relinquish what You take;
To suffer what You inflict;
To be what You require.

Defend, O Lord, Your servant with Your heavenly
grace that I may continue to be Yours forever, and that
I may daily increase in Your Holy Spirit more and
more until I come to Your everlasting kingdom.

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 conjunction with the coordinated Bible studies and sermon series based on the book *I Will* promoted on the front page, I would like to use my column this month to share an excerpt of an *Outreach* magazine article written by Todd Wilson.

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly’ (KJV).

“The words of Jesus in John 10:10 are a promise to all of us who put our trust in him. ...

“Bob Buford has a photo of a water pitcher in his office to remind him that God has called us to be filled up and poured out. Calling is fundamentally about having the fullness of Jesus in us and pouring that fullness into others. We ‘take hold’ of abundant life when we are who we were uniquely created to be, doing what we were created to do in the place we were created to go ... Our *be*, *do*, and *go* are aligned.

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“In my research on personal calling, I discovered that church historians identify two parts to calling: primary and secondary. Both enable us to take hold of abundant life. With primary calling, we don’t have to discover it. We all share the same one: God has called us to be his disciples, overflowing with the fullness of Jesus and carrying that fullness to others by making disciples wherever we go. Our primary calling unites us through the generations. In a recent interview with pastor and author Francis Chan, he focused on our primary calling saying, ‘Our No. 1 calling is to know him and to know him deeply.’

“Our secondary calling ... is rooted in Ephesians 2:10: ‘For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.’ God gives each of us a unique calling so that we can play our unique role in carrying the fullness of Jesus into every corner of society.

“When our primary and secondary callings work together, we experience abundant life. To pour out (secondary calling), we must be filled (primary calling). In the same way, to be filled again, we must pour out. Obviously, we will never be completely content on this side of heaven. But God the Creator has uniquely designed each of us to function in ways that bring us purpose and significance.

“The 15th-century Puritan minister Cotton Mather illustrated this using a boat with two oars. One oar is primary calling; the other is secondary calling. To move the boat in a specific direction, you need both oars in the water working together. If no oars are in the water, you’ll just drift, shaped by the influence of society. If only one oar is in the water, you’ll spin in circles, never accomplishing the mission you were made for. God uses discontent to compel us to put both oars in the water.

“Bob Buford highlights this synergy with two questions he says we’ll have to face someday before Jesus:

1. What did you do with who Jesus said he was? Did you respond and surrender to his Lordship? (The fullness of Jesus in us—our primary calling.)
2. What did you do with what Jesus uniquely gave you to work with? (Pouring out the fullness of Jesus on other people—our secondary calling.)

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“Can you honestly say to yourself, ‘Yes, I’m being filled up with the fullness of God and pouring it out onto others?’”

First Christian Church,

Thank you so very much.

Thank you so much for the clothes that were donated. These will help out the children so much!

Sincerely,

April Eskridge

School Nurse @ Knox Elementary School

AUGUST

<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	\$ 7,634.01	\$ 451.01	\$ 3,210.65	\$ 310.56	\$ 702.36
Income	+ 4,604.00	+ 850.00	+ 35.00	+ 0.00	+ 10.00
Subtotal	\$ 12,238.01	\$ 1,301.01	\$ 3,245.65	\$ 310.56	\$ 712.36
Expenses	— 5,609.39	— 780.00	— 0.00	— 67.09	— 26.50
Closing Balance	\$ 6,628.62	\$ 521.01	\$ 3,245.65	\$ 243.47	\$ 685.86
<u>Attendance: (avg.)</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> 19		<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

Christian Student Foundation

For those who didn't know, the Christian Student Foundation is registered as a religious student organization with Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. The main facility they operate out of is known as the Christian Campus House which is located within walking distance to the BSU campus. It's said that the farthest walk is about 15 minutes.

The CSF began as students started gathering in the mid 60's and then it became formally organized with the creation of a board of directors represented by a handful of churches who gathered at the University Christian Church. In April this year they celebrated 50 years of ministry with Ball State students during a dinner event they call “Renewing the Promise”. Their mission is to welcome students, build them up, and send them out to lead and serve.

Our church, the First Christian Church of Knox, along with 67 other Christian Churches and Churches of Christ have come together to support the mission of the Christian Student Foundation and the Christian Campus House. They also receive funding from the Lilly Endowment for a program they administer called Pathways to Ministry.

The Pathways to Ministry program aims to provide students with paid ministry positions, allowing them to try new approaches to ministry with the guidance of the senior campus minister and local church partners. The program also encourages ministry assistants to work with volunteer student leaders, challenges them to mentor younger students in leadership and ministry, to cultivate partnerships with other religious and ministry organizations which allows them to discern their call to ministry, and to introduce other students to Christians who have shaped their life and work by their faith in Christ.

The campus minister Mark Pike was recently asked the question, “what makes a win in your ministry”. He answered in accordance with their mission statement. He said in regards to welcoming students, “when students choose to attend a worship service or bible study”; in building them up, “when they accept Christ for the first time or begin to study God's word on their own”; and in sending them off, “when students choose to build other students up in Christ by becoming leaders of discipleship groups or bible studies, or if when they leave the university they become actively involved in a local church”.

They did report some joyous but sad news about the current Assistant Campus Minister Alex VanDuyne. Alex and his wife Emily will be moving to the Tampa Florida area as he will be joining the team at Impact Campus Ministries and taking on the new role of Lead Staff Member for Impact at the University of South Florida. Alex spent 8 years as a part of the Christian Student Foundation, first as a student and then as a staff member. We wish Alex and Emily the best as they continue to serve God and transition into their new role.

