



THE CHRISTIAN BEACON

*"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness,
But will have the light of life." John 8:12*

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MISSION STATEMENT

We believe God's mission for the First Christian Church is to be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ witnessing and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8)

CONGREGATIONAL VISION STATEMENT

We believe that God is calling the First Christian Church to care for the mental, physical and spiritual welfare of our greater world community by becoming more service-oriented and mission-minded.

First Christian Church



Dan's Fish & Tenderloin Fry

Friday, June 14, 2013

Time 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

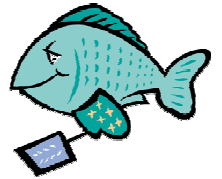
Adults \$9.00

Children 6-12 \$4.00

Children 5 and under free

All proceeds go to:

KIDS HOPE USA





Vacation Bible break
July 22-25th
6 - 8:30 p.m.

There are always opportunities to help; this year is no different. If you have not already signed up to help, contact the church office today!



**God's love helps us
stand strong.**

- 1 Kids Hope Party Noon - 3 pm
- 2 Youth Meeting 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- 3 VFW 6:30 pm (1st & 3rd Monday, downstairs)
- 4 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am
Elders Meeting 7 pm
- 6 Vet to Vet 5:30 pm (every Thursday, downstairs)
- 9-15 Church / Youth Pennsylvania Mission Trip
- 10 Quilters 10 am
Book Club 6 pm The Stars for a Light by Gilbert Morris
- 11 Rebekah Ruth Circle /Hostess House 11:30 am
- 14 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7 pm 
- 15 BEACON Deadline
- 16 Blood pressure checks 8:45 am - 9:15 am
Youth Meeting 4:30 - 6 pm
- 19 Finance Meeting 6 pm
Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
- 26 A.I.M Noon Carry-in / Honor Wesley Williams
- 29 Parish Nurse Sponsored CPR Class 8:30 am - Noon
Sign up sheet in Narthex (12 openings)



Living In Discipleship During Summer
"Headed" For Fun & Friends

Schools out and now what are elementary school kids (Grades k-5) to do with themselves? A kid can only run through the sprinkler, sit in front of a gaming console, or watch T.V. reruns so long.

Why not let the kids in your life have some summer fun with new friends by letting them join L.I.D.D.S.

L.I.D.D.S. is a new summer fun club for kids currently attending elementary school that meets twice a month for, well. . . summer fun. All kids are welcome to one and all of the events. Brochures with more information will be available at our Welcome Center.

Prayer Concerns: Bud Folk recovering from phenomena; Debbie Runyon recovering from melanoma surgery; Theresa Crouch struggling in fight with cancer and for her husband Mike and family during this difficult time; Lisa Mill's parents Marion and Paula Keen, both with health concerns.

Ongoing Health / Recovering Concerns: Scott Harvey with heart problems; Bob Harvey; Ray Lopez; Phil Albertson; Larry Moore; Mason Morrison; Paul Ragsdale, Elva Brooke, Randy Hickman, Paul Meyer, Chuck Strange, Sally Thompson, and Bill Simmons (visitors welcome).

Thank You Notes:

Dear First Christian, I would like to thank all of you for the finals care package. It was awesome! I would also like to thank you for all of the love, support, and prayers that you have given throughout the year. You all are part of my success at Purdue! I would also like to thank the kids and Angie for coming to see me. I had a blast and it was great to see them and spend time with them. Thanks again for everything and I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon! With Christian Love, ***Kaytlin Watson***

Marlene, Nancy, Carol and I want to Thank You for attending my birthday party. I did miss you if you were unable to attend. Thanks for the cards that came in the mail, your help in any way was appreciated very much. The girls live in Indianapolis but we did get it all together. Our church members have a way of making every one feel welcome. Your friendship has plated a little garden in my corner of the world. It is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen, one of my favorite places to be. Love to all, Thanks again and again.

Maridean Hinkle

To Members of the First Christian Church,

The Mississinewa Audubon Club would like to thank you for letting us use your church for our Dinner Meeting.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Senger

Thanks to everyone (and I mean "everyone" because it seems as if each of you made some kind of meaningful contribution) who enabled our church family to host the funeral of Braylee Rice. Whether you served as an usher, worked in the kitchen, helped coordinate visiting counselors, assisted with parking, distributed programs, operated the sound and visual systems, erected additional seating, and/or prayed for both Braylee's family and our community, you played in an important role in the following ways,

- You were a part of a dramatic expression of both of our Sweet Spot Strategy Statements (Children/Youth & Care Ministry). We claimed our calling to this areas of ministry and you all did an outstanding job of "practicing what you preach".
- Our Strategy Statements are based on our overall mission to "become and to share the Gospel". On an occasion when our community desperately needed to be reminded of God's presence in life (which is the Good News or Gospel), each of you did just that.

Thanks again for being "God's people" and thanks to God for using us toward that end.

In Christ,
David Mills



Elders: Bread & Cup

Julie Hix
Lay Leader to assist Elder

Element Preparation

2 Mary Frances McBride
9 Martin Koehler
16 Dennis & Stacie Watson
23 Bernita Pearson, Joan Watson
30 Wesley Williams

Welcome Center Flowers

2, 9, 16 & 30 - open
23 Joe & Wynoka Lewis in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary

Acolytes

2 Jessie Pickell
9 Alecia Jones
16 Drevan Pickell
23 Leta Hallmark
30 Alecia Jones

Bread Preparation

Julie Hix

Greeters

Sam & Scottye Wilson
Dick & Donna Florea

Nursery Workers / Worship Service Hour

Same Sunday each Month

1st Sharon Pence & Stacie Watson
2nd Sandie Briggs & Jean Hill
3rd Diane Bartholomew & Christian Jones
4th Marsha Usher & Elissa Watson
5th Joan Martin & Jane Garwood

Nursery Workers / Sunday School Hour

same Sunday each Month

1st Beth Strange
2nd Pat Hill
3rd Suzie Angstmann
4th Joan Martin
5th Joan Martin / Beth Strange



First Christian Church Welcomes: Johnny Clayton

June 16, 2013 *During Morning Worship*

After 37 years of prison ministry, Johnny Clayton is still spreading a message of hope to struggling members of the community and First Christian Church welcomes Johnny on June 16 as he shares his stories and gives us an update on how things in his prison ministry are going. A free-will offering for Johnny will be collected on June 16 for Johnny's prison ministry.

Clayton's enjoyment in life comes from his prison ministry. His past is behind him. He drives a old blue pickup and on the truck's rear fender a white bold-faced stickers proclaim the source of Clayton's passion--"Jesus Christ." "It's been a nice road," Clayton says. "God has been good to me."

This information about Johnny Clayton was gathered from an article written about Johnny in a May 2012 "Chronicle-Tribune" article entitled "Marion man reaches out to prisoners" written by Eric Price.

Birthdays in June

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Natalie Strange | 8 Rodney Gamble | 17 Rick Runyon | 24 Merrill Chappel |
| Rachelle Petty | Ruby Robertson | Jay Ferguson | 25 John Cooper |
| 4 Carl King | 11 Megan Goins | 21 Cathy Frost | 26 Rodney Miller |
| 5 Beth Strange | 12 Jean Hill | 21 Susie Herring | 27 Bill Cordrey |
| Sally Thompson | 13 Alicia Nantz | 23 Wynoka Lewis | 28 Phil Albertson |
| Justin Horan | 16 Lillian Snyder | Paul Meyer | 30 Laura Frank |
| 7 Jason Smoker | 17 David Brock | 23 Melissa Herring | |



Celebrating Anniversaries in June

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| 1 Lew & Susie Oyler | 22 Layne & Lori Maki |
| 4 Bud & Debbie Folk | 24 Solomon & Karen Vanderpool |
| 7 Chuck & Nancy Hall | 25 Joe & Wynoka Lewis |
| 8 Nathan & Jennifer Goins | 29 Merrill & Doris Chappel |
| 9 Mike & Susan Smoker | Paul & Jo Meyer |
| 14 Lewis & Janet Kiser | Steven & Cathy Frost |
| 18 Steve & Judy Michael | |



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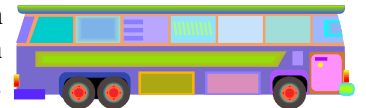


Bill Gates, American Entrepreneur and Co-Founder of Microsoft, is quoted as saying, "In terms of allocation of time resources, religion is not very efficient. There's a lot more I could be doing on a Sunday morning." This is a great and challenging quote that moves us all toward action as we move into this exciting and event-filled summer. And while Mr. Gate's quote is not the calling card for the Youth Ministry it does stand as a reminder that the Youth Group will be plenty busy during June 2013.



First of all, in addition to the regularly planned Youth Group meeting on June 16, there will be an extra Youth Group Meeting from 4:30 - 6 p.m. on June 2. For the Youth Group Meeting on June 2, we will be going Putt-Putt golfing. (I am looking forward to showing our Youth my golfing prowess.)

Secondly, several of the Youth at First Christian will be going on a Mission Trip to Pennsylvania from June 9 - 14. I hope that you will join me in prayer as our youth take their talents for serving others to the people they will meet in Pennsylvania. Furthermore, I look forward to hearing their stories when they get back.



Finally, on June 14, First Christian Church will once again be having its annual Fish Fry. The money raised goes toward funding our Kids Hope program and the Youth Ministry is going to be all over this event (well, any youth, youth parents and volunteers who are not already on the mission trip that is). The Fish Fry is a serving opportunity and we don't want to miss it. The Youth Ministry hopes that you will join us as we support a program that supports so many children in our community.

So, like I said, June 2013 is going to be a busy month, but the people in the above picture don't seem to mind. Their faces almost say, "Bring it on!" Thank you for your love and support as the Youth Group seeks to serve and grow.

Rev. Wesley Williams

"...to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4: 12 NIV

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