



THE BEACON

First Christian Church Marion, Indiana April 2018

God Squad and Chi Rho

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me." (Mark 9:37)

Friends, there will be a **combined end of the school year party** for God Squad (pre-k to 3rd grade) and Chi Rho (4th grade to 6th grade) on **Sunday, May 6 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**. Transportation is available; please call the church office for more details.

God Squad's regular meeting time is from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month, and Chi Rho's regular meeting time is from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We have a lot of fun together, and we appreciate the support we have received as we provide these new opportunities for our younger children.

This year both groups have focused on the importance of prayer, and we have learned more about Lent and Holy Week. We always have a hands-on craft with the lesson. *This month we will focus on the importance of outreach.*

At each meeting we have a snack and games after our lesson, and we are very grateful to church members who have provided snacks! If you would be willing to provide a snack to one or both groups, please let me know.

May God continue to bless our church's ministry to and with children!

~Roslyn



GAMES

Grub, Games & Grins
Sunday, April 29
After Worship



Children & Youth Committee will be hosing a light sub lunch with games - everything provided. Stay and have fun. Any questions see Beth Strange



MGH Community Lab Draw
Sunday, April 22, 8:30 am - 9:30am

Lipid Profile (fasting)
Glucose (fasting)
PSA

Sign up sheets at the Welcome Center
Questions: Contact Sharon Pence



Calendar of Events for April

- 2 Care Council 1:30pm
- 4,11,18 Ladies Bible Study 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- 8 Chi Rho 2:30 - 3:30 pm
CYF 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- 9 Quilters 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 15 Blood Pressure Checks 8:45am - 9:15am
- 16 Care Council 1:30pm
- 18 Finance mtg. 6:00 pm
Board mtg. 7:00 pm
- 22 MGH Community Lab Draw 8:30 - 9:30am
God Squad 2:30 - 3:30pm
CYF 4:30 - 6:00pm
- 28 A.I.M.

Prayer Concerns

- Ruby Robertson upon the passing of her Brother
- Lin Martin, former member and friend of the Pence's who is home facing a slow recovery.
- Steve & Judy Michael's brother-in-law (Andy Smith) battling cancer.
- Louanne Carter is recovering from surgery
- Dick Runyon is in rehab at Colonial Oaks room 306
- Kevin Paully, a friend of Steve Michael, who has liver cancer

Continued Prayers

Diana Harvey; Ned Gillum; Grace Meyer; Lew Huston; Judy Branham and family; Marlene Hutchison's daughter, Pam; Ray Lopez; Louann Carter's son-in-law; Don & Candy Smothers; Rex & Jean Chambers; Bill Simmons; Drevan Pickell; Brianna Mallory, a student of Julie Hix, Sandie Briggs friend, Rita, with stage 4 cancer; Larry Moore and family as they deal with personal issues



Women's Bible Study Group First Three Wednesday's of each month

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Please call Sharon Pence for more information.
384-5838



CHOIR Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Music Group/Choir
lead by Kathleen Lawson

Vet to Vet **April 12, 19, 26, 2018** **6:30pm**

St. James Lutheran Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:30 am

Quilters April 9 **from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



All women are welcome, you don't need to know how to quilt. We iron, pin, hand sew, hand knot. Just bring your sack lunch and plan to enjoy a time of outreach, laughter and fellowship.



First Christian Church Spring Rummage Sale is coming up in May. Clean out your closets now.



Blood Pressure Check
April 15
8:45 am to 9:15 am

Have you heard the news? The Usher's grandchildren have arrived! Ivana & Paulina were born Feb. 22, both over 7lbs. Mother and babies are both fine. Thank you all for the prayers!
-Mamaw & Papaw Usher



Grateful Hearts

Volunteers April



Service Schedules

Thanks for planning to fulfill your serving obligations, or if you are unable to be present, for making arrangements for your substitute.

Elders: Prayer & Meditation

Seth Snyder & Megan Snyder

Greeters

Bill & Marianne Beck

Welcome Center

Jane Boxell

Visiting Elders

Dave & Sharon Pence



Chancel Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers one Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday or anniversary in 2018, please call the church office or make note of it on your attendance slip. The cost is \$20.00 a Sunday and you are welcome to take the flowers home after the worship service.

Nursery Workers /same Sunday each Month

Worship Service Hour

- 1st Sharon Pence & Stacie Watson
- 2nd Sandie Briggs & Diane Bartholomew
- 3rd Beth Strange & Natalie Hills
- 4th Carol Chambers & Sharon Southwick

Sunday School Hour

- 1st Beth Strange
- 2nd Pat Hill
- 3rd Beth Strange
- 4th Joan Martin



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alice Hall	1	Beronica Colwell	26
Sharon Pence	2	Isabel Snyder	27
Raymond Lopez	4	Elissa Watson	28
Stacie Watson	14		
Megan Snyder	14		
Louanne Carter	18		
Jerry Hamm	24		
Mike Smoker	24		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Roscoe & Jackie Johnson	24
Dennis & Stacie Watson	25

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, our apologies. Please let us know so that we can update our records so that we and can help you celebrate your special occasions.
Call 664-1221

Our church is blessed with great volunteers. When we granted a request from our

Thank You!

administrative assistant, Janet Claxon, to take some unpaid time to spend with her family in Florida we trusted that someone would be willing and able to help. "Step-up" they did! Cheri Frazier, Natalie Hill, Pat Hill and Jean Hill have filled in and kept our office operating. Thanks, ladies, for giving our office a welcoming and personal "face" while Janet was away. YOU ARE APPRECIATED. Janet will be back in the office on Monday, April 2nd and we will resume our standard office hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Facebook of First Christian (FoFC)

www.firstchristianmarion.org

There are care packages across from the welcome center for anyone coming to FCC requesting assistance.



Grant County Family Recovery Court & First Christian Church Partnership Update

We wanted to share a brief update about our work with the Family Recovery Court. Remember, the focus of the Family Recovery Court is to help parents who suffer from addiction recover and be able to appropriately parent their children. Much of our efforts to date have been “behind the scenes” working with the court staff to determine how best to help. Our primary goal is to serve the court with a secondary goal of supporting the clients (parents) and their children. Some of you were able to attend and help with the graduation hosted in our church last November. Others helped to serve a dinner at the Celebrating Families parent education class at Family Service Society. Some of you interacted with some of the families when they visited with us during the chili cook-off. We have spent these initial months making contacts and building relationships. As we anticipate and plan future events there are many ways that the congregation can get involved and support this effort. Some possibilities are listed below:

GRADUATIONS (Note: We expect to host graduations in May and again in the late summer.)

Volunteer to greet visitors to our church.

Volunteer to handle the kitchen duties and prepare the reception tables.

Volunteer to provide cookies.

Attend in support of the graduates. (We guarantee that you will be inspired!)

CELEBRATING FAMILIES MEAL (Note: We expect to provide a meal in the months of April, May and June on a Wednesday night. Time to be determined but this will be a commitment of 1.5 hours.)

Volunteer to organize/solicit the food for a meal. It doesn't have to be homemade. A meal consists of a meat, side dish and dessert.

Volunteer to provide food.

Volunteer to attend the dinner, serve, interact with the participants and clean-up.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Donations (money or gift cards)

Make a baby quilt that can be purchased by participants with “court cash” that they earn. We have already provided a few quilts from the quilters group for this purpose.

Include the court and support staff in your prayers.

Include the parents and children in your prayers.

Talk to one of us about attending a court session on a Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (Session usually lasts 1 hour or less.)

We will provide you with more specifics when we have them and will keep you informed regarding other opportunities to support this project.

~Carol Sector and Paul Usher