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March is our Support A Child Emphasis Month. Read Jan's article on ways your generous donations are making a difference in the lives of our children!

Just Older Youth



Senior Adult Fellowship

First Tuesday of Every Month

SPECIAL TIME SPECIAL PLACE

Tuesday, March 3

11:00 AM in the GAME ROOM

We will meet in the game room and then participate in the Lenten Devotional in the Sanctuary.

A variety of salads will be served for lunch in the FSR, helping to support FCC's mission groups.

The cost of the lunch is \$7.00 per person.

Invite a friend and offer to pick them up. You'll both be glad you did!

Ecumenical Lenten Service Schedule

Service will begin at 6:00 PM

Dinner will be held at the host church at 5:15 PM

Cost: \$6 per adult, \$3 for children, \$15 per family

Canned goods will be received for Working Hands;

Monetary donations will benefit Empowerment Academy.

Feb. 18	First Presbyterian Church Speaker: Rev. Larry Lewis	March 11	Century Christian Church Speaker: Rev. Lori Schroader
Feb. 25	Zion Baptist Church Speaker: Rev. Kate Carlisle	March 18	First Christian and Third Baptist Speaker: Rev. Jake Caldwell
March 4	Faith Lutheran Church Speaker: Rev. Andy Campbell	March 25	Zion United Church of Christ Speaker: Rev. Jane Rothman

Tuesday Lenten Devotional Service and Lunch

First Christian Church will be hosting devotionals and salad lunches beginning on February 24th at 12:10 in the Sanctuary.

Various speakers will give a 20 minute devotion and then a variety of homemade salads will be served in the FSR. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and the money will benefit charitable organizations in our community. Invite someone to join you!

Dr. James K. Byrd ~ Senior Pastor

The 40 days of Lent began on Ash Wednesday (2/18). Unfortunately the Ecumenical Service was cancelled because of the weather. Ashes are biblical sign of repentance and the traditional way to start the season of Lent. When we worship on Ash Wednesday we have the imposition of ashes. It is a time when we have the minister mark our foreheads with ashes and say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return." We are reminded that life is short and regardless of all our best efforts we will return to dust.

The season of Lent reminds us of the brevity of life and that we all need to repent, two things that we would rather not think about. When you come to church you hear these things and it is enough to question why to go church. We all want to feel good at church and Lent tells us that church is supposed to be more than feel good therapy. We love Easter and Christmas but Lent is too dark and a good time to stay home. It is not that we are told something new; we are simply reminded of something we work really hard to not think about. The poet T.S. Eliot said, "Why should men love the church? Because she tells them of

sin and death and other unpleasant facts." Perhaps Eliot was right to offer that as a reason to love the church but in reality that is one of the reasons we do not love the church. I believe that to be an honest assessment of our human condition but maybe we love the church because it is there we hear the Gospel, God's good news.

The church proclaims God to be a Loving Parent longing for us. The good news is that because of God's grace we are welcomed in his presence. We enter the presence of God with a sense of humility but also with a sense of certainty because of Jesus. We have nothing to offer God that would cause a change of mind. God chooses to deal with us with Grace. The Christian hope is for now as well as the future but it is rooted in the past. We believe that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and that my friend is very good news, that is the Gospel!

I find the writing of Dietrich Bonhoeffer especially powerful during Lent. One of my favorites that I have shared with you from the pulpit is "Who Am I?"

Who Am I?
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Who am I? They often tell me I would step from my cell's confinement calmly, cheerfully, firmly, like a squire from his country-horse.

Who am I? They often tell me I would talk to my warders freely and friendly and clearly, as though it were mine to command.

Who am I? They also tell me I would bear the days of misfortune equably, smilingly, proudly, like one accustomed to win.

Am I then really all that which other men tell of? Or am I only what I know of myself, restless and longing and sick, like a bird in a cage, struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing my throat, yearning for colors, for flowers, for the voices of birds, thirsting for words of kindness, for neighborliness, trembling with anger at despotisms and petty humiliation, tossing in expectation of great events, powerlessly trembling for friends at an infinite distance, weary and empty at praying, at thinking, at making, faint, and ready to say farewell to it all?

Who am I? This or the other? Am I one person today, and tomorrow another? Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others, and before myself a contemptibly woebegone weakling? Or is something within me still like a beaten army, fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine. Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine.

Joe Bob Pierce ~ Spiritual Formation

I have probably mentioned before that Another Look Sunday School Class is studying a book by Robert Lewis Wilken entitled "The Christians as the Romans Saw Them." "Why," you may ask, "are we interested in how other people outside the faith view Christianity?" Actually, giving a reasonable response to matters of faith requires us to give thought and explanation to our beliefs. It is the foundation of that part of theology that we call 'apologetics.'

Apologetics is a word used to name how we defend and relate our faith to the people around us who may ask questions about why we believe what we believe. As we are told by the writer of the epistle, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." *1 Peter 3:15.*

Stretch Aerobics

Mondays at 1:00 PM

Designed for all adults, very low impact. You'll be walking and stretching every muscle while not being too strenuous. You'll feel great knowing you've done something good for yourself!

Step Aerobics

M-W-F-8:30 AM

This higher impact workout with a choreographed routine builds cardiovascular endurance while burning excess fat at a fast rate. And, it doesn't stress the joints.

The Clothes Closet is in need of blankets, children's clothing, shoes and jackets; adult men's jeans, shoes and undergarments; and adult women's tennis shoes and undergarments. We need hats and gloves for all sizes!

Wes Roberts
Minister to Youth

Winter Jam 2015 was great and our youth had a blast! We took our high schoolers and they really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Karen, Misty and Nish for helping me out as volunteers! Keep praying for our students.



The Ford Center in Evansville was packed for the Winter Jam Fest 2015! Youth from across the tristate area gathered to sing and praise God as several bands performed and led the youth in worship.

Jan Lampkin
Children's Minister

It seems impossible that Spring is only weeks away! In the Children's Department we have spent these cold winter days getting ready for what will be our most exciting Spring and Summer ever in the TBC Children's Department.

We will begin our March campaign for "Support a Child" this Sunday, March 1. Support A Child is about tending the needs of those less fortunate and helping children and young people find their spiritual paths. By supporting the TBC Children's Ministry your donation of \$100 or more per year will:

- Promote spiritual growth
- Provide a meal to each child on Wednesday nights
- Provide transportation to and from church on Sunday and Wednesday
- Provide a Bible to every child

- Provide supplies and literature
- Provide for VBS and music materials and props
- Allow TBC to offer special events during the Summer and throughout the year

Many of you generously offer your support all year long. Your support and dedication to the TBC children is what makes this ministry flourish. God is doing wonderful things in the lives of our children and their families. You have made the difference! "Team Jesus" will be very visible during the month of March! Please be in prayer for what your faith is about and how it could be used to help our children. They love you! Thanks for loving them! "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*

DID YOU KNOW?

OUR PAULA SETTLE WOMEN ON MISSION GROUP meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on January 20th.

All the ladies are invited to attend!

...of the FREE facilities that are available here?

Check out the weekly calendar for aerobic class times, walk on the indoor and carpeted track (12 laps is one mile), build muscles and tone your body using the weight room. Now through March 25th a Free Yoga Class will be offered on Wednesdays at 2:30 PM!

Atrium Social

March 1:

Fa Ho Lo Class

March 8:

Another Look & Friends in Faith



David Roberson
Minister of Music

Things have been a little crazy lately. The weather has caused us to miss a few rehearsals and last Sunday's service. Hope we are past the worst. The Sanctuary Choir will be back at rehearsal Wednesday working on music for the next few weeks and on a short program we will do March 29th. The 29th is Palm Sunday but as has been our tradition the last few years we divide Palm Sunday into Palm / Passion Sunday. For the Passion side the choir will do a three anthem cantata called "The Final Hours." Hopefully it will help us reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us as we look forward to Easter Sunday.

This Sunday the choir will sing one of my favorite anthems, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." It is one we've done a couple of times before but is worth revisiting. The text is a paraphrase of the 23 Psalm and is actually in our Hymnal (no. 64) with one more verse than our anthem. I hope you enjoy this beautiful arrangement and it enhances your worship experience.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 4:30 PM Missions Team Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 1:00 PM FCC Meeting, Centennial Rm.
 1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics
 7:00 PM OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

11:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
 12:00 PM FCC, Centennial Room
 12:10 PM Lenten Devotion & Lunch
 6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery
 2:30 PM Free Yoga Class, Aerobics Rm
 5:15 PM Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
 5:30 PM Children & Youth Activities
 6:00 PM Lenten Service at Faith L.C.
 Rev. Andy Campbell, Speaker
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

5:00 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

11:15 AM Boy Scout Walk

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 5:00 PM FCC Mtg., Centennial Room

MONDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 AM DCPS Retired Teachers, FSR
 1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics
 7:00 PM OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

12:10 PM Lenten Devotion & Lunch
 6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 2:30 PM Free Yoga Class, Aerobics Rm
 9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery
 5:15 PM Meal at Century Christian
 5:30 PM Children & Youth Activities
 6:15 PM Lenten Service at Century CC
 Rev. Lori Schroader, Speaker
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:45 AM Morning Worship

DEACON INFORMATION**March 1**

Stan Napper, John Lampkin
Hope and Harvest Team
 Larry Catron, Court Lewis

March 8

Jesse Rhodes, Sam Lee
Hope and Harvest Team
 Becky Baker, Sam Lee

SUNDAY VAN DRIVERS

March 1 Tom Dixon

March 8 Frank Beller

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

March 1 Janice Raby

Jean Snyder

March 8 Jackie Napper

Patty Ray

SUNDAY NURSERY**WORKERS**

March 1 Carolyn Morrow

March 8 Claudia Wilson

WEDNESDAY VAN DRIVER

March 4 Chris Jones

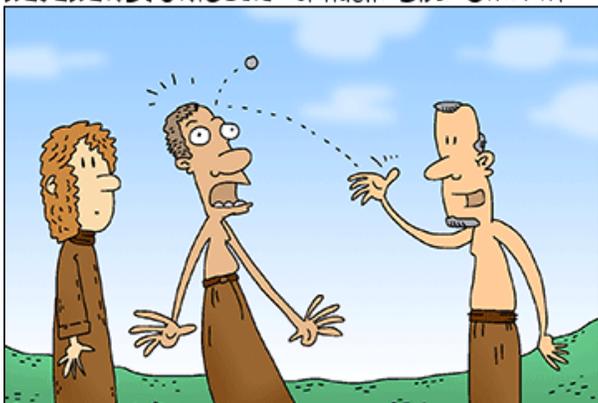
March 11 Susan Dewitt

March 1-8

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 and Week of Prayer



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(See John 8:1-11)

02-20-2015

I WAS SAVED EARLY TODAY AND GOD
 FORGAVE MY SINS, WHICH MAKES ME
 WITHOUT SIN, SO ... FIRST STONE

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the church have been made *in memory of Trudy Richeson* by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harris, Terry & Delois Kindred, Janice & Monie Janes, Judith Watts, Laura & Carla Hendrick, Jean Snyder, Lena Lovan, Deana, Susan & Harold King, Mary Ruth Brown, Gertrude Stone, Karla Collins, Patricia Phillips, Beth & Bill Pokk, Mrs. June Coons, and Keith McKinney; *in memory of Carol Mercer's father, Tom Kutheis* by Lee & Bettie Kincaid.

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest sympathy to *the family of Cornelia Wainscott*, wife of our former pastor Dr. Harold Wainscott; to *Louise Medcalf and her family* in the loss of her sister, Trudy Richeson; and to the *family of Tom Chapman*.

THANK YOU

Dear Third Baptist Church,
 Thank you for your prayers, cards, and kind words in the loss of my granddaughter, Leah Bolser Green. Your kindness to us during this difficult time has helped us tremendously.

Edith Wall and Family

Dear Third Baptist Church family,
 Thank you so much for your prayers, notes and sandwich tray you brought to the funeral home in memory of Trudy. She was a great gal and I will miss her lots, but you all made it a little easier.

Sincerely, Louise Medcalf

