

Weekly Update

August 15, 2018

EAGLES ARE SOARING AT FCC

FCC has operated without a pastor for 2 years now. Some of us have gone from a casual, “we should have a new pastor in 6-12 months;” To a more animated, “ what the heck is taking so long;” To a very impatient, “we need a new pastor NOW!” To a more faithful, “we will find a pastor that is a match for Gibson City First Christian Church.”

But throughout the long process of finding the pastor that is a fit for FCC, there has emerged or re-emerged a growing number of eagles that are answering their call to share our Christian faith and Christ’s love with all people.

You can see it in the over-the-top successful Summer Youth Program. It is great to hear the kids exclaim, “can we continue this program into the fall?” You can see it in the redesigned focus of “the old rugged cross” in our landscape and in our soul. You can hear it in the voices of those serving in all capacities in the church with the, “sure I can help with that” attitude.

Yes eagles are soaring at FCC and there is some lucky pastor out there that will see those eagles and want to fly with them!

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

SEARCH COMMITTEE ACTIVE SCHEDULE AHEAD

The Search Committee is and will be scheduling interviews in the next few weeks with prospective candidates. Keep praying for the committee for wisdom and insight as they look for the candidate that is a fit for our congregation.

THIS SUNDAY

This week’s guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.
He will be preaching on Ephesians 5:15-30.

We welcome back Herb again this Sunday as he is filling in as guest minister every other Sunday during July and August. Herb was our former CCIW Regional Minister and President, serving from 1998-2007. He has also served pastorates at First CC, Bloomington; First CC, Downers Grove, IL; First CC, Alexandria, VA; WELCOME Herb!!

“POURED OUT CHURCH” COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEEKEND 2018

This year’s “*Poured Out Church*” is combining with community organizations for a shared community outreach weekend. We will have our normal worship service at the church at 10:15 AM. At noon, everyone will meet at the park for lunch before ‘pouring out’ into the community to participate in a variety of outreach activities.

WEBSITE

The church's WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE and can be found at www.fccdocgc.com
On the website, you can view the church video made to help with the search process,
a calendar featuring upcoming events,
and copies of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(August 15-21, 2018)

August 18 Jerry Schutte
Ruth Neal
20 Peter Provin
21 Elliott McClure

Please send us (gcfccdoc@yahoo.com) additions or corrections of birthdays,
anniversaries, or email addresses.

PRAYER LIST

Rosella Jesse –Hollybrook Apt 42

Bill and Jean Kerchenfaut – new address

6235 Hoffman St #201

North Port, Florida 34287-2285

Harold Stimmel— Hollybrook Apt 34

John Revell

Sandra Goin

Harriet Farney

Margaret Meers

Patty Benz

Margaret Gambill

Jim McClard – waiting for an important procedure

Jessica Moore

John Weller

Lila Parsons

Evelyn Fawver

Barb Bennett

Irene Schaefer

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee
and the Recruitment Committee

SERVING SUNDAY AUGUST 19th

Elders: *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*

Deacons: *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall*

Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder

Worship Leader: *Carol Hutchcraft*

Communion Preparation: *Kristine Medler*

Home Communion: *Cheryl Elder and Kristine Medler*

ATTENDANCE

FCC ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2018	JANUARY	40	56	53	45		49
2018	FEBRUARY	45	22	43	42		38
2018	MARCH	54	41	46	39		45
2018	APRIL	78	53	51	49	54	57
2018	MAY	38	56	57	44		49
2018	JUNE	57	24	51	46		45
2018	JULY	46	41	42	41	30	40
2018	AUGUST	48	42				45
AVG		50.8	41.9	49.0	43.7	42.0	