

Weekly Update

March 27, 2019

THIS SUNDAY

This week's guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.
He will be preaching on Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

SERVING SUNDAY MARCH 31ST

Elders: *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*
Deacons: *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard*
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen
Worship Leader: *Hagan*
Communion Preparation: *Leah McClure*
Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Leah McClure*
Greeter: *Karen Rankin*

MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Men's group will host their annual pancake breakfast this Saturday, March 30th from 7:00-11:00am.

INVITE AND BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – NEW ERA

When I was still an active farmer, every spring was a new year, a fresh start, an opportunity to put ideas and plans in place, an opportunity to try a new farming practice, add another precision planting gadget, and update the latest electronic monitor. Even when we were coming off of a poor year, when we were putting the first seed in the ground I was full of optimism that this was going to be a great year – best ever.

Similarly, First Christian Church is beginning a new era, a fresh start and new opportunities. FCC is blessed to welcome Mat and Elizabeth into our fold. Mat brings new energy and new ideas. We have an opportunity to explore together new ways to worship, different ways to do Bible Study, expand our evangelism, continue our outreach, educate our youth, serve our shut ins, and brainstorm ways to serve Our Lord that we have not previously considered.

This new beginning was ushered in by a lot of hard work by many servant leaders in the church over the last almost 3 years. The Search Committee worked countless hours, and numerous members stepped forward to continue the work of our Church.

We have cultivated the soil, planted the seeds, and pray this new era will result in an abundant harvest - in being Disciples of Christ. THANKS BE TO GOD

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COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

There will be no Community Lenten Service this evening due to spring break. Services will resume next week at New Beginnings.

April 3rd: New Beginnings
April 10th: United Methodist Church
April 17th: First Christian Church

WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in the coming months. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The church's pictorial directory will be updated over the next few months. We are asking everyone to provide a recent family photo and current contact information (address, email, cell phone, etc.) to be used in the update. These items may be sent to the church's email address or brought in to the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Harold Stimmel— Hollybrook Apt 34

Harriet Farney

Patty Benz

Evelyn Fawver

Barb Bennett

Irene Schaefer

Marilyn Lowell – moved from Hollybrook to GAH Annex

Mike Lorenzen

Jim McClard

Rodney Mott – Heart surgery

Adam Elder – is at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, running tests

Please also pray for Mat and Elizabeth as they make the move to Gibson City and that we may warmly welcome them to First Christian Church.

SYMPATHY

Jean Kerchenfaut passed away on Tuesday, March 26th. Our sympathy goes to Bill and their daughter, Kara Kizior. Bill's address is 6235 Hoffman St #201 North Port, Florida 34287-2285 and email address is bkerch@embarqmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(March 27-April 2, 2019)

March

29: Ida Wahls

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

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.

ATTENDANCE

FCC ATTENDANCE	SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
	1	2	3	4	5	
2018 JULY	46	41	42	41	30	40
2018 AUGUST	48	42	42	45		44
2018 SEPTEMBER	46	55	48	47	51	49
2018 OCTOBER	63	68	51	50		58
2018 NOVEMBER	51	52	55	54		53
2018 DECEMBER	93	90	68	51	43	69
2019 JANUARY	69	34	26	37		42
2019 FEBRUARY	57	36	42	34		42
2019 MARCH	42	43	40	54		45
AVG	57.2	51.2	46.0	45.9	41.3	

Average Monthly Attendance		
	1 Yr Ago	Current
July	30	40
August	35	44
September	49	49
October	46	58
November	51	53
December	46	69
January	49	42
February	38	42