

Weekly Update

April 10, 2019

THIS SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday, we will recognize Palm Sunday with a procession of palms.

ELDERS BREAKFAST

Elders Breakfast will be held this Sunday at 8:00am with Arlen DeWall providing the meal.

CELEBRATE THE WARM RECEPTION

We celebrate a great turnout to welcome Pastor Mat to our pulpit last Sunday. Mat is excited and enthused as we come together as a congregation to grow our church and expand our Christian fellowship. We look forward to working as a community in faith to expand God's word and God's love.

NOTE FROM PASTOR MAT

Dear Church Family,

As indicated this past Sunday I would like to share my contact information and office hours with you. Please note that I am available at any time throughout the week, but the times listed are best for drop-in visits. I understand most of you will be working during these times so please do not feel hesitant to schedule a meeting! I am available by appointment anytime.

Pastor Mat's Contact Information

Email: PastorMatB@outlook.com

Cell Phone: (832) 998-7090

Open Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 1:00

PRAYER LIST

Harriet Farney

Patty Benz

Evelyn Fawver

Barb Bennett

Irene Schaefer

Mike Lorenzen

Jim McClard

Rodney Mott

Lindsey Graham

Adam Elder

Donnie Batson's Sister

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.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to provide an Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out an order form and return to the church by Sunday, April 14th.

Cost \$9.00

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 14TH

Elders: *Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes*

Deacons: *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

Worship Leader: *Sarah & Sharon Higgins*

Communion Preparation: *Ed Hopkey*

Home Communion: *Melanie Warfield and Ed Hopkey*

Greeters: *Clyde & Mary Alice McRae*

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES TONIGHT AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Theme: *"Finding God in Uncommon Places"*

On Wednesday evenings during Lent area congregations will host a bread and soup supper at 6:00pm, followed by worship at 7:00pm.

April 10th: United Methodist Church

April 17th: First Christian Church

DWM

The Disciples Women's Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00pm at the church with Bonnie Schutte as hostess and Carol Hutchcraft as study leader.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

Please consider making time to be a link in our Chain of Prayer. We have over 30 half hour time periods to be filled. You may sign up for a half hour or more. It begins on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm and ends on Friday, April 19th at 7pm. Thank you to those who have signed up to take part and to all who will consider and be able to take part. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.

DWM BABY SHOWER

DWM will be holding a baby shower to support the Shepherd's Closet on Sunday, April 28. This event will be held immediately after church and all are invited. The Shepherd's Closet organization is extremely grateful for our time and generosity in supporting this mission. Here are some items that they have in abundance and due to limited space **DO NOT** need at this time: cloth diapers/ covers, blankets including receiving blankets, any outfits or sleepers larger than 6 months, hats, crib sheets/ bedding of any kind, baby equipment. There is still a need for many other items. Please see the attached list.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT

The entire church is invited to breakfast and an egg hunt at 8:45am on Easter morning, April 21st.
Come be a part of the food, fun, and fellowship!

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(April 10-April 16, 2019)

April

12: Joan Ricks

13: Brecke Barnard

14: Sue Ann Rickey

Amy Rinehart

Rick and Lori Rinehart ‘84

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	53	46
2019 APRIL	83					83
AVG	59.8	51.2	46.0	45.9	44.3	

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
March	45	46