Weekly Update

April 17, 2019

**THIS SUNDAY – EASTER SUNDAY**

**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!

**SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 21ST**

 **Elders:** *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*

 **Deacons:** *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard*

 *Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

 **Worship Leader:** *Carol Hutchcraft*

**Communion Preparation:** *Adam Kincaid*

 **Home Communion:** *Don Eberly and Adam Kincaid*

**Greeters:** *Jeff & Cheryl Elder*

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES TONIGHT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN 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.

**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.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Harold Stimmel**— Hollybrook **Apt 34**

**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.

**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.

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

First Christian Church will be hosting an open house on May 5th from 2-4pm to welcome Pastor Mat Bowen and his wife, Elizabeth, to Gibson City. All in the community are invited to attend.

**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 continue to be updated. Anyone who hasn’t yet sent in a recent family photo and current contact information (address, email, cell phone, etc.) is asked to do so. These items may be sent to the church’s email address or brought in to the church office.

**ACCESS TO DIRECTORY**

To access the church directory, visit [instantchurchdirectory.com](https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/) or download the instant church directory app and click on church member sign in to create a login. Make sure to use your email address listed in the directory for login. Once you’ve created a login, the website should automatically link you to our church’s directory.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(April 17-April 23, 2019)

 April

17: David DeWall

21: George and Barb Meyer ‘01

22: Rodney and Brenda Mott ‘83

 Cullen Neal

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**](http://www.fccdocgc.com)

**On the website, you can view the** [**church video**](https://fccdocgc.com/our-mission/) **made to help with the search process,**

**a** [**calendar**](https://fccdocgc.com/calendar/) **featuring upcoming events,**

**and** [**copies**](https://fccdocgc.com/news/) **of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| FCC ATTENDANCE  | SUNDAY WEEK |   |
|   |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | AVG |
|   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 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 | 67 |  |  |  | 75 |
|   | AVG | 59.8 | 52.8 | 46.0 | 45.9 | 44.3 |   |

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| 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 |