

# Weekly Update

## April 24, 2019

### **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.

### **NURSING HOME SERVICES**

First Christian Church will lead worship at both nursing homes this Sunday afternoon. Worship at the Gibson Area Hospital Annex begins at 1:30pm and worship at Heritage Health Care begins at 2:15pm.

### **HUSTLERS**

The Hustlers will meet this Sunday at 7:00pm at the church with Clyde and Mary Alice McRae as hosts.

### **SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 28TH**

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

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

*Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

**Worship Leader:** *Barnards*

**Communion Preparation:** *David DeWall*

**Home Communion:** *Cheryl Elder and David DeWall*

**Greeter:** *Karen Long*

### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

Thanks to all of our church volunteers who enhanced the meaning of Easter for all of our church community.

Thank you to DWM and all who provided and served the soup and bread supper for last Wednesday's Community Lenten Service.

Thank you to the Navigators for preparing and serving the scrumptious Easter breakfast. The warm fellowship over breakfast followed by the egg hunt lifted our spirits.

Thank you to the youth for their enthusiastic participation in the choral reading and special music during our Easter morning worship.

Thanks to the Worship Committee for all of their continued work to make our worship services very meaningful.

### **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**

### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The stewardship campaign will run from now through May 19<sup>th</sup>. Commitment cards and letters are being sent out, with extras available on a table in the narthex. On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration dinner following worship. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

### **COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

First Christian Church will be hosting an open house on May 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 24-April 30, 2019)

April

25: Nick Elder

28: Valerie Mouser

Please send us ([gcfccdoc@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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	67	86			79
AVG	59.8	52.8	50.0	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