Weekly Update

April 3, 2019

**WELCOME MAT AND ELIZABETH**

This Sunday, we welcome Mat Bowen to the pulpit as minister of First Christian Church in Gibson City. There will be a fellowship hour immediately following worship.

Please come and ask another member to come with you to welcome Mat and Elizabeth to First Christian Church.

**UPDATE ON ADAM ELDER**

Due to some last minute tests results Monday morning, Doctors decided not to do the biopsy at this time.  They are now taking a different direction of treatment and hopefully this will prove successful. Jeff and I appreciate all your prayers and ask that you continue to keep Adam, Kristy and the boys in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

In Christian love,

Jeff and Cheryl Elder

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**Harriet Farney**

**Patty Benz**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Mike Lorenzen**

**Jim McClard**

**Rodney Mott** – Heart surgery

**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.

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to the Noel Hutchcraft family upon the death of Noel’s sister, Marilyn Lowell, who passed away on Friday, March 29th.

**SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 7TH**

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

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

*Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

**Worship Leader:** *Tim Ricks*

**Communion Preparation:** *Tim Ricks*

**Home Communion:** *Melanie Warfield and Tim Ricks*

**Greeters:** *Jerry & Ida Wahls*

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES TONIGHT AT NEW BEGINNINGS**

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 3rd: New Beginnings

April 10th: United Methodist Church

April 17th: First Christian Church

**CHURCH BOARD**

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm.

If you have any items that need to be added to the Board Agenda, please send them to the office.

**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 3-April 9, 2019)

April

4: Carl Cains

9: Josh Johnson

Jennifer Jamison

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 |
|  | AVG | 57.2 | 51.2 | 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 |