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GIVE AWAY 2011

Saturday, August 6th from 9 to 12 is FCC's Great Give Away. We will set up the CLC on Sunday, July 31st right after 2nd service, and begin taking donations on Monday, August 1st.

If you haven't already returned a borrowed table or clothes rack, please do so today!



We will be ready to accept the good clean clothes and other good items you no longer fit into or use, Monday-Thursday. Remember, if you wouldn't wear it or give it to family or a best friend, don't bring it. You can help by sizing the garments and placing them on the appropriate racks and tables.

Friday evening, August 5th, is FCC Family Share Night from 6-8pm. You may bring your family and anyone who can especially benefit at this time.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, sort and prepare the CLC, and tear down on Saturday. We also need workers at 8am on Saturday. If you can help, call Karen Charlton or the church office.



****By the way, if you have lost something at FCC, it may be in the Lost & Found. Anything left there after Sunday evening will be placed in the Give Away!****

¹¹ So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. ¹² Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NLT)

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**September Newsletter
deadline**

August 15th

This includes all newsletter, calendar and scheduling items.

Dave's Musings

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To Worship God or Not to Worship God? . . . that is the question.

Each day we are given to live, we have many choices before us. What should we wear? What should we eat? What should we do today? It is inevitable that some of the choices have already been made. Some have been made for us. But no matter if choices are made already, by you or someone else, there is one that you must make each and every

day. It is this . . . who will I live for today?

Every other choice that you make is wrapped up in that one, all encompassing choice? One might argue that there are more than two choices in answering that question. But I believe it comes down to two main choices. Will I choose to live for God, our Creator and Redeemer? Or will I choose to live for myself? Everything else is a symptom of how we answer this question.

If we choose to live for God we will live life intentionally for Him. We will stay away from the things that will destroy us and others. We will stay close to the things that will bring us life. We will worship Him when we gather together because of who He is and what he's done. We will be actively in His word, learning to understand God's heart for this earth and His people in it. We will be still and wait patiently for the Lord. We will see people the way God sees them. We will treat people with respect, and better yet, grace. And that is just a start of a list.

But if we choose to live for ourselves, there is nothing we won't do. We will potentially engage in harmful behavior. We will act on every whim that is inherent in our sinful nature. In essence, we will be controlled by this world and what it offers, and essentially the evil one himself. If we choose to live for God, we are, in all essences of the word, *worshipping* God. If we choose to live for ourselves we worship all sorts of idols, false Gods. But you can't just say whom you will worship, it will be determined by your actions and attitudes.

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

I don't always make the right choices. I sometimes choose myself over the Lord. It is always the wrong choice. But as I watch my wife, as I watch over my kids, as I pray over my family and as I look at myself in the spiritual mirror, I pray that I answer like Joshua, always.

So who will you worship today? Tomorrow? Forever?

Humbly, Dave

(read more from Dave at dmjmusings.blogspot.com)

Thank You...

I want to thank all my friends from FCC for your prayers, cards, calls and concern when I had my shoulder replacement and during my recovery time. It is almost normal. I appreciate it all very much

In Christian Love, Barbara Ball

We would like to thank everyone that was involved with putting on the benefit for us. Kathy described it like being lifted up and GOD giving us a big hug. We know that GOD has sent each and every one of our friends and church family to support and guide us through this trying time. But we know we will get through it with all of your prayers.

In God's Love, Bob & Kathy Stroud

To our wonderful Church family,

We want to thank everyone that helped us during Ashley's surgeries. The cards, prayers, food, gifts & visits have been a huge blessing on our family. Without the prayers I know we would have fallen apart. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. We love you guys!

Thanks Again! Love, Tim, Belinda, Trisha & Ashley Alvis

Pregnancy Care Clinic Baby Bottle Campaign

If you haven't returned your baby bottle (full of cash, coins & checks) please do so as soon as possible. Proceeds go to the Pregnancy Care Clinic in Salem and Centralia.



You are invited to a
wedding reception for
Eric & Hannah Martin
on Saturday, August 20th
from 2-4 pm at
First Christian Church, Salem

John's Journal

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Myself and 11 other FCCer's spent a week in New Orleans hoping to help make a positive change in the city. Did we change the city? Did we change lives forever? I don't know, but I would venture to say that our lives were changed.

We traveled hundreds of miles to make a difference in someone's life and God had a bigger plan to make a difference in our lives. I had the privilege to work with the Leona Tate Foundation all week long as well as 5 others from our team. The Foundation had 25 kids, all from different areas in New Orleans, different ages and different family history. These were kids who had family members shot and killed, others in jail and some didn't even know all of their family. It was amazing spending every day with these kids. They didn't care that we just met. They didn't care that we weren't New Orleans natives. They just wanted to be loved. What a simple desire that I think we all have. For them the days weren't about having the right words to say, the best programs, the fancy lights and the big bands. It wasn't about the location, the building or the food. They wanted to know they were cared for. They wanted to know they had a reason to belong. They wanted to know that they were worth getting down on the ground for.

It sounds a lot like how Jesus lived. He didn't teach over people's heads. He didn't come with a circus. He simple got down with the people and loved them. He did life with people. He shared in their hurt, their pain, their joy, their excitement, well you get the idea. When was the last time your focus was just on living with people instead of telling them how to live? I could have told these kids how their lives were wrong; what their parents aren't doing; why they need to straighten up and change their ways, but I didn't. When one little girl told me about her older sister being shot and killed, I held her hand. When another boy told me about his brother in jail, we talked about the day he'd see him again with excitement. The time will come in their lives when they need to hear how they need to change, but we usually get that timing wrong.

Real needs go far beyond what we are comfortable doing. Loving someone like Christ means loving the person, embracing the mess they might be living in and getting dirty with them. If we don't get dirty, if we don't get messy, we will never be able to help others out of their mess. We can never expect people to walk out on their own – they might, but we need to get in there and love them out! I want to encourage you to join with me to love people in their mess; to get dirty with them and to help them climb out of the mess they might be living in.

(read more from John at johnsjournal-13.blogspot.com)

Birthdays

1 - Delyn McCown
1 - Randy Helm
2 - Caitlyn Ceglinski
2 - Ian Stroud
2 - Nathan Mann
2 - Patty Squibb
2 - Tessa Bandy
3 - Carl Byers
4 - Kevin Pontious
4 - Warren Williams
6 - Charles Monical
6 - Lindsey Crane
6 - Michelle Luse
7 - Ellie Smith
7 - John Mann
7 - Lucy Molenhour
7 - Ron Ball
8 - Ed Holsapple
8 - Mark Ferguson
9 - Judy Hargis
9 - Sue Burroughs
11 - Sadie Elmore
11 - Ed Mann
11 - Elizabeth A. Hite
11 - Jackie Kell
12 - Nila Hawkins

12 - Pat Baldrige
13 - Bob Cone
13 - Don Maxey
13 - Tina McCulloch
14 - Amanda Miller
14 - Chuck Tinsley
14 - Kaitlyn Banning
15 - Clayton Leathers
16 - Jeff Stroud
16 - Sue Borger
16 - Vicky Hargis
17 - Debbie Hayes
17 - Caroline Schumpert
17 - Joyce Crow
19 - Levi Molenhour
19 - Louis Paul Williams
19 - Seth Molenhour
20 - Adam Bandy
20 - Marie Miller
21 - Marshall Goostree
22 - Galen Brant
23 - Kaidon Roddy
24 - Brady Young
26 - Carrie Smith
26 - Joe Pemberton
27 - Ron Thomas
28 - Gavin Lambert

29 - Bob Russell
29 - Karen Tinsley
30 - Bob Wilson
31 - Glenda Schultz

Anniversaries

3 - M/M Phil Sarver
4 - M/M Mike Squibb
4 - M/M Paul Chitwood
5 - M/M Timm Squibb
6 - M/M Galen Brant
12 - M/M Doug Baldrige
13 - M/M Steve Bandy
13 - M/M Larry Engel
14 - M/M Mike Williams
14 - M/M Randy Rose
16 - M/M Nick King
21 - M/M Jim Nash
25 - M/M Dave White
28 - M/M Jay Luse
28 - M/M Steve Tucker
28 - M/M Wayne Puricelli
31 - M/M Bob Moore
31 - M/M Shannon Kell

From Phil's Desk

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Occasionally, I will get asked "What do you (FCC) believe?" That's a big question, so I usually ask for some clarification or direction - "What do you mean?" They usually respond with "Oh, you know, what is your church's basic beliefs?" Still a big question.

I'm not sure that people who ask that question really want to know what we believe. Many people just want to know how we're different or like other churches. The cynic in me sometimes wonders if they are more concerned about style and form rather than substance and biblical truth. However, what if they are genuinely curious about our core beliefs? What is the most concise answer I can give without requiring a 13-week study?

I know it's risky to make a list of core beliefs, because someone will invariably suggest a different list. A simple lesson in the history of Christianity will quickly reveal factions and schisms created because a well-intentioned believer made a list that others didn't like. Therefore, the safest response to the question "What do you believe?" is to say "We believe in the Bible. Period." (Most of the time that answer doesn't satisfy their curiosity.) So, if I had to boil it down to just a few core beliefs, here they are:

We believe...

- ▶ In God as the absolute and sole Creator of the universe. (Genesis 1:1)
- ▶ The Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the final authority in all things. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- ▶ There is only one God, existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Romans 8; Ephesians 1:13-14)
- ▶ God sent his only Son into the world to save us from our sins. (John 3:16)
- ▶ Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man; that He was born of a virgin and that He lived a sinless life, in which He taught and did mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as revealed in the four Gospels; that He was crucified, died as a penalty for our sins and was bodily raised from the dead on the third day. Later he ascended to the Father's right hand where He is head of the Church and intercedes for believers. He will come down from heaven again, to earth to receive His own to be with him forever. (Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:14, Revelation 22:20)
- ▶ Salvation is a free gift from God; it is not deserved nor can it be earned. We believe that we are saved by God's grace by placing our faith in Jesus Christ, repenting of our sins, confessing Christ as Lord, being baptized by immersion, and living an obedient life led by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 10:9, Acts 2:38)
- ▶ The church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the task of reaching the lost and discipling the saved, helping them become fully devoted followers of Christ. (Ephesians 4:1-16)





In love and unity, Phil

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Return Service Requested

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August 2011 Serving Schedule

Service Area		August 7, 2011		August 14, 2011		August 21, 2011		August 28, 2011	
Music	Vocalists	Allison Cartwright, Debbie Cartwright		Darcy Phillips, Ed Phillips, Logan Phillips		Nila Hawkins, Susan Jones, Wayne Puricelli		Chelsie Bartley, Kendra Gaston, Patty Wilkins	
	Instrumentalists	Garren King, Logan West, Zach Garrett, Karen Collier		Logan West, Kaleb Collier, Dave White, Kim Martin		Garren King, Chase Goostree, Nancy Gaston		Garren King, Zach Garrett, Karen Collier	
	Sound	Gary Kennedy		Mark Ferguson		Matt Webb		Bryan McIntosh	
	Media Shout	Curtis Black		Paul Ferguson		Kendra Koch		Ian Stroud	
Attendance Tabulation	Wayne Puricelli	Jeff Baldrige	Wayne Puricelli	Paul Chitwood	Wayne Puricelli	Ron Stanley	Wayne Puricelli	Tom Garrett	
Communion & Offering	Servers 8:15 / 10:30 (Underlined to serve shut-ins) *Asterisk to serve Doctor's Nursing Home*	Jay Luse Jeff Molenhour Bob Wilson Mark Cartwright Don Cochran Randy Helm Lindell Mulvany	<u>*Randy Schultz</u> <u>*Joe Pemberton</u> <u>Paul Chitwood</u> <u>Keith Kemp</u> Mike Squibb Eric Bandy Jerry Schaubert Robert Uchitjil Louis Williams	Max Dye Jim Holsapple Kyle Kell Keith Kemp Joe Pemberton Steve Schumpert Steve Tucker	<u>*Bob Lybarger</u> <u>*Brian Banning</u> <u>Will Webb</u> <u>Mike Molenhour</u> John Gaston Galen Brant Carl Eilbes Don Foss Gary Kennedy	Brian Banning Mike Molenhour Randy Schultz Tim Alvis Steve Bandy Norm Barton Nick King	<u>*Mike Squibb</u> <u>*Bob Wilson</u> <u>Jeff Baldrige</u> <u>Jeff Molenhour</u> Ed Phillips Jim Rainwater Duane Snow Dave White Phil Williams	<u>Max Dye</u> <u>Jim Holsapple</u> Paul Chitwood Bob Lybarger Will Webb Terry Barnfield Ron Hayes	<u>*Jay Luse</u> <u>*Ed Phillips</u> John Gaston Kyle Kell Curtis Black Michael Ferguson Paul Ferguson Randy Rose Bob Russell
	Communion Prep	Jim Holsapple		Brenda Schumpert		Ely Lambert		Jeff Baldrige	
	Overseeing Elder	Jim Martin		Ely Lambert		Wayne Hawkins		Eldon Prorise	
	Captain	Pat Baldrige		Katharine Black		Lucy Molenhour		Jan Luse	
	Greeters	Terri Leathers, Randy & Sue Borger, Tim & Belinda Alvis		Bob Jamison, Mary Wilkinson, Judy Beard, Eldon & Sue Prorise		Paul & Eileen Chitwood, Lisa Pontious, Ron & Geneva Stanley		Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Lucy Molenhour, Norm & Diane Barton	
FIM	Ushers	Bob Jamison	Lucy Molenhour	Pat Baldrige	Jan Luse	Katharine Black	Elizabeth Hite	Keith Kemp	Pat Baldrige
	Section Host	Katharine Black, Wayne Hawkins, Betty Jane Easley		Wayne Hawkins, Joan Buhnerkemper, Lucy Molenhour		Robert & Naida Uchitjil, Joan Buhnerkemper		Brian Banning, Elizabeth Hite, Betty Jane Easley	
	Parking Lot	Carl Charlton, Will Webb, Steve Schumpert		Jay Luse, Marshall Goostree		Joe Pemberton, Keith Kemp, Eldon Prorise		Curt Piper, Kyle Kell, Randy Helm	
	Baptismal	Ann Tanner	Dennis Charlton	Lucy Molenhour	Craig & Cheryl Vieira	Joan Buhnerkemper	Pat Baldrige	Janet Padberg	Dennis Charlton
	CARE Team	Patty Wilkins			Wayne & Nila Hawkins	Terri Leathers, Connie Dunahee			Jim & Sandy Martin
	Children	Nursery 8:15	Connie Dunahee, Glynis Barnfield		Connie Williams, Lynn Jones		Donna Charlton, Donna Snow		Linda Puricelli, Terri Blair
Nursery 9:30		Janet Padberg, Pat Vest, Shelli McIntosh		Kendra Squibb, Tim & Belinda Alvis		Michele Webb, Judy West, Barbara Ball		Mary Piper, Karen Collier, Sandra Banning	
Nursery 10:30		Cassie Beard, Patty Squibb, Alisha Wilson		Linda Merta, Katie Mann, Becca Lambert		Mary Wilkinson, Kristin Jarrett, Cheryl Vieira, Christin Hays		Sheri Molenhour, Cheryl Kennedy, Jennifer Clark	
Stepping Stones		Michele Webb, Erin Trojnar		Sheri Molenhour, Gayla Ferguson		Kelly Bandy, Nicole Hutchison		Ashley Elmore, Joli Lybarger	
Preschool Greeter		Jenny Mann	Cheryl Vieira, Chris Apgar (end)	Mary Piper	Chris Apgar, Cheryl Viera (end)	Melinda Stroud	Nikki Smith, Shelli McIntosh (end)	Janet Padberg	Shelli McIntosh, Nikki Smith (end)
Toddler Room		Ashley Alvis	Arlynn Duncan	Rachel Williams	Megan Molenhour	Andrew Banning	Jayla Middleton	Jared Banning	Ciara Sexton
Kidz Church		No Kidz Church		Jay & Michelle Luse	Kelsey Royer	Matt & Joli Lybarger	Ashley Elmore & Lindsey Crane	Brian & Sandra Banning	Grant Green