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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 22nd at noon

Please RSVP to the church office, 548-0867



CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday evening, December 6th

Bible Reading Plan

Week of October 25:

Sunday- James 1-3

Monday- Deuteronomy 4-6

Tuesday-II Chronicles 25-28

Wednesday- Psalms 122-124

Thursday- Ecclesiastes 1-2

Friday- Habakkuk

Saturday- Acts 9-10

Come out and help at the Salem Food Pantry this Saturday, October 24th from 10am - noon.

TEEN MOPS

We only have 2 more weeks with the Pack-n-Play in the foyer and we want to fill it up! Here are some ideas to help fill the Pack-n-Play for our Mommy Mart:

bibs, Onesies, socks, diapers, wipes, lotion, bath wash, shampoo, baby toys, baby books, bottles, sippy cups, teething rings, pacifiers, rash cream, gas cards, nail polish, candles, body wash, gift cards to any store in town, baby medicine (Tylenol drops, teething cream, gas drops, etc.), anything a baby or young mother would like would be great!!

If you would like to volunteer in anyway please talk to Candice Fyke or Kim Martin.



Sunday, October 25

8:15 a.m. Early Worship

9:30 a.m. Bible School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, October 26

10:00 a.m. S.A.M.

Tuesday, October 27

8:45 a.m. Sonshine School

6:00-7:00p.m. Worship Team

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, October 28

6:15-7:45 p.m. Teen MOPS

6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Options;

LIGHT (Ladies' Bible Study);

2-3 yr. & 4-5 yr. classes; K-5-

Foundation Rock; Jr/Sr High-

H20

Thursday, October 29

9:30 a.m. Priscilla Ladies' Bible Study

Prayer Requests:

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson

Warren Williams

Warren Smith

Naida Telford

Aleen Crosby

Bob & Betty Westman

Karl Squibb

Earl Gain

Sandy Dries

Sue Courson

Mack & Joyce Myers

SALEM HOSP.

Anne Young

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to Don & Melissa Wollin at the death of Melissa's mother, Maxine Loy.

Missions of the Month

American Indian Christian Mission

Facts & Figures **October 18, 2009**

8:15 am Worship	164
Bible School	150
10:30 am Worship	200
Total Worship	364
*Ministry Fund Offering	\$ 7,571.26
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,461.54
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 3,564.00
Total	\$11,135.26



Dortha Waggoner	4
Laura Kravitz	4
Danee Wiggins	5
Jim Rainwater	5
Joshua Williams	5
Kinsey Jarrett	6
Rebekah Collier	6
Janet Young	7
Brian Smith	8
Jeremy Daniels	8
Wyett Colclasure	8
Jordan Duke	9
Kristien West	9
Mary Kay Piper	9
Nancy Weeks	9
Ida Smith	10

ANNIVERSARIES

M/M Darrell Wilkins	5
M/M Greg Hill	5
M/M David Malan	7
M/M Rich Stone	8

**CARD
SHOWER**

Hazel Loomis
will be
celebrating her

100th birthday on
November 18th.

Let's "shower" her with cards!
Birthday cards can be sent to:
1688 Northgate Drive,
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

**Coming Up on the Calendar
October**

- 15-FCC Serves Food Pantry, 8:30am
- 16-Flu Clinic, 10am
- 16-5th Quarter
- 18-Choir rehearsal, 4pm
- 20-Prayer Meeting, 7pm
- 21-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 23-Gospel Concert, 7pm
- 24-Help @ Food Pantry, 10am-12pm
- 25-Choir rehearsal, 4pm
- 27-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm

November

- 1-Choir rehearsal, 4pm
- 3-Leadership Team Meeting, 7pm

Elders: Tom Garrett, Wayne Hawkins (underlined - Offering prayer)**October 25, 2009****Meditation:** Wayne Hawkins**Deacons:** 8:15-Jerry Boswell, Mike Dye, Ron Hayes, Steve Schumpert, Bob Stroud, Steve Tucker, Jim Holsapple, Nick King; 10:30-*Duane Snow, *Will Webb, Jeff Molenhour, Brad West, Tim Alvis, Dave White, Jim Rainwater, Bob Russell...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.**Attendance Tabulation:** 8:15-Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Tom Garrett**Worship Tech:** Gary Kennedy, Jordan Allen**Nursery:** 8:15-Linda Puricelli, Terri Blair; 9:30-Mary Piper, Sandra Banning, Karen Collier; 10:30-Alyssa Williams, Pat McArthur, Cheryl Kennedy**Stepping Stones:** Ashley Elmore, Joli Lybarger**Toddler Room:** 8:15-Brittany McKinzie; 10:30-Sydney Tefft**Preschool Greeter:** Nikki Smith**Care Team Leaders:** 8:15-Jay & Michelle Luse; 10:30-Jim & Sandy Martin**FIM Captain:** Jan Luse**Greeters:** Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Lucy Molenhour, Norm & Diane Barton**Ushers:** 8:15-Keith Kemp; 10:30-Pat Baldrige**Section Hosts:** #1-Brian Banning; #2-Vernice Young; #3-Betty Jane Easley**Parking Lot:** Curt Piper, Kyle Kell, Randy Helm, Jim Jones**Baptismal:** 8:15-Janet Padberg; 10:30-Joan Buhnerkemper**Communion Preparation:** Curt Piper**MICHAEL W. SMITH IN CONCERT**

Michael W. Smith will appear LIVE in concert on Sunday, November 8th at the Salem High School Gym with special guests: Matt Maher, Meredith Andrews, and Phil Stacey. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seats, or \$15 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at First Baptist Church in Salem, Greenview Christian Church in Centralia or online at www.wvyn.org.

**NURSERY & TODDLER CLASS CHANGES**

Beginning last Sunday, October 18th you began to see a few changes in the Nursery & Toddler area. We are introducing a new class called **Stepping Stones** for toddlers 18 months through 3 years or those currently potty training. This class will support and encourage children who are potty training and will be offered during Sunday School and the 10:30 service. During the 8:15 service, toddlers 18 months through 3 years or those **not** potty trained should go to the nursery. Building Blocks will be offered during both services and Sunday School for preschoolers 3 years to 5 years old **and** potty trained. Students, kindergarten through 6th grade, will still meet upstairs for Kidz Church during both morning services. If you have questions, please see Casey Elmore.

**LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS**

Men, whom FCC members feel are biblically qualified, can be nominated to serve as a deacon or elder at FCC. Nominations will be accepted until October 25th. Please give this considerable study and prayer. For an elder's qualifications refer to 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9; for the qualifications for deacon refer to 1 Timothy 3:8-12. A helpful study guide for these biblical standards for church leadership will be available on the table in the foyer.

****IMPORTANT** - NURSERY & PRESCHOOL**

The FCC children's ministry strives to make this a safe and pleasant environment for your kids. Therefore, if your child is showing symptoms of being sick, please refrain from taking them to the nursery and toddler rooms so the risk of exposure is kept to a minimum. Along with that, I would like to remind the nursery and toddler room workers to please continue disinfecting the toys at the end of the service in which you serve. I appreciate your efforts to make a positive environment for the youth we serve together.

**Thank You**

Thank you, my church family, for the many expressions of love at the time of Ed's passing. The visits, prayers, cards, food, phone calls and memorial gifts were all very helpful. The meal that the ladies prepared was delicious, the music by the Evangelaires was beautiful, Nancy's organ music was beautiful and Phil's sermon was just right, as was his help and guidance through it all.

Bonnie Smith

Mann's Masterpiece

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Soon after Katie and I started dating, I knew what love was. However, I was reluctant to say it. My thought was if I said it (*I love you*) too much, it would lose its meaning. I thought that if I said it (*I love you*) too much, maybe I didn't really love her. I thought that if I said it (*I love you*) too much then maybe I didn't really know what love was.

Well, it turns out that I am an ignorant male or at least I was then. Men, there is no way you can tell a woman, your wife, daughter, mother, grandmother – you get the point – too many times that you love her. They love hearing you tell them that. The funny thing is ladies, though us men might act tough and macho, we love to hear it as well. So when was the last time you told that special person in your life that you loved them. I don't mean in code either. When was the last time you used the words, I LOVE YOU? Fathers, when was the last time you told your wife you loved her and hugged her in front of your kids? They might say its gross at the time, but it leaves a lasting impression of how your sons are to treat women and it leaves a lasting impression on what kind of man your daughters will look for.

It's never too late to tell someone that you love them. Our Heavenly Father tells us over and over how much we are loved by Him in the Bible. Not only by words, does He tell us, but by deeds. Let that be our example of how to live. As a young boy who is dearly loved by his father wants to be everything his father is, so should we want to be everything our Heavenly father is (Ephesians 5:1).

Dave's Musings

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A Costly Sacrifice

1 Chronicles 21:20-23 - "While Araunah was threshing wheat, he turned and saw the angel; his four sons who were with him hid themselves. Then David approached, and when Araunah looked and saw him, he left the threshing floor and bowed down before David with his face to the ground. David said to him, 'Let me have the site of your threshing floor so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped. Sell it to me at the full price.' Araunah said to David, 'Take it! Let my lord the king do whatever pleases him. Look, I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, the threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give all this.'"

Araunah was willing to give up his livelihood for the King. King David wanted to make a sacrifice to atone for his sin, and he wanted the threshing floor. Being King, David could have demanded it, but he asked for it. And knowing David was king, Araunah wanted to appease, but David would have nothing of it. Notice David's reply. Verse 24 - "But King David replied to Araunah, 'No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing.'"

Worship is costly. At least it should be. I think it is far too easy to pass the buck. Sometimes we expect the church to make the sacrifice for us and we watch, not willing to participate. Unwilling to surrender from our heart. So it comes down to a simple question. Are we invested in worship? Or are we using someone else's assets? Let us learn a lesson from King David and sacrifice to the Lord something that costs us personally. We need to "buy in" and give of ourselves and not expect for others to take care of our sacrifice for us. That means surrendering emotionally, spiritually, intellectually and physically. Let us all continually raise the bar and strive to live a life of worship to the Glory of God.

Humbly, Dave

Case in Point

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Parental Affirmation

Dr. Earnest Mellor tells of a time he and his wife watched a performance by young Suzuki violin students. "After the concert, an instructor spoke briefly on how children as young as two, three and four years old are taught to play violin. The first thing the children learn, he said, is a proper stance. And the second thing the children learn--even before they pick up the violin--is how to take a bow. 'If the children just play the violin and stop, people may forget to show their appreciation,' the instructor said. 'But when the children bow, the audience invariably applauds. And applause is the best motivator we've found to make children feel good about performing and want to do it well.'"

As a new parent I have high hopes for who my daughter will become. I realize that it is my responsibility to guide and discipline her and I hope that I never make the mistake of failing to praise her efforts. Colossians 3:21 says, "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." Discipline is far more than telling a child what not to do and enforcing punishment when he or she does wrong. While these things are necessary, they are nothing more important than encouragement and affirmation. I want my daughter to understand the benefits of making the right choices as well as the consequences of making the wrong ones. When she understands those concepts it will help her to better understand her relationship to the heavenly Father.

To those who are parents I want to encourage you to view discipline the same way. I understand that it may be hard to think of something nice to say to your kids when you are having a crazy day and they are bouncing off the walls. However, affirmation is a key player in training your kids to become the people they are meant to be. "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." (Proverbs 16:24)

From Phil's Desk

Phil Martin, *Preaching Minister*
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This letter was received from P.V. Alexander after his visit at FCC on Sunday, October 11th:

October 12, 2009

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Greetings to you in Jesus name.

I write this letter to thank you for the opportunity given to me and Terry Edson to come and present the Lord's work in India to your church. Thank you very much for the gift you have sent for the work in India.

As I told you, you have to come and see the work by yourself. Please plan to send a group at any time, so you know what we do here for the Lord.

Also, I like you to consider to build a church building in India for the poor believers there. Many places we need buildings. It would cost you only \$10,000. Please pray about it.

Say hi to all in the church.

Yours in Christ,

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