



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

July 28, 2021

Koinōvia (Koinonia)

koinō' nēə, noun: Christian fellowship

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” (Matt 4:18-19, NRSV)

My favorite part of the worship service is “the service after the service.”

After the benediction is proclaimed and the organ fires up the postlude, the service after the service begins. It starts with a low rumble of people moving around in the pews, gathering their things, and it grows into a low roar of voices as people begin talking to one another. And then worshipers move off to lunch or home, sometimes with family, sometimes with friends. The service after the service is sometimes held in the gym as young people laugh and play and eat during Kids' Club. The service after the service is sometimes held in the chapel as people gather to celebrate the installation of their associate pastor. The service after the service is sometimes held at Cracker Barrel or The Hub or the lake or the park or one's living room. The service after the service often looks like a family that has been worshipping at FCC for generations taking a new visitor out for coffee and conversation. I enjoy worship in the sanctuary, but love the worship that takes place in the everyday spaces of people's lives. The best kind of worship is the kind that isn't limited by the dawn and dusk of a Sunday but continues throughout the rest of the week.

Have you ever noticed how seldom the setting for the story of Jesus' life takes place in a temple or synagogue? Have you ever noticed how almost all of the miracles take place in the ordinary, everyday spaces of people's lives instead of exalted houses of worship? Jesus raises the dead in cemeteries and heals the sick in living rooms. He multiplies fishes and loaves out by the lake. He calms storms from the inside of a boat. He calls disciples while on a

walk out in the open air. In fact, Jesus calls some of his disciples while they are working their 9-5 jobs. It isn't like our model, by which we wait for people to show up at a church building on Sunday to be invited to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus himself goes to where they are, in their element.

When I was in seminary, the most important things I learned and the most meaningful experiences I had were not in the classroom, but in the restaurants and coffee shops, during the walks around campus and conversations before and after class. I certainly enjoyed our chapel worship services, but the opportunity to be vulnerable and honest with other students outside of those services was what made the most difference in my spiritual formation. Those were the places and times where I truly felt connected to God and my fellows. It was where I experienced grace and strengthened my faith. I bet if you looked back over your life, you might discover similar patterns.

Let us accept the challenge to keep the worship going long after the benediction. In a time of deep mistrust in social institutions, we have a much better chance of winning someone's confidence in one-on-one interactions to show them that we care. In a time of exhaustion and disorientation, people need for us to show up in their lives, where they are, rather than expect them to always come to us. I know that we have a better chance at finding Jesus if we go out into the streets where he spent most of his ministry.

I look forward to seeing you in the worship service this Sunday, but I am even more excited to see you in the service after the service throughout the week.

Shalom,
-Rev. Joey Pusateri

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**Celebrate Back to School 2021 with our
FCC TEACHERS and STUDENTS
as the GUESTS OF HONOR!**

WHO?	The entire FCC Church Family
WHAT?	Food, Fellowship, and Fun
WHERE?	First Christian Chapel and Gym
WHEN?	Sunday, August 15th (immediately following worship)
WHY?	Celebrate and support our FCC Teachers and Students as they head back to school

FOOD

We will gather in the Chapel immediately after worship for a Picnic-Style Lunch and the chance to recognize and celebrate our FCC teachers for their resilience in the face of a pandemic.

FELLOWSHIP

Inflatables, Contests, Games, Photo Booth, Piñatas, Bingo, and more!

FUN

Everyone who attends will get a raffle ticket to win a chance to throw a pie in the face of members of our FCC Church Staff!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Bring your Backpack full of school supplies for area students in need

We hope to see YOU there!

Watch your email for a Sign-Up Genius or fill out a reservation form available at the Welcome Table. Teachers, students, and families, we especially need to know if you will be able to attend.

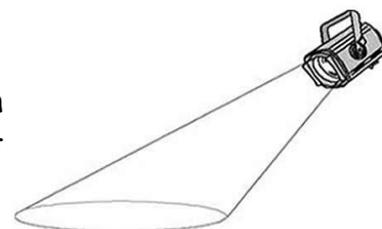
FCC KIDS CORNER

Mark your calendar today so you don't miss these fun events to finish out the summer! Watch your email for details.

 <p>Kids Club Mystery Trip Sunday, August 1st 11:45-2:30 Lunch included</p>	<p>Back to School Bash Sunday, August 15th 11:45-2:00 Lunch, games, inflatables, and more!</p> 
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Spotlight on our FCC Kids!

Each month we shine the spotlight on one of our FCC Kids so you can put names, faces, and families together! This month our spotlight shines on **Ainsley and Avery Schartzner**.



Ainsley and Avery are the daughters of Adam and Amber Schartzner, granddaughters of Jeff and Debbie Baker and their great-grandparents are Bill and Ann Barker.

Ainsley (left) is headed to 2nd grade at Woodlawn Elementary this fall and her favorite subject is Math. She loves to dance, enjoys going to the beach or a pool and plays tennis and softball. Ainsley's favorite memory from church is the Easter Egg Hunt. She also is proud to announce that she earned a spot on the Competitive Dance Team!

ing. She also likes playing with Barbie's and making crafts. Her favorite thing to do at church is painting and crafts. A fun fact about Avery: she just turned 5 which means she can now chew bubble gum!

When you see Ainsley and Avery at church, be sure to introduce yourself so they can get to know their church family!

Avery (right) will be in Kindergarten this year at Woodlawn Elementary. Like Ainsley, she loves the pool and the beach as well as dancing.



Parents of Kid's Club Members: You will be receiving a short survey about Kid's Club scheduling and activities for fall and winter. We really need your input to plan activities that will work with your family's schedule so please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Thank You!

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker	Mike Miller
Jerry Boyd	Susan Montgomery
Steve & Pat Bruce	Bill Morgan
Steve Cline	Jim Page
Rev. Catherine DeMoss	Mike Swain
Ken & June Harmon	Bonnie Wilson
Nancy Mellios	Jeff Withers
Margaret Ann Milburn	Mary Lou Withers

Shut-ins

Mindy Carter	Peggy Mitchell
Odell Hines	Betty Ramey
Jack Kaiser	Catherine Shoulty
Marianne Kirby	Dorothy Warren
Marilyn Marlowe	

Welcome New Members

Rev. Charles and Marilyn Highfield joined the church on July 11. Rev. Highfield is a retired Disciples minister who has served several churches in the south over the years. He and Marilyn moved to Danville from Florence, Al and have two children and three grandchildren.

News & Announcements

Church Under the Bridge (CUTB)

FCC will once again be providing a Church Under the Bridge meal and service on Sunday, August 29 in Lexington. The church service begins at 3:00pm followed by the meal. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal, set-up, and attend the service. Cookies are also needed and should be packaged 2/bag. More information will be given in FCC Midweek emails and other communication. CUTB is a group of churches who has been called to the inner-city of Lexington to reach out to the homeless and marginally-housed. It is a ministry born of the streets to share the hope and love that exists in Jesus Christ.

The Outreach Team

Donations for Youth Room

The youth are working to make their space in the church their own--a place where they want to be. Part of that is having some fun things to do. Do you have an Air Hockey or Fuesball Table in your house that you don't use anymore? Maybe a Wii that your kids have outgrown? We are looking for items like this which are in good condition that our youth might enjoy. If you have anything like this or have any questions about an item you're interested in donating, contact Pastor Catherine or Jennifer Pusateri.

News & Announcements

School Supply Drive

Pick up a backpack on Sunday and fill with school supplies. A list of basic supplies is provided. You are welcome to buy multiples of one or two items or buy one of each on the list, whichever is the easiest for you and your budget. All filled backpacks are to be returned to the church by Sunday, August 15.

Changes for Children in August

Children Worship & Wonder will resume August 15 for children 4 years old thru entering 2nd grade. They will be dismissed after Children's Chat in the service and can be picked up in the Children Worship & Wonder room on the 1st floor.

Children's Church will continue for children entering 3rd-5th grades. They will be dismissed after Children's Chat and can be picked up in the children's hallway on the 2nd floor.

Nursery Ministry

We are still searching to hire nursery caregivers, but also need volunteers to stay in the nursery. Our Safe Sanctuary Policy requires 2 adults to stay with our children. If you or someone you know are interested in the hired position or willing to volunteer one Sunday a month, please contact Patti (812-483-9004) or the church office (236-4006).

Soups on Us

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 21. We are working on building up a cookie stockpile so bake ahead and freeze. Bring cookies packaged 2/bag (no nuts or peanut butter) through the weekdays. SOU begins at 7:30am box folding; 9:00am sandwich making; 10:00am meal assembly; and 11:00am delivery. Be a part of this outreach ministry.

4 Cans 4 Others

The Salvation Army Food Pantry is very grateful for your generous giving of 147 cans in July, bringing our total of 32,577. Many thanks for your continued support of this outreach ministry.

Pizza in the Park (God's Family)

Parents and their children (birth-2nd grade) are invited for pizza, games, etc. on August 17 at 5:30pm at Millennium Park.

PRC (Pastoral Care Committee)

Each of our pastors meet with a small committee of church members each month and have open discussion in sharing ideas, concerns, and visions for the church. The PRC of Associate Pastor Catherine DeMoss consists of Jan Scott--chair, David May, and Jenny McClure and meets on August 19 at 5pm.

AUGUST SERVICE ROSTER

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Worship Leader	Tom Hensley	Lyle McGlothlin	Margaret Clark	Martha Caywood	Jan Scott
Elders at the Table	Kathryn Ensor Bart Gover	Brian & Patricia Calvert	Martha Caywood Cheryl Gibson	Jan Bradshaw Tom Hensley	Elmer & Suzi Jackson
Deacons	Linda Dachenhaus Terry Dachenhaus Sherrie Horn Becky Whited	Jenny McClure Patrick McClure Connie McVicker Jeff Withers	Linda Dachenhaus Terry Dachenhaus Tom Hastings Eben Henson	Sarah Hempel Sherrie Horn David May Becky Whited	Linda Dachenhaus Terry Dachenhaus Sherrie Horn Kasey Wilson
Children's Chat	Martha Bryant	Patti Wright	Darell Rickmers	Kendra Funkhouser	Joey Pusateri
Steward	Bill Barker	Martha Bryant	John Caywood	Joey Kirk	Elmer Jackson
Communion Preparer	Debbie Baker	Connie McVicker	Jane Boyd	Ann Barker	Linda Dachenhaus
Children's Church/ Children Worship & Wonder	Molly & Jacob Cooper	Kendra & Maddy Funkhouser	Connie McVicker Penny Vaught	Connie McVicker Penny Vaught	Connie McVicker Penny Vaught

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Join us Sunday, August 15 for a churchwide Back-to-School Bash held immediately after the worship service. Hamburger and hotdogs will be served along with all the fixings. There will be activities, games and contests for kids and adults of all ages. All of our current, inactive and retired teachers will be recognized as well as our students. Sign up on Sundays at the welcome table or online with SignUp-Genius form which will be available soon!

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