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From the Pastor's Heart

Happy New Year

We have ended the year 2018 at FCC in very healthy ways.

Thank you church for meeting the financial challenge put before you.

Thank you church for the steady monthly growth in attendance in our worship services for the last quarter of this year. We are seeing many new faces in both services each Lord's day.

Thank you church for the hard work of all of the committees, and the leadership of our church in creating an environment for growth and missions.

We are excited that we had nine baptisms this year, and ten new members by transfer joined our church.

Here are a few asks that help your church to continue to grow.

- Invest time in non or under-churched friends and invite them to our worship services.
- Attend church regularly.
- Read the Bible and journal prayers daily.
- Get involved when invited to serve on a vision planning team as they are organized.
- Find your place of service and get plugged in.
- Pray for your church family daily.

May our Lord fill you with his Spirit and richly bless you in 2019.

Pastor Steve

The FROG and ROCK Youth Group will host a *Night in Italy* on Friday, February 15th as a fundraiser. Mark your calendars now and more information will be available soon.

Church Attendance

Dec. 23rd — Traditional: 116, Contemporary: 97 = 213

Dec. 24th — Christmas Eve: 180

Dec. 30th — Traditional: 110, Contemporary: 96 = 206

Jan. 6th — Traditional: 103, Contemporary: 86 = 189

Chili Cook-Off

The Deaconesses are hosting a Chili-Cook-Off on Saturday, January 19th at 4 pm. Individuals who wish to enter should have their crock-pot of chili and a ladle in Campbell Hall by 3:45 pm.



Those wishing to enter the contest should call the office to enter in order to keep their identity a secret. If you are you planning to attend this event please sign-up in the narthex so we have a head count of how many are coming.

Votes will be counted and prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Everyone will have the opportunity to eat a bowl of chili of their choice. Crackers, celery, carrots, dessert, hot dogs, peanut butter sandwiches and drinks will be provided.

Thank You Note

We received the generous offering from First Christian (\$1,420). Please express our appreciation to the congregation. As requested it will be placed in the new dining hall construction fund. The building is enclosed so inside work can continue this winter. Our goal is to have it completed debt free in 2020!

Bob Phillips

Little Galilee Christian Camp

In 2018 they baptized 119 and 1,843 youth attended summer camps!

Scholarship

The Laura Catherine Young Van Gundy Memorial Scholarship is now open for the 2019-20 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarships will be awarded to members of FCC who are pursuing higher education in Christian Ministry only. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact Robin in the church office by March 31st.



Building Fund balance:
\$354,479.08

Church Life

Sunday, January 13

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
5 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, January 14

10 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Trustees' Meeting
7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

7 am Prayer Group
6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, January 16

9 am Crafts R Us Group
5 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 17

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, January 19

4 pm Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, January 20

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
5 pm Group Meeting

Monday, January 21

Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King's B-day
7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday, January 22

7 am Prayer Group
6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, January 23

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
6 pm Choir Practice



We extend our deepest sympathy to Bonnie James and her family on the passing of Jack on January 3rd.

Old Offering Envelopes

If you have unused offering envelopes and want to recycle them please do not place them in the pews, turn them into the office. Thank you.

Serving Communion

Sunday, January 13

8:30 am: John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Colin VanDeventer

10:30 am: Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker

Sunday, January 20

8:30 am: John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson, Steve Lane, Jack Little

10:30 am: Max Betty, Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Jeff Maninfior

Giving and Expense Totals

December 23rd General Giving: \$17,517.00

December 30th General Giving: \$32,362.05

Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$7,005.98

2018 Year End Income verses Expenses: \$19,824.74

January 6th, 2019 General Giving: \$7,764.00

Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$6,234.23

Year to Date Income verses Expenses: -\$2,109.36

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