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From the Pastor's Heart

Change How You Think
Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Philippians 4:8



You do not have more problems than other people - you just think about them more often! Stop: go back and reread that sentence. Take a moment and consider what it means. It is what you think about that produces how you feel. If you do not believe that, try getting angry without first having angry thoughts, or getting sad without first having sad thoughts. You cannot do it, can you? To experience a feeling you must first have the thought that produces it. That is life-changing information; it is knowledge the devil doesn't want you to have. If you change how you think you will change how you feel! Nothing can hold your negative feelings in place other than your own thinking. The truth is, it is your thinking that is negative not your life! Once you understand that you can get back on the path to happiness again. But change takes time. You did not become negative overnight and you won't become positive overnight. But you can start. How? By doing two things: First, by treating your negative thoughts in the same way you treat flies at a picnic - shoo them away and replace them with thoughts that are 'excellent and praiseworthy.' You have that choice! Second, by thinking about God's goodness. The Psalmist did: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies' (Psalm 103:2-4). So, if you are serious about changing your life, start changing how you think!

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help me to control how and what I think about and always look for what is excellent and praiseworthy. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

Pastor Steve

- 3 Linda Fleming
- 5 Linda Andres
- 7 Jack Browning, Noah Scott, Terry Stretch
- 9 Kenny Logan
- 10 Jeff Maninfior
- 11 Thelma Whetsell
- 12 Chase Beason
- 18 Mason Bergstrom
- 21 Alexis Rosine
- 22 Carol Armstrong
- 25 Jan Kepley
- 27 Alice Edersheim, Betty Miller



- 19 Bill and Katie Landrus



A Night In Italy

The FROG and ROCK Youth Groups will host A Night In Italy Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, February 15th from 5:30—7 pm. They will serve baked spaghetti or chicken tetrazzini with a salad, garlic bread, dessert and a drink. Each ticket will cost \$8.00 and can be purchased in the narthex. Please purchase your tickets by Sunday, February 10th so they know how much food to prepare.



Jackie Freezeland will be singing at both service on January 27th.

Baby Girl

Genna Brand and Hudson Day welcomed their baby girl Heylo Andreanna Day born on January 8th weighing 4 lbs., 10 oz. and 19 inches long. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Mike and Donica Brand, great grandparents Fred and Kayla Grissom, great-great grandparents Jim and Thelma Whetsell, Aunt Kara, Uncle MJ and Aunt Marlee.



We extend our sympathy to Mary Hood and family on the passing of Charles (86) on January 15th.

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.

Deaconesses

When there are only 2 bottles of communion juice left after second service please call Kathy Newlin at 258-8649 so she can purchase more.

Thank You Note

Thank you so much to Pastor Steve for the hospital visits. His prayers were very uplifting. Thank you also to those who sent cards, calls and prayed for me. All have been appreciated while I'm recovering.

Jean Bergfeld



Building Fund balance: \$354,479.08

Church Life

Sunday, January 27

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center
 5 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, January 28

10 am Staff Meeting
 6 pm Evangelism Meeting
 7 pm Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

7 am Prayer Group
 6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, January 30

9 am Crafts R Us Group
 No Bell Choir Practice
 6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
 No Choir Practice

Thursday, January 31

6 pm Daniel Small Group
 6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, February 2

7 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 3

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 5 pm F/R Super Bowl Party at the Church

Monday, February 4

10 am Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

7 am Prayer Group
 6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, February 6

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



Winners!

Congratulations to Scott Wishard for winning 1st Place in the Chili Cook-off with Jan Kepley receiving 2nd place. Thank you to everyone who participated, a good time was had by all.



Giving and Expense Totals

January 13th General Giving: \$3,537.00
 January 20th General Giving: \$5,025.00
 Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$6,234.23
 Year to Date Income verses Expenses: \$-5,824.26

Board Splinters 1/14

Deaconesses: served 1 funeral dinner for the April Fisher family, made shut-in visits, the 2019 Communion Schedule and information was mailed out, welcomed Cindy Temple as a new deaconess and Kathy Newlin will take over purchasing the grape juice for communion.

Senior Minister: December was a good month, averaged 225 in weekly attendance, the Christmas Eve service attendance was 180, we are seeing new families and working hard to assimilate them into the church and the new series "Keeping Your Focus" is bearing fruit and increasing vision.

Associate Minister: preached at both services on December 2nd, finished the semester at LCU with an A in Ministerial Ethics and an A in Spiritual Formation Preaching, held a Youth Christmas Party with 40 in attendance, conducted funeral services for April Fisher and Denny Duncan, and meeting with 3 young men on discipleship and 3 students on Christian growth and baptism.

Elementary Minister: Mid Week Outlet started back with 13 in attendance.

Worship: they de-decorated the church and planned a photo booth; 2019 will have four 5th Sundays services in March, June, September, December; and working on a bulletin design.

Outreach: we collected \$1,420 for Little Galilee for dining hall construction through the Christmas Offering, received a Thank You from the Salvation Army for working the red kettle for 1 day and raised \$123.11 and helped a family with shoes.

Stewardship: went over the Financial Statements.

Trustees: they said no to elevator cleaning, tabled Education Doors, looked at the second floor flooring in the Education Building about replacing it, talked about snow removal in south parking lot.

Serving Communion

Sunday, January 27

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

10:30 am: Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard

Sunday, February 3

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

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

Church Attendance

Jan. 13th — Traditional: 65, Contemporary: 85 = 150
 Jan. 20th — Traditional: 74, Contemporary: 71 = 145