

News from the Pastor

Who has not heard this Biblical sound-bite: **"Where there is no vision, the people perish."** This is the first sentence segment of the promise found in Proverbs 29:18. Many times this verse is misapplied. Churches, individuals, and even businesses will hashtag this verse in promotion of dreams and success. At times we associate having great vision with great success: double our church attendance in 2 years, a multi-site style campus church. Do I pray for our church membership to double or triple? Yes! I pray consistently Isaiah 60:22 for FCC: **"That the least will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. In its time the Lord will do this swiftly."** But if we leave out the second segment of this verse, we miss the true vision for the church. A church's true vision is not focused on numbers or on a building. Biblical vision is based solely on the word of God. We as individuals or we as a church will not be judged by how successful we were, but how faithful we were to the commands of Christ.

Now let's look at Proverbs 29:18 in its entirety: **"Where there is no vision the people perish, but blessed is he who keeps the law."** Vision in the Old Testament was brought to the people thru God's prophets who had received word from God. So where the word of God, the vision of God, is neglected, ignored, or not preached, people perish! Where the word of God is heard and obeyed the people are blessed!

The New Testament church has received a vision from a Prophet. Jesus prophesied: **"And you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Go and make disciples!"**

Enclosed with the newsletter you will find a mission/vision document outlining the combined vision of the leadership teams from FCC and CCC. This vision is not focused on buildings or numbers, but on following the vision of Jesus to multiply disciples. We are hoping and praying that we can fulfill this mission better together. Our church population in relation to our city population is highlighted on the back of the Mission page. **Thy will be done!**

Pastor Morgan

Church Service Times

February 7th
9:30 am at FCC

February 14th
9:30 am at FCC

February 21st
9:30 am at FCC with an
Informational Meeting to follow

February 28th
8:30 am Traditional Service at FCC
10 am at Central Community



The World Outreach Committee is highlighting Troy and Joy Lane for the month of February. We are blessed to be able to share communication from the Lane Family. They arrived in Chicago 2 ½ years ago, the children are growing, Joy is busy in the photography world, and Troy is finishing up his Masters in Divinity Classes. Take a moment and view their prayer requests on the easel in the foyer!

Youth Group Fundraiser

The Fundraiser will be on Sunday, February 14th. Each meal cost \$10 which includes choice of entree (Lasagna or Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo), Green Beans and a Garlic Bread Stick. There will be a drive thru pick up at FCC between 10:30 am and 12 pm. Buy your tickets on Sunday at FCC in the Narthex or on-line: <https://nelsonscatering.com/first-christian-mattoon>



The Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarship 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 the church office by March 15th.

- 3 Linda Fleming
- 5 Linda Andres
- 7 Jack Browning, Noah Scott, Terry Stretch
- 9 Kenny Logan
- 10 Jeff Maninfior
- 12 Chase Beason
- 22 Carol Armstrong
- 25 Jan Kepley
- 27 Betty Miller



Thank You Note

Thank you to everyone who gave their County Market Reward Points to the church for pots and pans.

The Deaconesses



We extend our sympathy to the Shelly Hunt Eyman family on the passing of her husband, Dave, last week.



Building Fund balance:
\$423,531.02

Church Life

Sunday, February 7th

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 5 pm F/R Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 8th

- 10 am Staff Meeting
- 6 pm Ladies Small Group in Campbell Hall
- 6 pm Christian Ed. Meeting
- 6 pm Trustees Meeting
- 7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th

- 7 am Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th

- 5 pm Bell Practice
- 6 pm Choir Practice
- 6 pm Bible Journaling

Thursday, February 11th

- 6 pm Praise Team Practice
- 6 pm Men's Small Group at Central Community Church

Sunday, February 14th

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 10:30-Noon Pick up Fundraiser Lunch (\$10)
- 1 pm F/R Meeting

Monday, February 15th

- Office Closed—President's Day
- 6 pm Ladies Small Group in Campbell Hall

Tuesday, February 16th

- 7 am Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, February 17th

- 5 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 6 pm Choir Practice
- 6 pm Bible Journaling

Thursday, February 18th

- 6 pm Praise Team Practice

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



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