

A Note from the Pastor

It is that bi-annual time of year that we here in central Illinois affectionately call Daylight Savings Time. This Saturday night/Sunday morning we lose one hour of sleep and gain one hour of sunlight. I will take that trade! Now that we as a family have made the big move from Neoga to Gays, we can't wait to witness some of those Spring sunsets looking westward out of our backyard. Seasons are about to change.

There are also seasons and changes in our lives. At times we are walking on the mountain peak, and at times we are crawling on our belly in a muddy valley. At times living for Christ; and at other times not so much. We have great days and then we have dark, ugly days. Jesus made this truthful yet unpopular promise, **"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world!"** At times, we need to be reminded that in the midst of struggle, we are surrounded by the grace and mercy of a loving heavenly Father. Life is difficult enough. I can't imagine trying to navigate thru this life on planet earth without God. One way of staying on a more level spiritual field when changes arise is to practice that small, yet powerful holy habit called daily devotion. We read of this holy practice early in the ministry of Jesus. There would be many peaks and valleys in the next 3 years of His life, culminating in a gruesome and humiliating crucifixion. Yet Jesus prepared Himself for whatever the day may bring by seeking daily time with His Father.

Seasons change; life changes. God does not change. His love for you has been a constant before the creation. He is your Rock, your Fortress. Run to Him and **"be still and know He is God."**

Pastor Morgan



All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 7th at FCC at 7:30 am. All further studies will be held at FCC.

Good Friday Drama Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday, March 7th at 1 pm ~ full cast
Saturday, March 14th at 1 pm ~ full cast, sound
Saturday, March 21st at 1 pm ~ full cast, sound
Saturday, March 21st at 7 pm ~ sound/lighting/effects
Sunday, March 29th at 5:30 pm ~ dress rehearsal
Friday, April 3rd at 5:30 pm ~ final dress rehearsal
Friday, April 10th at 5:30 pm ~ program at 7 pm
Times and dates are subject to change.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Saturday, March 7th. Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed, or you will be late for church!



One Service on the 29th

We will have one service on March 29th at 9:30 am.



Jason and Michelle Mathews will share their stories from their Mission Trip to Honduras. We hope everyone will make a time adjustment in your schedules on this Sunday and come support the Mathews. Following the service we will have a potluck in Campbell Hall. The table wear and drinks will be provided along with a taste of food with an emphasis from Honduras.



We hope everyone will mark down on your calendars the upcoming Good Friday Service on April 10th at 7 pm. Michael

is directing a drama about the Last Supper and Pastor Morgan will be preaching.



A big thank you goes to Amy Maninfor and her helpers, Dolo Wishard and Lily, for putting together a great Chili/Soup supper. Congratulations to our winners: grand champion ~ Fred Grissom; 1st place ~ Dolo Wishard and 2nd place ~ Cindy Vandeventer. Thanks to everyone's generosity we made a little over \$300 PROFIT!

Nancy Huckaba Deaconess Chairman

Church Life

Saturday, March 7th

7:30 am Men's Breakfast at FCC
1 pm Drama Practice ~ full cast

Sunday, March 8th

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

Monday, March 9th

No Staff Meeting
6 pm Christian Ed. Meeting
6 pm Trustees' Meeting
7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th

7 am Prayer Meeting
6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, March 11th

9 am Crafts R Us Group
5 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12th

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, March 14th

1 pm Drama Practice ~ full cast

Sunday, March 15th

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

Monday, March 16th

10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 17th

7 am Prayer Meeting
6 pm Bible Journaling

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



- 1 Fred Grissom, Jack Herren,
Christine Weaver, Vicki Rauwolf
- 2 Ed Dowling
- 3 Pat Stuttle
- 5 Jan Little
- 7 Linda Janes
- 8 Jason Morgan
- 11 Kathy Newlin
- 12 Denny Booker
- 15 Katrina Fine
- 19 Ivy Goodwin-Gage
- 22 Olivia Morgan
- 23 Lisa Ingram
- 26 Susie Wilson, Mary Roberts
- 29 Bud Miller
- 30 Bill Temple



- 3 John and Linda Janes
- 20 Mark and Shelly Scott
- 24 Ed and Shirley Davis
- 26 Ron and Judy Hatfield
- 30 Denny and Jan Booker



The Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship is now open for the 2020-2021 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.

Church Attendance

Feb. 23rd — Traditional: 112, Contemporary: 72 = 184
March 1st — Traditional: 107, Contemporary: 78 = 185



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