

“Cosmetic Surgery”

If you haven't seen or heard, our sanctuary and educational buildings at FCC have been receiving some “cosmetic surgery.” New laminate flooring has been laid on the second floor of the educational building, along with a fresh coat of paint throughout. The laminate flooring will continue throughout the building, with the stairs being refinished with a concrete/marble finish.

As of Monday the 60 year old “chiller” air conditioning unit breathed its last cold breath! Industrial Services of Mattoon is at this writing, tearing out the old system and will be installing the new system. Reminds me of 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come!” Lord, we are thankful and excited for the new! Half of the carpet in the sanctuary has already been removed. We are replacing all the carpet in the sanctuary along with the stairs leading into the sanctuary and educational building, along with new laminate flooring in the narthex.

I am reminded of the story of the exiles returning from Babylon to their homeland. They came home and saw the heap of rubble at the site of the former temple of God. They began the rebuild, and then stopped after two years. They turned their attention on their own homes and neglected the temple. And God called them out. Haggai 1:7,8, “Think carefully about your ways. Go up into the hills, bring down lumber, and build the house. Then I will be pleased with it and be glorified,” says the Lord. And they began to work on the house of Yahweh.”

I am so grateful for all the volunteers who have put in many hours of sweat equity to refurbish this house of God. They are truly servants of the Most High! May God be pleased and glorified with our efforts to adorn His sanctuary.

Pastor Morgan

Mercy Me Concert

Mercy Me Imagination Tour with Crowder and Micah Taylor will be Sunday, November 10th at 7 pm at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Tickets will be around \$55 and if you are for sure going please sign-up in the narthex by Sept. 8th.

Back Pack Needs



School has begun and so is the need for food for the Back Pack Program.

Items needed are: pudding cups, applesauce cups, pop-tarts, small cans of beans/weenies, microwaveable chef boyardee cups, oatmeal packets, individual crackers with cheese or peanut butter. No macaroni and cheese please, another church provides these. A box is in the narthex for you to place your items in.

Giving and Expense Totals

August 11th General Giving: \$5,064.00
 August 18th General Giving: \$4,382.00
 Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$6,234.23
 Year to Date Income verses Budget Expenses: \$88,870.80

100th Birthday!

Everyone is invited to come help Vera Tooley celebrate her 100th Birthday! The Open House will be on Saturday, August 31st from 2-4 pm in Campbell Hall.



CELEBRATING

Grandparents Day 2019

We are planning a fall kick-off celebrating National Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 8th. We are planning to have a special service that day recognizing Grandparents, plus we would like to invite any and all Grandparents to join us for a “pot-luck” luncheon following the services! Then in late September or early October, Gary and Marcella Cardinal will host another video series in their home. More details will follow to promote these plans.



Relay for Life will be tomorrow, August 24th from 3-11 pm at Peterson Park. Please feel free to join in the celebration and remembrance and honor of victims of cancer. Some of the schedule highlights are:

- 2:30 pm Jazzercise Team
- 3 pm Mattoon Community Band
- 3-8 pm Survivor Reception
- 4 pm Taekwondo
- 4:30 pm Mini-Cheer Camp
- 5 pm MHS Dance Team
- 5-9 pm Silent Auction
- 6 pm Opening Ceremony
- 6:45 pm Survivor and Caregiver Lap
- 8:30 pm Glow Walk
- 9 pm Luminaria Ceremony
- 10:30 pm Pizza Party
- 11 pm Closing Ceremony

Thank You Notes

✉ I want to thank Dolo Wishard, Marilyn Purcell, Vicki Rauwolf, Denny Booker and Jack Little for taking care of me on Sunday, July 28th. All of you are the best, thank you very much.
Jim Long



✉ Dear Deaconesses: Thank you for all the nice gifts you brought to me at my apartment at Brookstone. I appreciate them so much and am grateful for your kindness and generosity to me! May God bless all of you!
 With Love, *Cora Ruth Turner*

✉ Relay for Life is most grateful for your contributions to the American Cancer Society. Every bit helps fight cancer, support our fighters, survivors and caregivers, and researchers. FCC raised over \$600 this year and you are most appreciated. Great Job!!

Church Life

Sunday, August 25th

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center

Monday, August 26th

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

Tuesday, August 27th

7 am Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 28th

9 am Crafts R Us Group

Saturday, August 31st

2-4 pm Vera Tooley's 100th Birthday Open House

Sunday, September 1st

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, September 2nd

Office closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd

7 am Prayer Group
 6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, September 4th

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group



3 Week Bible Study

Brenda Burwell will be leading a 3 week Bible Study on the book "One Minute After You Die" written by Craig Groeschel. The group is open to everyone and will meet at the YMCA in the Community Room from 9-11 am on Tuesdays September 10th, 17th and 24th.

Serving Communion

Sunday, August 25

8:30 am: John Armstrong, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Bud Miller, Gene Swearingen, Colin VanDeventer

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

Sunday, September 1

8:30 am: John Armstrong, Don Inman, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons, Steve Lane

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

Church Attendance

August 11th — Traditional: 113, Contemporary: 87 = 200
 August 18th — Traditional: 117, Contemporary: 87 = 204

Board Splinters 8/12

Elders: met on July 29th and focused on prayer.

Deaconesses: they served two funeral dinners in July.

Senior Minister: made 2 hospital visits and 7 home visits, took the youth to a conference in Alabama, spoke at the Lion's Club, continue on the Stain Glass Series, attendance overall for July was down 2% with first service up by 4% and second service down by 9%, overall up 4% for the year.

Elementary Minister: Mid-week Outlet will start up soon, need volunteers and VBS was a success with 50 kids.

Outreach: will start back up with the Back Pack Program.

Evangelism: Updating the Visitor/Welcome Packets, purchased a magnetic car door sign for Brandy (a certified therapy dog) who is Bill and Cindy Temple's lab, Evangelism would like to sponsor Brandy and they think this will be a great Evangelism tool.

Christian Ed: are concerned about not having a Youth Leader.

Personnel: looking for an Associate/Youth Leader.

Trustees: going to replace the rubber steps in the education building, work will begin in the sanctuary August 19th, painting continues and ordered new mats to go in front of the entrance doors as well as the office.

World Outreach: Matt Anderson will give a report to the committee on his Kentucky mission trip and they are still thinking about a mission trip for next summer.

1 Dolo Wishard
 3 Gabe Leach
 4 Russell Camfield, Judy Hatfield
 6 Dawn Albin, Carroll Gibbons
 7 Kara Brand
 8 Kaylyn Armer
 9 Jim Long
 12 Cindy Temple
 18 Dave Wright
 19 Mike Brand
 23 Sid Guill
 24 Logan Maninfior
 28 Richard Eident, Sara Gergeni, Jenny Gergeni
 29 Gabe Freeman
 30 Marianna Hayes, Jeff French



2 Don and Kathleen Inman
 Colin and Caley Vandeventer
 6 Jason and Michelle Mathews
 7 Dennis and Terri Goings
 10 Matt and Stephanie Anderson
 Wayne and Sharolyn Kirby
 11 Jack and Sandy Herren



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