

Elder Biography

Debi Buford...

Before I started school, my family began attending FCC, A. Mont Masse was the Minister. When I was in grade school I remember trick or treating for UNICEF with Mona Bays. We all meet at the church and canvassed the area, collecting dimes. I also sang in the children's Christmas choir. At the age of 12, I attended the Easter Pastor's class. We were all baptized by Dr. Masse during a special Easter service. I also attended children's church, Martha Crites was always there and she ran a tight ship.

When Tim and I were married by Rev. Clark, he began attending FCC with me. We have 4 children: Tim and Teresa live in the St. Louis area; you may remember Tyler, who is married to Sammy and they are expecting a baby in February; and Trevor is married to Emma, they just had our youngest granddaughter Hensley, who was born 6 weeks early.

Over a year ago I was asked more than once by Steve Huckaba to be an Elder and I said no each time. On the day of the elections, I just wasn't sure about my refusal to be an Elder, so my prayer was "If you want me to be an Elder I need to know clearly from you Lord." I started looking up the Bible verse from the sermon and when I turned the page in my Bible, there it was in my own handwriting "Elder", written above a passage I had underlined from my Grandfather's Bible. Could it be any clearer? Grandpa always began his prayers with "Our heavenly Father," so, I do too. It is so comforting to me to say and hear the Lord's Prayer. When I serve communion to our shut-ins, I know they find comfort in those words as well. Some don't remember how to take communion, but when I start the Lord's Prayer they remember and say it with me. Just a precious moment I share with them.

One of my favorite scripture passages is from Ephesians 2:4-10, "For it is by grace you have been saved."

Giving and Expense Totals

August 25th General Giving: \$4,373.00
September 1st General Giving: \$7,487.00
Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$6,234.23
Year to Date Income verses Budget Expenses: \$89,153.17



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. Then in late September or early October, Gary and Marcella Cardinal will host another video series in their home.

Harvest Fest



Heartland Christian Village is hosting a Harvest Fest on September 13th from 5-7 pm. Come enjoy live entertainment and activities for the entire family. They will offer a catered meal, music by Battle Creek Band, a car show, obstacle course, a bounce house, pumpkin decorating, ice cream, face painting, door prizes and more.

Thank You Notes

Dear Deaconesses,
Your recent visit along with treats were very much appreciated. All of you are kind and thoughtful ladies. Thanks so much.
Gary Maninfor

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Choices Pregnancy Center, you all donated \$395.48
Local Outreach Committee



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.

Church Life

Sunday, September 8th

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
 11:45 am Grandparent Luncheon

Monday, September 9th

10 am Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Worship Meeting
 6 pm Christian Ed. Meeting
 6 pm Trustees' Meeting
 7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th

7 am Prayer Group
 9 am Bible Study at the YMCA
 6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, September 11th

9 am Crafts R Us Group
 NO Bell or Choir Practice

Sunday, September 15th

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

Monday, September 16th

10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 17th

7 am Prayer Group
 9 am Bible Study at the YMCA
 6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, September 18th

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
 No Bell or Choir Practice

Friday, September 20th

Office closed ~ vacation day



Deacon Schedules

There are Deacon Serving Schedules available on the Welcome Center in the narthex for each service. Please pick one up to see when you are scheduled to serve communion.

Bible Journaling

The Bible Journaling Small Group will resume meeting each Tuesday from 6-7:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

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.

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.

Church Attendance

August 25th — Traditional: 127, Contemporary: 87 = 214
 September 1st — Traditional: 98, Contemporary: 69 = 167



Building Fund balance:
 \$358,076.16