



First Christian Church

OUR VISION

God's vision for First Christian Church is to be the hands and feet of Jesus to families.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will have an encounter with God during our time of worship and study.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to stop by either Welcome Center so you can find out about FCC and our many ministries. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The next page has more information you may find helpful. Thanks for being here today!



“GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.”

L A M E N T A T I O N S 3 : 2 3

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Lamentations 3:22—23

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Worship Services/November 27, 2011

8:00, 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS...

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time to worship with us, we invite you to pick up information about FCC at either of the Welcome Centers in the main corridor.

- **TODAY'S MESSAGE...**

Within your program we provide an opportunity for you to take notes as you follow along with the message. Videos of recent messages are available for viewing online at www.fccn.org.

- **OUR COMMUNION...**

Jesus gave us this memorial to call our attention each week to the price He paid for our sins...death on a cross. All believers are invited to participate in our communion service and to pray and meditate on God's love and grace. Please, hold the communion bread and juice when it is passed and partake when you are ready.

- **OUR OFFERING...**

Those who have committed their lives to Christ give out of love to support His work at First Christian Church. If you are a guest today, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope you receive something from being here today.

- **FOR THOSE WITH CHILDREN...**

Children are always welcome at First Christian. Our ministries for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers provide a fun and safe environment for children to learn and grow. These areas are well supervised, and our well-trained caregivers provide the best care for children. Children's Worship is available for first through fifth graders during our 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. A Cry Room is available at the rear of the Worship Center. Changing stations are located in the Family restroom, the restrooms in the gymnasium, and the Women's restroom at the West entrance.

- **BAPTISM...**

You may witness a baptism today. This great event is an act of obedience and part of a person's decision to commit his/her life to Christ.

- **MEMBERSHIP...**

You may feel led to make a decision today by accepting Christ or becoming a part of the fellowship at First Christian Church. An opportunity will be extended to you to make this decision at the conclusion of the message. If you'd like, you may also choose to be contacted by one of our ministers on staff by checking the appropriate box on the perforated program tab, or by contacting the church office at 858-5000.

FCC Sermon Videos Available

Videos of our sermons are available for viewing on our website. Go to www.fccn.org and click on the "Click here to watch sermons" link. Videos will be available within two weeks of the Sunday they are preached.

Hearing Assistance System

First Christian Church has a hearing assistance system for people with difficulty hearing during our worship services. Receivers are available to check out from the sound booth at the back of the Worship Center and will allow each user to adjust the volume to his or her own comfort level. The receivers need to be returned at the end of the service.

A Gift for You

If you would like to take a Bible home with you today, new Bibles are available at the Welcome Center as First Christian Church's gift to you at no charge.

Next Sunday

Be sure to join us next Sunday morning for our Christmas Musical, "The Christmas Love Stockings." Our Sunday morning worship services are at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. **The 8:00 a.m. Classic worship service will return on Sunday, December 11th.**

Give Your Tithes and Offerings Through On-Line Banking

Do you often forget or don't carry a checkbook? Do you normally give cash during offering? You can use your on-line banking from home to safely, securely and conveniently send your giving to First Christian Church. Each bank may vary, but you can designate FCC as a merchant and have checks mailed from your bank directly to us for an amount you specify and scheduled as you wish. All donations are then applied to your giving record for tax purposes.

Figures for the Week

Offering	Received	Budget Need
Last week	\$ 39,618	\$ 41,000
Year to Date	\$1,860,404	\$1,927,000
Building Fund	Received	Budget Need
Last week	\$ 4,932	\$ 5,671
Year to Date	\$ 199,475	\$ 266,537
Attendance		
Sunday TOTAL:	1,196	
Decisions in 2011		
By immersion	54	
By transfer of membership	<u>40</u>	
TOTAL	94	

FCC Library News

- **Volunteers needed...**The FCC Library, located in the NE corner of the gym, is needing volunteers to help check material in and out on Sunday mornings following each service. It's a 15—25 minute commitment for one month. Please consider helping. Stop by the Library to sign up for your month.
- **Christmas shopping is underway...**When shopping at Family Christian Store (701 North Green River Road, Evansville), please remember to ask for Library Stamps (only given to those who ask!). Our Library has received several hundred dollars worth of material using these stamps. To donate your Library Stamps, drop them in the Library door slot. Thanks in advance!
- **Significant Living Available...***Significant Living* is a bimonthly publication in which you can read encouraging, faith-based stories of real people who love God and see him move in their lives. The current issue is available for purchase now for \$4 in the FCC Library/Bookstore. Past issues are also available for purchase. Features in the current issue include:
 - The North Pole or the Manger?—Max Lucado tells the history behind St. Nicholas. Was he really the jolly, old fellow we associate with him today?
 - A Gaither Christmas—Join Gloria and Bill Gaither as they share their thoughts on the Christmas season and the birth of Jesus.
 - 33 + God—The Chaplain of Camp Hope tells the story and rescue of 33 miners trapped 2,300 feet underground in the Atacama Desert in Chile for 9 weeks.
 - The Power of Clean Water—Wycliffe Associates is expanding their Bible translation efforts by providing water filters in remote areas of the world. Learn how you can get involved in this vital ministry.
 - If One Part Suffers, Every Part Suffers With It—There is much we can learn from our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Lord. Come on a journey as we explore the Christian life from their perspective.
- **Christian Standard...**A weekly publication devoted to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, its doctrine, its ordinances, and its fruits, this free magazine is available each Sunday in the FCC Library. Stop by today and pick up your copy! Recent articles include:
 - ~ Microfinance—Better Than a Handout
 - ~ Crossing the Bible Application Bridge
 - ~ The Best Coaching Is Peer to Peer

The Little Drummer Boy



Bring the whole family to the Elementary Big Room here at FCC on Saturday, December 10th, at 10:00 a.m. for this fun event that includes a big screen viewing of *The Little Drummer Boy*, snacks, and crafts.

In this Veggie-version of a holiday classic, Junior Asparagus stars as *The Little Drummer Boy*, a lonely child who finds the true meaning of Christmas when he stumbles upon the birth of the baby Jesus. A story of generosity, hope, and love, this timeless tale will warm the hearts of children everywhere! Includes the new Silly Song “The Polish Foods for Christmas” and an all new recording of “The Little Drummer Boy” by Grammy and Dove Award Winning artists BeBe and CeCe Winans!

Watch FCC on TV

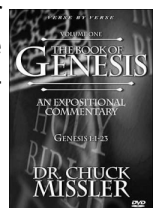
Videos of FCC sermons are broadcast each week on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on WTSN, channel 36, on a two-week delay schedule. WTSN is also carried on WOW channel 105, Insight digital 186, and Time Warner channel 14. We also air on WOW public access 9 and Insight public access 7 on a periodic schedule.

FCC to Become Red Cross Shelter

FCC is in the process of becoming certified by the Red Cross to be utilized as a shelter in the event of a community crisis/disaster. This could be a small-scale or a large-scale event, with up to 100+ people coming to our building for emergency shelter. What we need to make this happen are volunteers to be present, should the need arise. If you would like to be a part of this team and serve in any way—food service, lodging, clean-up, set-up, tear-down, etc.—please visit the Connection Center at the close of this morning's worship service. There you will also be given more detailed information regarding specific roles of service, training dates, and how you can be a part of this exciting “hands and feet” opportunity! Contact our Community Care Minister, Fritz Kaufman, at 858-5000 x201 or fkaufman@fccn.org if you need to know anything else.

NEW Adult Bible Fellowship Class

A new Adult Bible Fellowship class will begin on January 8th. We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Room 221. This is your chance to take an in-depth look at the book of Genesis. We will use a DVD series by Dr. Chuck Missler. Class will be led by Jim Hughes and Kurt Gehlhausen. Come check it out!



Health & Fitness Ministries

Walk to Bethlehem

If you are doing the Walk to Bethlehem, you can find a weekly motivation at the Welcome Center or the Health Ministry table. You can still join in on the Walk to Bethlehem any time in November. Information can be obtained at the Welcome Center as well as the Health Ministry table.

Free Hearing Screenings

Audiologist Dick Prescott offers and performs FREE hearing evaluations to the family of FCC. These tests will be scheduled on Saturday mornings and take about 20 minutes to complete. Records of testing results will be provided to your physician if a follow-up is required. These evaluations are for children as well as adults. If you are interested in scheduling a hearing test with Dick, please contact him at (812) 858-7288 or dick22@prodigy.net.

BP Screenings

The Health Ministry continues to offer FREE blood pressure screenings between the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday. The screenings are done on the first and third Sunday of each month in the Fitness Room in the gym.

Fit to Live Wish List

The Fit to Live Wellness program, funded by Welborn Baptist Foundation, is gearing up for Phase 2. Beginning in January, we will be opening the program to the community as well as FCC. The team is looking for persons interested in leading activities/programs. We are hoping to have at least two leaders for each variety of activity so the leadership burden is lessened. Please contact Ann Williams at aew1827@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information. If you have a program that you are passionate about, let's talk about that and maybe use one of your favorites!

Student Ministries

Sr. High Christmas Party

Join us on Sunday, December 18th, from 4:00—8:00 p.m. at Mike & Judy Dukes' home (10144 Outer Lincoln, Newburgh). Girls bring dessert, guys bring a 2-liter or salty snack.

Middle School Breakout—1/13/12

The 19th year of Breakout is heavily underway. Registration is now open and we are looking forward to another great year. This is a multi-church, multi-site overnight event starting at Christian Fellowship Church with entertainment led by Bob Smiley. The cost of Breakout using our traditional envelope system is \$35, but if you register online at breakout2012.com you can save \$5 and pay only \$30! It seems early but with the holidays fast approaching, you might as well sign up now. Once a student registers and turns in the permission form they will receive their t-shirt.

Mother's Morning Out Hiring

MMO here at First Christian Church is currently taking applications for a teacher in our birth—one year old room. We are looking for someone who is willing to work on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m.—12:00 noon. Please stop by the church office and fill out an application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our MMO Coordinator, Cassie Allen, at callen@fccn.org.

Thank You

The Facilities Ministry would like to say a BIG thank you to the Adrian Kasnick family for donating a whole day of service to trim all the landscaping and vacuum up the leaves; and to Jerry Rodgers for donating an employee and fertilizer for the newly seeded field at the Lincoln entrance/exit. May you be blessed beyond measure!

What is the Connection Center and Where is It?

The Connection Center is a centrally located point where you can get further connected with what is happening at First Christian Church. Some of our ministry opportunities can be found at the Connection Center (your program will indicate which ones). You can find the Connection Center at the east end of the main corridor.

Counseling Available at FCC

To better be the hands and feet of Jesus, First Christian Church has invited Master's Biblical Counseling Center to have a satellite office within the church. Biblical Counselor Dr. Diana Zengler will be in the building on Wednesdays between 9:00—11:00 a.m., and at other times by appointment. To pose questions or schedule a counseling session, call Diana at FCC at 858-5000 x212 or at MBCC at 471-0611. If she is unavailable, please leave a message or address email to dzengler@mdivs.edu.

Laugh for Life

Laugh for Life is a comedy fundraiser where you can relax, laugh and help benefit the Pregnancy Resource Centers of Evansville. Comedian Tim Hawkins' stand-up, physical comedy, guitar chops, and thousand faces and voices all combine to create a great comedy experience. Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 at Crossroads Christian Church (10800 Lincoln Avenue, Newburgh). Tickets are available for \$20 per person at www.restoringpeople.com or you can purchase your tickets at www.timhawkins.net.

Castle Croppers

Join the Castle Show Choirs for a day of scrapbooking fun on Saturday, January 14th, from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. at Newburgh United Methodist Church (4178 SR 261, Newburgh). Early Bird registration is \$30 until December 1st, \$35 after December 1st. Cost includes lunch, snack and drink, as well as one workshop. Are you a senior working on your Memory Book? You can join the fun and work on your memory book for just \$15.00! For more information and to register online, go to www.castleshowschoirs.com.

Baby Dedication

It has been over a year since our last Baby Dedication and with good reason. We have been working hard to improve our dedication in order to partner with you, the parents, as you raise your children. We know that parenting isn't always easy and that you can sometimes be unsure of the next step you should take. As your church, we want to be your greatest support and your trusted guide. Our new Baby Dedication will be more of a Family/Baby Dedication Celebration and will be held on Sunday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m. **Before** participating, you need to complete three Parent Talks and attend a required class. The required class will be held on Sunday, December 11th, during the 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship hours. The Parent Talks are completed at your convenience and are available now. To receive them and sign up for the required class, contact Nerissa Foor, Nursery Coordinator, at nfoor@fccn.org or (812) 858-5000 x211.

Worship Ministries

Christmas Musical Rehearsals

Please note the following rehearsals this week:

Monday, 11/28, 6—8 p.m., Worship Center:
Tech Rehearsal—soloists, rhythm section, media team.

Wednesday, 11/30, 6—8 p.m., Worship Center:
Dress Rehearsal—all participants.

Friday, 12/2, 6—8 p.m., Worship Center:
Dress Rehearsal—all participants.

If you'd like to help set up the stage for the musical, come to the Worship Center at 6:00 p.m. tonight, November 27th! Sorry, no child care is available tonight.

Christmas Musical Invites

Invitation cards for the FCC Christmas Musical, which is next weekend, are available at each Welcome Center. Pick some up today and give them to your family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers!



New Worship Schedule

Beginning January 1st, we will be offering two identical worship experiences on Sunday mornings. We will no longer have the 8:00 a.m. Classic service, but will have our 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services.

Christmas Town

The Creation Museum (2800 Bullittsburg Church Road, Petersburg, Kentucky—7 miles west of the Cincinnati Airport) is hosting Christmas Town, a **free** event, December 9th and 10th, December 16th and 17th, December 26th and 27th, and December 30th and 31st, from 5:00—8:00 p.m. each night.

Bring the family to enjoy the following **free** outdoor events (please dress warmly):

- Live Nativity (live drama)
- Marketplace
- The Magi (live drama)
- Garden of Lights

Also included are the following **free** indoor events—

- Elizabeth (live drama)
- Anna (live drama)
- Temple Guard (live drama)
- Dragon Hall Bookstore
While you're there, check out...
- Planetarium—The Christmas Star: **only \$7.95 per ticket.**
- Turkey Dinner: **only \$6.49 per meal.**
- Museum Exhibits: Museum admission **only \$5 after 5:00 p.m.** on Christmas Town nights; last entry at 8:00 p.m.

Visit creationmuseum.org/christmas for details.

Men's Ministries

Men of Maturity

Men of Maturity will meet this Thursday, December 1st, at 8:00 a.m. at Black Buggy (4920 Davis Lant Drive, Evansville). For more information, please contact Harold Stone at 853-7739.

FUNbunch Ministry FUNbunch

Christmas Party

Senior adults ages 55 and over are invited to join us this Saturday, December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeside Manor (North Green River Road, Evansville, near Schnucks and Black Buggy). Cost is \$8 per person (to be collected at the party) and includes Shyler's catering (pulled pork and chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cheesecake, tea, coffee). Van will leave from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. for those who need a ride (limited seating for 14 available). Sign up at the Connection Center today or contact Fritz Kaufman, Community Care Minister, at 858-5000 x201 or fkaufman@fccn.org.

Christmas Love Stockings

Once again, we've had a great turnout and it's almost time to deliver the presents to the area schools. Please bring your wrapped packages to the Love Stockings table in the gym by 1:00 p.m. today.

Forgot yours? Want to help with the deliveries? Contact Tana Skaggs at (812) 449-5736 or tanaskaggs@wowway.com.

Noah's Ark is Hiring

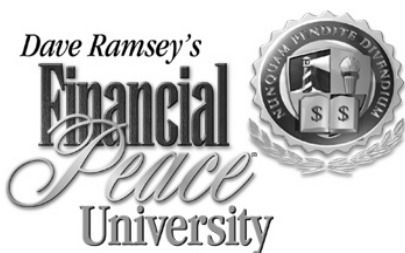
Noah's Ark Christian Preschool, located here at FCC, is hiring one Teacher and one Assistant for the 3-year-old morning only class. Applications may be picked up in the church office Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and must be returned no later than Monday, December 12th. For more information, please contact Susy Dayvolt, Director, at (812) 858-7655.

Referees Needed

Love basketball? Want to wear the striped ref jersey? Upward is seeking anyone high school age or older to ref our basketball games on Saturdays beginning in January. Ref for one game or up to six every Saturday. Training will be held before the holidays. Contact Jason McDowell at jmcowell@mcdowellserv.com for more information. If you are willing to ref, please check the box in the gray shaded area of your program tab this morning.

Thank You

C.H.O.I.C.E. Homeschool Co-op would like to thank First Christian Church for again hosting us for this fall semester of classes. Your generosity has been such a blessing to our group. The congregation is welcome to join us for our End-of-Semester Program and Reception on Monday, December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.



New Adult Bible Fellowship Class

Start 2012 off the right way. Financial Peace University is coming to First Christian's Adult Bible Fellowship. The class is designed to teach you how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, build wealth, and increase your generosity. You'll actually have fun as you learn about saving, budgeting, investing, insurance and more. Registration is limited to 20 participants (or 10 couples). The series will begin Sunday, January 15th. Look for more class and registration information in the program in the next few weeks.

Adult Bible Fellowships

Our Adult Bible Fellowships (previously known as "Sunday School Classes") are groups that meet weekly during the 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship hours. During this time, the focus is on teaching God's Word while at the same time building relationships through prayer and discussion. Many of the groups also have regular social gatherings for members to create lasting friendships. Joining an Adult Bible Fellowship provides you with a "home base" at FCC with other believers in a similar life stage. All members and regular attendees are encouraged to find an ABF to make their home.

Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m.			
Rick Williams	Room 218	Adults	Revelation: Symbolism and Interpretation
Jim Vanada	Room 216	Followers (50s and 60s)	The Book of Daniel
Doris Beard Pat Brooks Marcene Williams	Room 219	Sisters for Christ (ladies of all ages)	The Gospel of Christ
Marvin Hill	Conference Room	Seekers (retired)	David C. Cook Quarterly
Kurt Gehlhausen Jim Hughes	Room 221	Adults	The Book of Genesis (<i>begins January 8th</i>)
Dr. Dennis Frey	Dining Room	AIMS (Adults Intentionally Mastering Scripture)	The Book of 2nd Peter (<i>no class the last Sunday of each month</i>)
Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m.			
Michael Foor	Room 217	Adults	Hidden truths and insights found in the characters of the New Testament
Scott Felts Dennis Cash	Room 218	Adults	Current Events of the Bible

**"I Can Always Thank God"
Lamentations 3:21—26
Brad Ferris, Executive Pastor**

No matter what is happening in life there is always an opportunity to thank God.

1. I CAN THANK GOD FOR HIS _____.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:22 & 23, New International Version)

2. I CAN THANK GOD THAT HE IS _____.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
(Lamentations 3:24, New International Version)

3. I CAN THANK GOD FOR _____.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
(Lamentations 3:25 & 26, New International Version)

Please place this tear-off in the offering bag.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone (Home): (____) _____
Phone (Work): (____) _____
E-mail Address: _____

Children & age & school grade:

If you have a prayer matter that you'd like to share, please respond below:

I attended the following service...

8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

I am...

Middle School High School
 College Student School Attending _____
 18-22 23-39
 40-54 55+
 A 1st time guest. A 2nd time guest.
 A 3rd time guest. New to the area.
 A regular attendee. A member.

I would like someone to contact me because I am...

Interested in becoming a member.
 Interested in getting baptized.
 Interested in volunteering where needed at FCC

Please see the reverse side for further interest.

I am interested in...

(Please clearly indicate your name and telephone number above.)

Upward Basketball Referee (p. 6)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

I am interested in the following ministries...

- Nursery
- Preschool
- Mother's Morning Out
- Special Needs Ministry
- Elementary Ministries
 - Sunday School
 - Sunday morning worship
 - Sunday evening programming
- Middle School Ministries
 - Sunday morning programming
 - Small Groups
 - Special events
- High School Ministries
 - Sunday morning programming
 - Small Groups
 - Special events
- College age
- Adult Bible Fellowship (Sunday School)
- Small Groups
- Women
- Men
- Sr. Adults (55 and over)

I am interested in serving in ministries for...

Nursery

- Volunteering on Sunday mornings
- Volunteering on Sunday evenings

Preschool

- Volunteering on Sunday mornings
- Volunteering on Sunday evenings

Elementary students

- Sunday School teacher
- Volunteering on Sunday evenings

Middle School students

- Volunteering on Sunday mornings
- Volunteering with small groups
- Helping with special events

High School students

- Volunteering on Sunday mornings
- Volunteering with small groups
- Helping with special events

College students

Women's Ministries

Men's Ministry

First Impressions

Music and Worship:

- Vocal Team/Praise Band
- Choir/Orchestra
- Adult Sign Language Choir
- Drama

Media Ministry

- Special Needs Ministry
- Food From the Heart
- Communion Servers
- Prison and Jail Ministry

Welcome

to FCC!



It is our pleasure that you have chosen to be here with us today to honor the Lord. We hope our worship experience has been a blessing to you today and you were able to witness the love of Christ. As the Lord continues to bless His church, we would love to see you and your family here with us to embrace the blessings of God.

One of the reasons we exist is to help people draw closer to Jesus. We strive to see followers of Jesus become more fully devoted to Him. We hope you find FCC a place to call home where you can discover what God desires of you. We attempt to search the Bible for answers to life's questions, as we draw closer to God.

If you are new to FCC, please stop by the Welcome Center and see what is happening. Thank you for being here today!

Mike Claypool, Preaching Minister



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<u>STAFF</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>
Cassie Allen	MMO Coordinator	112
Teresa Burnett	Afternoon Receptionist	100
Shari Carr	Morning Receptionist	100
Mike Claypool	Preaching Minister	105
Adam Colter	High School & College Minister	203
Susy Dayvolt	Noah's Ark Preschool Director	116
Lynn Drew	Administrative Assistant	101
Brad Ferris	Executive Pastor	103
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