



The Joyful Noise



I came across an article on the internet the other day about a “new” religion. The “new” religion is called **Interfaith**. Their belief is described briefly below:

Interfaith is a faith that embraces the teaching of all spiritual paths that lead us to seek a life of compassionate action. Interfaith, as a faith, does not seek to discover which religion or spiritual path is “right.” Rather, it recognizes that we are all brothers and sisters, and that at different times and different places we have encountered the sacred differently.

Interfaith celebrates our differing spiritual paths, recognizing it is our actions in this world that count; that we are called to engage the world, and to do so with compassion and love.

The leader of this new religion is Steven Greenebaum. He devoted many years of his life trying to find a religion that embraces all religions. After no success in that endeavor, he created his own religion. (Hmm - create your own religion?)

Reading through the website for his church and also reading through the comments from visitors along with Greenebaum’s responses back, my head was just shaking by the credulity expressed. For example below is response written by Greenebaum:

Your thoughts are appreciated. From an Interfaith perspective, Jesus is a good way, but not the only way to reach the sacred. We embrace and respect humanity’s diverse ways of approaching the sacred. And, in the end, we tend to believe it is not so much the path a person walks, but how that person walks his/her path that truly counts.

This is the world around us. The environment that children are growing up in. The World in which the news media operates. The world that people work in each day. A world where Jesus is just another ingredient to pick and choose from amongst the many other ingredients like Buddha, Confucius, Mohamed, Krishna, Wicca, New Age and so forth. Mix and match and make to order what makes you feel good about yourself. Never mind that each one really is mutually exclusive in their claims. Be a master alchemist and create your own "faith." Then with your concoction, approach the sacred you have created. Instead of wood or silver or gold, the idol is made of ethereal material from philosophical clay. The idol is what one sees in the mirror - oneself.

This is why Day Camp is so important. To place the truth in the lives of children that Jesus is the greatest gift. This is why the ministry of Faith in Christ is so important. We place the truth in the lives of people of all ages. This is why TNT is so important. Sunday School is so important. Worshiping together is so important. We counteract the influences of the world which disregards the uniqueness of Jesus when we stand firm for the truth, true truth that Jesus is the way and the truth and the Life. Jesus is the Savior and the ONLY WAY to enter the truly sacred and HOLY place where the Father is enthroned on high.

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6 (NIV)*

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."
Acts 4:12 (NIV)*

Keep in mind that any one who says that Jesus is a good way but not the only way really doesn't understand who Jesus is, the Son of God, and what Jesus has done, died for our sins. In short, they don't know Jesus.

Will you introduce them to Jesus?

A servant of Christ Jesus,

Pastor Jeff

Prayer Moment:

Pour Thy grace into my heart that I may worthily magnify Thy great and glorious Name. Thou hast made me and sent me into the world to do Thy work. Assist me to fulfill the end of my creation, and to show forth Thy praise with all diligence, by giving myself up to Thy service. Prosper the work of my hands upon me, O Lord. Prosper Thou whatever I shall undertake this day, that it may tend to Thy glory, the good of my neighbour, and the salvation of my own soul. Amen.

John Wesley (1703 - 1791)

Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study will take a break for the month of August.



Walking in the Word

We'll resume our studies on Tuesday September 3rd.

Faith in Christ Summer Creative Arts Mondays and Wednesdays through the Summer

A fantastic group of young people have been enjoying the opportunity to learn guitar, drawing, puppetry, and other artistic skills. Already this summer twelve children have benefitted from our ministry

Men’s Outdoor Ministry

We are continuing to build the ministry. During the Faith in Christ Family Camp out at Fairhaven, we will meet together and make plans for the fall and beyond. See you there, and bring your fishing pole.

Sundays in Summer



Coming this Summer! Each Sunday we’ll hear from Scriptures some of the great stories we all

Great Stories of the Bible

enjoy. David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions’ Den, Samson and his deeds of strength, Gideon, Joshua and Jericho, Elijah and Fire from the Sky, are just a few.

Summer Travel and Supporting the Mission of Faith in Christ.

As you travel this summer, enjoying vacations with family, friends, and the Lord’s creation, please remember your commitment to support God’s ministry through the mission of Faith in Christ. Your offering envelop is addressed and only needs a stamp to mail your weekly commitment to ministry and the building fund.



YOUR PLEDGE
T h i s S u m m e r

Remember, the expense of providing and doing ministry does not take a vacation.

Children’s Sunday School resumes August 25th at 9:00 A.M.

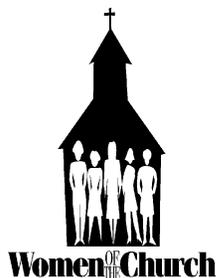
Come and enjoy time together in the House of the Lord. Through Bible reading, songs, memory verses, and crafts children will be disciplined in the Faith. Heather Lee looks forward to teaching the children of Faith in Christ.

Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC) -- Will meet on Friday, August 2nd in Perkins Restaurant on North Limestone at 12:00 noon for lunch, fellowship, and a brief meeting.

Sewing & Service Circle -- Will not meet again until September.

Ruth Circle --Will not meet again until September

Women of Today – Will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, August 19th at 3:00 in the church.



The Sewing & Service Circle will be collecting items for the Health Kits during the summer months. Please check the list below and bring in the appropriate items in the designated months:

June	Bath Size Towels
July	Bath size bars of Soap and Adult size Toothbrushes
August	Large Combs and Metal Nail Clippers

Monetary donations are also always welcome. They assist in purchasing needed items and also with the cost of shipping.

DAY CAMP 2013

Our "Christmas in July" for DAY CAMP 2013 was a huge success! During the week of July 8 - 12 forty-seven youth learned that Jesus is the "GREATEST GIFT".

The youth learned that Mary and Joseph were "chosen" as part of God's plan to bring God's son to earth to be our Savior. "**Chosen Ones**", Monday's theme, also shared with the children that they too are chosen and a part of God's family (1 John 3:1a and Galatians 4:4-7).



On Tuesday the children learned that "**The Gift is Here!**" and heard the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem in the stable. The youth studied Titus 3:4-7 and learned that this awesome gift is given to us freely!

Wednesday's theme was "**Share the Gift**" and just like the shepherds and angels we are to share the "good news" about this wonderful Christ Child. 1 Peter 1:8-9 expresses to us that even though we haven't seen the Christ Child - we still love him and believe in him and have great incredible joy for him!!!

"**The Gift is for Everyone**" was Thursday's theme. The children studied the story of the wise men finding the true and promised king and how Jesus came to earth for everyone. Reflecting on Galatians 3:28 the youth learned that - We are all sons of God- All one in Christ!

Friday's theme was "**It's not just a Christmas Gift**" sharing the Good News from John 14:1-6 that Jesus is coming back FOR US! He came once as a baby and now he is preparing an eternal home for us! Jesus will be returning - are you ready?

Through puppetry sharing the Christmas story, visiting Bethlehem's Marketplace (carpentry, pottery, herbs & spices, candy shop, the barn, the census), playing games, having Bible Study, enjoying daily picnics (rain-free), going to "Counselor's Corner," and visiting "Dora", "Barney", "Curious George" and "Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion and the Wizard" in 3D TV - the children had a lot of fun and praised and glorified our newborn King! Lots of canned goods were presented to the Lord, there was pizza, we had the famous "Royal Flush", we went swimming, and we had a great family picnic. As a memento of the week and to remember the true meaning of the "Greatest Gift" the children made their own nativity!

WHAT AN AWESOME, uplifting week! The Lord blessed us with wonderful weather! The Lord brought many new faces to camp! And the Lord gave us a great staff!

Lastly a very special, proud thank you to our 13 magnificent counselors! They truly put their "best foot forward" serving our God and sharing a ministry of presence with our day campers!

Proud and Blessed!

Holly Hare

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Dear Women in Service (WinS) of FIC,

Thank you for your recent contribution to our shelter. The underwear, socks and shirts that you provided are being put to great use serving those who are currently in difficult situations. I deeply appreciate your recent donation. We continue to receive clothing and furniture donations on a regular basis. The under garments that you provided are always in great need by our guests who are striving to find a better path than circumstances they currently face. The guests were overjoyed to see these items come in and we served 28 men in the first day. It is congregations like yours that make IHN and the services we provide possible. Thank you again for all you do, and I appreciate your assistance in helping individuals and families overcome homelessness.

Sincerely,

***Kenneth Seelig II***

Program Manager - Hartley House

**Faith in Christ's**  
**Fourth Annual**  **Plan Now**

# **FAMILY CAMP-OUT**

**Friday Aug 9 thru Sunday Aug 11**  
**Location: "Fairhaven"**

**Fun stuff to do!**

**Bible Study**  **Fellowship**

**Campfire**  **Fishing**

**Boating**  **Hiking**

**Games** **Swimming** **Movie**

**Talent Show**

*For more info see Barb*  
**Wanna Help? Give us a call at 969-8653**

## **MONTHLY EVENTS**

**First Sunday** of each month is Parish Nurse Sunday. Take a few minutes to stop by the nurse's table and have your blood pressure taken.

**Fourth Sunday** of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring in your non-perishable food items and place them in the container in the entrance hallway.

A sign-up sheet is now on the Mission and Ministry Table for you to sign up to volunteer your time to help cut the grass here at FIC. We need your help!



## **Coming Soon**

- Sept 1 Prayer Partner Meeting
- Sept 5 Sewing & Service Circle Begins
- Sept 7 LSS Mission Trip to southern Ohio
- Sept 15 Church Picnic Following Worship
- Sept 19 Ruth Circle Begins
- Sept 28 Special WinS Event for FIC's ladies
- Oct 4 IHN Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser @ 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church
- Nov 5 Election Day - Voting @ FIC
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 30 Advent Party - Decorate the church
- Dec 7 Breakfast with Santa @ FIC

**URGENTLY NEEDED AT**

**IHN**

Laundry Soap

Bleach

Tooth Paste

Baby Soap

Baby Lotion

Baby Powder

Diaper Wipes

Diapers Sizes 3, 4 and 5

Twin size Blankets and  
Sheets

Pillows (gently used/new)



**Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?**

A. Ruthless

**Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?**

A. German Shepherds.

**Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?**

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

**Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?**

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

**Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?**

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

**Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?**

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

**Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?**

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

**Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?**

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.



**From  
the  
Bible**

Heidee Ho There FIC'ers!



Oh my heavens....it is 92 degrees outside today! Wowie that's H-O-T! I am certainly glad that it wasn't quite this hot last week for our annual day camp. And when I say "annual" day camp, I really, really mean "annual"! I'll let you in on a little secret. This year we celebrated **22 consecutive years** of

having Day Camp at FIC. **22 Years straight** is a huge accomplishment now, let me tell you.

Our very first Day Camp was held in 1991. The only air conditioned areas in the church at that time were the Pastor's Study and the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary that I mentioned is now our Fellowship Hall. We moved all of the pews back against the walls in order to have room for all of the campers, moved the altar, the piano, the organ....just everything! Which meant that we had to put it **all back** in place the minute that Day Camp was over so that we could worship in that room two days later on Sunday morning. What a job. Our kitchen was the size of a closet!

The Day Camp Coordinator was assisted by many, many volunteers, especially Pastor Mike Johnson, who was by far the biggest "kid" at Day Camp. We survived many challenges along the way, but I think the biggest challenge was the year that we found out Sunday evening that our water and sewer lines had been crushed during the construction of the new kitchen. We had **NO BATHROOMS or WATER** and we had about 60 children and 20 adults coming to the church in a matter of hours!!

Never fear, the crisis was averted with the delivery of some brand new port-a- poties and lots of bottled water. On the third day....all was well once again in the kingdom of FIC.

It's been a whale of a ride for 22 years! Later Gator.....