### 2016 "Transformed by Christ"

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 NIV



I have a teenager now who is beginning eighth grade. And as she enters eighth grade, I recall
my eighth grade experience. We had just moved to Montgomery, Alabama. My father

was transferred to Maxwell Air Force Base for a year of schooling at the Air War College there.

Leaving Bowie, Maryland after so many years of growing up there was traumatic. The only thing I had going for me, so to speak, was a used Yamaha DT100 I bought. In Alabama I could get a motorcycle licence at age 14!

We moved into a housing development into a home that was newly built for us. Our house was at the end of the paving of the street, right next to where the development would be expanding into over the coming months. A veritable playground for me and my motorbike to explore — and together we did!

Learning to ride took some time. Working the clutch and the throttle to get going took a lot of practice. Then shifting of gears and the all important being able to stop safely when applying the brakes neither fish-tailing nor flying over the handle bars.



# The Joyful Noise

As the confidence grew, so did the daring. Others may say stupidity. We'll actually a combination of both.

I came to enjoy flying down the path and up the incline and into the air - flying 20 or more feet before landing and zooming down the trail. Never really got the hang of wheelies - could ride a wheelie down the block on a bicycle but the balance of the motorcycle with the throttle was slow learning for me. We moved too soon. Or I could say we moved at the right time before stupidity overtook ability. Oh, I do miss that bike.

With that short bit of my life, I want you to think of prayer. It is like riding. The way you learn to ride is by riding. The way to learn to use a clutch and balance the throttle to start smoothly from a standstill takes a lot of practice. Mighty powerful prayers that move the heavens and praying prayers that move a soul come only by praying and praying and praying. I could read about riding, but until I actually began riding did I learn. Just as you can read about praying, but that reading will do very little in your Faith life until you actually pray! So Pray!

Martin Luther wrote "Just as the business of the tailor is to make clothing, and that of the shoemaker to mend shoes, so the business of the Christian is to pray."

The reformation was born in prayer pouring over the Holy Scripture. Sustained by prayer and nurtured by prayer. Without prayer, there most likely would have been no reformation. So how can we expect mighty things to happen unless there is mighty prayer? And to pray those mighty prayers takes little steps of daily prayer.

Do you pray? Do you really pray hard and deeply? The changes in the world you desire, the changes in your community, the changes in your own home and own life, they will come by prayer. Not by human effort but by prayer that changes and transform hearts with Jesus Christ.

Your Praying Pastor, Pastor Jeff

Payer Moment: O Lord, Who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and to enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen. (Ambrose of Milan, c 339-97)





Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and September 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We begin the **Book of JOB** on Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Great time to join us. We learn together, we laugh together and we grow in love towards one another too. We conclude by 8:15 P.M.





- ! Learn what Jesus taught Study the Scriptures of Old and New Testament.
- ! Do what Jesus taught Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
- ! Spread what Jesus taught Go and make disciples of All Nations.

### Welcome to New Administrative Assistant!

Please welcome Connie Sanders as she begins serving Faith In Christ in the church office. The office hours are now Monday thru Thursday 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. Below is a short note from Connie.

#### Hi, my name is Connie Sanders

I was born and raised in Logan County, in a little place called West Mansfield, Ohio. I attended Ben Logan High School and also attended Clark State Community College, with an Associates in Office Administration.

I reside in Springfield with my husband Mark and our family consist of 5 children, all adults, and 20 grandchildren, and 2 great grandsons.

We have attended Vineyard Church of Northridge since 2003 where we love serving and loving others.

I am a cancer survivor, and one of my favorite scriptures from that time and in life general is Hebrews 13:5B, Never will I leave you; Never will I forsake you.

I love my job and new Family here at FIC, thank you to all who have welcomed me as family.

I hope to get to know more of you very soon.

Sincerely, Connie Sanders Office Administrator

### New Outdoor Ministry Planning

Many in the Family of Faith in Christ enjoy the outdoors. Many love to go camping. Many love to Explore new places, see & experience more of God's creation. New adventures are calling ...



### SO - LET'S GO CAMPING!!!

See Scott Day or Pastor Jeff to learn more of the plans being made for the outing at the end of September or beginning of October.

#### Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message



Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: www.ficlc.net The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor page.

This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.

While you on the internet, visit our



TNT Begins Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

This Fall TNT will pick up where we left off:

Learning to: Think Like Jesus Act Like Jesus Be Like Jesus



### TNT Kitchen Team Leader Needed For Fall 2016

Be a part of our Fantastic Ministry by planning Fun Food for each week and special times too. You don't have to do it all by yourself. A great team is ready to help you!

## TNT Ministry Team

You are invited to be a part of being a disciple maker. The children who come to TNT are incredibly special and sitting with them each week, giving them your full attention during dinner and during Bible time is life transforming for them and you too. God is calling you – Now is the time to come.

See Pastor Jeff or Heather Lee to be a part of this great ministry! Training will be Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>!

### Day Camp 2016 "Super" Heroes Serving God



Who is your favorite Bible Hero? Youth met many Bible Heroes during this year's Day Camp, "Super Heroes Serving God!" Thirty two kids, kindergarten through sixth grade, met Daniel on Monday - a hero who "Trusted God" (Daniel 6:1-27). On Tuesday they met Mary - a hero who

was "Called to Serve" (Luke 1:26-38). On Wednesday they met David - a hero who had a "heart for the Lord" (1 Samuel 16:1-13) and on Thursday Moses - a hero who "fully relied on God" (Exodus 13:17 - 15:18). On Friday, the campers met Paul and learned from this hero that "God has a plan" for our lives (Acts 9:1-20).

Each day at day camp the children also met and learned more about our #1 Super Hero - Jesus Christ the Super Hero who came into our world, conquered sin and death and gave us eternal life. Lastly, the youth learned from the valuable faith lessons from these servants that they, too, CAN BE SUPER HEROES SERVING OUR LORD!

Day Camp came to life through the hands and talents of our ten teen counselors and twenty-one FIC ministry servants. There were puppet shows, Lego movies, fun photos, and great crafts. Daily, there was worship, Bible Study, snacks, games, activities, fellowship, and singing. We had a SUPER time swimming at the Gaunt Pool in Yellow Springs on Thursday and a SUPER Program and Picnic with our families. Day Camp ended with a bang on Friday with "Superman" ice cream, pizza, and water games (including the famous Royal Flush). The children left taking home their "Super" capes, masks, shields, and shirts. They left with songs in their hearts and with a prayer of hope that they have been filled with the Holy Spirit to be a "Super Hero Serving God!"

A "Thank You" to our Servants for making our week "SUPER":

Marilyn Quick, Julie Day, Beth Brown, Rosemary Dutton, Karen Williamson, Vicki Hartley, Ginny Spencer Mona Robison, Joyce Bender, Steve King, Beth Helwagen, Connie Sanders, Dylan Day, Josh Baldridge Andrew Hare, Heather Hare, Hailee Clifford, Jackie Neer, Eric Day, Adam Hare, Gabrielle Baldridge, Nicole Edwards, Marissa Lee, Michael Price, Jacob Brown, Nicholas Rogers, Pastor Jeff, Tony Rogers, Dixie Schmid

A special "thank you" also to our congregation. All appreciated your support, snacks, camperships, donations, and prayers. Thank you for making day camp a meaningful, life-changing ministry.

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Serving Jesus, Holly Hare Krista Choi Heather Lee

### Children's Sunday School Kick Off August 21<sup>st</sup> !

Calling all young Disciples of Jesus! Come and grow in your life walk with Jesus in Sunday School. We kick off the new school year on August 21st!

Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-grandpas, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make



a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together and make an eternal difference in a child's life.

> Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



# **Undie Sunday Project**

As an outreach project of FIC, we are now collecting men's underwear for our **Third** Annual "Undie Sunday" project. All items collected will be donated to IHN's men's shelter, The Hartley House

You are invited to purchase colored or white **Medium**, **Large or X-Large Sizes** of undershorts (boxers), undershirts or socks and return them to the church. We will celebrate the final day of collection with Sundaes on Sunday September 11th.

This project is one of many outreach ministries of the Outreach Committee and is sponsored by FIC's Women in Service Group, other wise known as **- WinS.** 



Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, September 11 at 8:30 am. Bring your catechism notebook and Bible! All are welcome!

> Philippians 4:7, Dave and Holly



Together we raised \$1000.59 to make a difference in women's and children's lives in Clark County. Thank you to everyone who donated.

# WinS

<u>Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)</u> Will meet on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 Noon. Newcomers are always welcome.

### Women of Today

Will meet at 3:00 p.m. Monday, August 15th & September 19<sup>th</sup> . The meetings are currently being held in the home of Marilyn Quick.

WOT will also be selling greeting cards again beginning in Sept. All monies raised will go towards refurbishing the Fellowship Hall.

### Summer Travel and Supporting the

# HOT WINGS AND TALL TALES

OR, COOL STORIES, WARM FRIENDS AND HOT FOOD. Any way you say it, it's going to be an evening of fun and fellowship.

# **Cool** Stories and Tall Tales:

Join us for some fantastic tales from some of the great story tellers in our congregation.

## Warm Friends:

Time to have a little fun and fellowship with some of the nicest people in town.

# DO NOT BE LIKE GRUMPY CAT! You can have fun and you will like it.



# Hot Food:

Xes that's right there's gonna be some hot wings in the old town tonight. BUT if you don't like hot stuff, there will be other non-spicy chicken. If you have a specialty recipe for chicken, fix that and bring it to share. All this good stuff while you listen to some fantastic stories.

### When: August 20, 2016 6:00PM Stories start at 6:30 till ?

If you want share you favorite chicken recipe or share a tall tale see Steve or Barb and sign up.

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