



January

The Joyful Noise

“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

From the Pastor:

I was watching the video Bible Study *The Faith Given Once, for All* by Charles Colson. As I was listening to him talk, a couple of sentences Chuck spoke jumped out. Each time I paused the video, backed up, and listened again and again.

Here are the sentences:

What does it mean to believe? Its not enough to just have intellectual assent. Its not just enough to say I’ve accepted Jesus. Its not just enough to say I’ve made a decision. You will know you believe when your affections, your habits, your tastes, your dispositions, begin to change.

Something has to be taking place in your life where God’s power, transforming power through the Holy Spirit is changing you.

“Repentant sinners who want to see their lives transformed”

Jesus Christ died for our sins. Redeemed by Grace not to live a life like others, but to live a life that each new day becomes more and more like Christ. Becoming that new creation. Living that new life in Christ. Growing into it each day. In other words growing into a mature faith.

The object is transformation. Transformation by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Reaching for a life of holiness, a life set apart and completely consecrated to God. Putting God first in all things. This is not only for in our own lives, but in the community we live to bring about redemption in the brokenness and sickness of the culture.

An intrinsic part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the dignity and value of all people, created in the image of God. So this focus of 2016 is that Transformation happen in our own hearts and lives and at the same time together we intentionally and purposefully see that transformation happens in our community all by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

Prayer Moment:

O Lord, reassure me with Your quickening Spirit;
without You I can do nothing.
Mortify in me all ambition, vanity, vainglory,
worldliness, pride, selfishness,
and resistance from God,
and fill me with love, peace
and all the fruits of the Spirit.
O Lord, I know not what I am,
but to You I flee for refuge.
I would surrender myself to You,
trusting Your precious promises
and against hope believing in hope.

- William Wilberforce, 1759-1833

Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study January 5th, 19th, and 26th at 7 P.M.



Walking in the Word

We will conclude our study in apologetics with C. S. Lewis *Mere Christianity* on January 5th. We will then return on January 19th to our journey through Nehemiah.

The Wall of Jerusalem has been rebuilt. Now turn your eyes to the Lord and hear the Word of God as Ezra reads to all the assembled people from the Holy Word of God, the Book of the Law of Moses.

We conclude by 8:15 p.m.

Children's Sunday School

We are traveling down Route 66! Beginning at Genesis we'll work our way down the road through the 66 books of the Bible. We have now reached the New Testament! Join the travel through God's Holy Word.

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.

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message



Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: www.ficl.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.

January 24, 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship

Following worship, we will gather to celebrate the many blessing the Lord showered upon and through Faith in Christ in 2015. We will also look ahead to with dependance upon the Lord to bless and transform and grow His ministry impact in 2016. The agenda will include elections for council.

More information will be in Sunday bulletins

Thank you from the Lee Family

To our family of Faith in Christ:

Thank you very much for the many kind and gracious Christmas gifts. You are a blessing to us and we cherish you..

Love, Heather, Marissa, Aria, and Jeff



Ministry Opportunity:

Faith in Christ Lutheran Church is assembling a ministry team to share God's Word through dramas during the



Lenten Season in 2016. The dramas are based on the Gospel of John and will be presented Thursday evenings on February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, and on Sunday morning April 3.

There is a need for actors and actresses, singers, sound/light crew, stage crew, film crew, etc. You may volunteer for as few or as many dramas as you wish. The Thursday evening Teen Servants will be helping with the dramas but we need much more help. Practices will be held on Thursday evenings beginning January 7 from 5:30 - 7:30.(Dinner will be served each evening from 6:15 - 6:45 with TNT.)



If you would like to share God's Word through drama, please contact David Hare at 324-2464.

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20: 30-31

TWIGS CALENDAR

January 10th- "IHN Food Pantry" Meet at the church by 6:00 to go to IHN to deliver food and organize the pantry. (A special thank you to Hailee and the Clifford family for their donations!) We will return to FIC by 7:30. *No dinner tonight.*

January 17th- "What's The Deal With Baptism"? Join us at FIC from 6-7:30 for dinner, a fun game and bible study focusing on the history of baptism and how it connects us to the Father.

January 24th- "Movie Night at FIC" Meet at the church from 6-7:30 for movie snacks and a movie. We will begin the movie at 6:00 sharp!

January 31st- "What's Your Testimony"? Meet at the church from 6-7:30 for dinner and a look at testimonies of others and explore our personal testimonies. How can we affect others and bring them to Christ?

We will present our trial project to the congregation during worship on Sunday, April 10th at 10:15. Mark your calendars!!

Discipleship

- ! 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.

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU

IHN MULBERRY TERRACE...
WE DID IT!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this outreach ministry. We were able to fill the required number of baskets for families and single individuals. Thanks for a job well done.



Christmas Baskets

AND

Thanks so much to everyone who joined us for Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins.



AND

Thank you to all who helped prepare the church for the Christmas season. All of the decorations and Christmas trees looked wonderful!



More MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN 2016



There are many opportunities at FIC to share the abilities God has given you and bring a blessing to others. Join in the Joy and Fun of serving your church alongside your church family. Some of those areas are:

Assisting with Sunday Services.....as Lectors, Communion Assistants, sing in the Chancel Choir, Praise Team, special music, computer projectionist, Etc.

Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses.....we are in need of hosts to simply put on a pot of coffee for our Fellowship time each week. Ask a friend to join with you and it doubles the fun.

Altar Flower Sponsors..... sponsor a vase or two of altar flowers for each Sunday.

Coming soon....share a savory soup or delectable dessert during our Lenten Soup Suppers.

Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)

Will not meet in January. The next meeting will be on February 5th, 12 Noon, in the Bay Breeze Restaurant, weather permitting. Newcomers are always welcome.

Women of Today -

Will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Quick's home on January 18th, 2016.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2016 Altar Flower Chart is now available. It is hanging on the wall leading down to the offices. The cost of each flower vase is now \$18.00.

ANNUAL REPORT

All information for the annual report needs to be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 10, 2016!



You may email your report in a text file. Email to: ficlc@sbcglobal.net