



The Joyful Noise

Do you believe that you are important to the Lord and His ministry? Do you see that you are here in this place, Faith in Christ, at this time for the specific purpose of the Lord to do wonders here through you? Do you understand the Lord works through all sorts of people? So, **YES**, the Lord can work through you too?



Look at the group of disciples that Jesus gathered and through whom He built the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. They came from all walks of life. They were different ages. They had different personalities. There was no “one mold fits them all”. This means the Lord can do wonders through you by the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells in you.

A line poem from a C. T. Studd.

*Only one life, 'twill soon be pass,
only what's done for Christ will last.*

Lyrics of the Song “**Holy Love, Holy Fire**” by Jeremy Koepke

**We can see Your hand upon us, chosen for this very hour.
A generation resurrected, marching forth in holy power.
Obstacles that once stood strong are demolished in His name.
Now our lives are overtaken by the brightness of the flame.**

**Holy love, holy fire. Light of God, fill our eyes.
Purify our heart's desire; We embrace You now.**

Can you see the Lord's hand upon us? If not, look back and see what the Lord has done. Eighteen bicycles for missionaries. *Jesus' Well* for a community. Funds sent to

build a church and more than a quarter of the way to sending funds to build a second church. *Blessings in a Bottle* helping the Parent Infant Center of Springfield. Food for IHN food pantry. Shelter items for IHN too. Bringing items and serving in Southern Ohio LSS. T.W.I.G.S **RAGMAN** Sunday Worship. TNT worship "Parables, the Stories Jesus Told". Just to name a few.

Now look forward with faith and great expectation for the Lord to work in and through you so that greater things will happen. YES! GREATER THINGS! We have the Word of Jesus on this!

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:12 - 14

So **PRAY, ASK** in Jesus' name that the mighty hand of God be on your life, then **GO** forward with HOLY SPIRIT power and **EXPECT** miracles to happen.

A servant of Christ Jesus,

Pastor Jeff

Worship Sunday May 12th will include time of Healing Prayer

In Worship on Sunday May 12th during communion there will be the opportunity for individual healing prayer. After receiving the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ, those who desire prayer with the laying on of hands are invited to kneel at the kneelers. Prayer partners greet you there and pray for your individual needs.

Prayer Moment:

The earliest sources for liturgy known as cathedral matins, that is morning prayer, write of Psalm 62/62 used as the morning Psalm

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 63:1,2 and 5 - 7

Building Churches in partnership with Gospel for Asia

We are partnering with Gospel for Asia and raising funds to build churches in Asia. By God's great grace, we have raised funds to build one church already. Our goal is to build a second church and be a blessing for a second Christian community of faith in Asia. Offerings for the five Thursday's of Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday were designated to this ministry. Sunday School offerings have also been designated for building a church.

\$3,298.59 raised so far towards building a second church! Praise God!

Our goal is \$11,000 by the end of this year so we may build another church for first generation Christians in a land that desperately needs the light and love of Christ. Simply designate your special giving as "Build a Church" and you will be a blessing to a region that is one of the most unreached places of the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study Will Meet on May 7th, 21st and 28th at 7 p.m. We meet in Pastor's study and conclude by 8:15 p.m.

Men's Outdoors Group in May plans to go fishing when the Bass run at the reservoir.

When the Bass run, we'll go fishing. Want to know more and go along - please contact John Edwards.

Faith in Christ Summer Creative Arts Begins Monday June 10th

The opportunity for community children who have completed 3rd through 8th grade to learn creative arts, and hang out too, will begin on Monday June 10th and be open each Monday and Wednesday morning 10 am till noon through the summer. However during Day Camp week FIC Summer Creative Arts will not be open.

Do you have a creative arts skill you would like to pass on to the next generation? Or Can you give an hour a week of your time to just be present and get to know the precious children of the community? No commitment to teach, just be there for them and love them as Christ has loved you.

Let's get together and love these children into the kingdom of heaven, for Christ's sake.



Sundays in Summer

Coming this Summer - *Great Stories From the Bible*

Each Sunday we'll hear from Scriptures some of the great stories we all 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.



9:30 a.m. Summer Worship Time begins Memorial Weekend Sunday May 26th.

YOU'RE INVITED

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH

5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

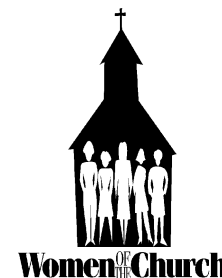


FAMILY SQUARE DANCE NIGHT

- YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO SQUARE DANCE
- YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIFIC PARTNER
- YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE A LOVE TO SOCIALIZE
- YOU DO HAVE TO BRING A COVERED DISH

MEAT, DRINKS AND TABLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED

Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC) -- Will meet on Friday, May 3rd in Perkins Restaurant on North Limestone at 12:00 noon for lunch, fellowship, and a brief meeting.



Sewing & Service Circle -- Will meet on Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 noon at the church to work on their regular projects. Remember to bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

Note: Coming in June for the Sewing & Service Circle Members --- the Circle will be having their annual picnic at Indian Lake on June 6th. Everyone can meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on the Mission & Ministry Table for you to sign up. Everyone is to bring a covered dish

Ruth Circle --Will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 1:00.

Women of Today – Will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, May 20th at 3:00 in the church.

Upcoming Events:

Blessings in a Bottle Fundraiser

We will be collecting funds for the Parent Infant Center of Springfield over the months of May and June - which reflects the time span covering **Mother's Day and Father's Day**. By taking part in this fundraiser you can help us help other families with young children here in the greater Springfield area. --- So please pick up a baby bottle or two, fill it with change (or dollar bills!) and return it to the church.



Baby bottles will be available for distribution beginning the last Sunday of April.

Undie Sunday Fundraiser

for IHN Men's Shelter - the *Hartley House*

**START COLLECTING YOUR NEW MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS,
UNDERSHORTS AND SOCKS NOW! PLEASE PURCHASE ONLY
*Large and X-Large Sizes***

-we will be collecting new men's undergarments of all kinds - under shirts, under shorts (boxers or tidy whites) and socks! We will cap off the project with special ice cream sundies during fellowship time on Father's Day, June 16th.

SEWING & SERVICE NEWS

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

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

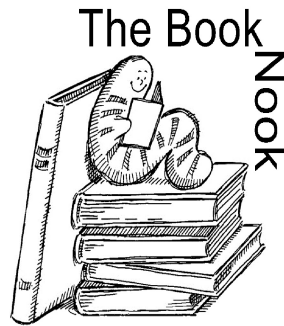
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### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

**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.

My thanks to all the people who have contributed to the **BOOK NOOK**. The next thing that we, as a group of followers, need to do is to help bring the people in our midst that have a need to find answers in the many books and videos in the **Book Nook**.



Looking for a story on the future? Try the **Left Behind** series as it will give you an idea of what lies ahead for all of us. Again, these are all stories, but with a Biblical slant, not all make believe. We also have many books on the women of the church, again in story form allowing an intimate story of the beginnings of our faith.

Are you afraid of death? Read the many stories of people that have died and have returned to life. Remember Lazarus? He is not the only person to return to life. The books **My Time in Heaven** and **20 Minutes in Heaven** "recount people that have died and their recollection of Heaven for us to learn and enjoy." So, read on people, and if you have any new or used books and/or videos to contribute, we will gladly use them to spread the Good News about Jesus, God and the Holy Ghost.

Please remember to return your borrowed books or let us know if you want to keep it so that we can replace them as needed.

Thanks,  
**Bil Bisson**

## FINDING TIME FOR GOD

As we go through our busy days completing tasks and daily duties, God is watching and waiting for us to turn to Him and acknowledge Him. Too often we think we are "in charge" and are the designer of our future.

Well, guess what, our futures are already designed for us, all we have to do is ask, listen and pay attention to God's little nudges. Spend time with Him, talk with Him, tell Him your concerns and joys. Then sit back and listen. Let God guide you. Know that the little nudges you feel are God's way of leading you.

Yes we are all busy but finding time to spend with God in prayer and meditation will refresh you and ease your fears. God listens to all of our prayers, the short quick ones or long detailed ones, and He especially enjoys it when time is set aside for a conversation with each of us. Use your special time with God to give thanks for all of your many blessings and to ask for his guidance in all that you do.

God's Blessings,  
**Dixie Schmid**

*My times are  
in your hands.*  
PSALM 31:15, NIV





**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars now for May 11<sup>th</sup>. This our date for the Spring Clean Up Day here at FIC. We'll be doing some outside projects - flower beds, shrubs, etc. as well as some inside projects - windows, de-cluttering, etc. Any questions see Tony Rogers.

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**

**Mondays & Wednesdays Beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:00 am to Noon for 3-8 Graders  
FIC Summer Creative Arts Program**

- June 7-8 Scout Garage Sale @ FIC
- June 9 Prayer Partner Meeting
- June 11 Feed IHN's Guests
- June 15 Family Square Dance Night @ FIC
- June 16 Undie Sunday Day on Father's Day
- June 16 FIC'ers to LMC
- June 18-20 Day Camp Staff Training
- June 29 Family Outdoor Movie Night @ FIC
- July 8-12 Annual Day Camp
- July 14 Luncheon after Worship
- August 6 Feed IHN's Guests
- Aug 9-11 FIC Family Camp @ Fairhaven
- Aug 11 Outdoor Worship @ Fairhaven



Heidee Ho There FIC'ers,

I don't know about you, but it's really been a busy, busy, busy time here around FIC for this old church mouse, now let me tell ya.

**The  
CHURCH MOUSE**

We always have lots of goings on over the Easter Season - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday, all the great Lenten dinners and worship, Palm Sunday with the wonderful **"Ragman"** play put on by the TWIGS, Maundy-Thursday, Good Friday and then .... the greatest of them all....Easter Sunday! Add to that the fantastic TNT Easter Celebration on April 14<sup>th</sup> (with full luncheon after worship) and you can see that we've had a very full and inspiring Easter Season.

And then there was the very fantastic "For Girls Only" TNT Overnighter. This was a night for all of the girls and women to strut their stuff, so to speak. The whole focus of the evening was very girlie with everyone dressing up in their finest. The theme was the **Parable of the Wedding** and included many of the women bringing in either their own wedding gowns or pictures of them in their wedding finery (or mother of the bride/groom finery) and even included a for real bridal shower for one of our TNT Staffers! Fun and games and even Wii dancing rounded out the evening. And let me tell you, I could tell stories and name names about the Wii dancing, but I won't. After all, what happens at TNT, stays at TNT. I'm just sayin'. Right ladies?

Now we're into May and we'll be having our last TNT, a Healing Worship Service May 12<sup>th</sup> and begin our Blessings in a Bottle fundraiser. Later Gator.....