



## The Joyful Noise



As the things of summer start to wind down and as the fall begins to wind up, hearing band music carried by the breeze, seeing athletes carrying equipment, my mind wanders in its memories. Memories of three-a-day soccer practices. Yes, three - a - day practices. We had to work around the football team's schedule having only one practice field at the time at the school.

Rise and shine for 7 a.m. conditioning. Go home for a few hours and eat lunch before heading back to watch films and talk tactics. Home again for dinner then back in the evening for more drills and practice. Add in marching band camp between soccer practices and the summer freedom was quickly transformed into "be there on time" ready to learn and improve. The amount of effort and sweat dripping off of my brow showed intensity and brought improvement.

It is amazing all we'll do for athletics and band to grow in ability and stamina. Wouldn't be even more amazing to see what would happen if we put the same dedication, intensity, and resources into faith development!

Why is it we are more concerned about things of this world that are fleeting and not as concerned about the things of the world to come that are everlasting?

My soccer playing days are over. O how I would love to be on the field playing competitively. My brain and heart would be all in, but my body says no more. I was fortunate enough to have no serious injury all the years I played. No need to destroy a knee now. But O how I would love to play again.

So as fall begins - What are you doing for faith development? What are you doing to deepen your walk with Jesus? What are

you doing that will bring benefits that are eternal in quality and beyond measure in value?

Those who played sports know. Those who marched in band know. Those who worked hard to develop a talent or skill know. Now place that know-how and dedication into your living **RELATIONSHIP** with **JESUS**, and the **FATHER** and the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

<sup>18</sup> *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.* <sup>19</sup> **“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”** <sup>20</sup> *At once they left their nets and followed him.*

<sup>21</sup> *Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,* <sup>22</sup> *and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

**Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)**

Go all in to follow Jesus and see what great wonder will happen in your life and in the ministry of Faith in Christ.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

### **Prayer Moment:**

(Preparing for Sunday Worship)

Lord, as I prepare to go before Your holy presence to worship You, help me to resist a wandering mind. Help me invest myself fully in every moment of worship.

When I sing, let me sing with both heart and mind.

When my spirit doesn't feel like praising You, help me offer You the sacrifice of praise, trusting that You will come and transform me.

When I hear Your Word proclaimed, may my ears and heart be open, and may my feet be swift to respond to Your bidding.

May I surrender my personal preferences, any and all critical attitudes, and any undue self-consciousness. For worship is all about You, Lord.

So may my focus be on You, almighty God, this Sunday and every day of the week – that my worship may be genuine.

I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night**  
**Bible Study will meet Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>,**  
**and 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.**



It's a great time to join the Journey. Solomon has been anointed king and will soon build the Temple in Jerusalem. Come and share in this faith deepening time together with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We concluded by 8:15 p.m.

**Walking in the Word**

### Children's Sunday School 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.

Children's Sunday School will be exploring **Who Jesus Is** this year. We will be studying the names of Jesus from A-Z. We will learn about Jesus' character and power by exploring His titles and adjectives. Join us in learning about Jesus the Creator, Healer, and Teacher and MUCH, MUCH, MORE!

Children's Choir will start on Sunday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Faith in Christ Summer Creative Arts

We had a great time together this past summer. We served fourteen different children through the summer. Sand art, salt art, water colors, paper folding, sun prints, clay, guitar, puppetry, along with puzzle building and games filled the time with great fun.

Special thank you to all who gave this great gift to the children this past summer.



### Sunday School Class for Adults

will begin meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study

Class will begin meeting at 7:00 P.M. on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



### Gospel for Asia Build a Church

We are now over one-third of the way to \$11,000 to be able to build a second church through Gospel for Asia. **Rejoice**, the Lord is working through us to answer the prayer of new Asian believers. **Rejoice**, as we bless our brothers and sisters in Christ.

To be a part of this great blessing, designate your giving as **GFA Build a Church**. Also remember that Sunday School offerings are designated for this ministry of blessing.





## CORNER PANTRY

Great job Day Camp staff and campers! Thanks to you the church was able to give **454 food items** to IHN's pantry. Campers also collected some deodorants, diapers and hotel/sample shampoos, conditioners and body lotions. That's the good news.

The bad news is that the shelves are almost empty again. The following items are completely gone:

Canned meat	Applesauce
Peanut butter	Jello
Ramen noodles	Pudding
Mashed Potatoes	Jelly
Cake mixes	
Box meals (hamburger & tuna helper)	

Also needed are:

Soups (any flavor)	Crackers
Cereal	Powdered milk
Spaghetti	Pasta sauce
Macaroni & cheese	Noodles
Canned fruit ( <b>no cranberry sauce please</b> )	

If we each do a little, we can accomplish a lot!

Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC) -- Will meet on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in Perkins Restaurant at 12:00 noon for lunch, fellowship, and a brief meeting.

Sewing & Service Circle -- Will meet Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. in the church.

Ruth Circle --Will meet Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00.

Women of Today – Will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the church.



Women of the Church

## Blessings in a Bottle Fundraiser

Our **Blessings in a Bottle** Fundraiser collected **\$1,231.52!** Thank you all so much for all of your help. This money will be donated to the Springfield Parent Infant Center.



We have been called "the little church on the corner with the big heart" and I think that once again we have shown just how big our heart really is. Thank you for showing our Springfield community how much we care.

**Women in Service (WinS)**

## 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!

## TWIGS

**TWIGS** will begin weekly meetings on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**TWIGS** is open to all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

We will be exploring our faith with Bible study, serving others, and having a little (or a lot!) of fun!



**TWIGS**  
*Teens Working In*  
**God's Service**



Church Picnic September 15<sup>th</sup>  
immediately following worship.

## Modern interpretation of sin:

**1 Timothy 1:15** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

The comments presented here are just my observations. They are not meant to cast stones upon or judge anyone. I am new to the concept of Biblical teachings and like many others I sometimes get confused. Having said that, let's pretend that we are rewriting the Bible with an eye on the concept of sin as defined in today's world. Perhaps it will shed some light on my confusion. (Should we wonder why the youth of today are confused?)



In Genesis God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat the forbidden fruit. However, they did it anyway and God knew they ate the fruit. Adam and Eve were confronted with the truth, so it would be like Adam and Eve got caught in the act. Getting caught is an important aspect in today's world because most sinners do not ask for forgiveness unless they are caught. And even then, they do as Adam and Eve did by blaming someone else for their actions and then, they and their friends will simply say, "yes, we saw the fruit and we ate some of it, SO WHAT, it's no big deal!" (**Gen: 3:11**)

Then there's that golden calf thing at the bottom of Mt. Sinai. I suppose God wouldn't have been anywhere near as upset if they would have just told him, "We were only having a little FUN, nobody got hurt, what's the big deal?" (**Exodus 32:1**)

I'm fairly certain by today's standards that Solomon would actually cut the baby in half, just to be fair. (**1 Kings 3:24**) Today, fairness seems to be defined by those who think they've been slighted somehow and need to put some of their own agony on someone else.

It is difficult for me to understand how, in my "short" lifetime, sin is not only being redefined, but we are expected to not only tolerate the new definition, but also openly welcome it. It doesn't seem to matter that there are some things the Bible mentions over and over and OVER as sin. This includes a variety of subjects, not just one.

I have noticed that some of those who wish to create these new definitions will use Biblical text to make more convincing arguments. For example I have heard it said many times from non-Bible believers that we are not to be "judgmental." Jesus does in fact tell us in **Matthew 7:1-2** "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" and "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Did Jesus mean for us to ignore the sin of others simply because we too are sinners?

**John 8:5** reminds us of the story of a prostitute and how she was going to be stoned for her sin. In this story Jesus says those who are without sin may cast the first stone and of course no one did. He also would not cast any stones. However, He told the prostitute to "go and sin no more." So it would seem then that Jesus forgave the woman for her sin but also reminded her that what she did was in fact sin and to stop doing it. Today she would just be another member of the working class called a sex worker.

When we reach a point that sin of any description becomes commonplace, will we still be able to recognize any of our own sins? (It must be OK cause everybody's doing it.) And when we can't recognize any sin, would we be able to recognize our Savior?

Can anyone relieve my confusion and convince me that God will accept this as an excuse? Especially when God gave us His Son to die for our sins? (**John 3:16, 17**). Jesus is just TOO important.

What do you think?

Submitted by Steve King  
FIC Church Council Member

Eighth Annual

IHN

Mum Sale



IHN is now accepting orders for beautiful fall mums. They come in a variety of colors and sizes, with and without ceramic pots. New this year....hanging baskets are also available.

Order forms are located on the Mission & Ministry Table. Please take an order form, follow the directions and mail in your order to IHN (the address is on the form). All flowers must be picked up on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 201 North Limestone Street.



Check out our website for all the latest information!

[Www.ficlc.net](http://www.ficlc.net)

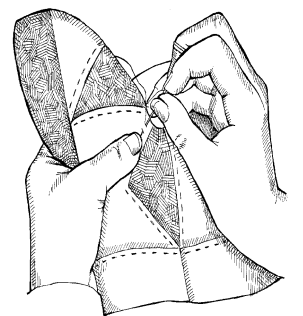


Do We Have Your E-Mail Address?

Do we have your e-mail address? The church office communicates with the members of FIC via e-mail on a regular basis. We send out various announcements, the latest news highlights, prayer requests, and even the latest version of the **Joyful Noise** and monthly calendar.

The office e-mail address is: [ficlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ficlc@sbcglobal.net)

Pastor Jeff's private e-mail address is: [ficpr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ficpr@sbcglobal.net)



QUILTING GROUP

## Beginning Quilters

September 9<sup>th</sup> class list for  
Leaf Album Block

Notebook and pencil

Ruler

Scissors – one for fabric, one for paper

4 different fall style and color fabrics for block front:

4 ½ inches wide for leaf design

4 ½ inches wide for first border

9 inches wide for second border and block background

4 ½ inches for third border

½ yard fabric for block backing

Matching thread

Quilting needles if hand sewing

Straight pins

Post It note pad – 3" size