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worship would become transformed and many of the things that used to bother you would become less important.”

Then I followed up with a challenge that each of us set aside some time each day, for one month, to **worship Him** by reading His Word, talking to Him in prayer, singing your favorite song to Him... EVERY day during that month. Did you try it? And if you did, did it make a difference in your life?

Let’s try it again for the month of July (you have a month to prepare, and you are welcome to start early)... And then make a promise to yourself that if it changes your life, you will continue spending some time in worship EVERY DAY!

- Pastor Kevin



**Wednesday Night Activities have temporarily stopped** so that those who volunteer to serve from August through May can get a much deserved break to refresh and re-group! This includes all youth group activities, adult Bible study, and our dinners. Normal Wednesday night activities **will resume on August 1**. For more information, contact Lee Dunbar.

Junior Church no longer includes fourth- and fifth-graders. It will, however, continue to be provided for first- through third-graders. For more information, contact Lee Dunbar.



**Literature & Latte, Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m.**

Meets in the Connection Café. The book is The Discovery, by Dan Walsh, (purchase your copy at any bookstore or online).

**Weekly at FCC:**

**Sundays**

- 8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery
- 10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders \*  
(\* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

**Wednesdays**

- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- \*\* NO OTHER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN JUNE \*\***



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**First Christian Highlights**  
**JUNE 2012**

**“Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others”**

*From the Pastor’s Desk*

**James 5:14.** We find in James 5:14, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord” (NIV).

When I was getting ready to have heart surgery, Ken Presse suggested that the elders pray for me. I found that to be of great comfort for two reasons: 1<sup>st</sup>, that the elders wanted to do so and 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is biblical and God hears our prayers. This is sound biblical principle that it is good for God’s people to pray for each other. I am a so firm believer that we do not pray enough for one another.

Therefore, I want to issue the invitation to you to call upon the elders to pray for you when you are sick or when you are facing a serious illness (I think it can be other stressful situations in our lives as well.) don’t forget to have God’s people pray for you. Remember, we do not need to be an elder to pray for each other. Let your brothers and sisters lift you up before the throne of God.

A side note is that James tells them to call upon the elders to pray and “anoint with oil.” I am a firm believer that James is speaking of giving medical attention on the most basic level. Oil was one of the best known ancient medicines in Paul’s day. Remember the Good Samaritan applied oil and wine (Luke 10:34) on the wounds of the man beaten by robbers. I believe that God wants us to do our part as well. Not only are the elders to pray for you but we are to render aide as well.

**Summer in Rome.** This summer I will be preaching a series of sermons from the book of Romans. Naturally I will not be able to preach on every subject or topic in the book. In order to get the best of this series please read the chapters and verses

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outlined in the bulletin ahead of time. This Sunday I will be preaching on the universal sin of all people from 1:18 – 3:20. Along with the Romans we too will learn some foundational theological principles.

– **Pastor Ron**

### **LADIES SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Friday, June 29 - White Elephant Bingo**

**Place:** FCC's Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**What to bring:** A wrapped "white" elephant gift and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. For planning purposes, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer.

#### **Friday, July 27 - Dinner and a Movie**

**Place:** FCC's Teen Center

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

*More details to come!*



### **NEXT LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the Connection Café**

*Malachi: A Love that Never Let's Go, by Lisa Harper is an eight-week study. Study guides are \$14 each (we will let you know when the books are available for purchase).*

**Monthly Ladies Lunch** is at **Red's**, in Perry, on **Thursday, June 21, at 11:30 a.m.!** For more information, contact Diane South, at 988-9718.

**Monthly Ladies Get-together** meets in the **Fellowship Hall**, at **1:00 p.m.** You are welcome to bring a snack if you like. This month, the group is meeting on **June 7!** For more information, contact Diane South, at 988-9718.

### **FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:**

6/3 - Phil, Elizabeth, Jen, Harold, Margaret, Pat, Lee, and Linda

6/10 - Larry, Carolyn, Amanda, Allan, Michael, Brenda, Johnny, and Tara

6/17 - Larry, Krystal, Kelly, Robin, Kendall, Carolyn, Ken, and Cheryl

6/24 - Charles, Susan, Veronica, Virginia, Kayleigh, Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

6/3 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie

6/10 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

6/17 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER

6/24 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

### **CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:**

6/3 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S

6/10 - sh1: Pat P; sh2: Ann V and Cheri R; sh3: Pat P and Gary and Teresa Hawk

6/17 - sh1: Virginia S and Leigh S; sh2: Elizabeth C and Brian A; sh3: Robert and Belinda M

6/24 - sh1: Pat P; sh2: Carolyn B and Pat P; sh3: Griff and Jen C

### **Worship Him!**

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve Christ at First Christian with you! Next month I will begin my fourth year with FCC and I am looking forward to seeing some wonderful things happen! One of the things involves worship.

I was looking back over past FCC newsletters and ran across something I wrote to you two years ago and thought it was worth mentioning again. Here's what I said:

*"I am a fan of Star Trek and science fiction movies and I sometimes dream of what it would be like to travel to another planet (some of you probably feel like I'm on some other planet most of the time, anyway). Now I realize the movies' depiction of space travel is not real and, even worse than that, the writers of most science fiction leave God out of it, but when I look at the stars I cannot even dream of leaving God out of it! I know He created those stars, as well as everything else and, I also know He is bigger than all of it—the universe and everything!"*

*"God is bigger than anything and everything, yet He cares about you and me—now that's amazing! He created everything we see, including us, yet He stops to think about us and our needs... All He asks of us is that we live for Him... that we develop lives devoted to worshiping Him... The heavens declare His greatness, the oceans cry out to Him, the mountains bow down before Him—God deserves **our** worship, above all else! And worship is something that should be much more than just something we do on Sunday mornings; it should be a lifestyle."*

*"Is your life wrapped around the One who created you? That's part of what worship is, you know? Being wrapped around something you love. We need to worship Him every day, not just on Sunday mornings. Imagine how your life could change if you would wrap your life around Him and let worship become a lifestyle for you. My guess is you would experience substantial spiritual growth in your life. Your*

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