

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS beginning **May 15** in the **Café Conference Room:**

Respectable Sins
“A class in log removal”

Well-intentioned believers find it all too easy to focus on the blatant sins of our ‘evil’ culture... but what about our own, more subtle, respectable sins? In this study, we will be addressing some specific “acceptable sins” that we tend to tolerate in ourselves such as jealousy, anger, pride, unthankfulness, and being judgmental. We have been given hope in the profound mercy of the Gospel and the transforming grace of God as the means to overcome our subtle sins. If you are not already involved in a Sunday School class, please feel free to join us for this study. *For more information, contact Ken Presse.*

New Ladies Bible Study: **Sweeter than Chocolate! Mindset Learning and Living the Will of God** (An Inductive Study of Romans 7 by Pam Gillaspie). **June 21st - August 9th, 7 p.m.**, in FCC’s *Connection Conference Room.*



WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR MAY:

- May 4 - Chicken Caesar Salad, bread, & dessert
- May 11 - Sub Sandwiches, potato salad, & dessert
- May 18 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, & dessert
- May 25 - Chicken Wings & Drumsticks

BAPTISMS:
Michael Gosnell
Brianna Paisley

TRANSFER:
Hope Johnson

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, 1st - 5th Graders

Tuesdays

- 7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible study (*Conference room*)

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m. Youth classes (*Youth Ctr.*)
- 7:00 p.m. New Testament Survey (*Worship Ctr.*)



Ministry Staff

- Ron Nolen, *Pastor*
- Kevin Adkins, *Minister of Worship & Connections*
- Rob Shawhan, *Youth Minister*

Office Hours:

- Monday-Thursday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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First Christian Highlights
MAY 2011

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

Thank you for all of your kindness expressed through prayers, cards, flowers, telephone calls, hugs, and words of comfort at the loss of my mother on April 6th. We experienced the love of mom’s home church, Belmont Christian, to our family while there. I am thankful that mother was an active member of her church (she had been a member for over 50 years) and knew Christ. Honestly, just knowing that we will live again with God makes death bearable (at best). Some day, as God promised, we will meet again.

Not preaching now: just talking from experience. If you are not a follower of Christ, you need to be: even if for a selfish reason. Your family will find it easier to say their good-byes when you pass knowing they will see you again (we know the real reason is that God wants us to spend eternity with Him and He is worthy of our devotion and worship). Second, you need a church family to love on you and your family. Those relationships formed at church prove to be of great value in times of need.

Sincerely,
Pastor Ron

Spaghetti Lunch
May 1, 11:15 a.m.



\$5.00 per person
\$2.00 per child 10 & under
(Children 2 & under FREE)

Take out plates available

**Proceeds go to help fund
this summer’s CIY trip*

The last night for **Wednesday Night Activities** is May 25th. This includes all youth group activities, adult Bible study, and our dinners. We will resume Wednesday night activities in August. If you have any questions, please contact Rob or Lee Dunbar.

Move Up Sunday for all Sunday school classes and youth groups is scheduled for **June 5th**. Our Sunday school classes are Pre - K., Kindergarten, 1st - 3rd grades, 4th - 5th, 6th - 8th, 9th - 12th, and Junior Church is also included. An example, if your child is entering the 4th grade next year, they would join the 4th grade Sunday school class on June 5th. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Lee Dunbar.

It's M & M's Time Again! Please remember to deposit the M & M's tubes WITH MONEY IN THEM, PLEASE, into the canisters provided in the foyer. All proceeds go to help our youth attend this summer's Christ-In-Youth conference.

Ladies, you are invited to join us for **Scrapbooking**, in FCC's Fellowship Hall on **May 21!** The cost is **\$3.50** per person (for pizza and drinks) and is planned to run from **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** *This is for ladies at any skill level in scrapbooking.*

Bring your own materials and plan on having a wonderful time sharing ideas and pictures.

Sign up in the foyer (*for more information, contact Kelly Shawhan or Kastina Rowell*).



ANGEL FOOD: First Christian Church will no longer be a distribution point for Angel Food Ministries. From now on, please go through **The Refuge Church** [*located on the corner of Hwy. 41 and Todd Rd., (478) 987-5800*] for ordering and receiving Angel Food products.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 5/1 - Charles, Susan, Harold, Amanda, Allan, Brenda, Allen, and Jeanne
5/8 - Charles, Lynn, Susan, Kayleigh, Margaret, Kastina, Lee, and Linda
5/15 - Phil, Krystal, Veronica, Samantha, Virginia, Kelly, Johnny, and Tara
5/22 - Phil, Ann, Kendall, Marlene, Jimmy, Pat, Ken, and Cheryl
5/29 - David, Dalton, Elizabeth, Harold, Robin, Brenda, Allen, and Jeanne
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NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 5/1 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
5/4 - Lisa A.
5/8 - Diane B., Donna, Leigh
5/11 - VOLUNTEER
5/15 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER
5/18 - Angela B.
5/22 - VOLUNTEER, Kathryn, Cheryl
5/25 - Brandy
5/29 - Linda, Angela B., VOLUNTEER
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CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

- 5/1 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Leigh S & Nina C; Sh3: Robert & Belinda M & Brian A
5/8 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Pat P & Elizabeth C; Sh3: Pat P & Tonya H
5/15 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Leigh S & Brenda S; Sh3: Jen & Griff C
5/22 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Samantha S & James C; Sh3: Bryan & Twyla S
5/29 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; Sh2: Virginia S & Amanda & Allan L; Sh3: Cheri R & Virginia S

A Devotional Thought by Jennifer Pierce—

Which of you would wash your hair with dish detergent? Would you rather use laundry detergent? How about Pine-Sol? None of us would try that! We all know that in order to take the best care of your hair, you have to use products that are designed for the purpose of cleaning your hair. But many of us try to do the same kind of thing in other areas of our lives.

For example, think of your daily schedule. Most of us have jam-packed lives with very little spare time. We are constantly running and are usually fueled by the guilt of not being able to meet the needs of so many people who count on us. How do we cope with the pressure?

Some of us choose to ignore it through relaxation or fun. Others of us just work harder. Some of us manipulate others to help us. All of these methods have their benefits, and are even recommended at times. But for a sure-fire method of coping with a chronically busy schedule, let's take a look at Jesus' life and ministry. If anyone had reason to feel overwhelmed, over-needed, and constantly on-the-go, it would be Jesus. In Mark 6:30, we read that so many people were coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have a chance to eat. Sound familiar? Jesus' solution to his disciples was to "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

Jesus' method of stress-relief was to spend time with Him in a quiet place. I would recommend the same to you. There is something about carving time out from a busy life and concentrating on listening to God's voice that can really change your life. Not just from the outside, but from the inside, too.

I encourage you this month to wash your hair with shampoo. Rest, fun, hard work, and sharing the work load are all great coping techniques just like laundry detergent, Pine-Sol, and dish detergent are great cleaning products. But God made us to work best when we are infused with daily quality time with Him. When we allow Him to soak into our hearts and change our lives, we function at our peak performance.