

FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Family Promise Carwash:

Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Papa John’s Pizza, 810 Russell Parkway, W.R.

Family Promise Booth at the International City Festival:

(We will pass out information on the Family Promise Network and sell soft drinks and water.)

Saturday, September 29, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Commercial Circle, W.R.

Volunteers are needed for both events. If you wish to participate for an hour or more in either of the above events, email Ronnie Shivers (shivron@windstream.net).

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- 9/5 - Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, bread, & dessert
- 9/12 - Spaghetti Pie, salad, garlic bread, & dessert
- 9/19 - Hot Dogs, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, & dessert
- 9/26 - Hamburgers with fixens, chips, & dessert

August 18th’s **Bead for Life** Party raised over \$800!

Salvation Army Food Drive Update

During our July Food Drive, we were able to present to the Salvation Army, a large amount of donated food items, over \$1200 in money, AND a generator. The Salvation Army representatives were very grateful and they have already used the generator at an outdoor neighborhood Vacation Bible School! THANKS SO MUCH for your generosity in giving!

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 - 3rd Graders *
(* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



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.
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First Christian Highlights
SEPTEMBER 2012

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

Newcomer’s Dinner – Sunday, September 23rd

There will be a Newcomer’s Dinner on Sunday, September 23, for all newcomers to First Christian Church. Pastor Ron will share with you a few facts and information regarding First Christian after the meal. Please mark your calendars now. We look forward to seeing you there!



Bible 101: What are we all about?



Pastor Ron will be teaching a two-week study on what First Christian Church (FCC) is all about beginning on Sunday, September 30 and concluding on Sunday, October 7. This is a Cliff Note course to answer some of the most important questions about FCC. This class will be held in FCC’s Fellowship Hall and starts at 9:00 a.m. on both Sundays.

Path Principle Series – Starts September 9th

We are inviting our neighbors to join us on Sunday mornings in September through a mass mail out into our community. Pray that God uses this as a way to bring others to know Him.



BAPTISM:
Michael Gosnell

Monthly Ladies Get-Together

This fun group of ladies gathers in the **Fellowship Hall** on the first Thursday of each month, at **12:00 p.m.** You are invited and bring a snack if you like. This month, the group is meeting on **Thursday, September 6!** *For more information, contact Diane South, at 988-9718.*

Monthly Ladies Lunch

This month's Ladies Lunch will be at **The Swanson**, in Perry, on **Thursday, September 20**, at **11:30 a.m.!** *For more information, contact Diane South, at 988-9718.*

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours

This Sunday School class meets in the classroom across from the choir room, every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and is going through the entire Bible in 24 hour-long sessions. Here's what's coming up:

September 2 - Part 2 of the New Testament
September 9 and 16 - The Gospels
September 23 and 30 - Christ's Earthly Life: Final Week

First Family News is FCC's weekly e-newsletter (*if you have not been receiving this email, check your email SPAM or JUNK folder, or let us know and we will try to resolve the issue*). To receive this email, and/or add prayer requests, make it known on a Connection Card, email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net, or just give us a call at 987-5428.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

9/2 - Lynn, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Jen, Harold, Brenda, Johnny, and Tara
9/9 - Lynn, Michael, Kendall, Allan, Amanda, Kelly, Ken, and Cheryl
9/16 - Phil, Margaret, Krystal, Kayleigh, Robin, Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne
9/23 - Phil, Veronica, Virginia, Ann, Jimmy, Pat, Lee, and Linda
9/30 - Larry, Carolyn, Elizabeth, Jen, Harold, Brenda, Johnny, and Tara

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

9/2 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
9/5 - Lisa A.
9/9 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh
9/12 - Melinda L.
9/16 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER
9/19 - Brandy
9/23 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl
9/26 - VOLUNTEER
9/30 - Linda, Angela B., VOLUNTEER

CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

9/2 - Sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; Sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; Sh3: Gary and Teresa H
9/9 - Sh1: Steven K and Virginia S; Sh2: Mike and Mary K; Sh3: Bryan and Twyla S
9/16 - Sh1: Steven K and Pat P; Sh2: Virginia S and Leigh S; Sh3: Robert and Belinda M
9/23 - Sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; Sh2: Pat P and Cheri R; Sh3: Griff and Jen C
9/30 - Sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; Sh2: Carolyn B, Brian A; Sh3: Pat P and Ann V

We Must Apply
by
Jennifer Pierce

We all know it's important to attend church, beneficial to be part of a Sunday School class or Bible Study, and crucial to read Scripture on our own. These are all opportunities we have to hear or read God's words to us. Maybe you even invite your friends to join you in these things, and that's great! But what do you do next? When you leave church or close your Bible after reading, what do you do?

God spoke to Ezekiel about this very thing. He said people were coming to hear God's words and even inviting their family to hear Ezekiel speak, but after they heard his words, they didn't do what he said because they would rather seek their own gain. Ezekiel 33:32 says, *"Indeed, to them you are nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice."* As women, we love beauty and romance. We love a well-played or well-sung song, a skillfully-painted picture, or a romantic movie that makes us cry. But we can't treat God's Word like that. When we hear, read, or study, we must apply.

That's what the parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 6:24-27) is all about. The foolish man building his house on the sand is like the person who hears Jesus' teaching, but doesn't act on it. The wise man is like the person who does act on Jesus' teaching. What about you? Are you just listening to beautiful music and building on sand or are you putting God's teachings into practice and building a house that will endure whatever storm comes? Listen, read, and study as much as you can. But, after that, put it into practice!

**** Next Leadership Meeting: September 16, 11:15 a.m. ****