

## This Week at FCC

### Today, February 14

No on-campus services due to COVID-19 precautions.

### Wednesday, February 17

7 pm, Kingdom Kids and Venture Youth (will not meet if school is canceled due to inclement weather)

7 pm, Adult Bible Study – Enquiring Minds (Facebook only)

### Saturday, February 20

9 am – Upward Basketball and Cheerleading (for all questions about Upward, including schedule changes, please contact Tim Grider at 618-521-1427)

## Prayer Concerns

**Health Concerns:** Ashton Gentry, Stephen Dillard, Amy Gentry, T. J. Gentry, Hudson Pace, Gayanne Hoke, Barbara Wilmore, Jim Scuder, Margaret Leffler, Ellen Anderson, Bonnie Mathews, Bob Blondi, Bill Malone, Mike Simpson, Virgil Russell, Denny Bush, Dan Boynton, Mary Wallace, Heather Sloan, Barbara Winnet, Andy Karnes, Darren Pyle, Buddy Zachary, Ella Curry, Lowell Riegel, Guy Henry, Debi Turner, Charles Martie, Roger Raubach, Amanda Brewer, Ruth Karnes, Kim Enyert, Kelly Burkitt, Nancy Denton, Doug Cordts, Mack Warren, Gina Toms, Shirley Williams, Bob Lada, Jo Ann Brooks, Wendy Russell, Terry Chance, Roger Chance, Jerry Wilson

**Other Concerns:** Members of the Armed Forces, Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp, Domestic and Foreign Missionaries, Government and Church Leaders, Widows and Widowers of FCC

## Announcements

- Young and Rested Canasta is postponed until Thursday, February 25.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast is postponed until Saturday, February 27.
- Deep Dive Discussion and One Year Bible Dessert Fellowship are postponed to Sunday, February 28.
- Sacred Warrior Martial Arts is canceled for the remainder of February. Classes will resume Monday, March 1.
- Good Shepherd Ministry Training Academy's launch is postponed until March. More details forthcoming!

## God's People Gathered

<b>2/7</b>	Traditional Worship:	163 (82 on campus, 81 Facebook)
	Sunday School:	63
	Contemporary Worship:	108 (40 on campus, 68 Facebook)
<b>2/10</b>	Adult Bible Study:	41 (Facebook only)

## God's People Gave

<b>February 2021</b>	Budget:	\$29,595
(As of February 7)	Offering:	<u>\$4,726</u>
	Over (Under):	(\$24,869)

## Sunday Morning Message

*Notes*

## Wednesday Evening Message

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## Discipleship Helps for This Week

### One Year Bible Reading Plan

Leviticus 16-27; Numbers 1-3

Psalms 22-24

Mark 8-12

### Scripture for Meditation

God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5b)

### Daily Prayer

Now, to God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved; to God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood; to God the Holy Spirit, who sheddeth the love of God abroad in our hearts, be all love and all glory in time and to all eternity. Amen. (John Wesley)

### Quote to Ponder

Don't brood. Get on with living and loving. You don't have forever. (Leo Buscaglia)

### *Do you want to be right with God and have a fresh start in life?*

The solution is as simple as **ABCD**:

**A: Admit** that you are a sinner in need of a Savior.

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.”**  
**(Romans 3:23, 6:23)**

**B: Believe** that God's only Son, Jesus, died to pay for your sins and rose from the dead so that you can have a relationship with God and spend eternity in Heaven.

**“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”**  
**(John 3:16)**

**C: Confess** your faith that Jesus is Lord, repent, and be baptized.

**“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”**  
**(Romans 10:9)**

**“Repent, and...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**  
**(Acts 2:38)**

**D: Dedicate** yourself to God's Word and His people.

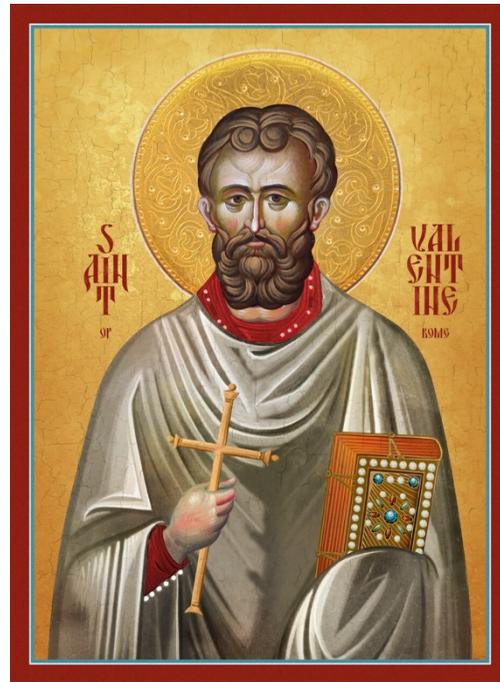
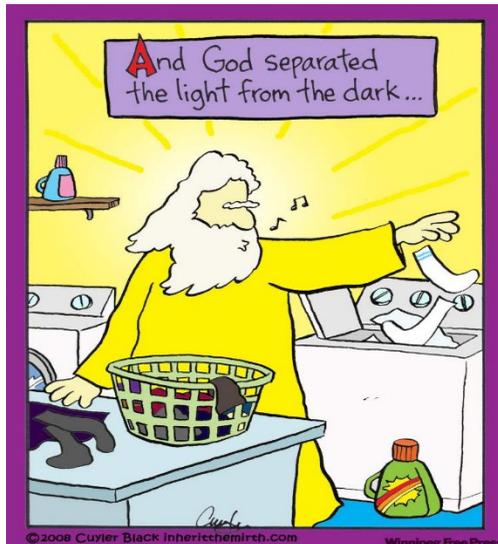
**“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”**  
**(Acts 2:42)**

### **An Encouraging Word from T.J.**

Not long ago I enjoyed the privilege of attending a gathering of veterans at a local school. The children provided a nice meal, sang patriotic songs, and I had the opportunity to speak to the group. The most amazing part, however, was what happened when the event ended. All the veterans walked out through the side door of the school as the children lined the sidewalk and cheered. It was a humbling experience that literally brought tears to my eyes. These young children stood clapping and cheering, rejoicing over our group of veterans.

Did you know God does the same thing over you? As Zephaniah 3:17 states, God “will rejoice over you with gladness.” Think about that. The God who knows everything about you, all your struggles and shortcomings, all your doubts and worries, He rejoices over you. He stands by your side and cheers you. Amazing, isn’t it? He does this because He loves you. God is for you. Period. If you ever doubt it, just look to the cross. He gave His Son on that cross for you. That’s right, for you.

As you go through your week, remember that God is rejoicing over you. Enjoy the celebration.



Today is February 14th and many folks will celebrate Saint Valentine’s Day by giving flowers, cards, and candy, but who was the real Valentine and why is this most romantic of holidays named after him?

The legend of Valentine’s Day is said to have originated during the third century in Rome, under the reign of Emperor Claudius II. During his reign, Claudius decided that single men made better soldiers, so he outlawed marriage for young men to keep them focused and away from potential familial distractions. A young priest named Valentine decided the law was unjust and began defying the Emperor’s decree by continuing to perform marriages in secret.

Claudius eventually discovered Valentine’s actions, had him arrested and soon after sentenced to death. During his time in jail, Valentine fell in love with his jailer’s daughter, who visited him in prison. Before he was put to death, Valentine sent a letter to the girl signed “from Your Valentine”, the basic expression we still use every year during this holiday. Valentine was executed on February 14, 270 AD.

(adapted from <https://www.brockbuilt.com/saint-valentines-day-legend-history/>)

## **The LORD’s Day**

Sunday, February 14, 2021

### **Welcome to First Christian Church of West Frankfort!**

Whether this is your first time with us, or you are a regular part of the FCC family, it is a privilege to join with you in worship. From start to finish, our services are designed to help us experience God in our midst as He graciously renews our fellowship with Him and each other. Our God is truly awesome and most deserving of our love and praise!



## **First Christian Church**

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