This Week at FCC

Today, February 21
8:30 am – Traditional Service
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Contemporary Service
Wednesday, February 24
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)
Thursday, February 25
9:30 am – Young and Rested Canasta
Saturday, February 27
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: Noah Reese, T. J. Gentry, Hudson Pace, Gayanne Hoke, Barbara Wilmore, Jim Scuder, 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

- Deep Dive Discussion and One Year Bible Dessert Fellowship are next Sunday, February 28, 5 pm and 6 pm, respectively.
- Sacred Warrior Martial Arts classes will resume Monday, March 1.
- Good Shepherd Ministry Training Academy's launch is postponed until March. More details forthcoming!

God's People Gathered

2/14	Sunday Worship:	132 (Facebook only)
2/17	Midweek Study:	23 (Facebook only)

God's People Gave

February 2021	Budget:	$29,595
(As of February 7)	Offering:	$4,726
	Over (Under):	($24,869)

Sunday Morning Message

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Wednesday Evening Message

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Discipleship Helps for This Week

One Year Bible Reading Plan
Numbers 4-33
Psalms 25-27
Mark 13-16; Luke 1

Scripture for Meditation
The LORD is my shepherd. (Psalm 23:1)

Daily Prayer
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on me. (Kyrie and Trisagion – ancient prayers of Christian worship)

Quote to Ponder
Generosity is often the seed sown to grow a peaceful soul. (Unknown)

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. – Nothing to Fear

Evil is real. Sometimes the face of evil is a person. Sometimes it's an idea. Sometimes evil is the dark corner of a mind and heart. Whatever form it takes, evil is real. So is evil's primary advocate, Satan. He is real. He works in the lives of those who let him, and he always works against those who know the truth about evil and about him. What is that truth?

The truth about evil and Satan is this. Jesus is not afraid of either one. Let me say it again. Jesus is not afraid of evil or Satan. As a matter of fact, Jesus destroyed the work of evil and Satan. As Paul tells us in Colossians 2:15, Jesus "disarmed principalities and powers (think "evil and Satan"). He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in [the cross]." Did you hear that? Jesus defeated evil and Satan on the cross.

Why do we still struggle with them? If the victory was on the cross, why do evil and Satan still make such an impact on the world? Although I cannot answer every detail of that question, I will tell you it has to do with God's patience and love. God could end evil and Satan today, in the next moment. Never doubt it. However, doing so also brings an end to the current age. When this age ends, the opportunity to be saved also ends. Everyone's destiny is finalized the moment Jesus returns. Thus, God's patience and love lead Him to choose to allow evil and Satan to continue while we reach the world with the good news of Jesus. (Which, by the way, is our primary weapon in the battle against evil.)

The continuing existence of evil and Satan is related to the mystery of God's patience and love. For now, we deal with evil and Satan, but be sure the day is coming when they will be no more. Until then, fear not. When you see evil and Satan in the world, remember the cross. Jesus is not afraid, and He will have the last word.

I REALLY LIKE YOUR BIBLE, DAD ... HOW DO YOU TURN IT ON?

Bible Pathway Adventures

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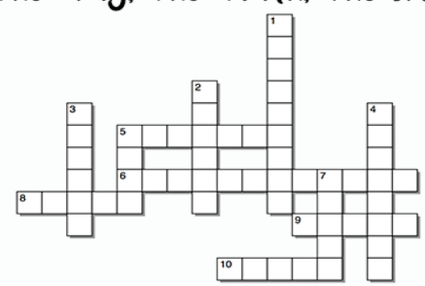
The Way, The Truth, The Life



ACROSS

5) Yah is spirit and His worshipers must _____ Him in Spirit and Truth. (John 4:24)
6) I am the _____ and the life. He who puts faith in Me will live, even if he dies. (John 11:25)
8) I am the ____ of life. He who comes to Me will not be hungry... (John 6:35)
9) I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in the ____. (3 John1)
10) The Word became ____ and He lived among us. (John 1:14)

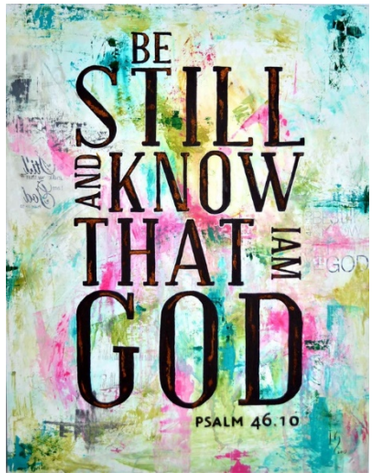
DOWN

1) If you hold to My teaching, you are really My _____. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8)
2) _____ is the promised Messiah. (HINT: Jesus' Hebrew name)
3) I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the _____, except through Me. (John 14:6)
4) God so loved the world that He gave His only _____ Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
5) Never take your ____ of truth from my mouth... (Psalm 119:43)
7) Your righteousness is everlasting and Your ____ is truth. (Psalm 119:142)

The Lord's Day

Sunday, February 21, 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!



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