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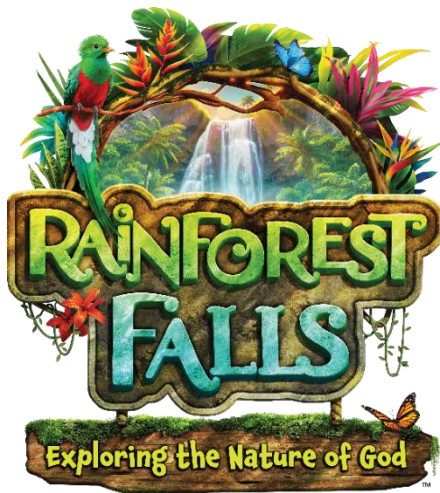
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Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God

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Vacation Bible School

Students who have finished kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to a great week of adventure with music, dancing, Bible adventures, snacks, crafts and fun.

June 8-12 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We need volunteers to travel with each group to activity stations. If you could help, please notify the office.

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INDIANA DISCIPLES
**BUILDING TOGETHER
IN LOVE** 

EPHESIANS 4:16

From him the whole body,
joined and held together
by every supporting ligament,
grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work.

Friday evening concert at Avon (IN) Christian church. Saturday Assembly at Geist Christian Church in Fishers, IN.

Use the following link for more information and to register:

<https://indianadisciples.regfox.com/regional-assembly#register>

Pastor Reflection



Last Sunday really put the timely fashion screws to us. We were invited to wear red in honor of Pentecost and it was Memorial Day Weekend which invites us to wear red, white and blue. Personally, I wanted to emphasize the red for Pentecost, and since I (thankfully) do not have a red sportscoat or red pants, I went with the red shirt. Trying to add the Memorial Day look meant I simply added a blue sportscoat but had to let my hair count as the white. I could have skipped the color complexities and just worn my black suit and been fine but dressing up was fun. I am a Christian and I am an American, and I celebrate both, though it did make me think about my loyalties.

Our friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the Old Testament book of Daniel had to do more than just think about their loyalties. They were young Jewish captives brought to Babylon to serve in King Nebuchadnezzar's court. Trouble began when Jewish dietary laws came in conflict with the food they were given to eat. They refused to eat it but eventually found a sympathetic ear who said as long as they stayed strong and healthy, he would help them adhere to their dietary needs. Things went well for the men and they, along with Daniel, rose in honor until they became some of the most trusted servants in king's court. But in the 3rd chapter of Daniel, the king erected a massive golden statue of himself and commanded everyone to bow down and worship it or they would be thrown into the fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down and worship the king's statue or participate in the worship of the king's gods. Even when confronted directly by the king, the three men refused to bow down and worship saying, "If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let Him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up" (Daniel 3: 17-18). The king had the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and had the three men thrown in, but God joined them in the furnace and protected them.

Thankfully we do not live in a time or place where our government demands we turn away from our faith in order to serve it first. But if that day ever comes, in the small decisions along the way or the big one when my life is on the line, I hope I will be able to stand with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and proclaim if my God saves me or not, I will serve God first.

Love,
Mike



Teaching Moment Tuesday

STUDYING the GOSPEL OF JOHN. Join Pastor Mike each Tuesday at noon on Facebook or watch the recording anytime.

Permanent Fund

First Christian Church has a Permanent Fund. The purpose of the fund is to allow end-of-life gifts and other significant financial gifts to continue supporting the ministry of First Christian Church not only today, but tomorrow. The funds are invested and we receive interest payments twice a year. That money is then made available to support ministry.

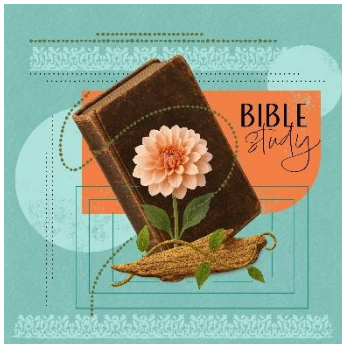
10% goes to the Finance Team who identifies a specific need within the congregation.

50% goes to the Outreach Team who uses it to support mission opportunities from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

30% goes to retiring congregational loans, and if we have no loans (like right now), the money is earmarked for future capital needs or is shifted to the Finance Team to be used where there is the greatest need.

10% is forwarded to regional or general programs of our church.

With a gift to the Permanent Fund, your offering and support for the church can continue even after you are dancing in heaven.



Wynnfield bible study meets each Monday at 3:00 p.m.
Jan Houlihan started a new study on the Letters of John.

Summer camp registration is open.
All camps are at Bedford
Camp and Conference Center in Bedford, Indiana.
More information can be found at
<https://indianadisciples.org/camp/>





Thank you to Kathy Anderson, Cheryl Ball and Jan Houlihan for organizing the lady's tea on May 18.

A lot of work went into the decorating, preparing food and programming for the tea and it was a huge success.



*Key: Name, date added/updated, description, who submitted request

Our Mission Co-Workers in **Chile and East Timor**

Barb McGee 5/21 rehab in Kokomo for broken hip, scheduled to come home May 24

The family of Mike VanWinkle he died May 19

Cathy Ott 5/18 surgery for a broken hip; friend of Overmars

Denny Tyler 5/18 paused cancer treatments to let body recover, esophageal/stomach cancer

Jim Riffle 5/18 stage 4 liver cancer, receiving treatments; Barbara Tibbets' nephew

Jennifer Glassburn 5/13 severe headaches due to a mass in her brain

Bill Abbott 5/4 home with congestive heart failure; Rick Abbott's father

Mike Hammel 4/20 seizures, his throat is limiting his talking and swallowing; Lois Hammel's son

John Overmars 4/17 ankle surgery went well; prayers for healing

Barbara Tibbets 4/16 is having positive results from her cancer therapy after six weeks, continued prayers

Dick Hamm 4/12 former DOC General Minister, aggressive cancer diagnosis, prayers for peace and comfort; by Ted Waggoner



Lois Stout 4/12 health concerns; mother of Linda Wiles

Joyce Jeffries 4/7 hip replacement surgery went well, prayers for healing

Kathrin Raabe Trapp 4/6 receiving shots in her back for discs; past foreign exchange student of Musgraves

Prayers for families of service members who lost their lives

overseas and to all who are being sent; by Christy Bennett

Robbie Payne 3/30 Hospice care; cousin of Gayle Rodriguez

Pat Clary 2/23 at to Blair Ridge in Peru for therapy for broken pelvis from a fall

Sula Smith 1/19 health battles

Carlene Musselman 12/8 Congestive heart failure; by Judy Evans

Mary Jo Rogers 12/1 Caston teacher in her third round of cancer; by Angie Miller

Mike Messick 6/8 diagnosed with Alzheimer's, battling squamous cell skin cancer; Sara Story's father

Russia and Ukraine conflict

Mountain of Love

With the coming arrival of June, we hope we are done having to wear coats to church so we can put the coatrack area to alternative uses. The first of those alternative uses is to house a mountain of toilet paper. Let's fill the coatrack area with toilet paper for United Ministries. United Ministries continues to serve some of the most vulnerable in our area with food and help with the occasional bill. The average family size being served continues to increase as generations are being forced to live in the same house simply to make ends meet. Toilet paper is a small but essential gift in such a home. We will be building our mountain of love through the month of June.





JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

6/02 Linda Wiles
 6/02 Elena Bode
 6/11 Dick Enyart
 6/11 Liz Robinson
 6/12 Louis Boroff
 6/14 Jim Mulligan
 6/15 Bill Burkett
 6/15 Letty McKee

6/15 David Ralstin
 6/17 Bob Cannedy
 6/20 Amy Van Heyningen
 6/22 Tim Bryant
 6/25 Cathy Ginther
 6/26 Stacy Rodriguez
 6/27 Pat Clary
 6/29 Loretta Bet-Nimrod

Anniversaries:

6/17 Michael & Sandra Hoffarth
 6/17 Stan & Judy Musgrave
 6/20 John & Jo Ann Bowers
 6/20 Eric & Beth Burch
 6/22 Doug & Angie Miller
 6/25 Bob & Debbie Cannedy

Special Thanks to:

Deb Tyler for presenting Bibles to our elementary school graduates Serenity Blacketor and Gemma Arellano.

Debbie Cannedy and the Worship Team for helping us celebrate Pentecost and the Church's 1,993rd birthday.

The Choir for helping fill our worship with the music of the faith. Enjoy your summer break.

April 2026

<u>April Financials</u>		<u>Year to Date Financials</u>	
Income	\$14,622.75	Income	\$71,373.00
Expenses	\$18,753.72	Expenses	\$82,418.49
<u>Worship Attendance</u>		<u>In-person</u>	<u>On-line</u>
April Average		93	20
Year to Date Average		76	22

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 26

Noon Teaching Tuesday

Thursday, May 28

6:00 p.m. Praise Team

Saturday, May 30

Interior painting at church

Sunday, May 31

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:50 a.m. Worship Team

Monday, June 1

3:00 p.m. Wynnfield Bible Study

Tuesday, June 2

Noon Teaching Tuesday

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 3

5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

Thursday, June 4

6:00 p.m. Praise Team

Sunday, June 7

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, June 8

3:00 p.m. Wynnfield Bible Study

Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12

9-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 9

Noon Teaching Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting