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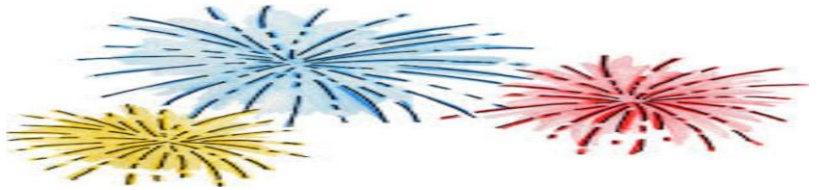
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**Happy July 4th
Church Office Closed**



Thank you!

*The Outreach Committee would like
to thank all of the children of
V.B.S. for their amazing contribution
of food!*

*St. Vincent DePaul is very happy to
receive all the food!*



The Outreach Committee

Thanks everyone for the great job you did raising funds for the Youth mission trip. Now that our youth have made their trip to Honduras, we can now turn our attention to the funding of our church?

At the time of this writing, we have less than \$1,000 IN THE BANK. We are keeping up with payroll, loan payments and utilities. Any payments above that have been a struggle to make or have had to wait.

We have 5 Sundays in July. This is an opportunity for us to give a little more this month. We have our Gift to God in December. Why not in July also? Christmas in July? Why not? We will be designating the last two Sundays in July as Gift to God Sundays. Please do your part to help.

Thanks and God bless! Pat Settles, Treasurer

From the Desk of Pastor John

So, what exactly are you celebrating on the 4th of July this year? We learned the quick answer long before we ever attended school – “It’s the birthday of our country”. As we got older it became the day we asserted our independence from Great Britain, a much more adult version of a birthday party. We also picked up a few facts about the Declaration of Independence to fill in the gaps and perhaps memorized a few lines.



Did you know that only 1 or 2 of the signers actually signed the document on July 4th? John Hancock (you know him, he later got in the insurance business) was the president of the Continental Congress and definitely signed it that day. Most of the rest signed the Declaration in early August with one man not signing until November.

The signers put their lives, and the lives and property of their families on the line when they signed. Hancock made that particularly clear. There was no turning back once their names were affixed to that document.

So, what exactly do we mean when we say we are followers of Jesus Christ? When we were young we followed the good shepherd and great teacher. Jesus’ direct approach, good story telling, and loving personality may well have drawn us in. I think that’s probably how it was for his disciples. Christmas was fun, and even Easter was filled with light and hope.

Paul points out to the Corinthian Church that the Christian Faith is a journey, not a destination point. Far too often we stop on that journey and get fixed in one place. Perhaps there isn’t anything wrong with a child-like faith, but growth is what “becoming” a Christian is all about.

This shouldn’t surprise us. The Disciples had a lot of growing to do as they took on the mission of sharing the Gospel. Peter denied! Thomas doubted! James and John asked for a special seating arrangement! Paul even persecuted! Yet each of them continued to grow in their understanding and mission within the church.

That mission is in our hands! Just like the signers of the Declaration of Independence, are we prepared to put our lives and fortunes on the line for something much greater than independence from a foreign power? Are you on the road, with your eyes up living the journey? Is sharing your faith and acting different than the values of our world, part of your every thought and action. We are not here to live in the world; we are here to transform the world into what Dr. King called the “Beloved Community”.

Blessings and Peace, John

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Vera Hart



One of our senior church members is Vera Hart. Due to health reasons, she resides at Colonial House, a residual skilled nursing facility in Bardstown. You can usually find her sitting in the common area, reading her Bible or "The Daily Bread". She likes to attend Bible studies at the facility and enjoys those that come to share their musical talents. Once a month, she goes out for lunch with other residents to one of the local restaurants.

She is married to Don Hart, another member of First Christian. Don lives in Bardstown and makes regular trips to see Vera. Vera has two sons, one with three children, and one daughter. All live out of town. In June, she enjoyed a visit from two of her granddaughters.

Although unable to attend services, her heart is with us. Vera loves her visits from church members. Please feel free to stop by to say hello or send her a card.

John Powell, Patsy and Joe Hutchins, all joined Ramona Clifton and Gladys Arnold at the Auxiliary Meeting at the Christian Care Communities in Louisville, KY on Tuesday, June 28. FCC's very own Ramona Clifton was sworn in as an Auxiliary Officer.



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Congratulations to Addison Haynes who was baptized on June 12! Addison is the daughter of Noel Smith and the granddaughter of Joe and Patsy Hutchins.



Vacation Bible School 2016 was a huge success. Over 36 children attended Barnyard Roundup. The children brought in over 100 canned food items for our local food pantry, as well as collected \$241.00 for Heifer International in Arkansas. Matthew 25 reads, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." Through Jesus' teachings during the VBS week, these 36 amazing children took this to heart and proved that Jesus works in many wonderful ways through many wonderful people. VBS 2016 was truly an amazing week, filled with many amazing children and volunteers who live to serve others through Jesus!



Moment for Missions – Ryan McCormick

Many of us are going on family vacations to mountains, beaches, or lakes this summer. But summer is also a great time for **Spiritual Renewal**, and our family church is doing a great job investing in that renewal. We have a strong presence at camp WKDH this summer, sending over a dozen children, and counsellors there to deepen their Spirituality, and to help others from throughout Kentucky to strengthen theirs. The high school youth are in Honduras meeting Christ in the persons of the elderly, orphans, widows, and the impoverished. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they help repair the house of a woman who has been disabled by a stroke, conduct a VBS in a remote village, and undertake a ministry of presence with orphans outside of Tegucigalpa. The strength of any house of worship is in its Spiritual foundation, and we should be excited about the house we will build on this foundation in the coming year!



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JULY PRAYER REQUESTS

Atria Assisted Living: Louise
Greenwell

Bluegrass Assisted Living: Ruth
Barnhart

Chapel House: Ramona Clifton

Colonial House: Vera Hart

Friendship House: Gladys Arnold

Lifecare: Robert Barnhart

Windsor Gardens: Perry Garrett, Fern
Geoghegan, LaJune Jones, Erma
McClaskey

Service: Chris Alexander, Aaron
Arney, Alex Arnold, Nick Boone, Noah
Melgar, Josh Settles

Also: Grace Barnes, Kerri Bowling,
Joey Corliss, Bonnie Downs, Wanda
Foster, Luther Gilpin, Denise Harned,
David Holderman, Priscilla Ludka, Iva
Jean Mackin, Jon, Audrey and Elle
Moore, Carl Nally, Paula Nalley, Alex
Napier, Randal and Patsy Parrott,
Randy Pinkston, Linda Ritchie, Betty
Rogers, Charlie Rogers, Sara Lee,
Royalty, Alex Settles, Sherry Spalding,
Jeanie Switzer, Lisa Wentworth,
Bobby and Ann Wiley, Louise Willard