

August 18, 2011

The Christian Messenger

WORSHIP

**11:15 Preview
Service**

Sunday, August 21

Second preview
service to work out
glitches.

**11:15 Service
(for real)**

**Beginning Sunday,
September 11**

Invite your friends to this
one!

Holiday Market

Will you save some things for us? See page 2 for details.

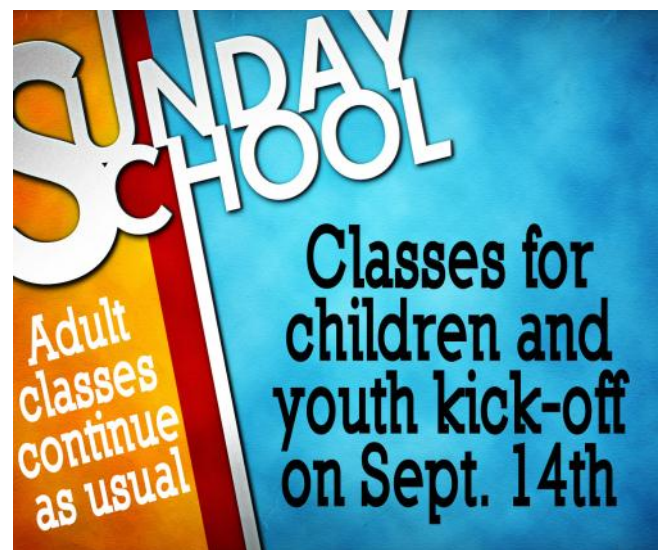
Note New Email Addresses

Church Secretary: office@fccsullivan.org

Rebecca Ingram: rsi@fccsullivan.org



Family Picnic
What: Park Picnic
Who: Families of children
(up through 5th grade)
When: Sunday,
Aug 28th - Noon
Where: Wyman Park
See Pastor Grant's
article for more info!



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Adult
classes
continue
as usual
Classes for
children and
youth kick-off
on Sept. 14th

Holiday Market

Saturday, November 5

BAKERY DEPT – could use the **clear plastic containers** that strawberries or other bakery goods are packaged in. If you could bring them to the church, we would appreciate it.

ALMOST NEW – We are looking for **items that look like new** and, of course, are functional. This **does not** include clothing or books. We would appreciate it if you would keep these items until the time of the market as the church is very limited on space.

JEWELRY – has always been a big hit. If you have **costume jewelry** that you would like to donate, please bring to the church. We need time to clean it and get it ready for sale.

Thanks for all your help.
Betty Wilson & Nancy Elder



Do you like to discuss current events? Let's Talk About It!

Sundays ▪ 10:15 to 11:00 am ▪ Fellowship Hall Classroom

Beginning September 11

"The Journey" **Adult Study**

**1st & 3rd
Wednesdays**

**6:30 to 7:00 pm
6:00 Supper**

**Beginning
October 19**



Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.



Thank You

[A thank you to Sharon White for making a stole for General Assembly]

Dear Sharon,

Thank You!! Because of people like you, our 2011 General Assembly was a success! Your time, talents and dedication to the Church is so appreciated.

Your stole contribution was a blessing to our 2011 General Assembly participants. We hope and pray that you will continue to support the Church for future Assemblies.

Sincerely,
Suzie McKay
General Assembly Team

Thanks so much for the birthday cards, they were a joy to me.

Kathryn Hutchcraft

Dear Church,

Thank you for the opportunity to be here right now [at camp]. We are having lots of fun, we are swimming in the lake, doing crafts and playing basketball. Our group has to clean the bathrooms. We are roasting marshmallows and have camp fires. The food here is awesome! We are going on hikes, we got a water bottle and we are going to tiedie and we get to have a dance party. We are having lots of fun, thank you church.

Love,
Sophie Fultz

PRAYER REQUEST

Joann Hughes, Brion Baker, Jesse Reyes, Krystal Horsman, Ralph Dolan, Darlene Standerfer, Maxine Barrett, John Gentry Sr., Gracie Fringer, Brent Manning, Katrina Farris, Jerry Brumley, Fran Dudley, Marilyn Rogers, Annabell Mallory, Angie Ward, Bill Harris, Dale Piper, Tara Sparrow, Terry Schultz, Charlotte Anderson, Tracy Hudson, Jennie White, Marilyn Wood, Ron Sutton Sr., Mary Ann Webb, John Krone, Ted Westermann, Joe Thompson, Faye Walker, Debbie Bramhall, Gail Craycroft, Betty & Al Cherry, Harold Hamilton, Gene Myers, Michelle Lewis, Stu Good, Dick Elder, Tim Daily, Tim Anderson, Tristan Warner, Susie Parks, Daisy Keown, Connie Lance, Mike Wilson, Vera Myers, Bob Harris, Andrea Klingel, Nancy Davis, Carol Bolsen, John Daily, Rodney Maxwell, Bev Alwerdt, Father John Sohm, Ellen Ann Little VandenBrink, Sean Little, Russell Wiley, Robert Yaw, Thomas Culp, Nancie Taylor, Toby Shafer, Pat Burcham, Don Bragg, Marvene Walton, Mardelle Bolin, Celia Buesking, LaVerne Braden, Ina Buxton, Warren Hall, Archie Lowe, Dick Mills, Ruth Sandrisser, Paul Hutchcraft

Our military serving our country

Join an Adult Class

Sundays
10:15 to 11:00 am

FaithWeavers
Music Room

Devotional Quilting Class
Fellowship Hall Classroom

Friendship Klass
Fellowship Hall Classroom

Fellowship Class
Fellowship Hall Classroom

Let's Talk About It
Fellowship Hall Classroom

Upcoming Messages & Scriptures

*"Change Your Spiritual Life in
Under a Minute"*

Aug 21— "Worry Not"—Matthew 6:25-34

Aug 28— "Choose Wisely"—
Psalm 119:97-114

Sept 4— "Rely on God"—Psalm 62:5-8

Visit our website at www.fccsullivan.org for highlights from our Sunday Worship Services and pictures from church events.

News from the Pews

Attendance Report

"We count people-because people count!"

Aug 7 Worship Service	.....	111
Aug 14 Worship Service	.....	126

Stewardship Report

Aug 7 Offering	.....	\$ 8,852.00
Aug 14 Offering	.....	\$ 4,180.00
Weekly Budget for 2011	.....	\$ 5,000.00



U-Night

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7

Fellowship Hall
Supper served at 6:00

Activities for adults and children of all ages.

Sign up on the Worship attendance slip, through the Church Secretary or on Facebook.

Community Calendar

Bible Readings



September 2011

- 1 Matthew 5:1-20
- 2 Matthew 5:21-48
- 3 Matthew 6:19-34
- 4 Matthew 7:1-29
- 5 Matthew 12:1-21
- 6 Matthew 12:22-50
- 7 Matthew 13:1-23
- 8 Matthew 13:24-58
- 9 Matthew 22:1-22
- 10 Matthew 22:23-46
- 11 Matthew 25:1-30
- 12 Matthew 25:31-46
- 13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17
- 14 1 Corinthians 1:19-31
- 15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
- 16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
- 17 1 Corinthians 4:1-21
- 18 James 1:1-27
- 19 James 2:1-26
- 20 James 3:1-18
- 21 James 4:1-17
- 22 James 5:1-20
- 23 Psalm 34
- 24 Psalm 37
- 25 Proverbs 8:1-36
- 26 Proverbs 9:1-18
- 27 Proverbs 10:1-32
- 28 Proverbs 12:1-28
- 29 Proverbs 16:1-33
- 30 Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14



Visit our website for recent sermon audio, past newsletters, and all kinds of helpful information!

Entrepreneurship: How to Start a Business
Monday, August 22
6:00—9:00 p.m.
Arcola Center
107 W Main, Arcola

Griefshare
Seminar/Support Group
Tuesday
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Aug 30 – Nov 22
First United Methodist Church
Mattoon

Homemade Ice Cream Social
Saturday, Sept 3
11:00 am - 4:00 p.m.
Vine Street Christian Church
Arthur

Volunteers needed for Golden Friends
Sullivan Health Care
For more information contact
Jeri Davis at 217-273-9457

See office bulletin board for more information.



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September Birthdays



September Serving Schedule

Elders

Cheri Rich
Jan Dust

Deacons

Cheryl Ray, Checker
Lindsay Ray
Peggy Hargis
Mike Shasteen
Ruth Shasteen
Nancy Gill
Jill Inman, Alt.
Susie Webb, Alt.

Communion Prep

Cheryl Ray

Serve Shut-ins

Cheri Rich
Glen & Jan Dust
Peggy Hargis
Mike & Ruth Shasteen

Flowers

Sept 18 Tom & Nancy Parks

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|----|---|---|
| 1 | Debbie Seelhofer | Lara Seelhofer |
| 3 | Greg Bryant
Molly Reeder | 19 Pat Burcham
Ina Buxton |
| 4 | Julie Doss
Nancy Parks | Mark McMahon |
| 5 | Doug Graven | 20 Roger Dudley |
| 6 | Dorothy Craig
Jessica Elder
Susan Elder
Tara Sparrow | 22 Sean Craig
Harry McCorkle |
| 7 | Jimmie Gaither | 23 Audrey Inman |
| 8 | Lori Harbaugh
Gavin Sullivan | 24 Jack Crane
David Elder
Roger Farley
Evelyn Lane |
| 10 | Kimberly Montague
Chelsie Warren | 26 Betty Jo Emel
Bill VanKeuren
Dorothy Warren |
| 13 | Shera Lee Byers
John Pruitt
Diann Smith | 27 Sam Ashinhurst
Doug Dyer |
| 14 | George Harchous
Cletus Reed | 28 Maxine Barrett |
| 15 | Mike Bone
Heidi Bryant | 30 Gabe Bowers
Norma Dolan
Nicole Dust |
| 16 | Daniele Daily
Tyler Graven | |
| 17 | Barbara Dillner
Amanda Glazebrook
Betty Wilson | |
| 18 | Carol Glazebrook | |



September Anniversaries

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| 3 | Paul & Kathryn Hutchcraft |
| 11 | Justin & Katrina Farris |
| 12 | Darrel & Janet Gingerich |
| 23 | Roger & Amanda Farley
Marty & Lori Harbaugh |
| 25 | Anders & Barb Dillner |

September 2011

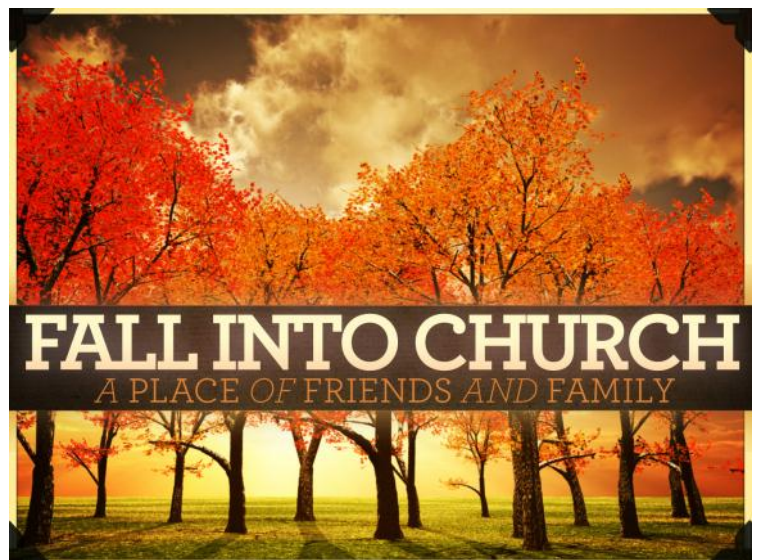
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Headstart 10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 4-6:00 Jr. High 6-8:00 HS High Youth Groups	5 Church Office Closed	6 Body Gospel 6:30 p.m.	7 U-Night 6-8:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10
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Family Matters

It's amazing how the seasons and rhythms of life bring change. Summer is winding down and with that comes a shift in routines and excitement for many. We enjoy the cool weather that fall will bring us. We look forward to things like fall football. Children and youth settle back into school. The seasons really do shape how we live our lives.

As summer winds down and we approach fall, there are some exciting things on the horizon for us here at FCC:

- 1) We had a great youth group kickoff on the 14th and beginning this Sunday we will be having Jr. High youth group weekly on Sundays from 6p-8p. High School youth group will remain the same each week from 4p-6p on Sundays.
- 2) On August 28th, we're going to have a park picnic for our children and families. If you've got children from birth through 5th grade, we'll see you there. Look for more information shortly.
- 3) On Sept. 7th, we're going to be kicking off U-night for the fall. We're working on something special for this night, so be looking for details about this as you won't want to miss it!
- 4) September 11th is quickly approaching. If you've been paying attention, you know that this is an important date in the life of our church (and in our lives as Americans). On this day we'll be launching our new worship service. A lot has changed over the years and this service is going to provide a meaningful worship environment for a new generation of worshipers.
 - a) On Sept. 11th we'll also be kicking off Sunday School for children and youth. This is always an exciting time, especially since this year we'll be using a new curriculum for our children that will help us partner with parents as they guide their children spiritually. Be in pray for our children and for their teachers.



Blessings,

Pastor Grant

Becky's By-line



Where have you

encountered God today? It is a question which needs to be our default mode for life. We know that, we want that, but how do we do that???

It begins in the morning. "God, show me where you are working today. Help me to join you." You will be amazed at the ways in which God will answer your prayer. Then...

Keep your eyes open. Look for the person who needs a little help...does that person need directions to the school? How about the person in the grocery store who is a dollar short? The man with a cane whose life is made easier by opening a door for him. The person in the hospital hallway who needs a reassuring smile? The neighbor who could use your extra tomatoes. It happens while standing in line, while waiting in a reception room, while walking, while driving, while being, while living. Then...

Actually do something! Recognizing where God is working in your everyday life is the first step. That step only becomes love when you actually take it. "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you." (Matthew 7:12 NLT) The Golden Rule. We know about it. We can recite it. Now let's live it. I mean really live it.

I'm willing to take the leap—will you leap, too?

Pastor Becky

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Church School

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