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First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FCC's Vision Statement

First Christian Church seeks to be a family of disciples, growing with God's grace and serving others in faith, hope and love.

Lots of exciting things are going on at FCC Paris right now. I want to tell you how proud I am of our Board. On Sunday they voted on some things that will help us reach out to our community this summer.

1. **Community Block Parties** – Each month this summer we will host a block party for our neighbors. We will have hot dogs, music and activities. We are hoping to partner with other churches close by to make these a place for neighbors to meet neighbors and have fun!

2. **Facebook Boosts** – The Board agreed to try using a Facebook feature called “Boosting” to promote our block parties. This allows us to target people in our area for a small fee. It should help get the word out and grow our presence online. It also allows people to “share” our posts, which will increase our views.

3. **Pay Pal Account** – Facebook Boost uses Pay Pal as its payment method. The board voted to create a church Pay Pal account and allotted \$300 to be used for promotion of the church through daily short videos (2-3 minutes each) and promo videos about the block parties during the summer.

4. **Online Giving** – Because we now have an active Pay Pal account, we are set up for online giving. We have a link on our home page that says “Give.” Click on that and you will be taken to the page where you can give through Pay Pal using a debit card.

5. **Hearing Helpers** – The board asked the tech team to look into purchasing additional hearing helper units for the sanctuary. The tech team will price additional units and report back to the board.

Pastor Lory

Wednesday, May 24

9am – Men's Coffee
3pm – Outreach Team
5pm – Worship Team
6pm – Tech Rehearsal
6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 26

6pm – Game Night

Sunday, May 28

9:30am- Prayer Team
9:50am – Sunday School
10:50am – Worship

Coming Up

May 29 – Memorial Day
Office Closed
May 30 – Summer Lunch
program begins

Prayer Ministry

Our Prayer Team meets each Sunday morning at 9:30am in the sanctuary to pray for our church and our worship service. All



HOPE Team:

Mary Lindsay (Chair)
Martha Harrison, Donald Krayniak,
Kim Penrose, Bobby Scalf,
John Smid, Barbara Wilson

Our HOPE Journey is in full swing. Right now we are setting up teams to go and interview community leaders to get a sense of the greatest needs in the Paris and Lamar County area. A poster board is in the fellowship hall with lists of places/people to contact. Please stop by and sign up to go visit with one or two community leaders. We will put you in a team and give you the questions to ask! We need everyone to be part of this HOPE Journey. For more information, contact any HOPE team member listed above.



Dick Towers, Robyn Jackson, Patrick Whalen, Sue McAulay, Lois Bueker, Linn Scalf, Jean Campbell, Leanne Bueker, Greg Lindsay, Gerald Hutchings, Nancy Bailey, Eulice Howell, Ted and Norma Porter, Natalie Hutchison, Connie Gates, Charin Clayton, Don Cook, Robbie Morrow, Karen Lodes, Charles Purvis

Servers for May 28, 2017

Elders: Jerry Lane, Don Wilson

**Deacons: Amanda and Donald Krayniak
Nancy Logsdon, Raylene Nutt**

Lay Reader: Annette Caviness

Homebound Communion: Ben Holland

Coffee Fellowship: ??

Nursery: Mary Lindsay



**Sermon: Be My Witnesses
Scripture: Acts 1:1-11**

**Prayer for our HOPE Transformation
Journey:**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we take counsel through HOPE for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from *Book of Common Prayer*)



Bring a dish to share and join the fun!