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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.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." – Luke 2:52

I love this verse because it talks about all the ways Jesus grew. He grew intellectually – he studied and learned and used his brain. He grew physically – he went from being a child to being a teen to being an adult. He grew spiritually – he spent time with God and deepened his relationship with his Father. He grew socially – he made friends and shared life with others.

This is a good model for us. We need to grow in lots of ways in order to become who God has created us to be. That's true individually and as a church. We need to grow in our understanding of scripture, in maturity, in our relationship with God and in our relationship and service with others.

I'd like to reframe our HOPE journey a bit. We've talked a lot about how we need to change. BUT, more than change, we need to grow. Growth is a positive thing. It offers life and health and vitality.

We need to grow in our faithfulness, devotion and love for God. We need to grow in our desire to reach out to our community. We need to grow in our passion for the gospel. (Not that we don't have these things in place, but we need to grow even beyond where we are right now!)

If we will commit with all we have to this journey we are on, we will see God's church grow! How? We, the church, will be growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and our neighbors. And when we are growing, we will see God's kingdom grow!

Pastor Lory

Wednesday, May 31
9am – Men's Coffee
2pm – Tech Rehearsal

Saturday, June 3
8am – Men's Breakfast
9am – NTA Meeting
5pm – Parents' Night
Out

Sunday, June 4
9:30am- Prayer Team
9:50am – Sunday School
10:50am – Worship
12pm – Elders' Meeting
12pm – Deacons' Meeting
5pm – Youth Group

Coming Up
June 6 – DWM Bible Study
June 8 – Basics at Brunch
June 10-11 – HOPE
June 13 - Emmaus

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 are welcome to come and join us in lifting our church to God!

Our next weekend retreat with Rick Morse and Cristie Sharpsteen is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 (9a-4p) and Sunday, June 11 after worship.

HOPE Team:

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

Here's a great podcast about seasons:

<https://robbell.podbean.com/e/episode-115-seasons/>



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

Servers for June 4, 2017

Elders: Lynn and Sue Sloan

**Deacons: Mary Ann Beard, Bob Guymon,
Ethan Krayniak, Vickie Perry**

Lay Reader: Mary Lindsay

Homebound Communion: Vickie Perry

Coffee Fellowship: ??

Nursery: Martha Harrison



**Sermon: A Mighty Rushing Wind
Scripture: Acts 2:1-13**

**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*)**

**basics
AT BRUNCH**

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Mark your calendars for Basics at Brunch. Thursday, June 8 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends!