



# Chalice Tidings

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## COFFEE HOUSE

With Jack Ingram ([thejackingram.com](http://thejackingram.com))

Friday, June 3rd 8:00pm

Doors open at 7:30pm First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

120 N. McArthur Macomb, IL

FREE EVENT

For more info: Call (309)837-6473 [www.fccmacomb.org](http://www.fccmacomb.org)

# Kelly's Korner

In the month of June, we will venture into new biblical territory. Our worship focus will center on the life and ministry of Paul. Maybe you know Paul well. Maybe he will be a new biblical character to you. He is the reason churches like ours exist, probably. Without Paul taking the message of Jesus to Gentiles—non-Jews, aka us—there might not be Christian churches. Maybe the followers of Jesus would have blended into the temple and Jesus would be known as a prophet as the centuries unfolded. Or maybe there would be a few sects of Jesus followers in the outlying areas around Jerusalem. Once Paul fell in love with Jesus, he became a great evangelist, a great church-planter, a great follower of Christ.

Paul didn't always believe Jesus was the Messiah. In fact, his job was working on behalf of the temple to persecute those who did believe in Jesus. He had a pretty amazing conversion experience which we will explore in the first week of the series. It took someone else to have a vision concerning the persecutor Saul—he is re-named Paul later—before anyone would trust that he had been transformed into a believer. The disciples often mistrusted Paul as well. And he and Peter, the leader of Christians in Jerusalem, decided to part ways. Paul would travel and bring the good news. Peter would remain in Jerusalem. Once or twice, Paul was summoned to Jerusalem and reprimanded for how he was teaching and preaching.

In our four-week sermon series (info below), we'll look at familiar passages from Acts and First Corinthians. This is not an in-depth study. Paul has written too much to do his work justice in four weeks. Think of this as an introduction to Paul's ministry.

Hope to see you each week in June!

Peace,



## **June Sermon Series—*Basic Paul***

**5—Acts 9:1-9 Conversion**

**12—Acts 16:16-18 We Are All Here**

**19—First Corinthians 12:12-14 Not One, But Many**

**26—First Corinthians 13:4-8a Love Is**

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS

Josh Butcher

Our first Financial Peace University class wrapped up on Thursday, May 12. We had 9 people attend the class (2 singles, 2 couples, and 3 others whose spouses weren't able to attend with them). Over those 9 weeks of the class, these participants as a whole were able to eliminate \$7,100 in non-mortgage debt, were able to save \$10,200, and a total of 4 credit cards were closed and cut-up.

Upon completion of the class I asked the participants to answer a few questions regarding their experience taking the class.

When asked the question, "Do you feel you can better manage your money now as a result of attending FPU?" they all replied YES!

When asked the question, "Overall how well do you feel FPU has helped you improve your financial self-confidence, peace of mind, and sense of security, compared to your personal finance life before attending FPU?" here were some of the responses:

*"It has made all aspects of my financial situation more transparent. The planning shows there is a point down the road where debt will be in the past."*

*"I have tools and knowledge I didn't have before, that are helping me feel more confident moving forward towards being debt free."*

*"I have been given the steps to go forward in all aspects which is such a blessing."*

*"On a scale of 1-10, it would be a 10."*

When asked the question, "What would you say to others thinking about taking this course?" they replied:

*"Just DO IT and do it NOW. We wish we knew about this method when we were first starting out, instead we struggled paycheck to paycheck and made some very poor decisions, which we are still paying for today!"*

*"DO IT EARLY."*

*"You will regret NOT taking it!"*

*"Start it early before debt gets control of your life. But it will also help at any stage of your life."*

On behalf of the entire class I would like to extend a big thank you to First Christian Church for being host to the class and providing the facilities. It was a great experience for all! Based on the success of this first class, I believe we will try to setup a future FPU class for this Fall potentially. Please contact me if you would have interest in attending a future FPU class.

## Yoga Class Anne Ingersoll



This class will open your heart and mind to all that life offers creating gratitude within you. Students can expect to build strength in a safe and peaceful environment. This class is open to those new to yoga and those with a bit more experience. Meets June 10th, 17th, and 24th. No class on June 3rd.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**—On Thursday, June 9, at 7:00 pm, Stephen Ministry and Rev. Ingersoll are inviting you, your family, your friends and members of the congregation to attend a Service of Remembrance in our sanctuary. We will focus on loved ones who have passed away this last year with personal invitations mailed to those families. However, this Service is not only for them; it's for everyone who has lost a loved one. I want to encourage elders, deacons and members of our congregation to come and gather as a family to offer support and love for each other as we grieve together. The loss of a loved one is never easy and may take 2 or 3 years for the hurt to begin to lessen. Following the service, there will be cookies and drink with time to share stories. Let's not allow anyone to grieve alone. Let's come together as friends and family to show that we care.

### **TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS**

Stephen Ministry consists of members from our church who have been trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. After training they are commissioned as Stephen Ministers.

Would you be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministry is Christ-centered and confidential. There are only two qualifications: you need to be a member of the church and have the willingness to care for those who are hurting.

I would like to begin a TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS the first week in July. For more information, please contact Rev. Ingersoll (837-6473), Pauline Dunn (837-2058) or Jean Vaughn (837-4406).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tad Goldner

Looking ahead, June sure is a busy month. We start the first of our Summer Fun Days and go out for our first few Chi Rho events (be looking for a calendar in the next few weeks!), and even start to think about summer camp coming up in July. For our youth, it's also high time for summer sports, 4-H events, and many other activities that everyone is involved in. Even though the school year is over, the fun has only just begun.

For me, the summer fun really started the Friday after my last final. Kristen and I took a trip up to the Quad Cities to see a cover band put on a production of the Beatles' entire "Abbey Road" album. For those of you who don't get out to see live music that often, it's one of my favorite things to do. The atmosphere, the crowd, and even the music itself just takes me to a place that nothing else can. Music has always been something spiritual for me, and gathering with a room packed full of people to listen to it just heightens that experience. I really do feel God in those moments. I really hope I can make it to a few more shows before the summer is over.

For the rest of you, whatever you enjoy doing, whether it is going to concerts, playing in a sports league, or just taking a break from the busy school year, now is the time to do it. Go out, have fun, and take some time to find those moments that bring you closer in faith!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble



Chi Rho youth will be making donuts again on June 12. They are raising money for the Summer Weekend Lunch program. It is a program that supplies sack lunches to those in need.

Please come early for fellowship to get your hot homemade donut with vanilla, chocolate, sprinkles, or no sprinkles, powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar. Of course you can have it plain too. There will be coffee and punch as always. Please help them raise money for this worthy project.

Movie Nights for the summer:

**May 29-Peanuts, June 26-Chipmunks, Road Chips July 31-Up**

Snacks will be served. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us in the parking lot for a great night of family fun and fellowship.

It is with great pride I announce that our vision planning events now have a name, Summer Fun Events. After many months of meeting, discussions, and planning, our first Summer Fun Event will be held on Saturday June 4 at 7 pm at the Macomb Country Club. It is a beach pool party. There will be free swim, games and snacks, and we will end the evening with worship and the live music of Jack Ingram. This event is for those students completing grades 6th thru 8th. So tell your friends and come and join us for a wonderful evening of bringing the word of God to the community. Hope to see you there. Plus, please mark your calendars for July 16 as the Olympics are coming to Macomb, including the torch. The Presbyterian Church will be the host church for this event. There will be bouncy houses, games and worship. This event runs from 1pm to 4 pm and is open to children having completed 1st thru 5th grades on August 13, FCC will host M.A.D. (music, art and drama). Those children having completed 1st thru 5th grade will be able to choose from singing, playing the ukulele, painting, clay and drama. The day will end with a performance and display of art work. Please mark your calendars and come and join us for Summer Fun Events.

Keep an eye on future newsletters as Christian Education will be hosting Family Fun Nights throughout the rest of the year.

## EVANGELISM

Heritage Days

June 23-26, 2016



This year's theme is "Generations of Excellence, Macomb Public Schools". We will have three booth spaces this year and more activities to keep our community members active and interacting with us. We ask that everyone wear their FCC t-shirt (or see Anne Ingersoll to buy one) and bring a smiling face to share with others!

This is always a fun event for us to share the mission of FCC with our community. Please consider signing up for a time slot and join our booth this summer!

**ELDERS**  
**Myrna Osborn**  
**Choosing Kindness**

Talk and act like a person expecting to be judged by the Rule that sets us free. For if you refuse to act kindly, you can hardly expect to be treated kindly. Kind mercy wins over harsh judgment every time. James 2:12-13

**I**f we believe the words of Proverbs 11:17—and we should—then we understand that kindness is its own reward. And, if we are to obey the commandments of our Savior—and we should—we must sow seeds of kindness wherever we go.

Kindness is a choice. Sometimes, when we feel happy or generous, we find it easy to be kind. Other times, when we are discouraged or tired, we can scarcely summon the energy to utter a single kind word. But, God's commandment is clear: God intends that we make the conscious choice to treat others with kindness and respect, no matter our circumstances, no matter our emotions. Kindness, therefore, is a choice that we, as Christians, must make many times each day.

**A Prayer for Today**

*Help me, Lord, to see the needs of those around me.  
Today, let me spread kind words in honor of Your Son.  
Today, let forgiveness rule my heart. And every day,  
Lord, let my love for Christ be demonstrated through  
deeds of kindness for those who need the healing touch of  
the Master's hand. Amen*

**Membership**  
**Kim Cunningham**  
**Church Picnic**



On July 10th after services (12:00) the membership committee will be hosting the Church Picnic in the Fellowship Hall. The Committee will provide BBQ Pork sandwiches, drinks, and table service. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After lunch we will hold a short but very sweet auction of 12 one-of-a-kind pies or favorite desserts. The money raised will help fund a new roof for the Sunday School Building.

If you are interested in providing one of these pies or your "Famous Family Desserts" please call Judy Graves (309.833.5731) or Kim Cunningham (309.255.4826) to offer this valuable item.

Please plan on joining the group for this fun church event and bring the whole family and invite a friend!

**Thank You Notes**

Thank you FCC friends for all the many kindnesses shown to our family after the passing of Florence Washburn. The service was beautiful--especially Pastor Kelly's very thoughtful message.

Norma and Dave, John and Sally Washburn, and Sarah Cordray.

A sincere thank you to all who gave prayers, love and concerns. The loss of Brad leaves a whole lot of sadness for us but we trust in God and know he is with Jesus now. Thank you for everything. Love in Christ  
Chuck & Bonnie Becker

# SAMARITAN WELL OPPORTUNITIES / JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL

Jan Rockwell

**THANKS!** The Samaritan Well thanks FCC for our faithful past support. This mission has provided temporary housing and assistance to residents so they can continue their education, train for better employment, obtain affordable housing, and acquire life skills that will enable them to achieve independence.

**HISTORY** The Samaritan Well was incorporated in 1998 as a Women's and Children's Shelter, with an expansion in 2008 due to the need for a Men's shelter. Both shelter homes are owned by churches, and the buildings are donated rent free. Due to the state budget impasse, we have received no state funds since June of 2015. Our average monthly cost for salaries, utilities, supplies and insurance for both shelters is \$8,000. Though we are spending down our reserves, the Samaritan Well has always existed due to the generosity of our churches and community.

**HISTORY OF JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL WALK/RUN** Upon the death of our beloved Sheriff John Bliven, a strong leader in our church and community, Rachel and their daughters established the John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital. After a time, they generously allowed Samaritan Well to coordinate the event and share the proceeds. This has become the primary fundraiser for The Well. The John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run is always held during Heritage Days. Proceeds from this event benefit the Samaritan Well Men's and Women's Shelters and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL WALK/RUN** The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Run is scheduled for **Saturday, June 25, 2016, at 7:00 a.m. in front of the Old Dairy Restaurant.** Competition is set for 2 mile & 4 mile runners and for children 12 and under in the 1 mile Fun Run. Walkers may walk the distance they are comfortable with up to 2 miles. A new timing system, J3E, will be adding new life to the race event. Also added is the choice of registering either paper copy or online. Information can be found at [www.samaritanwellinc.org](http://www.samaritanwellinc.org) or at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com).

**FIRST CHRISTIAN JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL TEAM** Action & Outreach Committee has donated \$150 to place FCC as one of the event sponsors. Churches and groups in the area are asked to send teams this year. We are forming a team, hoping you would consider joining the event by either walking or running together, or just cheering. As many as possible will be wearing our church logo t-shirts. (Anne Ingersoll can order yours in time if you let her know by June 5.) We'd LOVE for you to join us!!! **The sign-up sheet for walk/run participants and monetary donors** will be in the hall outside the parlor kitchen until June 16<sup>th</sup> for walk/runners and posted until Heritage Days for donors. Your participation will help us keep our homes for those who need them. QUESTIONS? Talk to Nita Burg, Jan Rockwell, or Cindy Cavett at the YMCA.

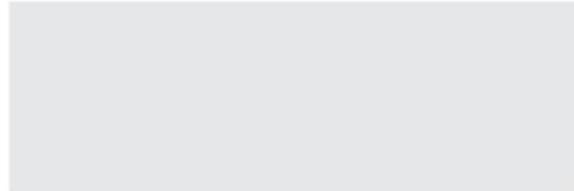
## Announcements

- Please take a moment to sign-up for our FCC Heritage Days booth.
- No Prayer Shawl in June. We will resume July 12.
- Coffee House with Jack Ingram Friday, June 3 at 8:00 pm.(Doors will be open at 7:30 pm.)
- June 4, 8:00 am Disciples Men at Old Dairy
- Join us Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Diamond Dave's for the next meeting of Spirit Sisters. We will be talking about friends and friendship. Bring a friend!
- Soup and More is being served by FCC on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Those willing to help cook on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>, serve on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> or clean up afterwards, please sign-up on the sheet across from the Parlor kitchen and mark your calendars. This meal is hosted monthly by various churches and groups and held at First Presbyterian Church. This is the first time FCC has taken a turn. The meal offers free food and good fellowship.
- Disciples Women General meeting has been **rescheduled** to Wednesday, June 22, at 7 pm. All women of the church are invited.
- It's time again to sign-up for Fellowship Time July, August, & September. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Parlor kitchen.



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**2nd Annual Men's Outing**

**Cubs VS Cardinals**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016  
Busch Stadium**

**1 PM game time—\$30.00 per ticket**

**All men, friends, family (male) invited**

**Contact Larry Loop call 309.255.0880**

**or email [docndot@hughes.net](mailto:docndot@hughes.net)**