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Sunday, May 4, was an exciting day as Linda Baumer came forward during 10:30 service, declared her faith in Jesus Christ, and placed her membership with FCC. We welcome Linda to the church family!

Mark your calendars for the CWF Spring Sale on Sat, May 24! Sale time is 8 AM – 12 PM with most everything half price beginning at 11:00. Items may be brought to the Crossroads gym Tues, Wed, and Thurs, May 20-22, from 8 AM – 5 PM, and Friday, May 23, from 8 AM – 12 PM. (If you need a special time, call Kathy 217-248-5214)

For the Spring Sale we will accept most of the usual items including: household, decorations, outdoor, garden, plants, tools, kitchen ware, small appliances, small furniture, footwear, toys, jewelry, books (no encyclopedia sets) and clothing of all sizes. (No TVs, computers, printers, fax, etc.) We always have fun preparing for the sale and enjoy visiting with our shoppers as we welcome them into our lovely Crossroads Center!

Please consider working with us as we set out and price items during the week, or come on sale day to help shoppers and add up/pack purchases. We especially need help after the sale as we box up everything that is leftover. Proceeds will be distributed among many worthy local non-profit organizations and charities.



FCC College Outreach,
 Thank you so much for your continual goodie boxes and support. It is always a fun surprise when I receive one in the mail! I appreciate the care and thought that goes into packaging and sending them out. I find myself leaving the box open on the counter and grabbing a handful of items before running out the door again. I'm so blessed to have a church family that continues to love and minister from afar. Thank you all!
 Cherise (Anderson) Sheurman

CWF Bible study groups Circle IV and Circle V have joined forces and are now one group calling themselves CWF. They will meet the second Thursday of each month, 9:30, at the Cardinal Inn. For more information contact Joyce Lemons or Carol Schwartze.

Elder Meeting, Tues, May 27, 6:00.

The sermons will be played on the radio weekly at 10:30 on Sunday mornings beginning April 27 on radio station 97.5 FM. The sermon aired will be from the prior week.



The 2025 camp dates are posted on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp website where you can also register your child. Our Christian Men's Fellowship will pay for one half of the camp fee for youth from FCC to attend.

There will be another cleaning day at church camp on Sat, May 31, 8:00 - Noon. Help all morning or as your time allows. You will also be invited to stay for lunch!

Mark your calendars for
*****LIVE IT OUT VBS*****
July 13th through 16th
 Interested in lending a hand?
 contact Niki Dixon 417-392-0729



Dear Church Family,

Last weekend, I had the joy of traveling to Nashville to celebrate my son's graduation from Vanderbilt Law School. We rented a townhouse for the occasion—beautiful, modern, and perfectly situated with stunning views of the Nashville skyline. But there was a catch: the living room and the balcony, the heart of the home, were perched four long flights of stairs above street level.

Let me tell you—those stairs *tested* me. Every bag of groceries, every suitcase, every cooler full of snacks had to be hauled up step by step. My legs ached, my breath was short, and more than once I questioned my decision-making. But each time I reached the top, and especially when I stepped out onto that balcony to take in the city lights, I was reminded: the climb was worth it.

Isn't life like that sometimes?

There are seasons when we feel like we're on a relentless uphill journey. Whether it's parenting, caring for aging parents, facing health battles, or simply pressing on through the daily grind, it can feel like we're hauling weight up endless stairs. And yet—God meets us in the climb.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, *"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up"* (Galatians 6:9, ESV). The view may not always be visible in the moment, but it is coming. The beauty and rest and fellowship waiting at the top make every aching step worthwhile.

Even Jesus knew the steep path. Hebrews tells us, *"For the joy that was set before him [He] endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:2, ESV). He climbed the hardest hill so we could stand in grace.

So if your legs are tired, your arms full, and your soul weary—take heart. Keep climbing. There's something beautiful ahead. The view is coming. And more importantly, so is the joy and presence of Christ at the summit, but never forget that He is also with us on the stairs.

Loving you all,

Michael

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Lectionary 5/18: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35 5/19: Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26 5/20: Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30 5/21: Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28 5/22: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41 5/23: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8 5/24: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10 5/25: Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67; Rev 21:10-22:5; John 14:23-29 5/26: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14 5/27: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22 5/28: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38 5/29: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53 5/30: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9 5/31: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18	<table><tr><td>FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!</td><td colspan="2">Worship Service 5/4 5/11</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>8:00</td><td>142 105</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>10:30</td><td><u>171</u> <u>160</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>313 265</td></tr><tr><td>Wishes & Wants Men's Wrangler jeans. New, washed once, never worn. 42x30. \$5. Carole Elledge 217.285.4929</td><td colspan="2">Christian Education</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Youth</td><td>37 34</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Disciples</td><td>12 12</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Sermon Study</td><td>14 6</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>C.O.F.F.E.E.</td><td><u>12</u> <u>12</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>75 64</td></tr><tr><td>Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr></table>			FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!	Worship Service 5/4 5/11			8:00	142 105		10:30	<u>171</u> <u>160</u>		Total	313 265	Wishes & Wants Men's Wrangler jeans. New, washed once, never worn. 42x30. \$5. Carole Elledge 217.285.4929	Christian Education			Youth	37 34		Disciples	12 12		Sermon Study	14 6		C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>12</u> <u>12</u>		Total	75 64	Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!		
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