

FIRSTCHRISTIANEVANGEL

OCTOBER 2016



FIRSTCHRISTIAN

A Church of Praying, Growing, Serving Disciples

OUR MISSION

We exist to *WIN* people to Christ, *GROW* them in Christ and *SEND* them out on behalf of Christ all for the glory of God.

OUR STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Mel Workman: Senior Minister
Matt Davis: Youth Minister
Chuck Bartlett: Pastoral Care Minister
Rick Endebrock: Worship Minister
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STAY CONNECTED

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Prayer request and connection cards are available in the pew holder.
Join the prayer text message group by texting 217-246-7775.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (10/2):

Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:00 am
FCC Prayer Gathering (War Room), 5:00 pm
Ladies' Small Group (Fellowship Hall), 6:00 pm
4/14 Small Groups, 6:30 pm

TUESDAY (10/4):

Volunteers at Heartland, 9:45am-Noon

WEDNESDAY (10/5):

Ladies' Small Group (Fellowship Hall), 9:30 am
4/14 (641 W 6th, Neoga), 6:00-8:00 pm

THURSDAY (10/6):

Potter's Small Group (War Room), 10:30 am
Community Clothesline, 1:00-7:00pm
Community Meal, 5-6:30pm
Neoga Community Food Pantry, 5:00-7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY (10/9):

Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:00 am
Membership Meeting, after Worship
FCC Prayer Gathering (War Room), 5:00 pm
No Ladies' Small Group this week
4/14 Small Groups, 6:30 pm

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us for worship... We are glad you are here. Our desire is that God would bless and direct this time together and that our worship would be in Spirit and in Truth.

FIRSTTIMEVISITOR

COMMUNION

Please join us in remembering the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ with communion celebration. We partake in the juice and bread together as a church after the communion prayer.

OFFERING

We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, celebration, and thanksgiving to the Lord. Please make a note in memo line for designated offerings. *If you are a guest, you are not expected or obligated to give.*

BIBLES

If you need a bible to read, please take one of the pew bibles.

PRAYER

If you have a prayer need, fill out the prayer card in your pew and place it in the offering plate otherwise call the church office or a send text to 217-246-7775.

PRAYER MEETING

If a church is to be what it ought to be for the purposes of God, we must train it in the holy art of prayer. Churches without prayer-meetings are grievously common. Even if there were only one such, it would be one to weep over. In many churches the prayer-meeting is only the skeleton of a gathering: the form is kept up, but the people do not come. There is no interest, no power, in connection with the meeting. Oh, my brothers, let it not be so with you! Do train the people to continually meet together for prayer. Rouse them to incessant supplication. There is a holy art in it. Study to show yourselves approved by the prayerfulness of your people. If you pray yourself, you will want them to pray with you; and when they begin to pray with you, and for you, and for the work of the Lord, they will want more prayer themselves, and the appetite will grow. Believe me, if a church does not pray, it is dead. Instead of putting united prayer last, put it first. Everything will hinge upon the power of prayer in the church.

C.H. Spurgeon

Prayer meetings are the throbbing machinery of the church.

COMMUNITY CLOTHESLINE

September 1st :

31 Families 104 Individuals

September 15th:

17 Families 33 Individuals

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

September:

43 families, 117 people served

4 deliveries

14 volunteers, 25 hours

HEARTLAND AUXILIARY

Thank you! \$475 was collected for the Auxiliary Bakeless Sale.

PRAYER IS THE BATTLE

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord.

FCC REQUESTS

Current: Jack Gilbert (cataract recovery), Barry/Ann Conn, Richard Russell (hip replacement), John Cordes (son of Don & Mary) surgery, Sandy Whetsell, Loretta Meek, Marge Alumbaugh, Judy Starwalt, Isaac Ground, Dan Letizia.

Ongoing Concerns: 4/14, Alan/Linda Baker-belize children, Anias/ Jadon- conjoined twins, Building Project, North American Christian Convention- Kansas City 6/27-29/2017, AA and Celebrate recovery.

In Care Facilities: Carolyn Gast, Elsie Phillips, Ivan Cooper

Fighting Cancer: Ann Conn, Lila Bear, Dan Letizia, Marge Alumbaugh, Denny Mefford, Jr., Elizabeth Weidner, Larry Wheeler, Lis White, Patty Johnson, Wilfred Good, Carol Mefford, Christie Wright.

In the Military: Jalen Blazich, Jared Blazich, Tyler Briggerman, Shane Gephardt, Josh Kiest, Wes Letizia, Alicia/ Steve Tordoff

Missions: Christian Campus House, Compassion International, Heartland Christian Village, HIS Home for Children, Hopewell, Neoga Community Food Pantry, Oblong Christian Children's Home, Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Rapha House, Ryan/ Melinda Hicks, Thirst Missions.

KINGDOM REQUESTS

- That we would grow in obedience and surrender as disciples individually & corporately.
- That we would be united as healthy disciples as the Body of Christ.
- That we would live reflecting Christ as we BLESS people for God's glory.
- That we would hear and follow God's leading in all areas

Need Prayer? Call the church office, send an email to office@fccneoga.org or send text to 217-246-7775.

DISCIPLES JOURNAL

My Time with The Savior is a journal you can use during your daily quiet time. The journal will help you focus on several important disciplines. Character traits, memory verses, prayer journaling and daily bible study. Call or email the office for a copy.

DAY1: Luke 14:12-14

CHARACTER TRAIT of the week:

FRIENDLINESS vs. Loneliness.

DAY2: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 13:2

DAY3: Proverbs 27:6

DAY4: Hebrews 10:24-25

DAY5: Hebrews 13:2

OCTOBER 5 x 5 Reading Plan: 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

1: 1 John 3

9: 1 Peter 2

17: John 3

25: John 9

2: 1 John 4

10: 1 Peter 3

18: John 4

26: John 10

3: 1 John 5

11: 1 Peter 4

19: John 5

27: Reflection

4: 2 John

12: 1 Peter 5

20: Reflection

28: Reflection

5: 3 John

13: Reflection

21: Reflection

29: John 11

6: Reflection

14: Reflection

22: John 6

30: John 12

7: Reflection

15: John 1

23: John 7

31: John 13

8: Peter 1

16: John 2

24: John 8

LADIES' SMALL GROUP

Entrusted: A Study of II Timothy (DVD) led by Beth Moore, encourages our ladies to become mighty servants of God. In Paul's final letter, he charged Timothy, his beloved son in the faith, to not be ashamed to fulfill God's call on his life. Beth Moore challenges us to go forth and use our spiritual gifts as we serve our Lord.

The Family of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury (DVD): Karen Kingsbury, one of America's favorite storytellers, utilizes the Scripture, biblical history and cultural absolutes to take us deeper into what we know about each family member's unique role in God's redemption story through Jesus. We will step into the days when Jesus walked the earth and get to redemption story through Jesus. We will step into the days when Jesus walked the earth and get to know six of His closest relatives. Joseph: Husband, Protector, Servant; Zachariah: Singing new song; John the Baptist: Completing God's task; Elizabeth: Holding out hope; James: From skepticism to commitment; and Mary: Praying and following. Each week includes: discussion, Karen in DVD presentation, group study of scriptures, and 12-15 pages of homework for the week. The study will be available on Sundays at 6pm and Wednesdays at 9:30am beginning the week of October 30.

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Senior Breakfast (October 25, 2016): All seniors are encouraged to meet the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am at The Depot for breakfast. Come enjoy the fellowship and begin the morning with a breakfast of your choice. Note, each one pays for his own meal.

Senior Fellowship (October 13, 2016): Thursday, October 13, 2016 beginning at 11:00 am at FCC Matt and Jennifer Davis will share with us information about the 4-14 youth, curriculum and activities for this fall. Matt may even have a few pictures to share. All seniors are encouraged to attend and demonstrate our interest, concern, and support for 4-14. Remember 4-14 stands for "Love God, Love Man" (four words and fourteen letters). We will also sing a few hymns and learn about the stories behind these hymns. Mark your calendar and plan to attend and enjoy the worship, fellowship, and lunch with the staff and seniors of all ages. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided; each person should bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share.

4/14 UPDATE

Did you know that God is an emotional being? Not emotional as in constantly changing and hard to read (picture a teenage girl) but emotional in that He experiences emotions. Want proof? 1 John 4:8 "God is love", Genesis 6:6 "So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart" and Exodus 22:24 "My anger will blaze against you . . ." just to name a few. How can God love, if He doesn't possess and experience emotions? We are created in the image of God, Imago Dei, and therefore have emotions, unfortunately many people in the church today think we need to walk around like Spock and completely ignore our feelings. They believe we need to push our emotions out and only focus on our spirituality. The problem is, that according to Peter Scazzero in his book *The Emotionally Healthy Church* "Emotional health and Spiritual maturity are inseparable. It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature." What is the Greatest Commandment? To love the Lord your God with all your HEART, SOUL, MIND and STRENGTH. "To truly love God with all our heart, soul mind and strength requires that we know not only God but also our interior- the nature of our own heart, soul and mind."

While at CIY, a man got up to address the youth leaders in the room and said some very profound words to us, "Everything is spiritual, but not everything is spiritual." Go ahead, read it again, it took me several times to run it

OCTOBER SERVERS

	Tech Team	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
2	<u>Audio:</u> Aubrey <u>Video:</u> Jim	Joe & Pat Briggerman	<u>Nursery:</u> Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship:</u> Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>Primary Worship:</u> Zach Letizia <u>Warrior Worship:</u> Joni McClure	Alan Baker Doug Baker Jake Ballinger David Coen	Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson Art Walk Chad Walk
9	<u>Audio:</u> Tom <u>Video:</u> Zach	Marian Lindley	<u>Nursery:</u> Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship:</u> Louella Drum <u>Primary Worship:</u> Paula & Rory Gentry <u>Warrior Worship:</u> Joni McClure	Don Coen Kirby Davis Jack Gilbert Wendell Haws	Bill Kenworthy Doug Moore Monte Page Greg Oakley
16	<u>Audio:</u> Aubrey <u>Video:</u> Jim	Wilma Burton	<u>Nursery:</u> John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship:</u> Cheryll Gilbert, <u>Primary Worship:</u> Penny Hess <u>Warrior Worship:</u> Jennifer Davis	JR Schisler Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson Art Walk	Chad Walk Zach Letizia Alan Baker Doug Baker
23	<u>Audio:</u> Tom <u>Video:</u> Leslie	Charlotte Orr Rita Stewart	<u>Nursery:</u> Judy Starwalt <u>Wee Worship:</u> Katie Hakman, Megan Robinson <u>Primary Worship:</u> Amber & Paul Lake <u>Warrior Worship:</u> Jennifer Davis	Jake Ballinger David Coen Don Coen Doug Moore	Kirby Davis Jack Gilbert Wendell Haws Bill Kenworthy
30	<u>Audio:</u> Tom <u>Video:</u> Zach	Jack & Cheryll Gilbert	5th Sunday Volunteers	Monte Page Greg Oakley JR Schisler Harry Starwalt	Tom Tomlinson Art Walk Chad Walk Doug Baker

4/14 Continued

around the hamster wheel in my head to really start to understand what he meant. Everything in life is spiritual, it affects us in spiritual ways, but the answer isn't always spiritual. Now before you label me a heretic and get the stake ready for my execution, I am not saying that God is not all powerful and capable of working in all situations. I firmly believe that God can do all that He wants, that is consistent with His character. Let me give an example: while out running I trip and fall, breaking my ankle. This is a spiritual event in that it has affected my soul, while lying in pain waiting for the ambulance to collect me I am praying for a cessation of the pain and quick healing, I can see the spiritual side of this. I also see an emotional and physical side as well, pain fear and healing are all involved. If this was a purely spiritual event I wouldn't call the ambulance or see a doctor, since this includes other aspects of my being though, I call those medical professionals to offer their aid.

I have been doing my best to help be a spiritual leader here, but realized that I have failed in some of my emotional duties here and I am deeply sorry. Jennifer and I have read this book together and started to apply many of the principles in it to our lives and have experienced growth in our marriage and parenting as well. I will admit that it hurt taking a self-assessment of my emotional maturity and discovering that I am, in many ways, an emotional child. It was even more painful to have Jennifer confirm this by reviewing it with me.

I am writing this article to you asking that you prayerfully consider reading this book *The Emotionally Healthy Church* by Peter Scazzero. If we are truly made Imago Dei, then we should seek maturity in all the aspects of our lives, spiritual, physical and emotional? I am walking this journey with you, not as a sage, but as a humble pilgrim learning how to mature and live my emotions as God intended.

Matt

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 5pm Prayer Mtg 6pm Ladies' Small Group 6:30pm 4/14 Small Group Bob Burton Matt Frankie	3	4 9:45-Noon Volunteers at Heartland	5 9:30am Ladies' Small Group 6-8pm 4/14	6 10:30am Potter Small Group (War Room) 1-7pm Community Clothesline 5-6:30pm Community Meal 5-7pm Neoga Food Pantry	7 Jack & Cheryl Gilbert	8 Tyler Crafton
9 FCC Membership Mtg 4pm Financial Board Mtg 5pm Prayer Mtg 6pm No Ladies' Small Group 6:30pm 4/14 Small Group	10 John & Mary Ann Wilson	11 Monte & Linda Page	12 6-8pm 4/14	13 11:00 am Senior Fellowship & Potluck	14	15
16 5pm Prayer Mtg 6pm Ladies' Small Group 6:30pm 4/14 Small Group	17	18 Liz Huffman Doug & Amy Baker Paul & Amber Lake	19 9:30am Ladies' Small Group 6-8pm 4/14	20 10:30am Potter Small Group (War Room)	21	22
23 5pm Prayer Mtg 6pm Ladies' Small Group 6:30pm 4/14 Small Group	24 Don Scales	25 8am Seniors' Breakfast at Depot Keersta Beccue, Katy Frankie Monte Page, Maxine Sentel John Tomlinson Joe & Pat Briggerman	26 9:30am Ladies' Small Group 6-8pm 4/14 Amy Baker Jennifer Finney	27 10:30am Potter Small Group (War Room)	28	29
30 5pm Prayer Mtg 6pm Ladies' Small Group (The Family of Jesus) 6:30pm 4/14 Small Group	31 6-8pm Light Night Chris Hall					