

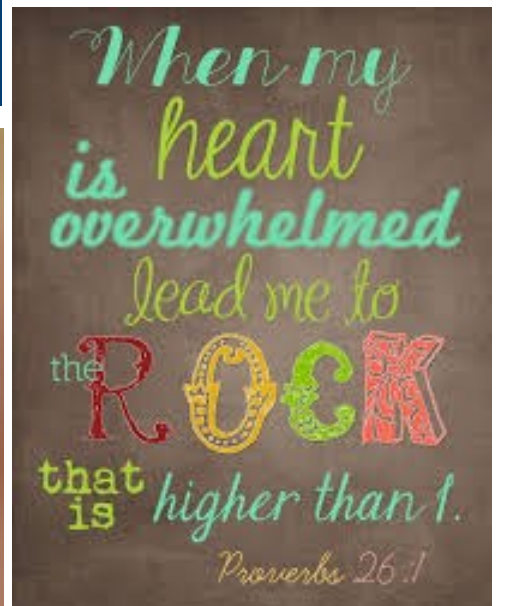
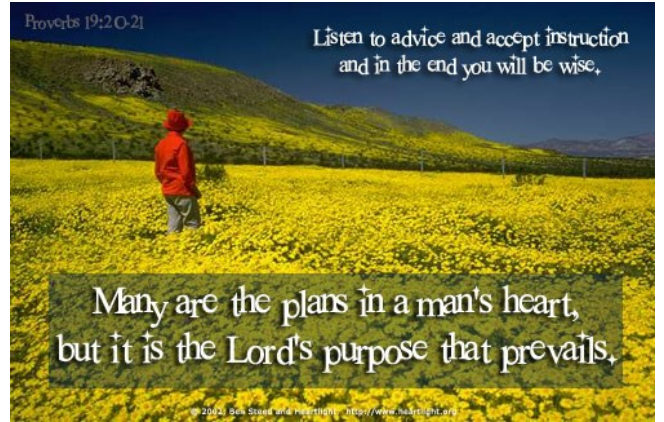


THE EVANGEL

AUGUST 2015

DEVELOPING GODLY HABITS...

A STUDY IN PROVERBS



PRAYER FOCUS

And the first thing the Lord teaches His disciples is that they must have a secret place for prayer; every one must have some solitary spot where he can be alone with his God. Every teacher must have a schoolroom. We have learnt to know and accept Jesus as our only teacher in the school of prayer. He has already taught us at Samaria that worship is no longer confined to times and places; that worship, spiritual true worship, is a thing of the spirit and the life; the whole man must in his whole life be worship in spirit and truth. And yet He wants each one to choose for himself the fixed spot where He can daily meet him. That inner chamber, that solitary place, is Jesus' schoolroom. That spot may be anywhere; that spot may change from day to day if we have to change our abode; but that secret place there must be, with the quiet time in which the pupil places himself in the Master's presence, to be by Him prepared to worship the Father. There alone, but there most surely, Jesus comes to us to teach us to pray.

-Andrew Murray

CURRENT (3 WEEKS):

Bill Kenworthy– heart
Back to School Give a ways– Aug 2
Mexico Mission trip– July 31-Aug 5
Andrea Workman– surgery recovery
Cheryll Gilbert– TIA
Kellee Beccue: health
Alicia (Keith) Kepley: Huntington's disease.

ONGOING CONCERNS:

Grade School Ministries
Youth Group Kick-Off Aug 26
FCC Fall Calendar
School Starts in Neoga
Teachers: 8/17
Students: 8/19

COMPASSION CHILDREN:

Ashley
Mehari
Joydeb
Axel
Melanie

FIGHTING CANCER:

Penny Walk
Chuck Bartlett
Brad Odum
Megan Buxton
Sam Bean
Mel Hood
Michelle Simpson
Shawn Whetsell
Clint Mausehund
Bob Trefzger

IN CARE FACILITIES:

Elsie Phillips– Heartland
Carolyn Gast– Cumberland Co
Allene Young– Harmony Center

IN THE MILITARY:

Shane Gephardt
Tyler Briggerman– Navy
Wes Letizia– Air Force
Alicia & Steve Tordoff–
Army Reserve

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

Ministries:

Elders & Deacons
Children's
Youth
College / Young Adult
Senior
Praise / Tech Team
Community Clothesline
Small Groups
Sunday School
Benevolence
Outreach

Missions Team & Missions:

Neoga Community Food Pantry
Heartland Christian Village
Oblong Christian Children's Home
Christian Campus House,
Oil Belt Christian Service Camp
International Missions:
Ryan & Melinda Hicks
August: Gospel for Asia

Who would like to go see a movie with our church family?

I would!!! Why not? I love the movie popcorn (not the calories), would love the fellowship with people in our church, and I would love to give to an organization that draws students to Christ. Wait, what?

On August 29th at 11:00 am our church has the opportunity to go see the movie War Room. This movie is about the power of prayer. Have you ever truly thought about the power of prayer? This is a movie that demonstrates the opportunity we have when we connect with God through prayer. I know that I personally do not tap into that potent conversation nearly enough. Then to combine that with the chance to watch it with the family of God we have here at FCC. Sounds great!!

But the prospect to help out another Christian organization is a bonus. The War Room will be free to those who come, but we will have a free will offering for an organization by the name of Chi Alpha. This is a campus based ministry at Eastern Illinois University that just recently started. It is run by Mark & Jenn Bettinger. Their names may sound familiar to some of you because they were married in this church. They have brought this ministry to EIU to “reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through spirit-filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission to transform the university, the marketplace and the world.” All the money that is donated will go to help the start up of their ministry.

So come out on August 29th at Mattoon AMC to be inspired, to have fellowship, and to help out a couple that wants to spread Christ to those at EIU.

-Jennifer Davis

The movie poster for 'War Room' features a collage of characters. At the top, a man with a goatee and a woman with glasses are prominent. Below them, a group of people is shown in a prayerful setting, with one person reading from a book. The title 'WAR ROOM' is written in large, bold, serif letters, with a crosshair symbol over the 'O'. Below the title, the tagline 'PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS' is visible. The overall color scheme is warm and golden, with a dark background.

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

Saturday
August 29 11:00 am
Mattoon AMC SHOWPLACE

PG- WARROOMTHEMOVIE.COM

LADIES MINISTRY

This fall FCC ladies have the opportunity to participate in one or two different Bible Studies.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

“LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST” With Beth Moore

First Baptist Church of Casey, IL invited FCC women to participate in the “Living Proof Live Simulcast with Beth Moore on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If your registration is received by August 23, 2015 the cost is \$10 and includes a box lunch. The Registration form is available at the FCC Fellowship Center. Should you be able to attend, please review the information, complete and mail in the registration form along with your check (made payable to FBC/Casey) by August 17, 2015 (this should assure that your registration and check arrives before August 23, 2015) . To ride in the Van, please sign-up at the FCC Fellowship Center by September 6, 2015. We will leave FCC by 7:30 a.m. and should return by 5:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other FCC ladies and to share in the study of God’s Word.

BEGINNING WEEK of SEPTEMBER 20 (6:30pm Sunday or 9:30am Wednesday)

JONAH with Priscilla Shirer

September 20, 2015 through November 4, 2015, meeting weekly, Priscilla Shirer will lead us in the study of Jonah and how we can better navigate our life when interruptions come. Priscilla states that “Life’s interruptions shock us; they shake us; they compel us to change. You can’t escape life’s interruptions, but you can change your perspective on them. Dive into the study of Jonah and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God’s divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine.”

Priscilla Shirer is a Bible teacher whose ministry is focused on the expository teaching of the Word of God to women. In the past years, we have benefitted from Priscilla’s teaching about “Discerning The Voice Of God” and “Gideon: Your Weakness, God’s Strength.” Our study will include a DVD presentation by Priscilla, weekly home-work, discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Level’s of participation include viewing the DVD or viewing the DVD and completing the weekly home-work. To assure that we have a book for you, please sign-up in the Fellowship Center by August 30, 2015. Our study will be held in the Basement Fellowship Center.

SUMMER Women of the Bible Series

Wednesday, August 12 (9:45 am) or Sunday, August 16 (6:30pm) Cathy Tomlinson will lead the Ladies Bible Study as we focus our attention on Hannah, a woman from the Old Testament. We encourage you to join us for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer. Following the Wednesday morning session, ladies are invited to join some of us at the Villa for our noon lunch.

2015 Fall FCC LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2015 6:30pm – 8:00 pm at FCC of Neoga

All Ladies (sixth grade to 110 years young) are invited to hear Patty Winn as she shares God's Word through portraying Biblical characters. Patty is a motivational Speaker, Storyteller/ Dramatist, and Historic Re-Enactor. She has a degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University and has performed throughout Illinois; in Missouri, Alabama, and South Carolina; in Malaysia and Israel. Patty performs over 70 different people from history and the Bible. Her philosophy is that our heritage both Biblically and historically is made up of ordinary people who made a difference. You will enjoy and be encouraged as Patty focuses on the theme "Is Jesus In Your Ship?"

Following Patty's presentation, we will enjoy a variety of desserts and fellowship in the Basement Fellowship Center. There is no cost except for your gas to drive your car and your time. Mark your calendar now; inform your family that this is your evening out; invite a Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Mother, Grandmother, Sister-In-Law, Daughter-in-law, Granddaughter or friend to come with you. To assure a seat in the Basement Fellowship Center please sign-up in the Fellowship Center, give the total number coming with you, by September 6, 2015.

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
2	Matt	Brianna	Wilma Burton	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> : Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>K-5th</u> : Jennifer Davis, Michael Baker, Kristen Albin	Alan Baker Michael Baker Don Coen Dave Coen	Doug Baker Jack Gilbert Harry Starwalt Paul Lake
9	Brianna	Zach	John & Mary Ann Wilson	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum, Katie Hakman <u>K-5th</u> : Paula & Rory Gentry, Julie Altman	Barry Conn Monte Page Austin Robinson Art Walk	Bill Kenworthy Doug Moore Reggie Rennels Chad Walk
16	Michael	Tom	Fontella Waddell	<u>Nursery</u> : John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship</u> : Cheryll Gilbert, Penny Hess <u>K-5th</u> : Paul & Amber Lake, Austin Robinson, Amia Workman	Monte Page Tom Tomlinson Barry Conn Dave Coen	Harry Starwalt Alan Baker Doug Baker Don Coen
23	Jim	Tom	Marian Lindley	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Jacob & Brianna Dow <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia,	Austin Robinson Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake	Zach Letizia Doug Moore Art Walk Chad Walk
30	Matt	Aubrey	Joann Miller	5th Sunday Volunteers	Monte Page Tom Tomlinson Alan Baker Doug Baker	Harry Starwalt Barry Conn Don Coen Dave Coen

Axel

Age 7 from Urban Burkina Faso

Bob Potter's Sunday school class has supported Axel for 2 yrs through *Compassion*. They have sent cards, coloring books, \$20 for birthday gifts and \$40 Christmas gifts for Axel and his twin brother. Cards are sent each holiday and Christian books. They receive letters from him and Fontella enjoys replying. Fontella would like to thank the class for their gift offering each month.

In Burkina Faso, about 44 % of the urban population live below the poverty line. The main urban centers in Burkina Faso are Ouagadougou, the capital city and Bobo-Dioulasso, the economic heart of the country. In recent years rural immigrants have flocked to these cities in search of work, swelling slums and the number of job seekers and stressing public services. Most of the immigrant lack formal education or professional skills.

Many of the children living in these areas can't go to school because there aren't enough public schools and private schools are too expensive. So every day thousands of children are in the streets shining shoes, working in bicycle repair shops, pushing rickshaws, or selling water for their employers. Girls go door-to-door with large plates on their heads selling fruits and vegetables to support their families.

Compassion began working in Burkina Faso in 2004. Currently more than 56,800 children are registered in 221 child development centers where they can prepare for a better future rather than laboring to help meet their families' financial needs. Most children attend the center for 8 hrs per week. Burkina Faso also has 401 mothers and babies served through the Child Survival Program.

Fontella has pictures and more stories about Axel and Burkina Faso if you would like more information. Other families in our congregation support children (Melanie, Joydeb, Ashley, and Mehari) through the *Compassion* ministry.

The Community Clothesline is now located at the former grade school at 641 W 6th. Please continue to bring donations to the church or back porch at 630 Locust St house by the church. They are not setup to receive donations at the grade school at this time.

Food Pantry:

36 families, 114 people served

4 Deliveries

11 Volunteers, 19 1/2 Vol. hours

Heartland Auxiliary

Donations were used to make the following purchases:

Housekeeping: \$529.42

Mops, Clothing Protectors, 3 Doz Knit Jersey Sheets, Brooms.

Nursing: \$1,187.30

Shower chair, Pulse Ox, Arm bands & tags, Portable BP cuffs, Thermometers, 1cs chair alarms, 1cs bed alarms.

Kitchen: \$623.38

8" frying pan, coffee carafes, paring knives, 8" cooks knife, bowls, glasses, brown trays, 2 handle cups

Social Service: \$474.48

Essential Oils, diffusers, personal sound amplifier.

PT & OT: \$518.95

Wheel chair (lg size with adj back), shoelaces, sock helper.

Activities: \$3,099.90

Magazines, Entertainment fund, Christmas all Year fund.

Flowers for Courtyard:

\$100.00

Beauty Shop: \$116.91

August Mission Spotlight – Gospel for Asia

Gospel for Asia's mission is to share the Good News of Jesus with those who have never heard His name. The vast majority of these people live in the 10/40 Window, a rectangular shaped area on our globe extending from West Africa to East Asia, from 10 degrees to 40 degrees north of the equator. In this part of the world, millions live with little or no chance of ever hearing the name of Jesus. And many live in desperate poverty - over 80% of the world's poorest people live in the 10/40 Window. The Window also encompasses the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.

With the ever-expanding population of people in Asia, the need for aid, education and Jesus' love is growing day by day. Gospel for Asia is involved in sharing the love of Christ through national missionaries. Each national missionary is a man or woman who already lives in Asia. In preparation for ministry they go through 3-years of intensive ministry training. The following advantages make them ideal to reach Asia: they move freely in areas restricted to outsiders and are accepted in good times and bad; they know the cultural taboos instinctively; they have already mastered the language or a related dialect; they live among the community, eating the same food, wearing the same clothes, and sharing the same cultural interests; and they have a passion and burden to reach their own people. Monetary gifts to Gospel for Asia help support these national missionaries. It only takes \$30 a month to help enable a national missionary to serve full-time to reach an unreached village

Through Gospel for Asia's Compassion Services teams, they help victims of natural disasters, reaching out to those affected by catastrophes such as floods, cyclones and tsunamis. They also serve in leprosy colonies, offer medical clinics in poor areas, and help widows and abandoned children in crisis situations by providing for tangible needs like food, clothing and shelter.

Although reaching Asia with Christ's love is an enormous task, there is hope through the children. Parents across Asia struggle to provide for their families. Children grow up illiterate, uneducated and taught they are worthless. More than 20 million boys and girls are trapped in social evils like child labor and prostitution in order to support their family. Gospel for Asia's Bridge of Hope turns these situations around for good. Children are educated and nurtured. Families experience Christ's love. More than 74,000 children have been helped so far and thousands of families have found faith in Christ as a result. A monthly gift of \$35 will provide sponsorship for a child through the Bridge of Hope program.

For over 30 years Gospel for Asia continues to bring aid and hope to some of the most downtrodden people in South Asia. To learn more about this mission or to make an online financial contribution, visit their website at www.gfa.org. Donations can be mailed to Gospel for Asia, 1116 St. Thomas Way, Wills Point, TX 75169

SENIOR DAY AT OIL BELT CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

Seniors put your traveling shoes on and mark your calendar for our trip to Oil Belt Christian Service Camp. Thursday, September 10, 2015 has been designated as Senior Day at Oil Belt. Not only will you enjoy the fellowship with FCC seniors, you will also be blessed by great singing, inspiring devotions, delicious lunch, and interacting with other seniors from the area. More details to follow.

August 2015

August 13
1-6pm Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace UMC
We are hosting..volunteers are needed.
Please see signup at welcome center.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Items in blue are located at former grade school.</p> <p>***Grace United Methodist Church has an annual back to school prayer service each August. When the date and time are set, our schedule will be adjusted so we can join in the service. Watch bulletin and website for updates.</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4 pm Back to School Give-ways (Volunteers please report at 3pm.)		Volunteers at Heartland	Mexico Team return	1-5, 6-8pm Community Clothesline 5-6:30pm Outreach Meal		180 (5th & 6th) Penny Walk
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3:30pm Elder's Mtg 4pm Financial Board 5:30pm Prayer Bill Kenworthy Jerry & Phyllis Krueger	Hannah Fritcher	Doris Goodson	9:45am Ladies Bible Study Art Walk Bob & Sharna Schwindt	1-6pm Blood Drive at Grace UMC (FCC hosting..volunteers are needed)		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
4pm Elder/Staff Mtg 5:30pm Prayer 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	Teachers First Day	Neoga Students first day		Helen Bridges Mike Goodson		Sue Potter
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5:30pm Prayer	Joe Briggerman	8am Seniors' Breakfast at Depot	6-8pm 4/14 Youth Group Kick-Off Sharon Burgess Robert & Sharon Burgess			11am War Room Free viewing at AMC Mattoon theater
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5:30pm Prayer						