

It is for

→ **freedom** ←

that Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

WAR ROOM

Reformation in Secret Prayer, by Robert Murray McChesney

Resolution: "I ought not to omit any of the parts of prayer--confession, adoration, thanksgiving, petition and intercession. There is a fearful tendency to omit confession proceeding from low views of God and His law, slight views of my heart, and the sin of my past life. This must be resisted. There is a constant tendency to omit adoration when I forget to Whom I am speaking, when I rush heedlessly into the presence of Jehovah without thought of His awful name and character. When I have little eyesight for his glory, and little admiration of His wonders, I have the native tendency of the heart to omit giving thanks, and yet it is specially commanded. Often when the heart is dead to the salvation of others I omit intercession, and yet it especially is the spirit of the great Advocate Who has the name of Israel on His heart. I ought to pray before seeing anyone. Often when I sleep long, or meet with others early, and then have family prayer and breakfast and forenoon callers, it is eleven or twelve o'clock before I begin secret prayer. This is a wretched system; it is unscriptural. Christ rose before day and went into a solitary place.

CURRENT (3 WEEKS):

VBS 6/27-7/1, program July 3

Family of Mel Hood

Roy Walk- *surgery recovery*

Juanita Cowger- *weight loss*

Cory William Gregor- *baby in
Juanita's family*

Harry Starwalt-

Richard Russell

Derrick Bailey- *accident recovery*

Jennifer Gentry (Zak's mom)-

upcoming spinal neck surgery

Shawn Miah- *accident recovery*

Wanda Armstrong- *(family friend of
K. Beccue- Odd Fellow home)*

Ada O'Neil- *heart*

Anias & Amiss- *conjoined twins*

Zale Walk- *baby on*

heart transplant list

Charlotte Orr- *knee recovery*

Reeni Letizia- *knee recovery*

Lila Bear

ONGOING CONCERNS:

The Hangout- July

CIY - High School 7/25-30

Back to School Giveaway July 31

IN CARE FACILITIES:

Ivan Cooper - Heartland

Roy Walk- Heartland

Elsie Phillips - Heartland

Carolyn Gast -

FIGHTING CANCER:

Lila Bear

Patty Johnson

Dan Letizia

Carol Mefford

Denny Mefford, Jr.

Brad Odum

Elizabeth Weidner

Larry Wheeler

Lis White

IN THE MILITARY:

Jalen Blazich - Army

Jared Blazich - Air Force

Tyler Briggerman - Navy

Shane Gephardt

Josh Kiest

Wes Letizia - Air Force

Alicia & Steve Tordoff -
Army Reserve

Dadgum it's hot! That is what I say every time I have walked out the door this summer. I don't know about you but I don't want my kids sitting inside watching tv and doing nothing all summer, just because it is hot. Our solution: The Hangout!!!

Every Monday through Thursday this July (starting on July 5 and going till July 28) we will be opening up the old elementary school, aka the Neoga Early Learning Center, from 2-4. We will be inviting kids from 5th-8th grades to come out and enjoy a time to "hangout" with their friends. During this time we will play some games, do crafts, laugh and just have some fun. We will also have a time of Bible study and prayer. Joni and I will do our best to keep this to about 15 minutes but when you get either one of us talking about how great our God is, sometimes it is difficult to get us to stop.

There are a few ways you can support us in this effort: The first, of course, is to pray for us. Last year we had over 50 middle school kids come through the doors and hear about Jesus, they need your prayers. Second, we are doing things a little differently this year. We are giving each kid a foldable verse of the day that we will be going over with them. These are very cool and designed to engage students in reading God's word. We are going to purchase several packs of these so that every kid gets one each time. We are asking people to sponsor a kid by giving \$12 to cover the cost of these great tools. Third, come out and help. Do you know how a kid spells love? T-I-M-E, come out and just hangout with some kids. I don't know if you are aware, but we have some great kids in this community and they need some love. Come out and share. Joni will especially need your help the last week of July, Jen and I will be off to CIY that week. If you don't think you can, buy some ice cream, bake some cookies or anything to help show these kids that they are loved.

I am looking forward to an awesome summer with these kids.

-Matt Davis



At the end of July Jen and I will be taking five youths to Macomb, Illinois from July 25-29 for CIY MOVE. MOVE is a five-day program for high school students to experience God. Each week includes daily devotional times, nightly worship celebrations, community discipleship and challenging messages. It is held all over the country and is designed to amplify the call of Christ on student's lives and to help them to become Kingdom workers.

Please join me in praying for these five youths that they can hear God's call in their lives and see that they truly are "God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

Matt Davis, Jennifer Davis, Trisha Hasten, Miles Endebrock, Chayton Sanders, Nick DeRosia and John Tomlinson.

2016-2017 Back to School Give-Away

Even though summer has just started, it's already time to start thinking about the Back to School Give-Away. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, July 31st at 4:00 pm. Like last year, the event will be held at the Early Childhood Center (former elementary). For over 10 years FCC and the Neoga community have helped local students start the school year with much needed supplies. Your help is needed to make this year's give away a success. Please consider either donating school supplies or volunteering on the 31st. Below is a list of school supplies needed

Backpacks
24 count crayola crayons
8 count crayola markers
Colored pencils
Dry erase markers (fat ones)
Scissors (pointed tip)
Pink pearl erasers
Pencils
Pens (black, blue, red)
2 pocket laminated folders
1 subject wide ruled notebooks
Loose leaf paper wide ruled
1 subject notebooks wide ruled
1 inch binders (hard kind)

There will be a bin located at the welcome center to place your donations. If you would like to volunteer on the day of the give-away. we will have a signup sheet at the welcome center a few weeks before the event. If you have any questions about this year's give away please get in touch with Amy Baker or call the church office. I know with your help we can make this years event a success.

Attention Ladies:

All ladies are invited to participate in our Ladies' Small Group and enjoy the fellowship, share in prayer, and grow in the knowledge of God's Word. We will meet on Sunday July 24, 2016 (6:00 pm –7:30pm) or Wednesday July 27, 2016 (9:45 am – 11:15am) in the FCC Basement Fellowship Hall. Our focus in July will be Leah, an Old Testament Women of the Bible and in August (August 14, & 17) we will look at Mary of Bethany, a New Testament Woman. Following the Wednesday morning sessions, ladies are invited to join at the Villa for our noon lunch. While there will be no homework, ladies are encouraged to read Scripture reflective of the topic. Carolyn Bartlett will lead our study in July. To help us plan, please indicate your participation by signing the Ladies' Bible Study Sign Up Form at the Welcome Center. Please note, child care will only be available on Sunday evenings.

Community Clothesline:

June 2nd - 25 Families and 101 Individuals

June 16th - 17 Families and 65 Individuals

Neoga Community Food Pantry:

41 families, 128 people served

4 deliveries

16 volunteers, 32 3/4 volunteer hours

Attention All Seniors

Senior Breakfast

All seniors are encouraged to meet Tuesday, June 28, 2016 and July 26, 2016 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 their own.

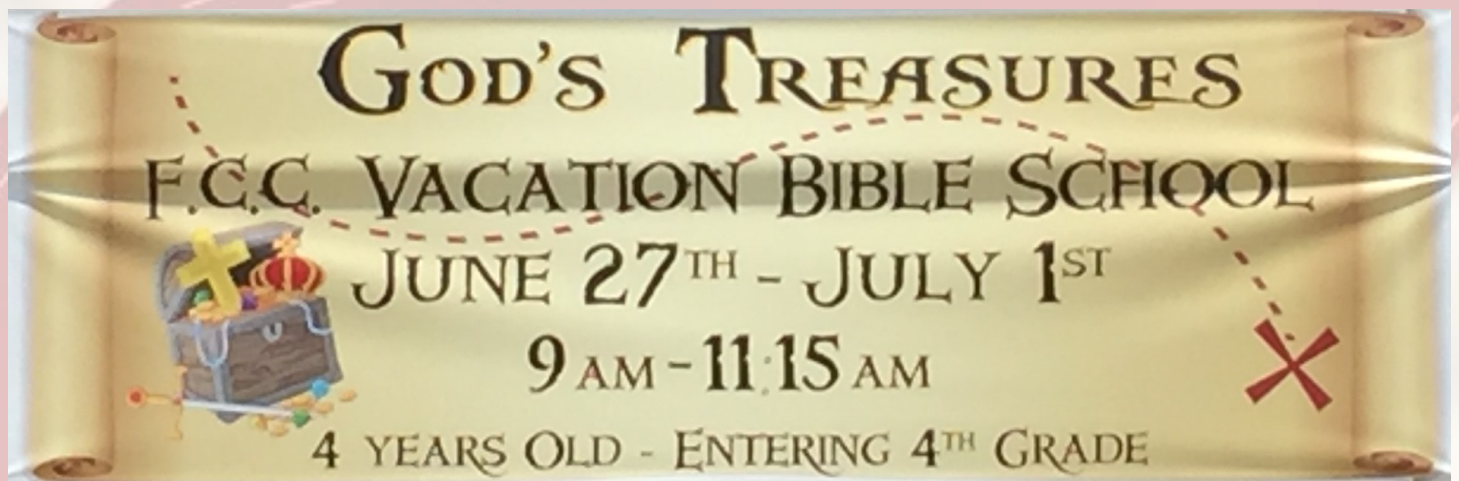
Thursday, August 11, 2016---A Visit to Terre Haute

Seniors, we will continue our travel adventures by traveling east to Terre Haute where we will eat our lunch at either Panera's or MCL and then visit the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. CANDLES is an acronym for Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors. The CANDLES organization was founded in 1984 by Eva Mozes Kor, with help from her twin sister, to launch an effort to locate other surviving Mengele twins. In 1985 Eva Opened the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute. Although the museum was firebombed and destroyed in 2003, with support from the community the museum was reopened in 2005. CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is the only organization in the world dedicated to the memory of the twin victims and survivors of medical experimentation at Auschwitz.

Less we forget, the Holocaust (1933-1945) was the "systematic bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of nearly six million Jews and five million others including Gypsies, Polish Christians, and Jehovah's Witnesses by the Nazi regime. It was a historical turning point in which the world witnessed genocide at its extremity. Yet, today we see and read about the persecution of Christians, Jews, and other groups in our world. Seniors this is a great opportunity to educate ourselves about past events, enjoy the fellowship of other seniors, and remember and pray for those being persecuted as well as the persecutors. We will leave from FCC at 10 am and anticipate returning around 3:30 pm. Admission for CANDLES is \$5.00. To help us plan, sign-up registration will be available in the Welcome Center on July 24, 31, and August 7.

September 19, 2016: Senior Day At Oil Belt Christian Service Camp.

Seniors mark your calendars now and plan to help represent FCC at Senior Day at Oil Belt. We will enjoy great fellowship, worship, and delicious food. More details in the August and September Evangel.



July Volunteers

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
3	Jim	Tom	Jack & Cheryl Gilbert	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> & <u>K-5th</u> : VBS Program & Family Sunday. Enjoy Worship together.	Chad Walk Zach Letizia Alan Baker Doug Baker	Jake Ballinger David Coen Don Coen Kirby Davis
10	Zach	Tom	Jim & Martha Wilson	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum <u>K-5th</u> : Paula & Rory Gentry	Barry Conn Zak Gentry Jack Gilbert Wendell Haws	Bill Kenworthy Monte Page Greg Oakley Harry Starwalt
17	Zach	Aubrey	Marian Lindley	<u>Nursery</u> : John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship</u> : Cheryl Gilbert, Penny Hess <u>K-5th</u> : Paul & Amber Lake	Tom Tomlinson Art Walk Chad Walk Alan Baker	Doug Baker Jake Ballinger David Coen Don Coen
24	Matt	Aubrey	Joe & Pat Briggerman	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Rory & Paula Gentry <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia	Barry Conn Kirby Davis Zak Gentry Jake Gilbert	Wendell Haws Bill Kenworthy Monte Page Greg Oakley
31	Jim	Tom	Wilma Burton	5th Sunday volunteers	Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson Art Walk Chad Walk	Alan Baker Doug Baker Jake Ballinger David Coen

Sunday Morning Study

Is your schedule complicated during the week? Consider joining one of the Adult Small Group Studies on Sunday morning and be blessed by the fellowship, study of God's Word and prayer. Beginning July 10, 2016 the class meeting at 9:00 am in the Basement Fellowship Center will begin with an overview of Matthew and then in future weeks the focus will be the last 13 chapters of Matthew. Chuck Bartlett will be leading this study.

Another Adult class is meeting at 9:00 am in the War Room. This class is focusing on the book of Romans and is led by Doug McClure. Paul's letter to the Romans provides believers with a strong foundation for faith in Christ. 9:00am Sunday morning is a great opportunity for you to grow in the knowledge of God's Word, enjoy the fellowship and share in the concerns and joys of other participants.

In Paul's letter to Timothy, he reminds Timothy that "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3: 16-17.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9-9:45am Continental Breakfast & VBS Craft display 10 am Worship (VBS program) Richard Russell	4 Kyle Baker	5 9:30am-Noon Volunteers at Heartland 2-4pm The Hangout	6 9:30 am Small Group (Bob Potter) 2-4pm The Hangout	7 1-7:30pm Community Clothesline 2-4pm The Hangout 5-6:30pm Community Meal 6-7pm Food Pantry	8 Noah Workman	9 Noah Workman
10 4pm Financial Board Mtg	11 2-4pm The Hangout	12 2-4pm The Hangout Shirley Starwalt Matt & Katy Frankie Kevin & Carol Rickelman	13 9:30 am Small Group (Bob Potter) 2-4pm The Hangout Doug McClure	14 2-4pm The Hangout Raif Huffman Carol Rickelman	15 Steve & Louella Drum	16 Pam Storm Doug & Joni McClure
17	18 2-4pm The Hangout John & Reeni Letizia	19 2-4pm The Hangout	20 2-4pm The Hangout Jane Baker Tom & Cathy Tomlinson	21 1-5pm Community Clothesline 2-4pm The Hangout	22	23 Back to School at IGA 9am Bake Sale 10:30am-1:30 pm Cookout
24 10 am Ryan & Melinda Hicks from One Mission Society 6pm Ladies Study	25 2-4pm The Hangout Madison McClure Dave & Kim Varner	26 8am Seniors' Breakfast at Depot 2-4pm The Hangout Charles & Betty Latch	27 9:45 am Ladies Study (lunch at villa) 2-4pm The Hangout John Wilson	28 2-4pm The Hangout Makayla Gentry	29	30 Greg & Liz Huffman
31 4pm Back to School Giveaway (641 W 6th, former grade school) Rory & Paula Gentry			CIY: July 25-30			



The Hangout

5th-8th Grades

July 5th- July 28th
Monday - Thursday
2:00 - 4:00 pm
At the Old Elementary

Bible Devotion, Basketball, Wii, Xbox, Gagaball, Volleyball
Fun for everyone !!!

Doors open at 1:50 and close at 2:10

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