

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Last Sunday, the congregation affirmed the leadership's recommendation to sell our downtown west block property (bordered by Kanesville, Mynster, 6th and 7th Streets) to Stough Development Corp. for \$775,000.

357 Yes
6 No
363 (99.7% affirmed)

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Curious about the basic beliefs of the Christian Church? Would you like to be able to better explain to your friends and neighbors what FCC believes? In need of a refresher on our background? Then consider becoming a part of a new Sunday morning class called "What We Believe." This class will run for six weeks and cover the topics of:

- the essentials of an evangelical church
- understanding our heritage
- communion and baptism
- what the church ought to be
- what is Christianity all about
- how reliable is the Bible

Class will begin Sunday, September 21, and run through October 26, at 10:30 a.m. Look for this class to be offered again in March of '09.

NEW CLASS

"Life Changes" class will begin Sunday, September 7 and run through Thanksgiving, 7:45 a.m., Room 004. This class is for people dealing with the effects of addiction, their own or family member. We will use the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount to learn Jesus' teaching about spiritual resources. We will also see how the Beatitudes fit with the 12 steps of AA. Due to the nature of this class, we can only accept 12 people. For those still interested in taking the class once it is full, you will have an opportunity to do so after the holidays.

OFF BROADWAY NIGHT

Have you been blessed with any wacky, offbeat, but still God-honoring, talent? We have the opportunity for you! Off-Broadway Night is Sunday, August 24, 7:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center and it is the perfect showcase for you! Join us for the crazy, fun entertainment with homemade pie and ice cream after the show. To donate a homemade pie, sign up for the show, or if you have questions, please call Faith Koenig, 322-3843 or kfjkoenig@hotmail.com. Free will offering will be given to Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch and school.



SUMMER INTERN

Brad Jorde, a student at Crossroads College, joined the student ministry team this summer. He participated in summer camps, Mexico mission trip, special summer events, building projects, and taught on Sunday mornings. An envelope will be included in the *Connection* next Sunday for you to express your gratitude.



MISSIONS MINISTRY

The Mission Ministry will meet Thursday, August 21, 7:00 p.m., Room 114.

CHOIR FALL KICK-OFF

The FCC Celebration Choir will have a get-together today, Sunday, August 17, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to preview our Christmas musical, and to get reacquainted with each other for the new season. We will watch a video of the musical, have dinner, then sing through some music we will be presenting for our worship services in the year to come.

Celebration Choir is open to everyone from age 16 and up. We hope this event might give you an idea of who we are and how you fit into the music ministry of FCC. Please come and be our guest for some fun, fellowship and food!



PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



Matt Beckner—Children's Ministries, mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Fall is fast approaching! Can you believe it? We're getting ready to kick off the school year in Primetime Children's Ministry here at First Christian Church ... which means we're looking for people to help teach and care for our little ones. FCC serves over 200 kids

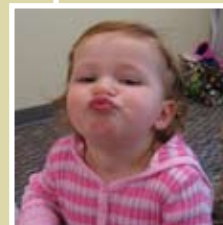


(birth through fifth grade) every Sunday! That means it takes an army (literally) of ministry leaders to ensure a safe learning environment. Currently we have 22 unfilled positions (birth through age 5)! Here's your chance to get involved and plug in to an exciting ministry happening here at FCC! We need teachers, helpers, nose wipers, and diaper changers ... what ever your "gift," we've got a spot for you! Commitment levels flexible. Thanks in advance! Please contact Sarah Kaelin at 328-2606 or skaelin@firstchristiancb.org.



BELONG CLASS

Children's membership class for elementary students hosted by Mr. Bob Jackson will begin September 7 during the 10:30 a.m. hour in the library. This class is for those students interested in making Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior. Students will be taught how the Bible fits together and what it means to follow Jesus Christ!



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



The student ministry extends an invitation to all sixth grade students and their parents to attend our Student Body orientation.

It all takes place in the Student Center on Wednesday, August 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

You've heard about it, now check out the excitement that is Student Body!

SENIOR ADULTS

Jean Provines—Senior Adult Ministries, jprovines@firstchristiancb.org

GARAGE SALE ~ SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13

Support our sale by providing articles and coming to shop. Pass the word around and let your neighbors know. Proceeds will:

- provide a popcorn popper for the Senior Adult room
- go to Harvest of Talents to support Pinehaven Children's Ranch in Montana.



If you have items you would like to donate, please call Jean Provines, 328-2606/church, 328-2074/home, 402-680-1290/cell, to arrange a time to drop off your donations by the end of August. Please make sure your donations are clean, complete, and in working order. Popular items for garage sales include:

dishes	Corning Ware	children's toys	curtains
glasses	towels	bicycles	bedspreads
utensils	small appliances	purses	lawn ornaments
serving bowls	cookie jars	jewelry	lawn chairs
platters	tablecloths	yarn	picnic/cookout items
pots and pans	rugs	thread	holiday decorations
baking pans	lamps	pattern books	small pieces of furniture
Tupperware	pictures		

Items we cannot accept are: TVs, computers, printers, telephones, pianos, large appliances, hide-a-beds, vacuum cleaners, heavy furniture and adult clothing.

Wireless assisted-listening devices are available at the sound booth.

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Bette Bees - Mercy
Doreen Saum - Mercy
Verlee Clements - JE

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Lee Graybill.

MEMORIALS

Kenneth Wadum by Lavon Nihsen
Emil Bertelsen by M/M Ron Cook, M/M Jerry Petersen, Ethel Sorensen, M/M Erv Gunderson, M/M Dean Pope, Alita Stichler, M/M Michael Foote, Lavon Nihsen, M/M Lanny Walker, M/M William Thomas, M/M Lowell Kennedy, M/M Harold Edelman, M/M Dale Driver, M/M John Murphy, M/M Erik Strater, M/M Chet Lammert, Joan Batten, Barry Holste, M/M Dale Herrick, M/M Frederick Heck
Paula Erickson's Sister by M/M Sherm Livengood
Lee Graybill by M/M Sherm Livengood

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY

If you have a prayer need, please complete a prayer card and place it in the offering plate so our staff can pray for your need. You may also call Elaine Collier, 323-4821, to start your prayer request in our August prayer chain.