



FIRST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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"To be known as a church that prays"

"To be a church that takes the word of Christ to others"

"To feel the love from Christ in a way that makes our heart rejoice"

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Pastor Michael Lewis 330-606-2711

Jeff Cunningham, Worship Leader;

Rob Cowie & Pauline Long, Musicians

Opening Praise/Greeting Time

** "I Sing Praises" #5

Announcements/Prayer-Andy Shkolnik

"I'll Fly Away" #779

"What a Day That Will Be" #769

Special Music: Randy Rydbom

Prayer/Offering

Message

Pastor Mike

Benediction

Those who are physically able, please stand

First Church Events This Week

Matthew 18:20²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

This Week:

Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Golf @ 4:20 p.m.

Wednesday

Official Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Prayer and Praise @ 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Sept. 23

Car Show, Food and Music 4:00-7 :00 p.m.

Sunday, October 3-8

Mens Retreat, Camp ECCO

Junior Church is the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 10	Jim Beltz
12	Denny Long
14	Danny Weakland

Pastors note:

As we journey through our Christian lives, we develop a tremendous heart for others. Hearing that a loved one or somebody in the church is being faced with tragedy hurts our hearts. Knowing how to pray for them can be challenging.

Our prayer lives are about being in the presence of our maker and prayer has tremendous power. When we use our prayers to communicate with our Father in heaven we get to experience God's love for us.

What about hearing His voice? Do we recognize when God is speaking to us? Because we've become known as a prayerful church, we've been able to see how God answers our prayers but have we been learning to hear His voice?

Praying for our own individual spiritual health isn't a common practice. It used to be a common practice and it is required for learning how to be a new creation in Christ.

Psalms 37:7⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Psalms 46:10¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

2 Corinthians 5:17¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

Does accepting Jesus make this instantaneous?

"Pray and Seek God's Answer"

If you have any prayer needs for our bulletin, deadline is end of day Friday. Pastor

Mike @ 330-606-2711, (email) – bacrides10@gmail.com.

Or, Jim Dotson @ 330-703-4585, - (email) - jimdotson7@gmail.com

Pastor's office hours are Wednesday 2:00 – 6:00 pm. & Thursday may vary. Please call ahead.

PRAISE

Carol Lewis - walking on her own and getting stronger. Her dog Molly has returned to good health.

Don - visiting nurse will no longer be coming and received a good report from his doctors

Brenda - Granddaughter Amanda is doing a little better

Jim Beltz - niece found employment and housing

PRAYER NEEDS

Jeannine - foot issues and needing a dental appointment

Tom Baldt family, friends and Pam

Dave & Velma - Pete has severe brain injury and his son Dillon has moving here from Hawaii to help

Mike - mom's continued recovery and extra strength for doing her therapy.

Don V - continued improvement and for better sleep at night

Dave W. - pray for a miracle to stop his progression of memory loss.

Rob H. - has appointment with cardiologist and pulmonary doctor

Barby - having aortic valve replacement on September 22nd

Pauline - has a 3 ml. aneurysm and is meeting with her doctor Monday

Jim & Avis - traveling

Chris Weakland - his cat Peanut

Carrie - knee replacement on the 26th

Refreshing of the spirit in our church for upcoming work

Pray that God will be with our Educational leaders and teachers

Car show on the 23rd

WHO'S ASKED FOR PRAYERS

Andy & Becky Stehler - Andy's brother Robert has been hospitalized. He's lost feeling in his legs and he's lost his speech. Both Robert and his wife have COVID

Deanna's mom Linda has returned to the hospital.

Deanna - pray for her dad & brother Ron as they adjust to helping Linda

Chad & Valerie - Chad lost his Uncle and their foster daughter has been placed in a 30 treatment facility for mental struggles

Tom McLaughlin suffered a mini stroke

Don - our harvest home singer Raette's husband having leg issues.

The denomination - Rev. Abram (Abe) Rhoads, passed away on Friday

Cindi G - continued healing for her brother Doug

Carol - neighbor Kathleen has a wound infection in her leg

Tom's sister Marilyn - pray she'll find Christ

Pauline - son Brian is having health issues

Joe Beltz - needs foot surgery

Global Missions - Nepal people facing death for believing in Christ

Shut-ins: Glenna Duffee, Marie Banic

ONGOING NEEDS: Doug Eberle; Jenn Hyde and family; Brenda–Amanda; Avis- Mike P.; Brett; Don-Jim & Cathy Elliott; Leroy, Ben Mercer & Sherrie; Cancer friends- Bill U.– Sherrie; Mary Jo Belles; Peg Goldsmith, Carol Collins, Katrina, Terice, Wayne Luli



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