



First Christian News

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UPCOMING events

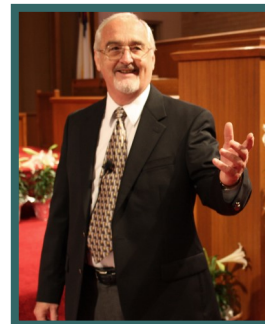
- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School
 - During service
- September 8 - Board Meeting
9:30 am
- October 6 - Board Meeting 9:30 am
- **October 27 - 13th Annual Chili
Cook Off Luncheon**

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

For the five Sundays of September I want to do a series of lessons that pertain to the conversion experience, or what happens when you become a follower of Jesus Christ. Our Hymn of the Month begins with the line: "What a wonderful change in my heart has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart." And there are numerous texts in the New Testament that describe that experience. Jesus speaks of being born from above, or born again. Paul and other writers speak of being brought back to life, saved, redeemed, sanctified, and even remade by God as a potter shapes a lump of clay. But all these terms and concepts describe essentially the same thing. They are about relationship with God, and with it commitment to live for God as opposed to living for self.



Now, we have to appreciate that many Christians were raised in church and in a tradition of faith. From early childhood they knew nothing else but believing in God and His Son Jesus Christ. Nineteenth century scholar Horace Bushnell taught that such is the way it should be. He spoke against a common belief in his day that children were born in sin and were excluded from matters of faith until they reached the age of accountability (presumably twelve). So, ideally, Bushnell taught, a child should be part of the church family from birth and never know anything except living in devotion to God.

However, it seems that even Christians who have been raised in faith still experience some kind of spiritual epiphany when they realized fully its meaning. It might be a quiet and subtle moment like Samuel hearing God calling in the night. Others might experience some very hard times in life, and then come to an awareness of waywardness and wrong-doing. Whatever the circumstances, the concept of conversion represents a turning point, a change in perception and direction, a time of renewal and redirection. Among Disciples of Christ, that is when a child chooses to be baptized, "putting on Christ" symbolically and willfully turning away from the temptations of the world. The concepts we are about to explore represent, in various ways, a change in heart, mind, and spirit— from lost to found, from sinner to saint, from a child of the world to a child of God. I hope these lessons will enthuse, inform, and inspire. Gloria will be away all five weeks of September, and her magic fingers on the piano will be missed. But our friend Barbara Emmons will substitute three of those Sundays, and Brad will be there to lead. We also have special music planned, and our Adult Sunday School class will resume September 1. So, I look forward to seeing you in Sensational September.

Brother Les

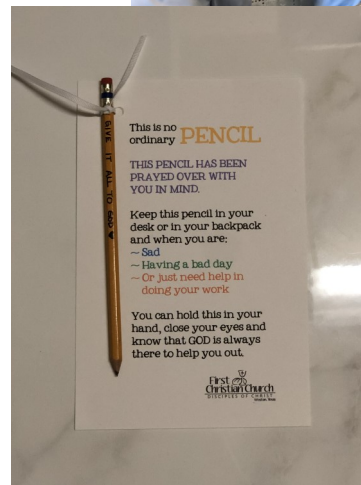
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING TO THE MITLYNGS HOME

Thank you to Sue and Jim Mitlyng for hosting an outing for the children of the church!



HONORING OUR EDUCATORS & BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Thank you
to all our Educators!



CHILI COOK OFF - OCTOBER 27TH

Mark your calendar for our 13th annual Chili Cook Off!

It will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 following our service. Will your chili recipe be the winner this year?

There will be a kids costume parade, chili, hot dogs and other food and wonderful fellowship!



HYMN OF THE MONTH - "SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART"

Since Jesus Came into my Heart was written by Rufus Henry McDaniel. McDaniel was born in 1850 in Ohio. By the age of nineteen he was already preaching and eventually became a minister of the Disciples of Christ Church in 1873.

McDaniel wrote, "I feel in my soul that God has something for me to do in brightening the experience of struggling souls. My chief desire is to be a blessing, if possible, to my fellow-men through these hymns and thereby glorify God in the name of his dear son 'whose I am and whom I serve.'"

He and his wife Margaret Dragoo had three children, but their youngest son, Herschel, died in early 1913. After the untimely death of his son, McDaniel sat down and wrote the words as a reminder of maintaining joy, faith and hope in times of trial. He felt there was no better way to honor his son than to write music about his faith.

He sent this poem and five other poems to Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, but when he never heard anything, so he figured his poems had been rejects. He then began to read of the words to his poem in various publications. Not only did Gabriel take one of his poems and put it to music, it was in fact sung at most of those revival meetings with Billy Sunday crusades in 1915. The song became so popular that people began to sing the song in the streets of Philadelphia.

It is reported that during these crusades God used the lyrics of the song to convert an Officer Fowler of the Philadelphia Police Department. The officer convinced many of his officers to attend the services and more than a hundred professed their faith in Christ.

McDaniel served a number of churches in Ohio, before retiring in Dayton, Ohio. He died on February 13, 1940, having written over 100 hymns over his lifetime.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

- The minutes were approved from the July board meeting.
- Marilyn Chamberlin presented the Financial Report. CD rolled over in June and they had not upped the percentage rate. Marilyn Chamberlin got them to bump it up to 2.5%.
- Marilyn asked for somebody to be able to be here to meet the portable building contact person during the week. Jim Mitlyng said that Sue Mitlyng could meet him at the church. Marilyn Chamberlin will get a meeting scheduled with the portable building contact person and Sue Mitlyng to come out to the church to meet and evaluate the property for a portable building.
- Church signage/Hot Spot: Tabled for September meeting.
- Salary for Song Leader: Karen Chilton says at this point, No, Brad Chilton does not need to be paid. This is Brad's area where he wants to serve and that is his contribution to the church. Unless, the church grows bigger and he starts leading a music worship, he does not want/need to be paid. The Board confirmed that at this time there will be no salary for Song Leader.
- Changes to Constitution and Bylaws: Les Massey led the discussion. They were one long document and the constitution is supposed to be one short document about who we are, where we are, etc. The bylaws is supposed to be longer and more in depth and are things that can be amendable. Les Massey rewrote it and made them into two documents. Les Massey would like everybody to handwrite their changes and then he will go in and amend them.
- Next meeting will be September 8, 2019 at 9:30 am.

JULY TREASURY REPORT

Income

Sunday Offerings: \$6,441.00
 Memorial Gift Fund: \$0.00
 Special Offering: \$0.00
 Miscellaneous: \$3.17

Monthly Total:
\$6,444.17

Expenses

Salaries: \$2,085.00
 Utilities: \$178.14
 Supplies & Food: \$413.52
 Insurance: \$0.00
 Miscellaneous: \$540.97
 Taxes: \$0.00
 Maintenance: \$100.00

Monthly Total:
\$3,317.63

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

09/02 Brandon Tisserand
 09/03 Christopher (CS) Tingle
 09/03 Holly Ferguson
 09/05 Maude Tingle
 09/12 Kimberly Tisserand
 09/15 Amy Lambert
 09/16 Brenda Lambert
 09/27 Austin Worley
 09/28 David Carter
 09/30 John D. Tingle



SERMONS AND TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1	Reborn	John 3:1-5
September 8	Revived	Romans 6: 1-11
September 15	Redeemed	Ephesians 1:7-15
September 22	Reclassified	I Corinthians 1:1-9
September 29	Refashioned	Jeremiah 18:1-6

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And be not conformed
to this
World but be
TRANSFORMED
by the
Renewing
OF
YOUR MIND

ROMANS 12:2

Prayer Requests

Please keep Heather Carter, Lester and Jeannie Greenwald, Michael and Linda Waco, Christian Dimock, Kyle Schindler, Brian Larson, Kim Rogers, Nancy Neill, Amy Davey, Les Massey, and Austin Daughtery in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a pew card or let Kimberly Tisserand know.