

The Charleroi Christian

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello First Christian Church Family,

Luke 1:37 KJV

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

The scripture above is an awesome one for us as Christians to plant in our hearts. As we travel in our journey in life all of us face challenges. One way to meet those challenges successfully is to make God's word a big part of our lives.

Let's remember the letters **T.A.D**.:

The letter **T** - Thoughts

What are your thoughts throughout your day? Make sure they reflect the foundation you want to build on.

The letter A - Action

As we walk on our journey, our actions dictate the importance of our thoughts.

The letter **D** - Deeds

As you walk through life are your deeds an example others can follow?

Thoughts, Actions, and Deeds can be the **G.C. - Game Changer** - in your life and mine.

Have a "JUBILANT" July!

Pastor Dennis



A STEWARDSHIP REMINDER PLEASE REMEMBER: JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE AT CHURCH ON A GIVEN SUNDAY, THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, THE FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONERS ARE STILL IN USE, THE CUSTODIAN HAS CLEANED THE CHURCH, AND THE BILLS STILL NEED TO BE PAID. SO, IF YOU HAPPEN TO MISS A SUNDAY (OR THREE OR FOUR SUNDAYS) PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR PLEDGE/OFFERING. THANK YOU!

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

In tithes and offerings!" – MALACHI 3:8

BIRTHDAYS

JULY 1	DEREK SANTINI, DOUG COLVIN, LEOTA VOELKER
JULY 6	CHELSEA RISCH
JULY 8	SANDY CRAMER
JULY 12	CINDY BUELL
JULY 14	SHANNON HUSTOVICH, SYDNEY WEAVER
JULY 16	BRUCE PENDLETON III
JULY 18	REED KOLODYCHAK
JULY 20	RYDER NIKLAUS
JULY 24	VIVIAN HORNER
JULY 27	PAMELA SMITH



"God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well." —Voltaire

ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY 6	ELLIS & DARLA WHITE	
JULY 11	GARY & DIANE GRAY	
JULY 16	ROB & LINDA WAGGONER	
JULY 19	KARIE & PATRICK KOLODYCHAK	
JULY 25	CINDY & TED SMITH	



May God continue to keep you happy and bless you as a couple.

Warm wishes to you on your marriage milestone.

Every day, continue to love each other more and more.



ELDERS FOR COMMUNION – JULY 2024

JULY 7	THOMAS GRIFFITH DENNIS CALDWELL
JULY 14	CORA RUSSELL MARY VALLA
JULY 21	TARYN GRANT PAULA BARNDOLLAR
IUI Y 28	RON BIRD, SR.

DEBBIE COLVIN



DEACONS' SCHEDULE JULY 2024

JULY 7	VIVIAN HORNER & BOB GRANT
JULY 14	GEORGE HOGAN & DIANE GRAY
JULY 21	VALERIE STITCH & BETH HUGHES
JULY 28	MARLA GOULD & GARNET KRUTZ

MOVIE NIGHT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 7 P.M. - SOCIAL HALL, EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

THANKS TO MALCOLM CALLERY, A MOVIE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. COME AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER IN

THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL HALL. If you have a favorite DVD movie or a suggestion for Malcolm, please let him know. Our next movie will be presented on **Friday**, **July 19**, **2024 at 7 PM**.

EVANGELISM - Margie D'Antonio

There were **16** prayer letters sent last month. These prayer letters are always available in the narthex for you to sign and to put a name in the notebook for someone to get the prayer letter.

ALL ARE INVITED

BI-REGIONAL MEETING: Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18 at First Christian Church (DOC), 615 East Beau Street, Washington, PA. Watch for more information in the coming months. **SAVE THE DATES**

SAVE THE DATE IN <u>2025</u> - NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JULY 12-15, 2025 IN MEMPHIS, TN

SAVE THE DATE - 2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH) -

August 24th (rain date, August 31) – Noon – 4 PM CAR SHOW ADMISSION \$10; REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10 AM with free coffee & donuts! SPECTATORS FREE!





Featuring music by: DJ Jerry Jericho

Contact Ernie and Viv Horner at 724-350-9598 for more information. <u>Proceeds benefit the church kitchen and the driveway fund</u>.

CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE

JULY 7 – JULY 13: JUNIOR CAMP - 4^{TH} – 6^{TH} GRADES

JULY 14 – JULY 17: MINI CAMP - 1^{ST} – 3^{RD} GRADES

ALL ARE WELCOME

OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS ON JULY 7TH (WEATHER PERMITTING). YOU MAY ALSO MEET IN THE SANCTUARY. OUTDOOR WORSHIP WILL MEET ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER.

TO: ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR PASTOR, DENNIS J. STITCH

Pastor Dennis has served our church for over two years and he deserves the respect of his position when referring to him inside and outside the church. Please address him as Pastor Dennis. Although many of you have grown up or known him for years, he deserves our respect of his position. We are so grateful to see how our membership has grown over the past two years and how he has brought such joy as our full time pastor.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS-6/23/24

- *For the family and friends of Rhys Taylor, 26 years old, who passed away on Monday, June 24.
- *For Ed Gould, who is having high blood pressure issues. Requested by: Marla Please pray for Marla, too. Prayers for comfort, strength and healing.
- *Thelma Yates, a dear friend of Marla Gould, who is filling up with fluids. She has been in the hospital for a week and a half. Requested by: Marla
- *For Sarah Wilkinson with medical issues.
- *For Brad Tedrow, who is having heart and stress tests. Requested by: Kent Downer
- *For Vic Rands with lung cancer and lymph node cancer. Requested by: Kent Downer
- *For my daughter Michelle, who is having tests for breast cancer. Requested by: Tom Griffith.
- *For a positive outcome at orthopedic surgeon follow up on Wednesday, June 26, that I get approved for knee surgery. Requested by: Missy
- *For my Autumn on Tuesday, June 25, as it will be one year since one of her closest friends, Glenn Porter passed away. Requested by: Missy
- *Remembering Eric, Lorie and Tyler Porter since the one year passing on June 25, of Glenn Porter. Requested by: Missy
- *For Diane Rusak experiencing health concerns. Requested by: All Her Friends
- *For Bill Krutz, who has a bad infection and is being placed on hospice care. Also, pray for Garnet for strength and comfort.
- *For Chelsea on the death of her fiancé, Yordy Brought, from a heart attack. Requested by: Garnet

SYOL

*For Melanie Griffith, who recovered from pneumonia. Submitted by: Tom Griffith *For Jim Caldwell, who was able to get dressed by himself, after two months of recovering from a compound fracture of his humerus bone near his shoulder. Thank you for your prayers. Please keep praying! He has a way to go.

Elder's Independence Day Prayer - Joe Valla

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from <u>sin</u> and death that you provided for us through <u>Jesus Christ</u>. Today our hearts and our souls are free to praise you. For this, we are very <u>thankful</u>.

On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of your <u>Son, Jesus Christ</u>. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we <u>always remember</u> that a very high price was paid for our freedom. Our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

In Christ's name, Amen.

Psalm 118:5-6

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? (ESV)

Psalm 119:30-32

I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, O LORD; do not let me be put to shame. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free. (NIV)

Psalm 119:43-47

Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws. I will always obey your law, forever and ever. I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, for I delight in your commands because I love them. (NIV)

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the <u>Sovereign Lord</u> is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. (NLT)

