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Special Dates in September

September 5: Labor Day
September 5: Food Pantry Volunteer (10a - 12p)
September 7: Food Pantry Volunteer (1p - 3p)
September 9: Food Pantry Volunteer (1p - 3p)
September 9: Drive-thru Community Dinner (5p - 6p)
September 10: World Suicide Prevention Day
September 11: Patriot Day/Grandparent's Day
September 21: International Day of Peace
September 22: Fall Equinox (9:04p)



Operating Fund Information Through July 31, 2022

Contributions & Inflows: \$63,632.27
 Expenses: \$57,184.38
 Difference: \$ 6,447.89

To contribute to FCC using
 Tithe.ly, Please scan this QR
 code using the camera on
 your mobile phone!



FEEDING OUR MISSION

The BG Christian Food Pantry needs:

Toilet Paper
 Paper Towels
 Tissues
 Shampoo
 Conditioner

Body Wash/Soap
 Lotion
 Deodorant
 Toothpaste
 Toothbrushes
 Any Food Items



Save the Date
FCC's Week to Volunteer
September 5, 7, 9



PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Do you need someone added to
 this list? Please write your
 request on the sheet in the foyer
 or email the church office.
fccadmin@bgfcc.org

Tim Bomeli
 Marge & Luke Leathem
 Ruth Ann McCray
 Mae Scott

Seldon & Peggy Carsey
 Ruth Maltby
 Becky Meredith

Boni Reese - Diane Morlock's friend (breast cancer)
 Erika Chambers - DeAnna Beeker's friend
 Jean Ryan - Betsy Solley's friend (cancer)
 Judy Allen - DeAnna Beeker's friend
 Laynee - Sharon Daniels' great-niece (heart transplant)
 Linda Brown - Sharon Bronsink's family member (COPD)
 Randy Jones - Ann Jones' son

Ministers & Missionaries

Paul Bomeli
 Audrey Connor
 Joseph Hara
 Allen Harris
 Erin McCreight Proie
 Gene Sugg
 Ernie Unholz

Active Service Members

Levi Wick

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BG, OH

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY DINNER

FRIDAY, June 10, 2022

5:00 - 6:00 pm (or until food runs out)



FCC continues to host our monthly "DRIVE-THRU DINNERS."

In August we served **89 meals** and distributed about **50 bags** of grocery items!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COOK AND SERVE ON FRIDAY, September 9!
DONATIONS OF COOKIES ARE NEEDED TOO!

If you are interested in helping Elizabeth Wick and Betsy Solley with this
 monthly Outreach Project, please contact Elizabeth Wick at
 419-575-7867 or DEZSLL6@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped out with time, food, and monetary donations!

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN THIS VALUABLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The September birth flower is the Aster

In Victorian times a gift of asters would secretly mean 'Take care of Yourself for Me'

Rhoda Bennett	9/10
Marilyn Glenn	9/10
Katelyn Tillman	9/14
Char Scherer	9/17
Rachel Perez	9/17
Don Bateson	9/28
Scott Beeker	9/30

The Care Elders have a way for you to reach out to those on the prayer list. We have developed care notecards. The note cards have been placed in the pews. If, during church, you hear of someone that is in need of prayer, you can take one of these note cards, write who it is to in the space at the top, jot a quick note, and sign your name. Then just place the card in the offering plate, and the church office will address the envelope and drop your note in the mail.



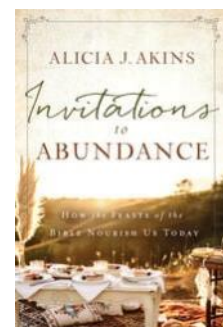
If you put someone on our prayer list that is not currently attending our church and you want them to get a note, it will be important to write their address on the prayer list by the door or email it to the church office when you get home. (fccadmin@bgfcc.org)



Women's Spiritual Studies Group

We will be continuing our present shared leadership plan through Sept. 14 and then will start a new study, *Invitations to Abundance* by Alicia Akins, on Sept. 21.

The description of the book states:
"From Genesis through Revelation, redemptive history is captured through feasts. Through them, God calls his people to commemorate mercy, delight in grace, and commune with him and with each other. In the process, he proves he doesn't ration his rich, soul-satisfying love toward us, but instead lets it overflow."

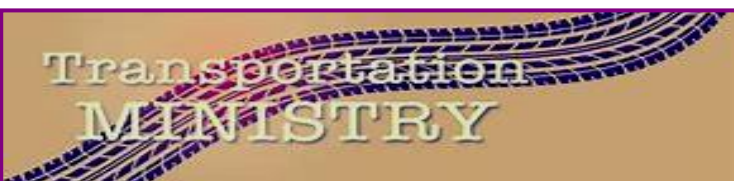


Invitations to Abundance brings alive the festivities described in the Bible and illuminates how relevant they remain in a modern world defined by isolation and disillusionment. When your heart needs encouragement, these wondrous celebrations remind you why, where, and how you can find security, unity, and hope.

Each chapter seats us at a unique feast from Scripture - from the well-known to the less-familiar - and considers how you can respond worshipfully as a partaker of these celebrations. Invitations to Abundance shows you how to reciprocate god's initiating kindness, and shows what it means to live knowing God's table is spread before you."

We think it will be a whole new understanding of some Biblical content and provide us with new ways to apply the information to our own lives as we participate in various feasts. **Order the paperback (currently \$10.91) from Amazon and plan to join us in September.**

Join us on Zoom anytime!



The FCC Transportation Ministry connects seniors in need of transportation for non-emergency medical appointments with volunteer drivers from the church. The volunteers are called as needed on a rotating basis.

If you would like to help with this ministry, we would love to put you on our list of willing drivers.

Also, if you are in need of assistance yourself, please call Pat Koehler at 419-494-3231.





Thank you to everyone who participated in the baby book shower for "Baby Girl Strayer." She received over 35 books that daddy, Steve, will share with her.

Baby Strayer also received two baby quilts made by Elizabeth Wick and Nancy Andrade, as well as an outfit from the Carpenters.



On behalf of Men's Fellowship, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help park cars for this year's tractor pull. I know it makes for a very long weekend, but the effort always pays off!

We had a total of **27 volunteers** - 20 men and 7 women - who gave of their time this year.

This year we parked approximately **635 cars** and **collected \$6,650**. \$650 was put into the General Fund and some of the remaining money will be used to repair the stained glass window in the front of the church.

Thankfully, no monies will be needed from the General Fund for the stained glass window repair.

I would like to give a special thank you to **Don and Lynn Bateson** for making lunch for the crew on Friday and also for bringing doughnuts on Saturday morning!

Another special thank you to **Earlene Kilpatrick** for making pizzas for the volunteers on Saturday afternoon!

The food donations were a welcome addition this year, as sometimes it's not easy to leave and grab a bite to eat. I think in the future I may ask for volunteers to do that who are unable to physically help park cars!

I would also like to say a big thank you to **Ernie Naugle** for the set up and tear down before and after the event, your efforts are appreciated!

Thank you all very much!
Scott Beeker





Thank You!

TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE



YOUR SUPPORT RAISED \$2,200_(net)

Truly a Church-Family Event:

Men's Group Helping with Set-Up & Take-Down

Snacks & Meals Donated

Signs Placed in Yards & Marketing

Time & Expertise Given to Sort and Arrange Items

Time Given to Research Valued Items

Time Given to Work During the Sale

Proceeds support Future Mission Projects & Local Nonprofits.

Post-Sale items were donated to The Fringe

Goodwill

1st Presbyterian Church - Christmas items

for their annual holiday sale

Carter Farm

Metroparks Toledo

Thank You!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF BOWLING GREEN, OH

BOARD MEETING, June 9, 2022

The June 9, 2022 board meeting of First Christian Church was held via zoom. Present: Rev. Gene Sugg, Moderator Earlene Kilpatrick, Members Nancy Andrade, Scott and DeAnna Beeker, Sharon Daniels, Jay Kirkbride, Steve Riewaldt, Mike and Betsy Solley, Elizabeth Wick and Pat Koehler. Incoming board members, Karen and Jim Adams and Kim Thomas were also in attendance.

The call to order and opening prayer was given by Moderator Earlene Kilpatrick at 7:35. The May 12 board meeting minutes were corrected to identify Becky Meredith in the Clerk's report as standing for reaffirmation. The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by DeAnna Beeker, second by Mike Solley. All yes.

Treasurer's Report was given by DeAnna Beeker. Income to date is \$49,336.46 and expenses are \$42,959.38. Total Huntington Bank checking balance is \$72,466.93. The current year Balance Sheet as of May 31 has been provided to members. The report was accepted as presented.

Administrative:

Clerk: Sharon Daniels reported that Karson and Kyle Kirby were baptized on June 5.

Finance Trustees: No report. The committee is planning to meet in the next few weeks for a transition session with Jim Adams coming in as the new Treasurer. The church credit card is currently in Deanna's name

Personnel: Diane Morlock reported to Earlene that personnel committee will be meeting with Pastor Sugg on Monday.

Property: The committee will have insulation installed in the parsonage on June 22, are taking care of leaks in the pastor's office and have purchased a memorial tree for Virgil Frost that will be planted along the driveway. They are planning a service and will erect a plaque in Virgil's memory.

Technology: Jay reported that everything is going well; they continue to look for new team members.

Moderator: Earlene's report will be included in old and new business items.

Pastor's Report:

Gene's devotion pointed to a photo of the beautiful double rainbow last evening and he spoke to 'what makes a rainbow'. The mixture of sunlight and rain creates something wonderful and serves as a metaphor for the mixture of people in a church that also work together for good. He commented on the worship service Sunday that was filled with the blessing of the Kirby's baptism, Kathy Rupp at the organ and Ruth Maltby's beautiful song. A joyous Pentecost service! Gene is planning to have more discussion at the Father's Day luncheon on moving forward toward a settled pastor.

Ministry/Elder's Reports:

Care Elders: Elizabeth reported that Nancy Otley is healing from her broken arm. The Care Elder's will meet next Tuesday and she will present a letter for review to send to those who have not been coming to church. Thank you letters will be sent to Kathy and Ruth; a personal letter to each by Gene and another from the congregation that Pat will send.

Worship Elders: No report or meeting date scheduled.

Fellowship:

Hospitality: Betsy Solley reported that they are exploring bamboo products for use at community dinners as suggested by Rachel Perez; much better environmentally but more expensive. They will continue to compare sizes and prices; Betsy asked if there might be assistance available from other churches involved. Coffee hour is covered for immediate future.

Men's Group: Steve Riewaldt reported that they are planning for the tractor pull parking; they will sponsor Violet Tennison for ChiRho camp and Gene will contact Joanne and arrange a commissioning service. The group is also planning a Homecoming picnic in August

Mission:

Food Pantry: Volunteers are needed on M/W/F during the second week of July. The Community Dinner will be served Friday, June 10, with the Martins in charge.

Old Business:

Amendments: The proposed amendment to our Bylaws for duties of an At-Large Representative and the modification of the Deacon position was published in the June newsletter and will be voted on at a congregational special meeting scheduled for July 3, 2022.

Parsonage: Discussion continued on the sale of the parsonage.

Concern about the appraisal being low; Steve will consult with a second realtor.

Question of value of a parsonage to an incoming pastor; Gene will contact Allan Harris of Regional Office to get input from potential applicants.

Market and balance sheet concern; consensus that market cooling off, decision sooner than later is advised.

The issue will be further investigated and continues to be tabled until July.

Compensations: Considerable discussion resulted in Jay Kirkbride offering to compensate Quentin Kilpatrick for his months of technology assistance; Organist Kathy Rupp will be paid \$100 for playing on June 5 on motion by Mike Solley, second by Jay Kirkbride.

New Business:

Use of signs: Earlene requested permission to post signs on church property and to promote same on the digital sign for a Woman's Club sale being held at the church. It was noted that the tractor pull and the blood bank events have both been promoted and it is a similar event.

Constitution up-date: Earlene will be forming a committee to 'fine-tune' the FCC Constitution and Bylaws in the upcoming Fall.

Board Meetings start time: will be changed to 7:00 p.m. beginning in July

Prayer concerns: Prayers were requested for the family of Amber Asmus; Karen Adams' mother, Judy Hartley at Storypoint Senior Living in Waterville, Apt. 23; Elizabeth Wick for safe travels; family of Tom Headley who suffered a stroke; Co-workers of Deanna's, Erica and Judy, Sharon's grand niece Laynee waiting for heart transplant; Earlene's brother, Brian who is near the end of life and friend Sue Clanton with a double mastectomy; and for Gene's granddaughter.

Rev. Gene closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.
Minutes by Pat Koehler, Board Secretary

The next FCC Board Meeting will be on July 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Note change of time!!