



# The Christian Messenger

March 2020



## Grant's Good News

Rev. Grant Wade

Two years ago, I led a class that spent an entire year reading through the Bible. It was a long journey, but a fun adventure with people who wanted to grow their knowledge of the Bible. Last fall, I started a class that read through a book titled "What is the Bible?" This class was a great way to challenge many assumptions about the Bible and about Christianity. Together we found spiritual enrichment through the reading and discussion.



Beginning next month, Barry Featheringill and I are starting a class that will focus on spiritual and physical fitness. We're using a curriculum called "Walk/Run for God." The class will introduce participants to the parallels of faith and fitness.

"This study is for everyone," says founder Mitchell Hollis, who started his very first class in January of 2010. Since then, tens of thousands of graduates have completed the 5K Challenge from thousands of churches around the world. Hollis goes on to say, "I've seen seven to seventy-year-olds in the same class. In fact, we encourage the whole family to join in together."

Our class will meet for 11 weeks during the spring, and will culminate with the St. Jude's Dash and Bash 5K. We would love to have a large group join us for this endeavor. It's open to people of all ages and fitness levels. Our meetings are scheduled for Sundays from 2:30-3:30 pm. Each class will have 30 minutes of learning (faith & fitness) and then 30 minutes of physical activity.

Our first meeting is March 1, and we hope you'll join us on this journey toward greater spiritual and physical fitness! If you would like to register ahead of time, you can do so here: <https://runforgod.com/classes/sullivan-5k-run-for-god>. (Note, you do not have to purchase anything to complete registration.)

See you Sunday,

Pastor Grant

## AMEN Men's Group

Beginning March 7, 2020, the FCC AMEN Men's Group will meet every Saturday morning at 8:00 am at Hardee's, here in Sullivan. Start your weekend out with breakfast, a cup of coffee, and some great fellowship with your brothers in Christ! Come join us as we discuss matters of faith and what's going on in our lives. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members. Men of all ages are welcome!



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month will still be our Primary meeting, but the other Saturdays are for those who want to gather more often, or who maybe can't make it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

See you there!

## Daylight Saving Time

It's almost time to "spring forward!" Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night — you don't want to be late for Sunday morning worship. There'll be cookies and hot coffee in the Parlor to help get you going!

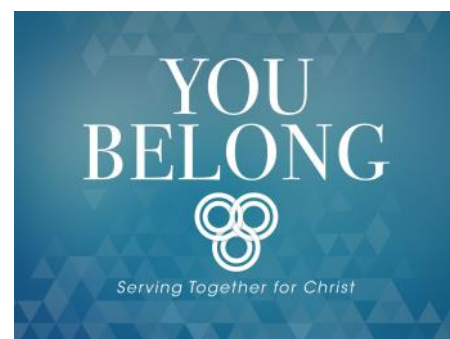


## Nominating Team

At the February board meeting, the church board designated a Nominating Team. This team is responsible for looking for new leaders over the next couple of months as we have several leaders who will be completing their term on June 30, 2020.

This year, the nominating team is looking for:

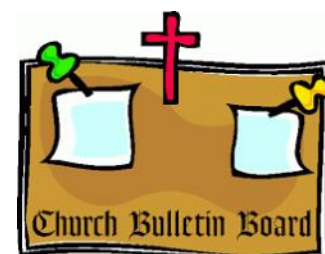
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Secretary	4 elders	
Treasurer	1 trustee	



We hope you will continue to be open to the possibility of serving God through this church in the coming year. The Nominating Team will be making prayerful considerations, and hope you will prayerfully consider how you might respond to God's call.

## Office Bulletin Board

Be sure to check the office bulletin board for area happenings and activities. There are fliers from Shelby Christian Church in Shelbyville about upcoming concerts in March and April, and one for the 2020 Shelby County Health Fair on March 25. Lincoln Christian University sent registration information for the Christian Women's Conference "Wonderfully Made" on April 29. Check it out!



## 1st Tuesday Lunch

Good food, good friends, good conversation, and a great gift shop — what more could you ask for! Everyone is invited to join Pastor Grant on Tuesday, March 3, at 11:30 am, at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur for 1st Tuesday Lunch. The more the merrier, and this is a great way to get to know each other better and share in each other's lives. Please RSVP to the church office or fill out the communication slip on Sunday, March 1. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 11:00 am. We usually have several folks that do.



## DMF Congregational Giving

Summary of Our Congregational Giving — Special Offerings Year to Date as of 12-31-19			
	2019	2018	\$ Change
Disciples Mission Fund	9,600	9,240	360
Easter	768	1,109	(341)
Pentecost	892	900	(8)
Thanksgiving	687	847	(160)
Christmas	670	610	60
Designated Operating	5,130	3,630	1,500
Week of Compassion	980	970	10
Reconciliation	455	495	(40)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$19,182</b>	<b>\$17,801</b>	<b>1,381</b>

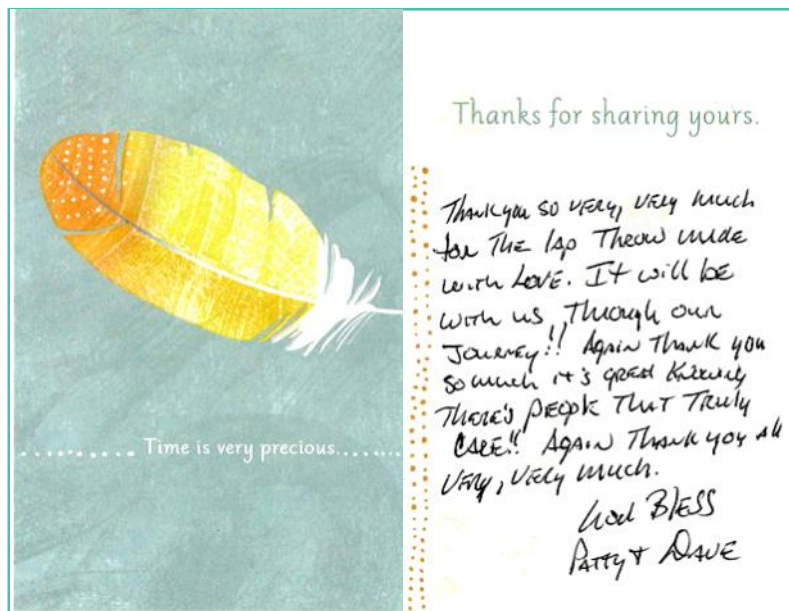
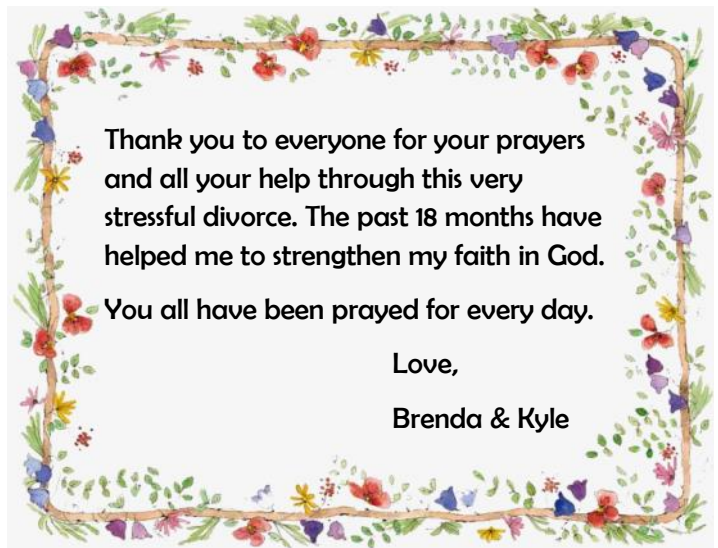
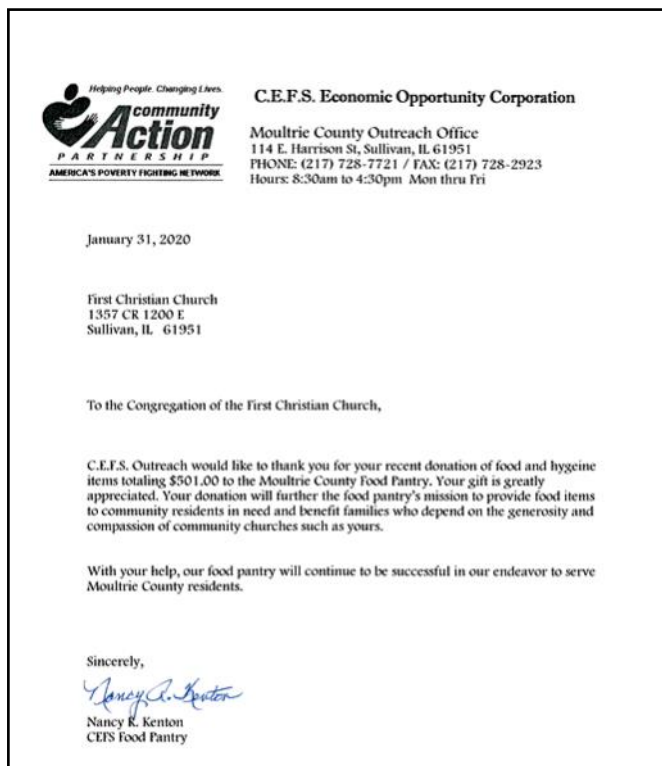


## All-Church Birthday Dinner

Come and celebrate your birthday with others of the same month. The annual all-church "Birthday Dinner," hosted by the Discipleship Ministry Team, will be Sunday, March 15, at 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fun time! The dinner is a potluck, and ham & roast beef will be the featured meats. If you prefer another meat dish, feel free to bring one. Please bring a dish or two to share — meat, veggie, salad, dessert, etc. Table service and drinks will be provided. Make plans now to come, enjoy, and be blessed!



# Thank You



## Vacation Bible School

An informational meeting will take place on Sunday, March 15, immediately following worship in the conference room. We're looking at some significant changes to our programming this year. If you have volunteered in the past, or would like to have input about what this program will look like, please join us for this meeting. Brenda Kroll and Kim Smith are co-coordinating this year's planning process.

## March Sermons & Scriptures

We looked at what it means to follow Jesus in February. Now in March, we'll look at what it means to walk with Jesus. Here's what Pastor Grant has planned for each week.

March 1: (Worship: Give Thanks) "A Living Hallelujah" — Psalm 100

March 8: (Grow: Study Scripture) "Growing in the Word" — Psalm 119:97, 103-105

March 15: (Serve: Practice Justice & Seek Kindness) "Here I am Lord, Send Me" — Joshua 24:15; Matthew 20:26, 28; Ephesians 2:10

March 22: (Give: Live Generously) "Where Your Treasure Is..." — Matthew 6:19-20; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35

March 29: (Share: Be A Witness) "Going Fishing, Reflecting Light" — Matthew 4:18-20; Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:20

## Weekly Groups

**"AMEN Men's Group" — 8:00 am at Hardee's in Sullivan, Saturdays**

Come join us for breakfast and fellowship as we discuss matters of faith and what's going on in our lives. Men of all ages are welcome!



**"Ladies of Faith" — 10:00 am at 5 West Coffee Lounge, Thursdays.**

Women of all ages are welcome to come together for an hour of discussion, devotion, and great fellowship over a cup of coffee or tea.



**"Weight Watchers" — 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, Thursdays.**

Weigh-in at 8:30 am, Meeting at 9:00 am — Everyone is welcome!



**"Yoga Wednesdays with Crystal" — 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays.**

Everyone is welcome! Contact Crystal Roberts at 217-454-0499 for more information.



## Monthly Groups

**"Coffee & Chat at Courtyard Estates" — 10:00 am, second Wednesday of each month.**

Pastor Grant and a group of volunteers provide a fun activity to share with the residents, sing a few familiar songs, and share a delicious treat, coffee, and tea with them. This is a great way to serve and be a blessing to some of our own church members who live there, as well as many folks who don't get many visitors. If you'd like to join us, just let Pastor Grant know.



**"Mending Hearts Grief Group" — 10:00 am in the Parlor, last Saturday of each month.**

If you've suffered the loss of a loved one and are in need of support, our grief group, Mending Hearts, is here for you. They share ideas and activities with one another that help with the process of learning to live with loss and grief. All are welcome.



## Scripture Readings for March

1 Matthew 4:1-25	11 Psalm 28	21 Psalm 84
2 Psalm 91	12 Psalm 30	22 2 Chronicles 1:1-17
3 Psalm 3	13 Psalm 31	23 2 Chronicles 5:2-14
4 Psalm 4	14 Psalm 32	24 2 Chronicles 6:1-11
5 Psalm 5	15 Psalm 46	25 2 Chronicles 6:12-31
6 Psalm 11	16 Psalm 48	26 2 Chronicles 6:32-42
7 Psalm 22	17 Psalm 69	27 2 Chronicles 7:1-10
8 Psalm 25	18 Psalm 71	28 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
9 Psalm 26	19 Psalm 75	29 Ezra 8:15-36
10 Psalm 27	20 Psalm 77	30 Nehemiah 9:1-25
		31 Nehemiah 9:26-38



## March Serving Schedule

### Elders

Kathy Thomas  
Dick Burcham

### Worship Leaders

March 1: Nancy Burcham  
March 8: Richard Glazebrook  
March 15: Peggy Hargis  
March 22: Wilma Durbin  
March 29: Dan Beard

### Deacons

Check & Serve: Brenda Pierce  
Serve: Kurt Pierce  
Serve: Kim Warren  
Prep & Serve: Pam Jesse

### Tech Booth

Media: Madeline VanKeuren –  
1<sup>st</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>; Mike Smith – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sound: Scott Neal



### Greeters

March 1: Dick & Nancy Burcham  
March 8: Dave & Sharon Walker  
March 15: Charlie & Becky Bragg  
March 22: Bud & Caroline Brown  
March 29: Bob & Connie Ingram

## CCIW / Local Church Prayer Calendar

March 1–7: Church of Christ Uniting Lexington, FCC Marion, FCC Macomb / Elim Springs Church of Jesus Christ  
March 8–14: Colfax CC, Arrowsmith CC, New Covenant CC Normal / Faith Lutheran Church  
March 15–21: FCC Metropolis, Barneys Prairie CC, FCC Mt. Carmel / First Apostolic Church  
March 22–28: Regional Church Council & Committees / First Baptist Church  
March 29–April 4: Pine Creek CC Polo, FCC Pontiac, FCC Princeton / First United Methodist Church

## Prayer Requests

**Joys:** Run for God, Lent

**Concerns:** Family of Dave Hamilton, Wilda Land–recovery from shoulder surgery, Jennifer Hobbs, Joyce Abderhalden, Jack Crane, Military, First Responders, Our Students



# Calendar

**Sundays** — 9:00 am Small Groups; 9:30 am Coffee & Cookies; 10:00 am Worship; 10:15 am Kids' Church;  
2:30–3:30 pm Run for God

**Mondays** — 6:30–8:00 pm Prairie Winds Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesdays** — 5:30–6:30 pm Yoga Class in Fellowship Hall; 7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursdays** — 8:30 am Weight Watchers in Fellowship Hall; 10:00 am Ladies of Faith @ 5 West

**Fridays** — 5:00–8:00 pm Pavilion Reserved

**Saturdays** — 8:00 am AMEN Men's Group at Hardee's

Sunday, March 1	1:00–5:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
Tuesday, March 3	11:30 am 1st Tuesday Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur (meet at church at 11:00 am to carpool)
Sunday, March 8	2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Begins
Wednesday, March 11	10:00 am Coffee & Chat at Courtyard Estates 5:45 pm Elders' Meeting in Parlor 6:30–8:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday, March 15	11:00 am VBS Informational Meeting following worship in Conference Room 11:30 am–1:30 pm All-Church Birthday Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 16	12:00–3:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due
Thursday, March 19	12:00 pm Board Reports Due
Monday, March 23	3:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due
Wednesday, March 25	6:00 pm Board Meeting in Parlor
Thursday, March 26	6:00–8:00 pm Head Start Meeting & Meal in Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 28	10:00 am Mending Hearts Group in Parlor

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

1 Richard Murphy Chance Typer Amanda Voegel	16 Doug Burcham
2 Amanda Farley	18 Mary Ann Wiley
4 Walker Byers Tyler Mossman	20 Amanda Edmonds Colton Ray Scott Reedy
6 Erika Piper	21 Hayden Elzy Judy Featheringill Stephanie Jurgens
8 Melissa Dolan Linda Sutton	22 Lane Nowlin
10 Mike Smith Don Typer	23 Luke Byers Hannah Elzy
11 Jim Mossman	25 Rose Crane
12 Dan Beard	26 Oliva Campbell Donna Shafer
14 Krystal Horsman Mindy McPheeters Carter Standerfer	29 Casey McClain Djuana Neal
15 Lauren Bodine Atleigh Stollard	30 Jamie Florey Justin Florey Adam Robinson
	31 Matt Wesselman

### Anniversaries

1 Dave & Sharon Walker Jim & Kim Warren
8 Steve & Candy Monroe
15 Justin & Chelsie Lindley
17 Kevin & Shannon McGregor
18 Don & Pam Jesse
20 Sam & Donna Ashinhurst
29 Steve & Wilma Durbin





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### Worship with us!

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Kids' Church: 10:15 am

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