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THE DISCIPLE



May, June and July 2023 Edition

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Church! Hallelujah!! This past week I met with the Commission on Ministry, who decides whether to approve candidates for ordination. After this five-hour interview, by the grace of God, they approved my call for ordination! This service will be August 27th at 4 PM at FCC in Kenton.

Over the last several weeks, I have been reading in Ephesians, which is a book written by the apostle Paul. The first section (chapters 1-3) are all dedicated to what God has done for us in/through the person and work of Jesus Christ. The second section (chapters 4-6) are dedicated to who we become and what we do as a result of the first section: Identity in Jesus (first), behavior as Jesus-followers (second).

One of Paul's motivations and hopes in writing this letter is to bring together two groups of people who would otherwise (outside of their identity in Jesus) absolutely detest one another. If you think African Americans and whites are split in the 21st century America?

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If you think Republicans and Democrats are bad today? All of these divisions put together don't come close to describing the rift and hatred that Jews and Gentiles had for one another. One of Paul's great desires was to unify these two groups of people under the authority of Jesus and to help them see that one of their jobs was to embody the radical grace and mercy and transformation that Jesus offers by being reconciled to one another.

Paul reminds us in our text that It's time to stop being "children". Children are children. They tend to be wobbly; especially when they are younger. Parents walk around with their arms outstretched waiting to catch them every time they begin to stumble. Children are wobbly and they're also easily distracted. They respond immediately to what is most appealing to them. even things that may not be the best for them. You know this. Take a small child to a fair or an amusement park or even to a toy store or candy store. They are wobbly. They are easily distracted. And that's why Paul encourages us to stop being children. He says we need to not be wobbly (spiritually speaking) but rather be marked by stability.

In Ephesians 16, the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." In other words, each part of the Body of Christ in its own uniquely God-ordained way exists to help the other parts. And of course, Paul

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isn't speaking about parts of a human body, he's talking about you and me in the context of the Church.

The Book of Ephesians Paul is instructing the members to support, build up and develop one another in love.

In the Body of Christ, each one of us has a different gift and important role. The church and the world need the gifts that God gave us. That is how we arrive at fullness. It is essential that we help one another to develop our own unique gifts. Each of us is required to grow and build up this body in love. Ideally, we are called to use our gifts in unison with one another.

The church, the big church and the little church, the downtown church and the rural church, the African-American congregations and the Asian congregations and the Hispanic congregations, and all the other corporate gatherings of genuine believers in Jesus Christ need all the moving parts to be involved in global ministry.

Church is not about any one individual, including the pastor. We get our greatest joy when we live life and serve together. We are called to be knit together as ligaments. Each of you is integral in the Body of Christ. We are better when we work together. How will we go out and live our lives so that others experience and know the love of God? The church is the biggest family that God has created; there are still those who believe themselves to be foreigners and strangers. We need to do more than just open doors for people because everyone has a gift. See you on Sunday! Pastor Bruce

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The State of Our Finances

Stewardship April 2023		
Actual Giving April 2023	Actual Need To Meet Commitments Feb 2023	+/-
\$3474.00	\$4,678.45	\$1204.45
Actual Giving YTD 2023	Actual Need To Meet Commitments YTD 2023	+/-
\$11,308.00	\$17,751.11	\$6443.11

Daily Scripture Readings May, June & July 2023

Monday, May 8, 2023: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday, May 9, 2023: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday, May 10, 2023: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

Thursday, May 11, 2023: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

Friday, May 12, 2023: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38

Saturday, May 13, 2023: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29

Monday, May 15, 2023: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, May 16, 2023: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, May 17, 2023: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 18, 2023: John 7:37-39

Friday, May 19, 2023: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

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Saturday, May 20, 2023: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

Monday, May 22, 2023: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 23, 2023: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 24, 2023: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Thursday, May 25, 2023: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

Friday, May 26, 2023: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, May 27, 2023: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

Monday, May 29, 2023: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, May 30, 2023: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, May 31, 2023: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30;

Thursday, June 1, 2023: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Friday, June 2, 2023: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, June 3, 2023: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

Monday, June 5, 2023: Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Tuesday, June 6, 2023: Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday, June 7, 2023: Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26

Thursday, June 8, 2023:

Psalm 50:7-15; Lamentations 1:7-11; 2 Peter 2:17-22

Friday, June 9, 2023:

Psalm 50:7-15; Lamentations 3:40-58; Acts 28:1-10

Saturday, June 10, 2023:

Psalm 50:7-15; Exodus 34:1-9; Matthew 9:27-34

Monday, June 12, 2023:

Psalm 40:1-8 ; Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2

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Tuesday, June 13, 2023:

Psalm 40:1-8; Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2; Hebrews 13:1-16

Wednesday, June 14, 2023:

Psalm 40:1-8; Hosea 14:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday, June 15, 2023:

Psalm 100; Exodus 4:18-23; Hebrews 3:1-6

Friday, June 16, 2023:

Psalm 100; Exodus 4:27-31; Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, June 17, 2023:

Psalm 100; Exodus 6:28-7:13; Mark 7:1-13

Monday, June 19, 2023:

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Joshua 1:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Tuesday, June 20, 2023:

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Wednesday, June 21, 2023:

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Proverbs 4:10-27; Luke 6:12-19

Thursday, June 22, 2023:

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:12-17; Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, June 23, 2023:

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:18-23; Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, June 24, 2023:

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 20:1-6; Luke 11:53-12:3

Monday, June 26, 2023:

Psalm 6; Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 2:1-7

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Tuesday, June 27, 2023:

Psalm 6; Jeremiah 26:1-12; Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, June 28, 2023:

Psalm 6; Jeremiah 38:1-13; Matthew 10:5-23

Thursday, June 29, 2023:

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:1-7; Galatians 5:2-6

Friday, June 30, 2023:

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:8-14; Luke 17:1-4

Saturday, July 1, 2023:

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 28:1-4; Luke 17:1-4

Monday, July 3, 2023:

Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, July 4, 2023:

Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 John 4:1-6

Wednesday, July 5, 2023:

Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday, July 6, 2023:

Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6

Friday, July 7, 2023:

Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20

Saturday, July 8, 2023:

Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

Monday, July 10, 2023:

Complementary: Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25

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Tuesday, July 11, 2023:

Psalms 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday, July 12, 2023:

Psalms 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17

Thursday, July 13, 2023:

Psalms 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16

Friday, July 14, 2023:

Psalms 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21

Saturday, July 15, 2023:

Psalms 65:9-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

Monday, July 17, 2023:

Psalms 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday, July 18, 2023:

Psalms 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wednesday, July 19, 2023:

Psalms 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday, July 20, 2023:

Psalms 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday, July 21, 2023:

Psalms 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday, July 22, 2023:

Psalms 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20

Monday, July 24, 2023:

Psalms 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20

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Tuesday, July 25, 2023:

Complementary: Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wednesday, July 26, 2023:

Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, July 27, 2023:

Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Friday, July 28, 2023:

Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

Saturday, July 29, 2023:

Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42

Monday, July 31, 2023:

Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

Deacon Schedule May, June and July 2023

May 14th-Mary Rayl/Jessica Osborn

May 21st-Jed Lones

May 28th-Gary Strobel

June 4th- Tom Bowerman-Jett

June 11th-Mary Rayl/Jessica Osborn

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July 9th-Mary Rayl/Jessica Osborn

July 16th-Jed Lones

July 23rd-Gary Strobel

July 30th-Mary Rayl/Jessica Osborn

August- 6th- Tom Bowerman-Jett

Elders Schedule May, June and July 2023

May 14th- Pat Fisher

May 21st-Eileen Latham

May 28th- Janet Dearing/David Faulkner

June 4th- Mary Dickinson

June 11th- Cary Modd

June 18th-Pat Fisher

June 25th-Eileen Latham

July 2nd-Pat Fisher

July 9th-Janet Dearing/David Faulkner

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During the week of April 24th-28th, Hardin County S.O.U.P served 790 meals to the community. They will serve again May, June and July the last week of each month.

Upcoming Events:

Join us each Sunday at 9:45-10:15 for a Bible Study in Genesis & then Worship will be at 10:30.

Sunday May 21st will be All Saints Sunday. Please contact the office if you would like your loved ones remembered during this service.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 28TH- STAY
FOR CAKE AFTER WORSHIP**



JUNE 4TH

POTLUCK BREAKFAST AT 9:30 A

**WORSHIP AT 10:30 A Join us as we
celebrate our graduate Aaron Modd**

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Cordially Invited to the

Ordination Service of Bruce Bowerman-Jett

When- Sunday, August 27th, 2023

Where- First Christian Church

340 N Main Kenton, Ohio 43026

Time- 4PM



**JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER BLESSING
COMMUNITY FAIR**

WHEN- AUGUST 10TH FROM 3 PM-7 PM

**WHERE- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

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(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, EVENT WILL BE HELD INSIDE.)

Ice Cream Social
Free Non-Perishable items
Support Service Agencies

Sponsored by First Christian, Kenton Head Start, Love INC, Hardin County S.O.U.P and other local agencies.
Proceeds after expenses will go to Hardin County S.O.U.P

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