



# First Christian Church

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#### **PRESIDENTS DAY**

**Feb. 16th**



#### **\*Up Coming Sermons for Feb.\***

1st *"What Makes A Disciple"*

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15th *"The Command to Stop*

*Fearing the Future"*

22nd *"The Command to be Ready"*

#### **Saturday Bible Study**

**@ 9 am**



**MISSED LAST WEEKS SERVICE?**

**YOU CAN WATCH IT ON FACEBOOK  
OR YOUTUBE**



**SUNDAY NIGHT**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Start 6pm / Grades 7 -12**

**Hosted by Andy Clark**

**@ THE FIREHOUSE**



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**Feb. Birthdays**

*{If your name should appear on the birthday list and doesn't, please notify the office.}*

Feb 3 Karanna Higgins

Feb 9 Nancy Cunningham

Feb 12 Carl Comerford

Feb 14 Eric Comerford

Feb 15 Cindy Watson





# From The Pastor's Desk:

## *"The Difference Between*

## *Missions and Retreats"*

By Dr. James Loft

A "church mission" focuses outward, serving and empowering other communities or people outside the local church, whereas "a retreat" or "conference" is primarily inward-focused for the church body, aiming for internal spiritual renewal (retreat) or education/networking (conference) within a dedicated setting, away from daily routines.

Missions are about "putting legs to faith" in the world (evangelism), while retreats/conferences build up the church's people through teaching, worship, and fellowship.

### **Church Mission (Outward-Focused)**

Goal: To share the Gospel, serve communities, empower local ministries, and address needs in other places (locally or globally). Empowering others, cross-cultural engagement, practice service, and evangelism.

Example Activities:

Building houses, running VBS in a new area, helping at a food bank, teaching English to refugees, or partnering with a struggling church overseas.

### **Church Retreat (Inward-Focused: Renewal)**

Goal: Spiritual refreshment, personal growth, connecting with God and each other in a focused environment.

Focus: Solitude, prayer, worship, reflection, small group discussions, and self-care. Worship sessions, quiet reflection time, time, prayer, shared meals, and bonding activities in a natural setting.

### **Church Conference (Inward-Focused: Education/Growth)**

Goal: Learning new skills, gaining theological insight, networking with other believers, and being inspired.

Focus: Keynote speakers, workshops, seminars, skill-building, and broader connection.

Example Activities: Listening to expert speakers, attending breakout sessions on leadership or theology, and meeting people from other churches.

### **Key Differences Summarized**

**Direction:** Mission (Outward) vs. Retreat/Conference (Inward).

**Purpose:** Mission (Serving others) vs. Retreat (Rest/Renewal) vs. Conference (Learning/Networking).

**Location:** Missions often go to people; Retreats/Conferences bring people away to a special place.

### **The Great Commission**

And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

- Matthew 28:18-20



# “Extremism”

By Associate Pastor Andy Clark



Political passion and tensions have ebbed and flowed over the course of our country's history. Lately, it feels like those passions have been reaching a high tide once again, to such a degree that a person could easily alienate friends, colleagues, even family members simply by expressing opinions. People watch one news outlet and hear that Border Patrol agents have shot a domestic terrorist in self-defense as they carry out their duties protecting American citizens from dangerous illegal aliens. Yet, people watching another news outlet hear that innocent American citizens are being murdered in the streets by masked government agents simply for carrying out their 1st and 2nd Amendment rights. It seems the loudest voices are those with the most extreme views. It was King Solomon who said, *“It is not good to have zeal without knowledge.”* - (Proverbs 19:2)

If the opposite of being an extremist is to be apathetic, being a moderate suddenly seems more appealing. Isn't there room for give and take; a little room for compromise so that people can live civilly together? Can't we all just get along? Why can't we be friends? Ok, enough song lyrics. But doesn't the Bible preach everything in moderation?

And that's where I want to shift topics a little bit. I am not interested in taking a political stance, other than to say that there is a higher allegiance than the one we owe our country. And I'm not particularly interested in extolling the values of non-violent protest, other than the fact that Jesus said to love your enemies, pray for those that persecute you, turn the other cheek if someone strikes you, and offer your cloak to the one who sues you for your tunic. (Hands off my tunic) Jesus did not make statements like this to form the blueprint for a protest movement, they were meant to show the way we are to love one another. And does the Bible actually say, *“All things in moderation?”* No. That quote apparently originated from the Greek poet Hesiod around 700 B.C.

No, the Bible does not say we should compromise or just get along, or live and let live, or do all things in moderation. Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy, went and sold all he had and bought that field so that the treasure would be his. He said if you wouldn't carry your own cross (the kind that kills you, not the jewelry kind) you could not be His disciple. Paul wrote in Philippians that he considered everything a loss compared to knowing *“Christ Jesus my Lord”* (3:8), and that to live is Christ, and death is gain (1:21).

Jeremiah said, that if he tried to keep God's words quiet that they burned in his heart like a fire that he couldn't put out. John wrote that Christians were not to love the world or anything in the world. *“For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world,”* (1 John 2:15-16). Does this sound like moderation? And this is only a tiny taste of what the Bible has to say about giving your all to the Lord for His Kingdom.

So let us not be moderates when it comes to our commitment to Jesus. Let us not be content with money in a box and an hour or two on Sundays sitting through a service. Don't let your focus be split in many directions. *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him,”* (Colossians 3:17).

That will certainly look a lot less like the group of “extremists” from either political party and more like a group of extremists in the Book of Acts who changed the world through the Spirit of God!

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On January 9th - 11th, seven students and two adults went to the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention. I would like to use some space here to express my gratitude to the church for supporting the youth program, even in its somewhat nebulous state.

As we move toward summer (no really, I promise!) or at least summer camp registration, I ask that you support kids going to camp. My family has long, close ties to camp generally, and to The Ark Christian Ministries specifically, and I know that weeks of camp there, provide some of the most tangible ways to help draw young people closer to Jesus. Imagine a student goes to church 3 hours a week (more than most). Tallying the waking hours kids spend at a week of camp, that's equal to over half a year spent at church! The time they spend building friendships, being mentored, participating in worship, learning scripture, getting life lessons, is unmatched in the lives of the vast majority of kids.

We at the church are doing and will continue to do everything we can to help kids spend time at camp, and we appreciate your help in making this possible! If you'd ever like to visit the camp, give me a call and we'll set up a time to go down together. After all, it's only 19 miles from the church. But it's the experience of a lifetime for our kids.

- Andy

# **LOCAL MISSIONS IN PERU, INDIANA**

**If you are interested in any of these Missions in Peru, please call the Contact Number below or the Church Office if you would like to Volunteer.**

**If you would like to Lead in any Ministry listed or just participate, We would love for you to get in Contact with the Church.**

- > Volunteer with TEAM KIDS (working with Kids or Visiting Parents) Barb Kuhn #574-333-9232
- > Help mentor Jr/Sr High youth through conversation, meal preparation, chaperoning special events, making music, and using whatever gifts God has given you. Andy Clark #859-445-3493
- > Shoe Box Ministry (Operation Christmas Child Samaritans Purse) Pam Benedict #765-605-0533
- > Bus Ministry (We need 2 Drivers Every Sunday Morning / 1-2 Drivers Sunday Night, Bus Monitors, Callers) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Every 2nd Sunday of Each Month (Service at Water's) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Every 1st Monday of Each Month (Game Night) Kelly Biddle #765-469-7385
- > Door To Door Ministry (Give A Treat—Oct. 31st Starting at sunset) Andy Clark #859-473-3105
- > Invitation Sundays (Every 5th Sunday of the Month) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > My Father's House (Men's Ministry) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Serenity House (Women's Ministry) Crystal Lewis #260-308-8984
- > Serenity House Bible Study (Women's Ministry) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Feed My Sheep (One Wednesday of each month) Becky Catey #765-473-4283
- > Home & Hospital Visitation (as needed) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Circus City Festival (6 Nights of Praying, Ministering, Handing out tracks, water to people in Peru) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Court House Ministry (North Entrance steps each Wednesday, from 8:30-11:30am) Michael Riley #765-513-7602
- > Back to School Back Packs (at the Circus Building) Sherry Loshnowsky #765-469-2524
- > Cleaning Yards this Fall (Elderly & Widows) Church Office #765-473-3105
- > Clearing Driveways this Winter—Church Office #765-473-3105

**Let's make 2026 a Great Year in Servant Evangelism**

# CHURCH SIGNS V:

## Creative Displays for the Passerby

Compiled By John Frankovich, Jr



I continue with more interesting Church Signs from around our nation, from the amusing to the thought provoking, in an effort to reach out to the everyday passerby.





# PRESIDENTS DAY - February 16th

The holiday in brief, was to honor the nations first President, George Washington. In 1862 President Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring Feb. 22nd (Washington's Birthday) a day of celebration. In 1879, by Act of Congress, the 22nd became a Federal Holiday for Government Offices in D.C.. In 1885, it was expanded to all Federal Offices. Then in 1968, Congress passed a "Uniform Monday Holiday Bill" which moved several Federal Holidays to Mondays to create more three-day weekends. In 1971, implemented the moving of Washington's Birthday to the third Monday.

What I will offer here, is some interesting but not as often relayed personal tidbits of some of our nations past Presidents.

## **George Washington**

In his early years, George operated a ferry across the Potomac River, purely as a Public service. As Commander of the American Army, he served without taking pay throughout the war.

## **Thomas Jefferson**

The irony of Jefferson is, he never made any political speeches. After leaving the Presidency, Thomas was \$20,000 in debt (roughly \$750,000 in 2025 dollars). So he sold his cherished 10,000 volume Library to the U.S. Library of Congress.

## **James Madison**

Generally suffered from poor health, beginning in his youth. To weak to play with other kids, he stayed indoors studying. This ongoing health issue often kept him brooding. James, as an adult, dressed in black. This stems from the fact that his finances wouldn't permit him to buy more than one suit at a time.

## **John Quincy Adams**

As President, he installed a billiards table, which drew accusations of him being a gambler. John was usually poorly dressed which drew criticism and public jokes about his appearance.

## **Andrew Jackson**

Andrew lost his father the year of his birth. The Jackson's owned no property. His mother and his brother moved in with their aunt, and Andrew's mother served as a housekeeper while bringing up her boys. It wasn't till the age of 8 that Andrew learned to read and write.

## **Martin Van Buren**

Worked in his fathers tavern, which became a class room for Martin in studying his fellow man. He learned what angered men and what moved them. Years later, he would come to know the New York political machine and become its master mechanic.

## **John Tyler**

Congressman Tyler believed that duty of the States was to direct the Federal Government, not the reverse. As Senator, was again independent of party politics and stayed with a close interpretation of the Constitution.

## **James K. Polk**

As a child, James was sickly. In his teens, he undergone a gallstone operation without anesthesia or antiseptics. Surviving the event drew James into a firmer faith in God.

## **Millard Fillmore**

Millard was nearly illiterate in his youth due to long hours on his fathers farm. He would be 17 before he saw his first dictionary. As an adult, he didn't smoke or drink and took good care of himself.

## **Franklin Pierce**

Two months before becoming President, Franklin lost all three of his sons in various tragedies. With this dark shadow hanging over him, Franklin was shy and uncertain. Yet President Pierce was kind and courteous to all. A doorman noted; "*He treated me as he did heads of state.*"

## **James Buchanan**

James held his head slightly tilted to one side because one eye was near-sighted and the other far-sighted. James was not married, however he did raise two orphaned children from his two sisters, and brought them up as his own.

## **Andrew Johnson**

The fatherless 10 year old Andrew and brother, were "bound out" to a Raleigh tailor. This meant they were owned by their employer until a certain age, in exchange for room, board and learning a trade. As Governor of Tennessee, Andrew made a suit of clothes for the Governor of Kentucky as a thank you, for a favor.

## **Ulysses S. Grant**

He was born Hiram Ulysses Grant, but changed his name to Ulysses S. Grant to avoid being teased about the initials; "H.U.G.."



# AMERICANS DAY



*Written & Compiled by John Frankovich, Jr.*

Typically observed on Feb. 1st is "National Freedom Day" which kicks-off a full month recognizing one segment of the American population. However, I have dubbed *Feb. 2nd* as "*Americans Day*." What I will do is list briefly, Americans who contributed significantly in some way to our nation and beyond. There will be no mention of their race nor ethnicity - look that up for yourself, if you feel it important. Who I list will be from a broad swath, and of both sexes. While you may suspect by the name, you still may not be able to pin-point their specific origins.

## **William Seward Burroughs**

He invented the first practical adding machine in the 1880's and secured the patent in 1888 for his "calculating machine." This former bank clerk's invention revolutionized accounting, and became a staple in offices coast to coast, and paved the way for future modern computing devices.

## **Garrett Morgan**

He invented the modern "3 - position" traffic signal in 1923, receiving a patent and selling rights to General Electric. This device significantly improved road safety and helped form the bases for today's traffic lights. Morgan's design also included the "all stop" phase for pedestrians and vehicles, the third position. Morgan's Traffic Signal is in the Smithsonian.

## **Katherine Johnson**

She was a NASA "Human Computer" (a superb mathematician) who calculated trajectories (orbital mechanics) for Projects Mercury and Apollo missions, missions that could not happen without her special gift of numbers.

## **Margaret Hamilton**

She was another "Human Computer" who became a computer scientist and led the Software Engineering Division at the MIT Instrumentation Laboratory - which would be contracted in 1961 to develop NASA's Apollo Programs guidance system. Her Team also wrote and tested onboard in-flight software for Apollo's Command and Lunar module and for the Skylab Space Station.

## **Alexander Graham Bell**

He is credited with inventing the first "practical telephone," receiving the first U.S. Patent in 1876. Bell's success came from the subsequent work making a working device that led to making the first call to his assistant on March 10th, 1876. While a few others were working on "sound-transmitting" devices, Bell's led to a telephone industry.

## **Dr. Charles Richard Drew**

While several worked on plasma science, Charles invented methods to separate, process, and store blood plasma in 1939, which pioneered modern blood banking. The doctor's efforts also discovered a way to increase plasma shelf life, which in turn made plasma transfusions widely available during World War 2, saving countless lives.

## **Dr. Julio Cesar Palmaz**

A radiologist by trade, developed the first commercially successful "expandable stent." The doctor received his Patent in 1988. In 1991 the FDA issued approval for peripheral use and in 1994 for coronary use. The *Palmaz Stent* is an open, wire-mesh tube that permanently scaffolds blood vessels and keeps them open after angioplasty (a procedure to open narrowed or blocked arteries by threading a catheter with a balloon to the blockage, inflating it with an often purpose of placing a stent to keep the artery open).

## **Albert Baez**

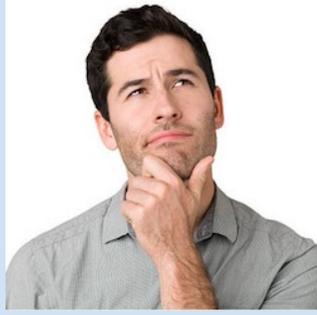
This physicist was the co-inventor of the "x-ray reflection microscope" in the 1940's. Albert's contributions led to the early development of X-ray microscopes, x-ray optics and later X-ray telescopes. The X-ray microscope uses electromagnetic radiation in the x-ray band to produce magnified images - to view sub-cellular structures, to view chromosomes and other small biological bodies.

## **Stephanie Kwolek**

While working at DuPont, she invented "Kevlar" - the amazing light weight material that became body armor for law enforcement and the military. The 1965 discovery that produced extremely strong synthetic fibers led to other uses as well; a protective coating to under sea optic-fiber cable, and to suspend bridges with super-strong ropes. To make Kevlar, involves high-temperature polymerization, requiring special equipment.

*"I will not say I failed a 1,000 times, I will say that I found 1,000 ways that won't work."*

- Thomas Edison on his failed prototypes and mistakes on inventing the light bulb.



# SOMETHING MORE TO PONDER

Compiled & Written by John Frankovich, Jr



This month I start off with the subject of “eternity.”

No matter how large a number is, it is finite: it is always possible to mention a number that is larger. Scientists speak of the “googol.” It is a one, followed by 100 zeros. The googol is inconceivably large. But then think of the “googolplexes” which we believe is the googol raised to the googol-th power. It is said, that if this number were written out, there would not be space on earth to contain the pages required. In fact, they would more than fill our galaxy!

Napoleon, once in the Gallery of the Louvre, turned from a fine picture to Baron Denon, saying, “*That is a fine picture, Denon!*” “*Yes, immortal,*” was the reply. “*How long will this picture and a statue last?*” said Napoleon. “*The picture five hundred years, and a statue five thousand, sire.*” “*And this you call immortality?*” said Napoleon.

Dr. Wernher von Braun, well-known for his part in the U. S. space program, says he has “*essentially scientific*” reasons for believing in life after death. He explained: “*Science has found that nothing can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation. If God applies the fundamental principle to the most minute and insignificant parts of the universe, doesn’t it make sense to assume that He applies it to the masterpiece of His creation—the human soul? I think it does.*”

Over the triple doorways of the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend; “*All that which pleases is but for a moment.*” Over the other is sculptured a cross, and the words, “*All that which troubles us is but for a moment.*” But underneath the great central entrance to the main aisle is the inscription, “*That only is important which is eternal.*”

A Mr. Bausum, traveling through China before the day of Communism, saw in Kweilin a very odd sign that attracted his attention. It read, “*Eternal Life For Sale.*” Looking into the building he saw row upon row of massive black caskets. It was a coffin factory.

Passing a cemetery one day, the Irishman paused at a startling inscription on a tombstone. He read the words: “*I still live.*” After scratching his head in puzzlement for a moment, the Irishman uttered:

“*Bejabbers, if I was dead I’d be honest enough to own up to it!*”

I now switch to the subject of “Europe.”

*After this I saw in the night visions and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible ... and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns ...*

*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

—Dan. 7:7, Rev. 17:12, 13

In the late 1940’s, Belgium’s Premier, P. H. Spock made a statement in the newspaper:

*“The truth is that the method of international committees has failed. What we need is a person, someone of the highest order of great energy.*

*“Let him come and let him come quickly. Either a civilian or a military man, no matter what his nationality, who will cut all the red tape, shove out of the way all the committees, wake up all the people and galvanize all governments into action. Let him come quickly. This man we need and for whom we wait will take charge of the defense of the West. Once more I say, it is not too late, but it is high time.”*

Dr. Walter Hallstein, former president of the European Economic Community (1958-67) said:

*“Three phases of the European unification are to be noted. First, the customs union, second, the economic union, third, the political union ... what we have created on the way to uniting Europe is a mighty economic-political union of which nothing may be sacrificed for any reason. Its value exists not only in what it is, but more in what it promises to become ... We may fully expect the great fusion of all economic, military, and political communities together into the United States of Europe.”*

It is interesting to see in history how men have attempted to put together the Old Roman Empire. Charlemagne tried to do this in 800 A. D.. His “Roman Empire” included what are now the countries of France, Germany, Italy, Holland and Belgium. Charlemagne was crowned by the Pope as Emperor Charles Augustus.

Napoleon tried his strutting best to establish his own Roman Empire. Another Pope, Pius VII, made a tedious trip across the Alps to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris to place an imperial crown on Napoleon, but the new little Caesar snatched the crown from the Pope and put it on himself. And then there was Hitler. Does anyone doubt that he attempted to put Rome together again? He said his Third Reich would last a thousand years. God had other plans and Hitler lost.



# SOMETHING MORE TO PONDER

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**Continued...**

(European Union History)

On June 8, 1948, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands signed the Benelux Agreement that became the foundation for the European Economic Community. The 6-nation Common Market (EEC) came into being following the signing of the Treaty of Rome on March 25, 1957. Great Britain, Denmark and Ireland joined the Common Market in Jan. 1, 1971, increasing it to 9 nations.

On June 12, 1975, Greece asked the European Common Market to admit it as a full-fledge member "to coordinate democracy in Greece." Brendan Dillon, current chairman of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of Market Countries, called the request "a new event of great historical significance."

The 9 nations in the EEC are: Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, West Germany, Holland, Ireland, Italy, and Luxembourg.

The Common Market, officially known as the European Economic Community is established upon the premise of a 10th-nation entity. When the Common Market Six was expanded Jan. 1, 1973, 10 nations were to be included, but Norway rejected the application. Only Britain, Ireland and Denmark were added.

Austria has applied for membership in the Common Market. It could become a buffer zone between the Soviet bloc and Western Europe. It is oddly enough the only nation originally under Soviet control which was allowed to become independent after World War II.

Under pressure from the European Common Market, the Church of England will revise its Churchyard Handbook. Last published in 1962, the handbook specified that tombstones and graveyard monuments "shall be of English oak or natural stone quarried in Great Britain." The forthcoming edition will merely recommend "teak or oak or natural stone" with no mention of country of origin. "We had a visit from the EEC," explained editor David Williams.

The Helsinki Agreement was signed by 35 countries in Europe, including the United States and the Soviet Union, and provided for European security. Among other things, the 96-page document virtually stated that no European nation will have an excuse in the future to intervene in the internal affairs of others. This would contravene the so called "Brezhnev doctrine" which claimed the right for the Soviet to intervene in any East European country. The Agreement also implied Western endorsement of the Eastern status quo, where 105 million people lived in East Europe under Russian domination.

(Pro-Israel stance in History)

The British Foreign Minister said in August 1975:

*"I have made it utterly clear that I am not going to ask the British Government's representative at the UN to support a motion to expel or to suspend Israel ... The consequences would have a serious effect on the UN. I have argued in much more unpopular cases than this that the universality of the UN is an important principle for us all to observe."*

The Swedish prime minister said:

*"The UN is based upon the principle of universality, which means that all countries in the world shall be members. A suggestion to exclude Israel is at variance with UN's spirit and Charter. It will lead to great consequences for the further work of the world organization and also harm work for peace in the Middle East."*

Fearing Arab oil embargo, the 9 Common Market nations boycotted shipment of arms to Israel.

But on Nov. 16, 1973, ministers of the parliaments of 11 of Western Europe nations held a special conference in Paris (9 nations plus Sweden, Switzerland and Austria). The 50 ministers condemned the 9 Common Market nations' pro-Arab statement in Brussels; and decided to act together in order to back Israel against pressure from Arab and Soviet countries and also from Western Europe.

Less than one week later the military arm of the Common Market, known as the Western European Union also held a meeting in Paris. The French pledge nuclear weapons in defense of West Europe and said the Western European Union (W.E.U.) was best suited to harmonize defense needs.

President Harry S. Truman was the first man to sign the papers recognizing the State of Israel in order that she could become a member of the United Nations.

Every president or spokesman reiterated his promise to see that Israel is protected and remains independent.

Truman in 1948 said, "Israel must be large enough, free enough, and strong enough to make its people self-supporting and secure." John Foster Dulles, secretary of state under Eisenhower, declared that "the preservation of Israel is one of the essential goals of U. S. foreign policy."

Kennedy in 1963 said that U. S. Policy in the Mideast was to halt all aggression, because "we support the security of both Israel and her neighbors." Johnson repeated his pledge. Both Vice President Humphrey and President Nixon said that the U. S. is committed to the integrity of Israel as a free and independent state.

The U. S. Congress, by joint resolution of both houses in 1957, affirmed "the preservation and of the independence and integrity" of all Mideast nations, Arab and Israel alike, to be "vital to the national interest" of the United States. Presidents Ford and Carter have also reassured the public about support for the existence and independence of the State of Israel.



### **PRAYER Warriors**

The *Prayer Warriors* encourage FCC members to join with them during your day to pray over the Prayer List. Prayer is the breath of the Christian life. We are committed to frequently practice the presence of Jesus and stand in the gap for others in prayer. Please **contact the office** at 765-473-3105 for your prayer requests **or contact Sandy Alspaugh** at 765-469-9802.

*{Please note: names will remain on this list for 2 months, unless we are notified otherwise. Thank you for your kind attention.}*

### **PRAYER List**

Scripture tells us to pray and intercede for one another. Please remember the following members and friends in your prayers.



- Baby Oakley
- Ben & Jeanine Crispen
- Bev Clary
- Brenda Abbott
- Carolyn Everest
- David Briner
- Diane Davis
- Erma Clark
- Jayson Robson
- Jeff McElheny
- Jeremiah Wipf
- Jordan Miller
- Kay Weideman
- Mark Hendrix
- Maureen Cook
- Monte Cardwell
- Noah Burns
- Pat Hardwick
- Patricia Clary
- Patricia Cox
- Patricia Townsend
- Renee Ray
- Robin Riley
- Shirley Kerns

The Grove Estates  
The Serenity House

- \*For Israel
- \*Our FCC Church Family
- \*Our County, State & Nation
- \*The Judicial Branch & Lower Courts

Baby  
Oakly >>>



## **2025 Friendship Ministry Listings**

### **OUT OF TOWN RESIDENTS**

**Arnold Presley**

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Camby, IN 46113

**Mildred Catey**

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Kokomo, IN 46901

**Mrs. Viola Sommers**

2677 Northwoods Dr

Kokomo, IN 46901-0708

# TEAM KIDS BUS DRIVERS SCHEDULE



**DRIVERS:** If unable to drive, Please notify the Office, or Barbara Kuhn or John Frankovich. The more advanced the notice the better.

Thanks for helping in this Ministry!!

## FEBRUARY:

1st	8th	15th	22nd	
<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	
<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Dan Ray</i>	<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Dan Ray</i>	<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Dan Ray</i>	<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Dan Ray</i>	

## MARCH

1st	8th	15th	22nd	
<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	<b>PICK-UP:</b> <i>Sue Hawkins</i>	
<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Jim Clary</i>	<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Jim Clary</i>	<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Jim Clary</i>	<b>DROP-OFF:</b> <i>Jim Clary</i>	

# FEBRUARY SERVER CALENDAR

	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	
<b>(TECH SERVERS)</b> <b>Cameras</b> <b>Computer</b> <b>Sound Board</b> 	Michael Riley	Michael Riley	Carl Comerford	Michael Riley	
	Carl Comerford	Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook	
	Nancy Cook	Mike Hileman	Mike Hileman	Mike Hileman	
<b>(KING'S KIDS)</b> 	Barbara Kuhn Angela Abbott	Barbara Kuhn Carol Biddle	Barbara Kuhn Cindy Beaver	Barbara Kuhn <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	
<b>(NURSERY)</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship</b> 	Cindy Beaver	Barbra Hileman Barbra Hileman	Barbra Hileman Barbra Hileman	Barbra Hileman Barbra Hileman	
<b>(BUS DRIVER)</b> 	Carl Comerford	Sue Hawkins	Sue Hawkins	Sue Hawkins	
<b>(GREETERS)</b> <b>Elevator Door</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> 	Nancy Cook	Carl Comerford Karen Comerford	Jim Clary Bev Clary	Nancy Cunningham	

# February at-a-glance

## REPEATING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAYS:

- Elders Prayer Circle, 8:30 AM
- Sunday School, 9 AM
- Sunday Worship, 10 AM
- Women's AR, 2 PM
- Team Kids, 5 PM
- Youth Group @ Firehouse, 6pm

### MONDAYS:

- Staff Meeting 9 AM  
(except the week that has board meetings)
- AR, Noon

### WEDNESDAYS:

- *Office Closed*

### FRIDAYS:

- AR, Noon

### SATURDAYS:

- BIBLE STUDY, 9 AM
- AR, 10 AM

## "Feed My Sheep"

> Mon, Weds, Fri - 11:30am - 12:15pm

FEB 2nd

> GAME NIGHT 6pm - Fellowship Hall

FEB 3rd

> Quilter's 11:00am - Fellowship Hall

> KAIROS 7pm - Library

FEB 8th

> FCC Hosting Service at The Waters of Peru Nursery Home 1:30pm

FEB 10th

> Needle Work Grp 6:30pm - Living Stones Room

FEB 17th

> Quilters 11:00am - Fellowship Hall

FEB 27th

> Youth Super Start - Indy 6pm

FEB 28th

> Youth Super Start - Indy continued

## VETERANS FOOD PANTRY

### Monthly Food Focus:

Boxed Mac & Cheese, Boxed Potato dishes, Boxed Spaghetti/pastas, sauce, Canned meats, Canned chili & stews, Canned fruits, Canned mixed vegetables, Canned pasta, Cereals/oatmeal, Granola & Nutri-grain bars, Pasta side dishes, Peanut butter & Jelly, Pork & Beans, Pudding Packs, Rice side dishes, Hamburger, Tuna or Chicken Helpers  
\*Manual Can Openers & \*Hygiene Items

