

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and welcome to worship. It is good to have you back again!

To keep up to date about what is and is not happening in the life of our church during the pandemic, please add your name to the church email list – and check your emails regularly – or follow us on social media. And, of course, you can call the church office at any time, at 633-3345 or call Dave at 939-1299.

Do you have an interest in technology? Would you like to put that interest into use for the church? If you would like to help with the Sunday morning live-stream, we would be happy to have your help. If interested, contact James Mulcahy or the church office.

If are interested in helping Awake Ministries work on the Veterans Village Community Center in Shelbyville, they are continuing to work the next few weeks, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The work includes concrete grinding and concrete patching. It is labor-intensive work. All tools, materials, masks, etc., will be provided. We work in a socially distanced and CDC guideline environment. The address is, Veterans Community Center, 506 Bradshaw Street. If you are willing to help, you can contact Tim Anderson at 812-406-6045 or tim@crossroadsmissions.com.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship – 1 John 3:16-18; 23-24

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

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24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Rochelle Phillips is now staying at her daughter's home. If you would like the address, in order to send her a card, please contact the church office.

LaMar Hundley is at home after spending a few days at Suburban Hospital.

Carol Brown has been moved from the Masonic Home in Louisville to Baptist East Hospital, where her condition is serious.

Diane Meagher, Nancy Kirk's friend who lives in Charlestown, has been diagnosed with cancer four times, beating the cancer each time. She now has a brain tumor and the doctors are fairly certain it is cancerous. Please remember Diane in your prayers.

Diana Wainscott, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law, has breast cancer and is having a hard time with the chemo treatments.

Emma Kendall, who is 13-years-old, was injured in an ATV accident last week. While the injuries are not life threatening, they will require surgery.

Please remember in your prayers Karen Carpenter, a friend of Suzi and Bob Roth and who was a member of one of Dave's previous churches. She is battling lung and liver cancer.

Please remember in prayer the school administrators, as they work to devise a plan on how to do school in the midst of a pandemic. Please remember the teachers, the students, and their families, as they make preparations in such uncertain times.

Please remember in prayer the parents of young children who must find a way to work while also securing child care, when child care is increasingly hard to find in these days.

If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list, it is at the end of the bulletin for this morning. Copies can be downloaded from the church web site or by scanning one of the QR codes posted in the church.

Morning Prayer – Dave

God,

This morning I want to tell everyone that everything is going to be all right. I want to say that everyone will be well, that good health will remain for everyone, that everyone's bills will be paid on time, and that the future holds only good things. But I must face the reality that not everything in our lives or in the world is all right, and not all will be well. In saying this, I am not without hope, and certainly not without faith, but I understand we face challenges in life, and none of us are immune to those challenges. There is so much that confront us – health challenges; very serious decisions of how to proceed in the face of difficult situations; economic realities that have harmed many families; uncertainty about what tomorrow will bring; and the list is so much longer than I want to share, but we are already struggling from the weight of all the worries that rest upon our shoulders, and from all the fears that weigh heavily upon our hearts, and so, Lord, I will lift all these from my shoulders, and from my heart, as I encourage others to lift them from their shoulders, and their hearts, and give them to you.

Lord, my oft-thought desire for quiet and solitude has been replaced by a great longing to hear the voices of others and to hear the noise of life once again bustling in our church. How I wish we could sing together this morning. How I wish we could sit down together and talk and visit, or to share a meal together. There is so much that was taken for granted, because we could not have imagined all that would be taken away.

And while much has been lost, and much weighs on us, I also know that I was blessed to arise this morning to a new day of life. There was breath in my lungs and beating in my heart. I stepped outside into the beauty of creation and saw your hand was visible, everywhere I looked. I was able to come to church and to greet others here. I am able to stand behind this pulpit and offer the words you have placed upon my heart. And while we acknowledge that we are fewer in number these days in this sanctuary, our numbers have grown through technology, and we are grateful for each person who will join us, in whatever way they worship with us. And for this, I will most certainly give thanks.

God, we continue to pray for others, for the multitude of needs that confront us. As we have lifted the burdens from our hearts and given them to you, so we give you the needs

that surround us, and do so with the confidence that you will make provision in all the ways needed. Having confidence in this promise, and in all things, we pray this and all days in the name of Jesus, amen.

Song by Video – Kathy Nichols – I Need Thee

Message – Dave

Message Title – *What Did Jesus Do? To Get the Right Answers, Ask the Right Questions.*

Scripture Reading – John 9:1-12

¹*As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.*

²*His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*

³*“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.*

⁴*As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.*

⁵*While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*

⁶*After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.*

⁷*“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.*

⁸*His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?”*

⁹*Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”*

¹⁰*“How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.*

¹¹*He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”*

¹²*“Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said.*

Offering Meditation – Dave

It is a great irony, I think, that *in God we trust* is printed on our money. Which do we trust in most?

Stewardship Prayer – Dave

Gracious God, bring peace to our lives this day. It is easy to look at the problems of the world and believe there is little difference we can make. What can we do in the face of so much turmoil, hunger, disease, and violence? We can live in the manner of Jesus. We can walk in faith, believing that what we do can indeed make a difference to others. In the name of Jesus, who has given all to us, we pray. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation – Dave

All of us have probably wondered why God didn't answer a prayer or respond in a manner we wished. C.S. Lewis said *I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You Yourself are the answer.*

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer –

The Lord's Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Words of institution – *when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.”*
And he took the cup also and said, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Benediction – Dave

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And now unto him who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the bright mountain of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy; to him be power and authority forever and ever. Amen.

First Christian Church Prayer Concerns August 6, 2020

Name	Reason	Relation
* Bailey, Helen	homebound	
Baker, Jeanie	cancer	
Barker, Bettie	health issues	
Baxter, Johnny	stomach cancer	son of Jessie Baxter
* Beagle, Susan	Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville	
Bishop, JoAnn	Alzheimer's	Henrietta Hardin's sister
Bolden, Michael	health issues	
* Broadway, Rick	heart bypass surgery July 8th	
Brown, Carol	Masonic Home, Louisville	
Canon, Harold	recovery from knee replacement surgery	
Donahue, Barbara	MS	
Farris, Ben	cancer	
Gaither, Stewart	prostate cancer	Mary Dale Hipple's relative
Hamilton, Phyllis	recovery from surgery	Terry Strong's sister
Hanna, Dot	illness	
Harris, Gloria	health	Julie Mulcahy's mother
* Harrod, Emme	broken foot	
Howell, Brooks	infant with incurable disease	
Hower, Tommy	health	
* Hudson, Chris	wound on leg	
* Hundley, LaMar and Valorie	health	
* Johnson, Linda	recovery after surgery	
* Kingsolver, Dallas	chemotherapy	son of Donna and Eddie Kingsolver
Lancaster, Grant	heart issues	friend of Vicki and Glen Wright
* Long, Annie	cancer	
Loprindi, Kristina	stage 4 ovarian cancer	
* Lyons, Ida	Crescent Place	
Mackens, James	back surgery	son-in-law of Rochelle Phillips
Mattson, Lee	recovery from back surgery	
Meagher, Diane	cancer	friend of Nancy Kirk
Miles, Donna	recovery from knee replacement surgery	
Moffatt, Bruce	health issues	
Moorman, Laura	health issue	
* Nation, Nellie	Amber Oaks	
Ostwalt, Margaret and Jack	health	Deborah Smith's parents

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* Phillips, Rochelle	brain tumor	
* Rayburn, Wanda	health	
Roach, Larry	Crescent Place	Linda Griffith's brother
Sanders, Cindy	cancer	
* Shaver, Marty	Crescent Place	
Smith, Danny Joe	heart issues	
* Smith, Nell	Legacy at English Station	
Taylor, Nancye	homebound	
* Tipton, Barbara	Crescent Place	
Williams, Linda	cancer	
Williams, Jay	juvenile diabetes	
* Wright, Vickie	health issues	

Members are designated with a * in the first column.

Please call the church office if you would like to have someone added to the prayer list or if someone needs to be removed. Requests may also be emailed to fccshelbyville@gmail.com or texted to (502) 751-5249.