



# First Christian Church

# Christian Connection



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## Summer Camp is Coming!

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Early-bird registration is midnight, April 15th! You'll get \$20 off registration. For more camp information, what to bring, and to register online right now — go to [www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org](http://www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org).

June 3-8:	9th - 12th Grade	\$249	Dean: Jason Schmidt
June 10-15:	7th & 8th Grade	\$249	Dean: Kellie Gardner
June 17-22:	5th Grade	\$249	Dean: Kevin Daniels
June 27-30:	4th Grade	\$159	Deans: Stephen Sansom, Michael McCrickard
July 1-4:	3rd Grade	\$159	Dean: John Hembree
July 5-6:	1st & 2nd Grade	\$69	Dean: John Hembree
July 8-13:	6th Grade	\$249	Dean: N/A
July 15- 20:	Challenge (grades 7-9)	\$249	Dean: Neil Stewart

*All camps are the grade you're entering in the fall*

**Don't Forget!** FCC gives out half scholarships through Tuesday, May 15, but you save even more by signing up before the camp's early bird registration date (April 15). Contact the church office or see Daryl or Shona Sherraden for more information (especially if there is a financial need).

**Our goal is to send 100 youth!**



# A Moment with Michael

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## Camp Time

I hope you checked out the front page of this newsletter! Christian Camp is very important to FCC. Over the years we've sent hundreds of Rooks country youth each summer. Many of us have gone to Encounter at the camp or other adult events. Our congregation has also faithfully supported this ministry — financially and with volunteer service. Your preachers (present and past) have served as deans. Some of our family have been directors and board members there too.

Summer is fast approaching! I hope you take a moment today and register your child or grandchild, or a neighbor child. If you sign up before April 15, you'll get a \$20 discount. Plus, because of your generosity church family, we give out half-scholarships through May 15.

And if you have an even greater financial need, please let us know. We really do want to send the youth of our area to Lakeview Christian Camp.

## Where Are We Going?

I hope you've been challenged and encouraged during the ***Loving Like Jesus*** series. It will conclude Easter Sunday, April 1 with a sermon called ***Joyful***. Just as the father in Luke 15 was joyful because his son "was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found", we serve a risen Savior who was dead and is now alive. Amen!

We, as Christ followers, have been called to love people with the love of Jesus. It's not a love that enables sin or excuses it, but simply sees someone in need of what only Jesus can provide, and will do everything in their power to do something about it. It might all start with a simple meal. **I hope you and your family will join us on Easter!**

## Stewardship at FCC

For several weeks now, in our Sunday bulletin, we've had some important financial numbers. These are all projects to keep our facilities in excellent condition so that we can be a hub of ministry here in Plainville for God's kingdom.

You can help by giving a special gift for these projects and you can give by being a regular weekly giver. Some of these project include: replacing the flooring in the basement (\$10,000), finishing the parking lot on the south side of the CFC (\$60,000), erecting a church sign (\$5,000), and fixing or replacing all the asphalt.

Again, thank you all so much for your continued generosity in the ministry of FCC.

As always, your brother in Christ — *Michael*



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## FCC Family Ministry

Greetings from your children and family department here at FCC. We have focused this first year on getting the Wednesday night kids program up and running. BLAST is running about 40 kids every Wednesday night and we feed about 60. We continue to have new kids come weekly. BLAST is fast paced as kids switch activities every 20 minutes. They experience Bible Lessons, Bible Memory, Crafts and Games. We also are taking a few minutes at the beginning of every evening to teach about prayer.

As the school year is coming to an end, BLAST will be taking a break as well. In order to keep the kids interested and involved for next year, we are looking at having several FUN DAYS for kids during the summer. We are looking at taking them bowling, to the park for games, renting the pool for an evening of fun and ice cream, etc. We have just began the planning for these FUN DAYS so if you have any ideas please let us know. We also will be looking to you for help with supervision at these events. Thanks in advance for your support

As we are feeling more settled into the role of Family Ministers, we are going to be expanding our vision for next year. Shona will be taking over the role of Leader for Blast and other children's programs and Daryl will be focusing more on our Youth. Daryl has many ideas to get our youth more involved. One of those ideas is to get a group interested in doing a mission trip to Mexico with Shawn Inchaustegui. This would include fundraising and lots of support from our church.

We also are interested in having family events to focus on fellowship and getting to know others in our congregation. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Again, we thank you for your support and are excited for the future of families here at FCC.

Daryl and Shona Sherraden

### **Mathew 18 1-6:**

At the time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones-- those who believe in me-- to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

# Some Things to Think About

## The Radiance of Easter

*From "Out of My Treasure"*

Like dawn after a moonless night, like spring-time after the snows of winter, like clear understanding after the fog of confusion, and like comfort after fear, comes the radiance of Easter to bring us joy.

For Easter, with its reality of the risen Christ, is the triumphant answer to suffering and death, to our questions of what lies beyond this life. It is the golden key to the meaning of life for now — for eternity.

*"He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where he lay."* —

**Matthew 28:6**

"There are many famous rocks and stones but the most famous one was rolled away at the tomb of Jesus."

When the first missionaries went to the Island of St. Thomas, they could not get near the suffering and degraded slaves until they took part in their bondage and asked the masters to make them slaves also.

After this, they were received with perfect confidence and were able to bring multitudes of the poor suffering ones to Christ. They trusted them when they saw that they had become identified with their very own lives and lot.

**Luke 1:68-69** — *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David..."*

## I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

*From "Out of My Treasure"*

*I shall not pass this way again,  
The thought is filled with sorrow  
The good that I should do today,  
I may not do tomorrow.*

*If I this moment shall withhold,  
The help I should be giving,  
Some soul may die, and I will lose  
The greatest joy of living.*

*Only the present hour is mine,  
I may not have another  
In which to speak a kindly word,  
Or help a fallen brother.*

*The path of life leads straight ahead,  
We can retrace it never,  
The daily record that we make  
Will stand unchanged forever.*

*To cheer and comfort other souls,  
And make the pathway brighter;  
To lift the load from other hearts,  
And make their burden lighter,  
This is the work we have to do,  
It must not be neglected,  
We must improve each passing hour,  
Is of us all expected.*

*I shall not pass this way again,  
Oh, then with high endeavor,  
May I my life and service give  
To Him who reigns forever.*

*Then will the failures of the past,  
No longer bring me sadness;  
And His approving smile will fill  
My soul with joy and gladness.*