

The Somerset Christian



**BE BRAVE AND
COURAGEOUS.**

**YES, WAIT PATIENTLY
FOR THE LORD.**

PSALM 27:14

Happy Father's Day

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Chase's Corner

God is Good For Us

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Do you have a personal belief that simply tells you that God is good to you, or do you have a personal belief that tells you that God is good for you? Cultural Christianity limits its message to the former, yet biblical Christianity embraces both.

Over and over again, Scripture tells us that God is good to His people. In Psalm 145:9, the psalmist reminds us of the just and good acts of God when he says, "The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that he has made." James highlights that God is like a good Father, knowing what we, His children, need when he writes, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (James 1:17).

But the Bible also teaches that God doesn't just do good, but that He Himself is good, that He satisfies. It is at this point, in particular, where the message of cultural Christianity and the message of biblical Christianity are most at odds.

The message of cultural Christianity says that God is good to us.

The message of biblical Christianity says that not only is God good to us, but more importantly, God is good for us.

The message of cultural Christianity tells us to seek God's goods.

The message of biblical Christianity tells us to seek God's goodness.

The message of cultural Christianity is that God does good things for you.

The message of biblical Christianity is that God Himself is good for you.

Herman Bavinck says it perfectly when he says, "God, and God alone, is man's highest good." The overwhelming message of the Bible is not simply that God does good things, but (far more beautifully) that God Himself is good.

The good news of the gospel is that in Christ, the goodness of God is made visible. When we begin to understand that He is good for us, we will do anything to cultivate His presence in our lives. It is then that we will begin to devour Scripture, not simply for knowledge, but to enjoy His presence, and begin the intimate relationship with Him. It is then that we will begin to cultivate spiritual disciplines and habits that redirect our affections to Christ. When we see that God is good for us, we will begin to see that all of humanity's longings, yearnings and desires can be satisfied by God alone.

This is the arc of human history—not just that God is good to us, but that God will be with us as our highest good. The greatest hope of the Christian isn't that God does good things for us, but that one day He will be with us. "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God" (Revelation 21:3). We will one day be in the presence of our good God, and it will be our highest yearning and satisfaction.

So not only is God good to us, but even better, God is good for us. "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good," writes the psalmist (Psalm 34:8)—and our hope is that one day we will.

Shepherd's View

Years ago I was visiting a former colleague of mine when I spotted a great saying on his wall. It read, "The best gift you can give your children is to love their mother". As Father's Day approaches, I find this saying to be of utmost importance. A Christian father's first and greatest responsibility is to acquaint his children with God through scripture. One of the reasons this is so important is because what children learn about God will put them in good standing throughout their lives, no matter what they do and where they go. The truth is it isn't easy to be a good father. However, there are a few principles that can help. Successful Christian fathers have found that he and his family benefits when he follows the wisdom found in the Bible. Here are five principles Christian fathers live by:

They Make Time for Their Family

A good Christian father makes time for his family and anchors his family in Christ. He provides the needs of his family. No other teacher can affect a child as much as their parents. For this reason, it's important that fathers teach their children both by their example and their words. A Christian father not only meets the physical needs of his family, but also the emotional needs as well. The family turns to him as a support in all areas of need and he provides as best he can.

They Love and Respect Their Wives

A Christian father loves and respects his wife. He serves as an example to his children of what a loving relationship looks like so that they may also reflect it in their lives, particularly when it comes to their marriages. When a man enters in a covenant relationship with his bride, he commits to the responsibilities of loving, honoring and cherishing her.

They Give Loving Discipline and Praise

The Bible tells us, "You fathers, do not be exasperating your children, so that they do not become downhearted" (Colossians 3:21). A Christian father doesn't just discipline. He disciplines lovingly and compliments his children in the process. No matter how frustrated or angry he gets, he expresses loving concern for the welfare of his children. He recognizes that discipline is way more effective when a father praises his children regularly.

They Are Good Communicators

A Christian father should be a good communicator, not only communicating biblical principles to their children, but also being a careful listener. Instead of being a reaction waiting to happen, they have the ability to listen calmly without being judgmental. When a child knows their father will lose their temper quickly, they are less likely to communicate their inner feelings to him. But when they know their father listens calmly, they believe they are respected and that there is a genuine interest in what is being said. The bible tells us, "Every man must be swift about hearing, slow about speaking, slow about wrath" (James 1:19). A father who applies this biblical principle communicates better with their children.

They Apply God's Practical Wisdom

A Christian father will apply God's practical wisdom to their everyday life and guide their children in the same way. Fathers who are in a committed relationship with God can guide their children in the greatest relationship they will ever have, an intimate relationship with their heavenly Father. The greatest example of what a father should look like is God Himself. The Bible reveals that there is only one perfect Father, who is God. There is no greater source of wisdom, than God, the greatest Father of all.

Elder, Tom Minnick



FCC Women Summer Schedule

WEEKLY (June – August)

- **TUESDAYS: WALK & TALK** 7:00am at the trail at Penn Highlands campus weather permitting
- **THURSDAYS: COFFEE TIME** 9:00am at Hazbeans uptown

HAPPENINGS:

- **June 28th** At Jesse Landis', 359 White Horse Rd., Berlin, 7:00PM
- **July 20th** Kayaking at Laurel Hill, 10:00AM (cost to be determined)
- **August 3rd** Shopping day in Ligonier hosted by Mary Ann Riggs. Departing FCC, 9:30AM.
- **August 23rd** At Ramona Sherbine's, 560 Byers Rd., Somerset, 7:00PM



Mobile Ministry begins on Tuesday, June 11 at Laurel Village and Wednesday, June 12, at Highland Hills. Both locations begin at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at the church around 6:00 if you would like to carpool.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to fellowship with our neighbors and to show the love of Jesus. You've heard the saying, "You may be the only Jesus someone sees" and that is true right here in Somerset.

Tuesdays we go to Laurel Village which is an area well known for drug activity. We are praying that we can show these families that there is light in the world in the form of food and fellowship from people who are not there to judge them, only to love them.

If you're looking for something to do as a family, please join us on Wednesdays at Highland Hills where adults can talk with other adults and your kids can play with other kids that go to the same school and do same activities as your kids.

Please contact Tammy with any questions.

Take this opportunity to GO locally.

Anne Onstead, Women's Ministry Director



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Tammy Schrock, Children's Director

Children's Feeding Program in Costa Rica



Pastor Warner is a unique pastor. His church is made up of mostly kids ages 5-19. On any given Sunday and some week nights, you can find him singing, playing, praying over and teaching his church of 90-100 kids. And every service closes with a hot meal. For many of these kids this is the one hot meal they get that day.

**The money we collect at VBS
will be hand delivered by our
mission team to help provide
a meal for these kids.**



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AREA

VOLUNTEERS:

SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULES

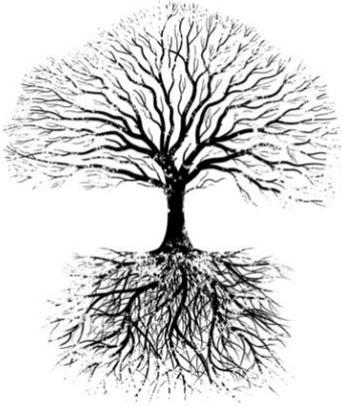
If you are a teacher or helper in any of the children's areas on a Sunday morning, please read this.

- Anyone who helps during Sunday school (9:00) NOTHING will change about your schedules, they will remain exactly as they are.
- If you help during the Worship Service time (10:00), then you get off for the summer from June 2 through and including August 11th. The kids will be promoted, and regular classes will start again on August 18th. I NEED EVERYONE TO COME BACK IN AUGUST PLEASE.
- I will send out reminders as to when you're scheduled.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or text me at 814-442-0402. Thank you for all that you do.

Thrive News

By Shae Frazier, Student Pastor



The summer months are always exciting times for FCC Student Ministries. There are two events coming up on our Thrive summer schedule that I would like to bring to your attention.

First is on May 31st. Thrive Student Ministries will have the “Almost Summer Lock-In”. This will be a survivor game night themed lock-in where students will compete in tribes for the top tier prize at the end of the night. Following our competition, we will eat, play crazy fun games, and party till we can’t anymore. This lock-in will be from 7:00pm on May 31st **until 7:00am on June first! The cost will be \$5 at the door. Breakfast will be provided in the morning for students.**

The second event that is on the schedule for Thrive Student Ministries is our fundraiser for the summer which is “Red Envelope”. Red Envelope helps sponsor our students who need help financially going on summer trips with the church. The Red Envelope Campaign will be on June 2nd and June 9th. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!



FCC GRADUATES

- **Ty Collins**, son of Bryan & Angie Collins graduated from Somerset High School and will attend Carlow University for Nursing.
- **Noah Gerhard**, son of Mary & Steve Gerhard graduated Rockwood High School and will work at Somerset Candy Company and on the family farm.
- **Logan King** son of Stan & Ann King graduates July 17th from Precision Manufacturing Institute for Machining. He accepted a position at Lockheed Martin.
- **Dylan Messner**, son of Chris Messner graduated Somerset High School.
- **Allison (Allie) Onstead**, daughter of Anne & Jeff Onstead graduated from the Homeschooling Program and will take a year off and then pursue becoming a flight attendant
- **Hannah Slope**, daughter of Mike & Sue Slope graduated Rockwood High School and will attend the Honors College at Slippery Rock University to study Public Relations/Integrated Marketing.

Deaconess News

Thank you to everyone who helped fill a Summer Fun Bag for our Backpack kids.

First Christian Church will be serving dinner to the Cancer Survivors and caregivers at the Relay for Life on June 15 at the Somerset High School Track. Anyone interested in helping to serve or clean up please contact Tammy Minnick or Denise Ferris for more information. We are also in need of six watermelons. If you would like to donate a watermelon please sign up at the information station.

Please remember to put money into the Laundry Detergent Bottles found at the information station and in your Sunday School Classes. To date we have collected around \$400.00 to purchase Laundry Detergent for the Grundy Mountain Mission School in Virginia.

Member & Church

CALLED HOME: Ken Trent, May 22nd.

IT'S A BOY! Bryce & Lauren Marker welcomed Bradley Thomas on May 24th. He weighed 8lbs. 11oz.. Big sister is

Olivia. Grandparents are Rick & Erika Marker and Great Grandmother is Mary Meekins.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after service on Sunday, June 2nd. All members of FCC are asked to stay after service for a few minutes to approve the list of nominees and the 2019/2020 church budget. Nominees are:

ELDER Jim Moon, Karl Sherbine

DEACON Mark Lyons, Matt Rouch

DEACONESS Denise Ferris, Tammy Minnick, Ramona Sherbine, Sue Slope

WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDED AMOUNT \$6,326.72

JUNE FLOWERS

June 2nd In mune of Elizabeth Grove.

June 9th In memory of Faye Matkoskey.

In celebration of Dave & Deb Barndt's 40th wedding anniversary.

June 16th In memory of my daughter Tracy Escherich Marchini by Wanetta Escherich.

June 23rd In memory of Shirley Huston.

June 30th No flowers ordered. To order flowers please call the church office at 445-8112

or

email the church office at fccsomerset@comcast.net. Cost is \$20 per vase.



June 2	Karamie Johnson
June 9	The Kennedy Family
June 16	Karen Walters
June 23	Bill Gerhart
June 30	Terry Knepper & Friends



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00am

NEW FCC INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT: [fcc_somerset](#)

DONUT SUNDAY

- Join us for donuts and fellowship on Sunday, June 2nd at 8:30am in the fellowship hall hosted by Bill & Tammie Gerhart.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- The annual congregational meeting of FCC will be held on Sunday, June 2nd after service. We will be approving the 2019/20 budget as well as electing Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses to serve in leadership of our church.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

- Resources for Men, Women and couples are available at the information station. Cost is \$10.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

- Recycle your grocery bags by donating them to the Backpack Ministry. You can drop them in the elevator. Thank you.

MONTHLY LEADERSHIP MEETING

- Tuesday, June 11th at 6:00pm for Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses.

T.N.T. FELLOWSHIP

- The Dynamite Seniors of FCC meet on Wednesday, June 19th at 11:00am. Director: Sandy Pyle. All are welcome for a Dutch treat lunch and fellowship.

ONLINE GIVING

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

- Go to www.somersetfirstchristian.org
- Click: Online Giving
- Enter the amount you want to give to the church
- Enter the frequency you want to give
- Enter the date your offering is to be withdrawn from your checking or savings account
- Click continue and set up your online giving information (bank, bank acct. #, etc.).

Called to Serve

NURSERY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

6/2 Megan Hill, Ann King
6/9 Tom & Tammy Minnick
6/16 Tammy Schrock, Hannah Slope
6/23 George Perras, Teckla Miller
6/30 Karen Costea, Joan Graber

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

6/2 Tammie & Bill Gerhart
6/9 Denise Ferris, April Morocco
6/16 Becky Knopsnider, John Bollman
6/23 Chris Mowry, Stan King
6/30 Chase Hill, Noah Gerhard

NURSERY: WORSHIP SERVICE

June – August 11th

TINY TOTS NURSERY

June – August 11th

WEE WORSHIP

June – August 11th

JUNIOR CHURCH

June – August 11th

INFORMATION/CAFÉ

Linda Parke, Delores Shaulis

GREETERS

Tim & Helen Thompson

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Karl Sherbine & Nate Kleinert

SERVING AT THE TABLE

	Offering	Communion
6/2	Bill Gerhart	Dave Barndt
6/9	Karl Sherbine	Bill Gerhart
6/16	Doug Huston	Karl Sherbine
6/23	Matt Rouch	Doug Huston
6/30	Dave Ferris	Matt Rouch

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

	East	West
6/2	Shane Lenhart family	The Meyers
6/9	The Slope's	Jim Moon
6/16	The Fisher's needed	Volunteer
6/23	The Meekins	Chase Hill
6/30	Shae Frazier	The Barndt's

PRAYER TEAM

6/2 Karen Walters, Chris Mowry
6/9 Mike & Karen Costea
6/16 Matt & Sarah Rouch
6/23 Jim Moon, TBD
6/30 Bob Walters, Cheryl Clementi

COMMUNION PREPARATION

6/2 Mary Ann Riggs
6/9 Kim Flick
6/16 Jeff & Christy Hay
6/23 April Morocco
6/23 Denise Ferris

5:15 TEAM

