

The Somerset Christian



**Palm Sunday
Service &
Cantata
March 25th,
10:00am.**

**March
2018**

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Leading by Serving

From Luke 9:48, "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is the last among you is the one who is great".

From Matthew 23:11, "The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted".

As a parent of young children, it's easy to get results by saying things like "because I said so", or "because I'm your father". But does that really stick? It takes work to speak with your child, of any age, with patience, on their level, to not only teach them the "how" but the "why". But when that is done, and done with love, there are everlasting results.

Some of us have worked for an employer whose only method of training is to tell you what the end result is supposed to be----not how to get there. How engaged were you when that happened? Hopefully, some of us have worked where we received coaching, constructive criticism, and encouragement to be an important member of the team. When this happens, your job seems a lot more meaningful, doesn't it?

The same is true in church. The leadership; elders, the minister and staff, deacons and deaconesses, need to lead by loving example, not as a duty, not for a badge, or for an end result, but to continue cultivating in the spirit of God. The two reasons we all should lead in our church are (1) for the now, and (2) for the future of the church. From serving through using each of our best talents, we all continue to build God's kingdom on a foundation that can't be broken.



**All Church Easter Caroling
Saturday, March 31st.
Meet at FCC at 6:00pm.
Sign up at the information
station.**

There is an exquisite appropriateness in our celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the spring. When nature is waking to life again after her long winter of sleep, it is then that the thoughts of Christians everywhere are turned to the wonder of the Savior's coming out of the tomb after His ordeal with sin and death. Christ's resurrection was an act once accomplished at a given moment in history. It does not in any sense depend upon seasons or celebrations, nor does the miracle of the springtime add anything to the glory of the once-done deed. The workings of God in nature do, however, cast a warm light upon His workings in redemption and the springtime of life in the earth illustrates the miracle of life in the new creation.

Nicolas Herman, at eighteen years of age, was brought to Christ by seeing in midwinter a dry and leafless tree and thinking what a change the spring would make in its condition. He reasoned that if God could make such a difference in a tree, He could change the heart of a sinner, too, and God did not fail him. His heart was changed, and from that day his life was devoted to the service of Christ. Uncounted thousands of Christians over the last 300 years have thanked God that young Nicolas saw that leafless tree.

It takes some faith to stand in a winter landscape surrounded by the chill silence of snow and ice and believe that in a few short weeks every trace of frost will be gone, that the snow-covered hills will be dressed in green and the ice-blocked streams will be running swift and free again in the summer sun. Yet our confidence is never disappointed. "The earth is the LORD's" (Exodus 9:29) and "thou [God] renewest the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30).

It is hard to imagine anything less hopeful than the sight of a burial. When the body of Christ was taken down from the cross, wrapped in a clean linen cloth and laid in a new tomb hewn out of the rock, how many who looked on had the faith to hope that inside three days this dead Man would be walking again among men and women, alive forevermore? But so it came to pass. Aaron's rod budded. The leafless tree on which the Savior died sprang into bloom. What had been stark death before became life at the touch of God, and the gallows became the gate to everlasting life.

The resurrection of Christ, we repeat, is a once-done act. "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him" (Romans 6:9). But Christians die. Every day the bodies of believing men and women are taken out to the cemetery and laid to rest with quiet songs and soft repetitions of Scripture. No matter how we may try to avoid the facts, Christians die as their Lord died before them. Their cold helplessness, their sudden strange silence, which no pleadings of anguished love can break, their apparent defeat by the relentless forces of nature—all this stuns the heart and (if the truth were told) arouses uncomfortable fears that this is all, that we have seen our friends for the last time. It is winter when we lay our loved ones down. So it seems to the natural heart. So it must have appeared to some of the Thessalonian Christians. Why otherwise would it have been necessary for Paul to write and exhort them not to sorrow as others who had no hope?

One thing the resurrection teaches us is that we must not trust appearances. The leafless tree says by its appearance that there will be no second spring. The body in Joseph's new tomb appears to signify the end of everything for Christ and His disciples. The limp form of a newly dead believer suggests everlasting defeat. Yet how wrong are all these appearances. The tree will bloom again. Christ arose the third day according to the Scriptures, and the Christian will rise at the shout of the Lord and the voice of the archangel.

Faith can afford to accept the appearance of defeat, knowing the true believer cannot be defeated finally. "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). That is the message of Easter. What a blessed message for the whole world if men would only believe it.

Children & Youth Ministry



ATTENTION PARENTS: On Sunday, March 18th, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. you can drop off your kids (ages 4 — 5th grade) here at First Christian Church and we will watch them while you go out to eat, grab groceries, or just enjoy some quiet time alone. While your kids are here they will enjoy an egg hunt, some games, and learn about the true importance of Easter. We will feed your kiddos too, so you don't have to worry about that. Parents, I hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

KIDS SINGING: On Palm Sunday, March 25th, the kids at FCC will be singing a song during worship. Parents,

please be sure your children are here that day to wave their palms and sing for the congregation.

JR. HIGH THRIVE (grades 6-8)— will be going to Believe in Anderson, IN on April 6-7th. Believe is structured specifically for Junior High Students and is packed with powerful worship and teaching from God's word. It is a high-energy weekend event for junior high students only. You can check this out at www.ciy.com/believe and see me if you have any questions.

SR. HIGH THRIVE (grades 9-12) — We recently took twelve senior high students and traveled to Winston-Salem, NC where we attended a conference called CCYC (Carolina Christian Youth Conference) where Mark Moore was our speaker for the weekend. Special thanks to Susan Slope for agreeing to be a sponsor rather last minute. Volunteers like Sue and John Schrock make these trips possible.

Sr. High youth group continues to take place on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for grades 9-12, please join us and brings your friends.



Tammy Schrock
Children's Director

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6



Dear First Christian Church,

It has been a true honor and privilege to serve you all these past several months. From the start of my time on staff you have been nothing but welcoming, supportive, and loving. I very easily felt like I was a part of this church body and excited to serve here. However, as I stepped more and more into the position, I felt God pulling me in another direction. Though I feel I tried my best here at First Christian Church, God placed it on my heart and the hearts of the leadership that my gifts could be better used in another church. My skill set and passions do not correctly align with what has been established in the youth group here at FCC. This is not a bad thing, but it has caused the leadership and myself to re-evaluate what is best for the future of students in the church. I promise I am not leaving this position on bad terms, and I am thankful that Chase and the Elders are allowing me to ease out of this role in a positive manner.

You may be asking yourself what my next step is. To be honest, I cannot tell you this because I do not know it fully myself. What I do know is that I still desire to serve in a full-time ministry setting in a church where I can best use the gifts God has given me to reach people for the Kingdom. I have started the interview process at a few churches, but as of this point nothing solid has come up. I would kindly ask that you pray that God would place me in the right position He would have for me as I lean on Him during this time of transition and uncertainty.

I truly cherish the short time I had to interact with each and every one of you at First Christian Church. I pray that you continue to be a bright city on a hill for the lost and hurting people of Somerset. If you have any questions about this transition, please talk to Pastor Chase or the Elders on the Search Committee for the next Student Pastor. I do not know what tomorrow holds, but I know we will always be connected under Christ. May God continue to bless you and the future ministry of First Christian Church.

Blessings,
Pastor Andrew Veltri



Adult Ministries ... has a place for You!

MEN'S FRATERNITY

The Men's Fraternity meets Monday – Friday from 6:15 – 6:35am (except holidays) in the Golden Achiever's classroom. All men are welcome for a time of Bible study and fellowship.

sHE-BREWS

Meets every Monday morning at 7:15am (except holidays). Start your week out with Bible study and fellowship in the Golden Achiever's classroom. We will not meet 3/12.



FCC Resource Center

Located at the information station. Books cost: \$10 each. If we run out before you get your copy, sign up on the sheet and we will do our best to get one for you as soon as possible.



CROCK POT FREEZER MEAL PARTY

Saturday, March 24th, 8:00am

Sign ups for donations and cooks are available at the information station.

Won't you help us help those in our congregation who are transitioning from hospital stays, etc.?



Adult Night Out

March 16th, 6:30pm

Childcare available
for ages birth-3
Join us for a night for
food, fun, and great
fellowship.
Sign up at the
information station

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Members of the Nominating Committee are:

Shane Lenhart	Dave Barndt
Anne Onstead	Chase Hill

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of:

- Elder: read 1 Timothy 3:1 – 7 and Titus 1:6 – 9
- Deacon: read 1 Timothy 3:8 – 10, 12 – 13
- Deaconess: read 1 Timothy 3:11, Titus 2:3 – 5)

Please pray about your nomination and submit it IN WRITING (be sure to sign the submission) to one of the committee members no later than Sunday, March 18th.

Oil Change Ministry

for Single women, single moms, widows, widowers and anyone age 60 & over is available for \$5 per vehicle on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00pm at 141 Doe Lane, Somerset. Fill out an oil change form at the information station and drop it in the offering plate by March 25th.

The Bulletin Board

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4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



This is free. FCC pays a small monthly fee for you to be able to use this app.



DONUT SUNDAY

March 4th at 8:30am
in fellowship hall
Hosts: Mike & Sue Slope



Tuesday, March 6th, 6:00pm

Board Meeting

March 19th
Deaconesses, 6:15pm
Deacons, 6:30pm
Church Board, 7:00pm



Offering statements are available upon request only. To request a copy, please email the church office at fccsomerset@comcast.net, or call the office at 445-8112.

give ONLINE

- Go to www.somersetfirstchristian.org
- Click the ONLINE GIVING button
- Enter the amount you would like to give
- Enter the frequency you would like to give (one time, weekly, etc.)
- Enter the date your giving is to be withdrawn from your checking or savings account.
- Click continue and set up your online giving information.
- **Please have the funds deducted from your checking or savings account. Credit & Debit card fees are high.**

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

If Somerset School District is closed, cancelled, dismissed early or evening activities are cancelled, ALL EVENING ACTIVITIES AT FCC ARE ALSO CANCELLED.

This policy does NOT pertain to Sunday morning services.



March Challenge

You Are a Worshiper

by Louie Giglio

You, my friend...are a worshiper! There, I said it.

Every day, all day long, everywhere you go, you worship. It's what you do. It's who you are.

I don't know whether you consider yourself a "worshiping" kind of person, but you cannot help but worship - something.

It's what you were made to do.

Worship is our response to what we value most. Worship is about saying, "This person, this thing, this experience is what matters most to me...it's the thing I put first in my life."

That "thing" might be a relationship. A dream. Friends. Status. Stuff. A name. Some kind of pleasure. Whatever name you put on it, this thing or person is what you've concluded in your heart is worth most to you. And whatever is worth most to you is what you worship.

Some of us attend the church on the corner, professing to worship the Living God above all. Others who rarely step inside the church doors would say worship isn't a part of their lives because they aren't "religious." But everybody has an altar. And every altar has a throne.

So how do you know where and what you worship?

It's easy. You simply follow the trail of your time, your affection, your energy, your money, and your loyalty. At the end of that trail you'll find a throne; and whatever, or whomever, is on that throne is what's of highest value to you. On that throne is what you worship.

Sure, not too many of us walk around saying, "I worship my stuff. I worship my Xbox. I worship my job. I worship this pleasure. I worship him or her. I worship my body. I worship me!"

But the trail never lies. We may say we value this thing or that thing more than any other, but the volume of our actions speaks louder than our words. In the end, our worship is more about what we do than what we say.

Worship is the activity of the human soul. So not only do all people worship, but they worship all the time. Worship isn't just a Sunday thing. It's an all-the-time thing.

If a stranger looked over your actions and words from the last 24 hours, what might he or she conclude that you worship?

"For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist." 1 Corinthians 8:5-6 ESV

What or who are you worshipping instead of God?

CHALLENGE: What can you change in your life so that you WORSHIP GOD first and others and things second?



Volunteer Schedules

Sunday School

Nursery:

- 3/4 Tom & Tammy Minnick
- 3/11 Donna Kern & George Perras
- 3/18 Matt & Sarah Rouch
- 3/25 Keith & Pam Hauger

Beginners:

- 3/4 Helen & Tim Thompson
- 3/11 Ramona & Karl Sherbine
- 3/18 Nancy & Bob Spochart
- 3/25 Tammie & Bill Gerhart

Grades 2-5:

- 3/4 Denise & Dave Ferris
- 3/11 Doug & Joni Thomas
- 3/18 Becky Knopsnider & Alyssa Buck
- 3/25 Chris Mowry & Stan King

Worship Service

Nursery 1:

- 3/4 Tammy Minnick & Mary Ann Riggs
- 3/11 Matt & Sarah Rouch
- 3/18 Jen Miller & Teresa Baker
- 3/25 Karen Costea & Jody Jurgevich

Tiny Tots Nursery:

- 3/4 Denise Grove & Keri Brown
- 3/11 Jody Jurgevich & Tiffany St. Clair
- 3/18 Rachel Davis & Lori Miller
- 3/25 Beth Benedict & Mary Gerhard

Wee Worship:

- 3/4 Beckie Knopsnider & Tammy Schrock
- 3/11 Molly Meekins & Cheryl Clementi
- 3/18 Mary & Steve Gerhard
- 3/25 Tracey & Roger Baer

Junior Church:

- 3/4 Christy Hay & Erin Baker
- 3/11 Sue & Hannah Slope
- 3/18 Rick Marker & Tim Baker
- 3/25 Tammy Minnick & Mark Meekins

Meditation Volunteers

- 3/4 Chase Hill
- 3/11 Shane Lenhart
- 3/18 Mark Meekins
- 3/25 Chase Hill

AV Volunteers

Mike Costea & Zach Baker

Communion Prep. Volunteers

- 3/4 Rita Fisher
- 3/11 Tammie Gerhart
- 3/18 Christy Hay
- 3/25 Arlene DeArmitt

Information Station & Café Hosts

Sandy Knepper & Delores Shaulis

Greeters

Alley Door

Ronnie Walker

Main St. Door

Paul Keyser

Van Ministry

- 3/4 Brandon Lambert
- 3/11 George Perras
- 3/18 Rick Marker
- 3/25 Terry Fisher

Visitation

East

3/4 NONE DUE TO FLU PRECAUTIONS

West

3/11 Shane Lenhart Jim Moon

3/18 Terry & Rita Fisher Mark & Molly Meekins

3/25 John & Tammy Schrock Chase Hill

Serving at the Table

Offering

- 3/4 Terry Fisher
- 3/11 Doug Huston
- 3/18 Bob Stutzman
- 3/25 Matt Rouch

Communion

- Tim Thompson
- Terry Fisher
- Doug Huston
- Bob Stutzman

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New Members

Joyce Lee, Feb. 4th.
Dave Chontas, Feb . 25th.

Rose Grimm, Feb. 11th.
Cody & Amy Wright,
Feb. 26th.



Engaged

Alex Knepper, daughter of Terry & Pam Knepper to Nick Petrilla son of Chris & Georgiann Petrilla.

Daffodils of Hope

Sunday March 25th, daffodils will be placed in the sanctuary:

- ♥ In memory of Doris Saylor by Bob & Nancy Spochart and Doug & Joni Thomas.
- ♥ In memory of mother by George & Mary Ann Jock.
- ♥ In memory of my husband Ed Shaulis by Delores Shaulis.
- ♥ In memory of our Christian sister & friend Cathy Qualters (2).
- ♥ In honor of family & friends by Christy Hay.
- ♥ In memory of and in honor of our fathers by Russ & Susie Lambert.
- ♥ In memory of my mom, dad and Uncle George by Peggy Wilkins.
- ♥ In memory of my mother & sister by Joyce Lee.
- ♥ In memory of Shirley Huston by Doug & Lori Huston.
- ♥ In honor of Norms years of service delivering daffodils by Sandy Knepper.
- ♥ Additional daffodils were purchased by Erika Marker in honor of Daffodils of Hope.



Volunteer Schedules

5:15 Ministry

- 3/4 Jim & Kim Onder
3/11 Bill & Tammie Gerhart
3/18 Dave & Denise Ferris
3/25 Frank & Cheryl Clementi

Prayer Team

- 3/4 Karen Walters & Chris Mowry
3/11 Mike & Karen Costea
3/18 Matt & Sarah Rouch
3/25 Jim Moon

Sanctuary Flowers

- 3/4 No orders
3/11 In loving memory of our daughter Tamie Lee Frank by Harry & Linda Wilcox.
3/18 No orders.
3/25 In memory of Goldie Weimer. Daffodils of Hope.

To order flowers for March 4th or March 18th call the church office at 445-8112. Cost is \$20 per vase.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Frat., 6:15am All Church Snow Tubing, 6:00 – 8:00pm No Sr. High Youth Group	2 Men's Frat. 6:15am OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 Donut Sunday, 8:30am Sunday school, 9:00am Worship, 10:00am	5 Men's Frat, 6:15am sHebrews, 7:15am	6 Men's Frat, 6:15am Staff, 11:30am Youth Team Meeting, 6:00pm	7 Men's Frat, 6:15am Choir, 6:30pm Praise Band, 7:30pm	8 Men's Frat. 6:15am Sr. High Youth Group, 7:30pm	9 OFFICE CLOSED Men's Frat. 6:15am	10 <i>Daylight savings time ends at 2:00am. Turn clock ahead one hour before going to bed tonight.</i>
11 Sunday school, 9:00am Worship, 10:00am Adult SS Teachers Meeting after church.	12 Men's Frat, 6:15am SHebrews <u>WILL NOT MEET TODAY</u>	13 Men's Frat, 6:15am Staff, 11:30am Elder's Meeting, 6:00pm	14 Men's Frat, 6:15am Choir, 6:30pm Praise Band, 7:30pm	15 Men's Frat. 6:15am Sr. High Youth Group, 7:30pm	16 OFFICE CLOSED Men's Frat. 6:15am Adult Night Out, 6:30pm at FCC	17 <i>Hall reserved 9:00am – 7:00pm</i>
18 Sunday school, 9:00am Worship, 10:00am Nominations due Kids Event, 4:30- 6:00pm	19 Men's Frat, 6:15am sHebrews, 7:15am Deaconess, 6:15pm Deacons, 6:30pm Church board, 7:00pm	20 Men's Frat, 6:15am Staff, 11:30am	21 Men's Frat, 6:15am Choir, 6:30pm Praise Band, 7:30pm	22 Men's Frat. 6:15am Sr. High Youth Group, 7:30pm	23 OFFICE CLOSED Men's Frat. 6:15am Hall reserved 6:00pm - ? Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser	24 Crockpot Freezer Meal Party, 8:00am
25 Sunday school, 9:00am Daffodil Sunday Worship & Cantata, 10:00am	26 Men's Frat. sHebrews, 7:15am	27 Men's Frat. Staff, 11:30am	28 Men's Frat, 6:15am Choir, 6:30pm Praise Band, 7:30pm	29 Men's Frat. 6:15am Sr. High Youth Group, 7:30pm	30 OFFICE CLOSED Men's Frat. 6:15am	31 Hall reserved, 11:00am – 9:00pm Easter Caroling, 6:00pm