

CHURCH *Life*

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I often hear the testimony of those on the mission field of the works and miracles they see firsthand. They testify of how God had worked even verifying some with video evidence. I cannot honestly admit that I am not a little envious. My heart's desire is to see God move in our midst in amazing ways. I want to see God touch lives, heal broken bodies, broken relationships, and broken spirits. I crave to see lives transformed by the work of His Word and the Holy Spirit in such a manner that He is glorified within our community.

During the last supper with His disciples, Jesus said these words; *"Do you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves."*

John 14:10-11

To the Corinthian church Paul said; *And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.* 1Cor 2:4-5 The evidences of miracles in the ministries of Jesus and His apostles served as a testimony to the authenticity of the Gospel message. If we look back throughout our lives, we will see places where miracles were performed on our behalf, some bigger yet many may seemed small to us but no less significant.

Throughout the memory of my

past I can see where God had worked. So often in retrospect the evidences of God's handiwork is so evident to me that I can only sit back and say "Thank You my heavenly Father!" These memories serve as road-markers of our lives to solidify not only the existence of an Almighty Creator but His direct involvement with us as well. When the nation of Israel crossed the Jordan River one man from each tribe was to gather a rock from the river bed and carry it with him to their encampment. The stones were to be stacked into a pile there. The purpose for this exercise is explained; *Let this be a sign to you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.* Joshua 4:6-7

With this said, we are not to become "miracle seekers"! To many naive people have been seduced and robbed by so called miracle healers. The burning desire within us to see God work and intervene in our lives often puts us in a vulnerable position. Large groups of Christians race all over the continent looking for such people to connect them to the miracles they need in their lives. There will always be greedy people willing to take advantage of the desperate and needy. Even during the tribulation period many will be deceived by miracles performed by the Beast and False Prophet. *And he deceived those who dwell on the earth because of*

the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast...Rev 13:14a that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 2Thes 2:9-10

The purpose of these miracles, both great and small, is to testify of not only the existence of God, but of His personal, intimate, and active involvement in the lives of those who love and trust Him. They also serve as a testament and witness to the lost and dying of the world.

So the conclusion to this matter seem to me to be thus; God is still on His throne, He is still moving to draw mankind to the cross for the forgiveness of their sins and bring them into a relationship with Himself. God will use His Word, Holy Spirit, and church, to achieve this goal. Every time He moves, it is outside the natural progression of life and becomes a miracle. Our part is to trust Him, look and pray for His intervention in our lives and those we care about. Our prayers should be marinated in confidence and trust that His is and He will move. We must remain thankful for all He has done, all He is doing, and all He will do.

Pastor Steve

God gives miracles to those who believe... courage to those with faith, hope to those who dream, love to those who accept, and forgiveness to those who ask.

Prayer Concerns

Week Ending Apr. 27, 2024

Wendy Johnson, Cleo Miller, Scooter Smith, Steve & Sylvia Spooner, The family of Jerry Tennant, Believers of Ukraine

Week Ending Apr. 20, 2024,

Jack Kaluk, A. Lauford, Loved ones in Israel & Palestine, Bud & Judy Raines, Wisdom for our government, Cami Woodyard

Week Ending Apr. 13, 2024

Margaret & Sam Conner, Family of Lisa Smith

In the Military:

Mike Kennedy, Devin Lusk, T. J. Morris, Robert Worrell

Our Friends Who are Homebound:

Betty Craft, Betty Doyle, Mike Elmore, Lola Fanning, Evelyn Jenkins

Our Friends in Nursing/Retirement Facilities:

Ridge Care: Peggy White
The Havens: Cleo Halsey
Stonerise Princeton: Gary Reed

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Church Council—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Elders Meeting — 6:00 p.m.
Ministry Teams — 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting— 7:00 p.m.

Social Media Broadcast

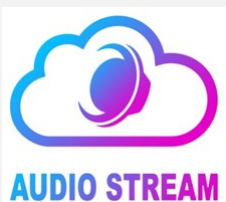
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With Sympathy

We offer our love and sympathy to the family of:

† **Jerry Randolph Tennant** who passed away on April 21, 2024.

Memorial Gift Fund

Memorial gifts have been given in loving memory of:

† **Sheila Gay Tennant** by Sam & Margaret Conner

MAY 2024

Elders: Sam Conner, Larry Wimmer
Deacons: Mark Murphy, Randy Winfrey
Deaconess: Tia Kaluk, Deborah Murphy
Lay Reader: Dan Crutchfield

Christian Women Fellowship

Christian Women Fellowship will be preparing and serving food for Amy's House of Hope on **Thursday, June 13th**.

Christian Women will meet on **Thursday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.** We will meet in the upstairs lounge.

Senior Breakfast

Senior Breakfast is on **Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Come join in the fellowship and fun.

From the Archives



For many years, our church was active in the Christian Endeavor organization; an interdenominational youth group. The May 2, 1935 issue of the *Princeton Observer* reports the following about a Christian Endeavor Conference held at our church.

“AMATEUR NIGHT

Christian Endeavor Puts On Radio Program At District Conference Here

As part of the entertainment program for a district conference of the Christian Endeavor of the Christian church, amateur night was observed last Friday night in a radio hookup.

Rev. Frank Stuck acted as announcer for station MCEU (Mercer Christian Endeavor Union). A “broadcasting” station was set up in one room of the church and the program received by 200 or more delegates in the auditorium. Following the completion of the program, the applause machine was set to registering the applause for the three best numbers and the winners gave personal renditions.

The program consisted of Asher and Little Jimmy Sizemore by William and Walter Moxley and William Moxley, Jr.; Whistlin’ Joe from Pumpkin Center by Kyle McCormick; Ruth Etting by Louise Crotty; Joe Penner by Bud Snidow and Carrington Hylton; Bing Crosby by Dennis Barton; Boswell Sisters by Ruth Christian, Eula Hedrick, and Bernice Christian; Ethel Waters by Ruth Christian; Little Orphan Annie by Evelyn Dale Charlton; Harmony Sisters by Janet, Lois and Eva Stuck.

The winners were Boxley brothers, first; Snidow and Hylton, second; and Whistlin’ Joe, third.

The meeting was a business affair to arrange for the state convention to be held in Bluefield on June 11 to 16.”

Long time members will recognize the name of Evelyn Dale Charlton (Fanning). Current members will recognize the name of William Moxley, Jr. from more recent events. He organized the funding of the new doors for the nursery area, which are in memory of his brother James Moxley, our fifth Timothy.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

May 2024

First Christian Church



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Pentecost

A day of celebration and joy brings hope!

Zimbabwe Church Project

As the roof is being completed, we are very excited about not only the progress of the building, but the speed in which this is being accomplished. The payment to the builder will have been made by the time you receive this newsletter. Finish work such as; doors, windows, plastering and printing, and flooring will now be planned. Our intention, if the Lord wills, would be to help support a pastor for the congregation. That is planned to occur in this manner; the average salary for a professional is \$150 U.S. per month, so if we provide \$125 monthly for the first year having them meet only \$25 of the salary. The following years we will progressively reduce our share requiring them to increase theirs moving to self-sufficiency. The church in Mupumu is eternally grateful to FCC Princeton and those who have given.



Membership

We will celebrating Mother's Day **Sunday, May 12th.** We will be honoring the oldest and youngest mother. Also, we will be recognizing all the women in the church. *Donna Reeves*

Worship

We wish to thank the Lay Reader, *Linda Cheverton*, for the month of **April 2024**. We are looking forward to having, *Dan Crutchfield*, as the Lay Reader for the month of **May 2024**.



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