



Down by the River

News from the River of Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear River of Life Church Family,

You may be wondering what this transitional ministry we've begun together will look like. Worship and pastoral care have been cited as my primary responsibilities in my part-time ministry. I will be in the pulpit three of four Sundays a month. Cary Green has graciously agreed to preach one Sunday each month. I'm grateful for the knowledge and commitment he brings to this task. He and his family add greatly to our community of faith.

I will in Logansport at least one day each week to meet with those desiring pastoral care and to visit members who are no longer able to get out. I will also be available via email and telephone when needs arise. Simply contact an elder or send an email to betsy.kayak@gmail.com. I check my email at least twice a day. When there are special circumstances, I will be in Logansport additional days during the week.

This new form of ministry is possible because of the strong leadership of this congregation. During multiple clergy illnesses, the leaders have taken on numerous responsibilities that normally fall to clergy. Please take a moment to thank some of them for all they've done to keep the lights on, the doors open, and the community intact. They've been working overtime.

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Please also thank Beth and Jason for the amazing music they provide for worship each and every Sunday. They, too, have taken on additional responsibilities in order to keep worship vibrant at River of Life. In addition, Martha, Bonnie, and Ken continue to do their part to keep us moving forward as a church.

At the end of six months, we will evaluate how this ministry is working for the congregation and staff. I would ask that during the next few months you give consideration to where or not your spiritual needs are being met under this new model of ministry. If so, what is helping? If not, how can we make appropriate changes to assist you?

I am enjoying getting to know you all better during Bible Study on Tuesdays, pastoral visits, and sometimes Coloring on Thursdays. Our worship hour on Sunday blesses me greatly; I certainly hope, and pray, it blesses you also.

If you need anything, please don't hesitate to let someone know. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be of service. I'm looking forward to getting to know you better.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Betsy

June 2019

TUESDAYS: Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. led by Cary Green

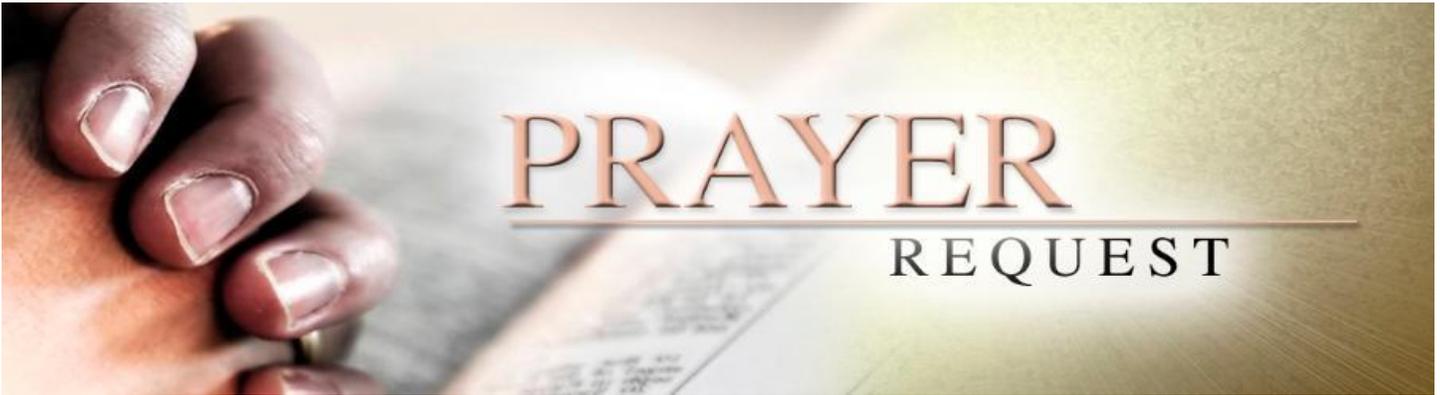
WEDNESDAY, June 5th at 1:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship at Intersection Coffee Shop, hope to see there for a great time of fellowship

THURSDAYS: Coffee, Conversation & Coloring @ 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. will be singing June 30th

SUMMER PICNIC, Sunday June 23rd, 12 noon – 2 p.m. at Houston Park Pavilion. Bring a  full of your favorites. Come share an enjoyable time of fellowship.

GRADUATION PARTY, Saturday, June 8th 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. River of Life Fellowship Hall, Gavin Morgan, please wish him well as he takes a step forward from high school to the Navy.



The family of the 4-yr old boy in Delphi

Kelly Franklin

Steve Schlick, sever infection of pancreas

Liv Brown, 21 yr. old granddaughter of Ted & Julie Jones, kidney surgery June 12th

Rayelee Lothar

Pastor Nancy Eberhard

Pastor Paula and Family

Ava Sellers, granddaughter of Cindy & Steve Erickson has an ankle injury

Barb Stigers is having a scan on May 15th, to make sure cancer hasn't returned

Gwen Nowar, lung cancer

Dawn Smith, having chemo for breast cancer

Chase Tezloff (18 yrs. Old and has cancer) & family

Chase Allen, nephew of Ted & Julie Jones

Keep in Touch

McKinney Place

Woody Hammon (Room 115)

Cynthia Gentry

Pleasant Escape

Patricia Shipp

River Bend Apartments

Norma Harris

Chase Nursing Home

Dee Hiatt

Cass Plaza Apartments

Shirley Horn

Janet Young (**Home**)

Ongoing Concerns

Donna Troxell, Jonathan Brown, Martha Johnston, Barb Landis, Brooke Spencer, Bill Hipsher, Joan Hipsher, Karen Hipsher, Susie Spencer, Kasie Rees, Ruth Collins, Diane Zachary, Beth Upton, Gavin Morgan, Elizabeth Smith & Erica White, Tony and Jennifer Morgan, the families of Auden Myers and Haley Begley, Alice Snider, Eva and Wayne Logan

Finding Strength in the Lord
Cary J. Green

I recently gave a sermon on finding strength. The sermon focused on David's experience in Ziklag, and we saw that David faced extremely discouraging circumstances. We also saw that "David strengthened himself in the Lord his God" (1 Samuel 30:6).

Like David, we need strengthening sometimes. Let's review a couple ways by which David strengthened himself in the Lord.

First, David remembered what God had already done in his life. As he prepared to fight Goliath, David recalled how God had strengthened him as a shepherd boy:

³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God." (1 Samuel 17:34-36)

Knowing that God had helped him in the past gave David the strength he needed to defeat the giant. Remembering God's past faithfulness can also strengthen us.

Secondly, David strengthened himself by truly understanding who God is. We see evidence of this understanding in the Davidic Psalms.

- Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.
- Psalm 31:2 Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly; Be to me a rock of strength, A stronghold to save me.
- Psalm 31:14-15 But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD, I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.

We too, must always understand who God is and focus on Him rather than on our circumstances.

Understanding our identity in Christ is another powerful way to find strength in time of need. The following verses provide insight into our Christian identity.

- "I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well" (Psalm 139:14).
- "The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them" (Psalm 34:7).
- "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).
- "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

- “Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).
- “The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy” (Zephaniah 3:17).
- “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).
- “Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1).

Our identity in Christ comes with lots of perks! God knew what He was doing when He created us; we are fearfully and wonderfully made. In fact, we are children of God. Angels encamp around us. God delights in us and rejoices over us. We have been prepared for good works. We can be confident that God will give us mercy, grace, help, and strength. Ultimately, there is no condemnation for us since Christ has paid the penalty for our sins.

I encourage you to read these verses every day and be confident in your identity in Christ and the tremendous love He has for you.

God doesn't promise a life free from struggle, but we can find strength in Him. My prayer is that you will always remember who God is and recall the times in your life when God moved mightily. Be ever mindful of your identity in Christ.

Strengthen yourself in the Lord, and you, too, can defeat the giants that come your way and emerge victorious from challenging circumstances.

Cary J. Green

BIRTHDAYS



Kasie Rees	June 2
Brian Iles	June 6
Brock Hyman	June 14
Martha Brown	June 18
Ingrid Minnick	June 22
John Iles	June 27
Jane Kollmar	June 27
Marlene Moore	June 28

ANNIVERSARIES



Mark & Donna Jamison	June 3
Sandy & Cindy Dalton	June 19
Brian & Ann Iles	June 21
Ken & Bonnie Uchida	June 25

Bible

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COVENANT
 SIMON
 PHILIP
 REVELATION
 GOD
 JAMES
 JERUSALEM
 GENESIS
 ACTS
 THADDAEUS
 BETHLEHAM
 PETER
 BARTHOLOMEW
 THOMAS
 JOHN
 MATTHEW
 EDEN
 ADAM
 MOSES
 JEREMIAH

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/662/>

Serving in June

Elder

Prayers at the Table

2 Ken Uchida
Connie Kiesling

9 Dennis Kollmar
Jane Kollmar

16 Melissa Closson
Betsy Logan

23 Ted Jones
Julie Jones

30 Ken Uchida
Connie Kiesling

Deacons

Offering & Communion

John Minglin
Bonnie Minglin
Mary Ann McIntire
Mary Bell

* Clean-up

John & Bonnie Minglin

Worship

Leaders

2 Jason Crittendon

9 Ken Uchida

16 Alice Snider

23 Melissa Closson

30 Martha Brown

Coffee Closet

2 Mary Bell

9 Lucy Martin

16 Cindy Erickson

23 Ingrid Minnick

30 Barb Erickson

Greeters

Mary Bell & Mary Ann McIntire

Mac & Lucy Martin

Steve Erickson & Mike Sims

Bob & Ingrid Minnick

Chuck & Barb Erickson

Security Check

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