

The Z-Disciple

July 2010

First Christian Church

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Mystery Mission Trip 2010 Paducah, KY

For 8 years our youth have participated in numerous mission trips that have taken us across the country to help others and this year was no different, but at the same time our trip this year was completely different from any trip we have taken in the past. On June 23 our youth embarked on a Mystery Mission Trip. This trip presented new challenges for the youth, for their parents, and for the congregation.

The youth made the commitment to go on this trip lacking the knowledge of their destination; they only knew what to pack and where to be to embark on this trip. They did not know exactly what lay ahead, they did not know exactly where they would stay, they did not know what work that they would do, nor did they know the people they would meet, and yet with faith they choose to go. Upon arriving at the church on Wednesday morning they were broken into two teams and given a clue book/challenge book that contained clues to the activities that they would do and included challenges that they had to complete to move along on our trip.

Initially our youth participated in some local mission here at our church as they cleaned up from Vacation Bible School and clean up around Spangler Memorial, weeding and power washing around the shelter house. This helped to remind the youth that there is always work that they can do locally to make a difference in other's lives. We then departed for our first destination, Mt. Healthy, Ohio. We spent the night in a Disciple Church in Mt. Healthy, they welcomed us in and allowed us to use their facility for one evening as we needed a resting place for the night. On Thursday we arose, solved the challenge which revealed our final destination of Paducah, Ky, and were on our way. When we got to Paducah, we got to take our first showers of the trip, it was a welcomed time for all of us. Thursday was the final night of VBS for the First Christian Church of Paducah, who was hosting us. Our youth helped to clean up after their VBS that evening. That evening a youth group from Marion Christian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa joined us to spend the next four days with us doing mission work in Paducah. At this point our two groups reformed new teams so that the youth might get to know one another better.

On Friday our youth spent the day assisting with a day camp that is run by the City of Paducah for underprivileged youth. Our youth helped to run numerous carnival type games for the children to play and they helped kids to fish in the pond. It was great experience for our youth as they were exposed to children who are growing up in a completely different environment than our youth are used to. They got to show those kids love and were able to help the kids to be kids without the pressures of their lives interfering with their day.

In many ways this trip was much more about personal growth than our trips in the past have been. The youth were challenged to grow, to trust God, to trust each other, and to have faith that no matter where they went they would be able to make a difference in the lives of the people they met. They had to work together to prepare meals, to accomplish tasks, and to share the love of God with the people we met in Paducah. All of our youth enjoyed the trip and grew personally as well as spiritually.

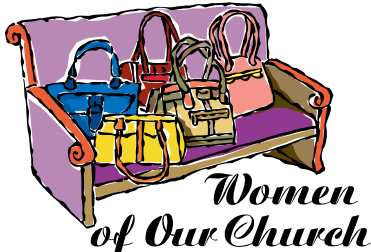
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In Memoriam

Our condolences are extended to the family of long time member Olive Hina who passed away on June 14th.



Annual Salad Luncheon

All women are invited to share lunch together at our Annual Salad Lunch. It will be held on Wednesday, August 4th at noon at the church. Bring a salad to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. We will have an opportunity to hear about the Quadrennial Assembly from some on the women who attended and look ahead to some upcoming events for Women's Ministry at FCC. Plan to join us.

Quadrennial Assembly for Disciple Women was an Inspiring Event

What a great experience it was for us to go from First Christian Church in Zanesville to Greensborough, North Carolina to worship and learn with 2000 Disciple women! Women were there from 44 states and from 13 countries. We saw Joyce Larko Stiener who spoke at our church about human trafficking a few weeks ago. It was great seeing our sister from Ghana and talking with her.

We brought back wonderful ideas for women's programs for our congregation and our community that we are planning on presenting over the next year. Thank you for all your prayers and support that made it possible for four of us to attend Quadrennial. Joan Barr

Group Martha & WSOS will not meet during July & August. Monthly meetings will resume in September.

VBS Took Us to Egypt and Home Again

Our VBS ministry this summer shared the story of Joseph. We spent each evening getting a glimpse of Joseph's life, visiting the Egyptian Marketplace and having a great time while learning a great story of our faith. The children collected an offering of school supplies for the Schools for Schools project at Eastside Community Ministry and over \$200 that will help children in Haiti with school supplies through Week of Compassion.

This ministry is only possible because of the help and support of our congregation. Many, many adults and youth gave their time and shared their love each evening at VBS. Many items were donated for crafts and snacks, etc. There is much to celebrate. Thank you to each one who in ways large and small helped our VBS share the good news of God's love. We appreciate the special efforts of Kim Paul, Kelly Perry and Aaron Phillips for making sure it all happened. A pyramid size thanks to all.



Kroger Community Rewards Reminder

Have you renewed your Kroger Community Rewards account for the year? As you may recall, Kroger awards \$1,250,000 every quarter to participating organizations and so far this year, we have earned over \$885. Please let Janice know if you have any questions.

Special Summer Adult Study to be Held in August: *Faith in the Workplace*

Adults and youth are invited to take part in a series that invites individuals to share ways in which their faith informs their work. Each week we will share with someone from our congregation about his/her work and how their faith plays a part in the work he/she does. This series will be held in the chapel and will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the Sundays in August. Plan to join us

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Book Discussion

Our current selection is *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan* by Greg Mortenson. Join us for lively discussion on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Men's District 10/11 Fall Rally

Men mark your calendars for October 3rd for the Men's Fall Rally. This year the Fall Rally will be hosted by First Christian Church in Marietta. This is a great time to gather with them men from all over the district so mark your calendars now for this great event.

Summer Vacation Schedule

Rev. Remster will be on vacation July 13-27th. Call the church office or Aaron Phillips if you have pastoral needs while she is away. Aaron Phillips will be on vacation August 7th-21st. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Call Dawn if you have pastoral needs.

Weed Patrol Assistance Needed

Do you have an hour or two you could donate to help keep our church grounds beautiful? We are asking individuals and/or groups to help us keep our landscaping around the church weed-free and provide a welcoming environment. Please sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Jim McPherson if you have any questions. Thank you.



New Board Officers Announced

These individuals were elected at the congregational meeting on June 13th to assume the following offices. Please support them in your prayers:

Board Moderator: Mike Whitson
Board Vice-Moderator: Scott Barr
Board Secretary: Lee McPherson

Trustee: (Class of 2015) Cole Gerstner

Elders: (Class of 2013)

Jim Wilson
Dale Newlon
Rick Griffin
Mary Arnold

Deacons: (Class of 2013)

Ron Carpenter	Dave Desender
David Devoll	Peggy Gordon
Deborah Granberg	Fred Grant
Lori Hittle	Kenny Jones
Sandy Jones	Bessie Jane McKenzie
Nancy Morrow	Heather Near
Judy Newsom	Kim Paul
Lori Ward	

"I would like to thank the congregation for supporting my nomination to assume the position of moderator for First Christian Church effective July 1, 2010. I would also like to thank and congratulate the new deacons, elders and trustee also assuming office. I would like to take this opportunity to remind both the new and current office members that in addition to your duties of deacons, elders and trustee that you are also a member of the church board. The board meets every other month to conduct the business of the church. Typically these meetings are poorly attended and I am asking that you make an effort to attend. **Our first meeting is July 8th** and I am hoping for a good turnout. Members of the congregation are also welcome to attend without voting privileges. Please become involved in the business side of the church so we can move forward together. I thank you in advance for your support."

Mike Whitson, Board Moderator



Softball League Concludes Season

Our church softball league finished the year in third place. Our thanks to the following members who made up the team: Brian Cooper, Andrew Body, Greg Waite, Coulton Waite, Thad Krause, Rick Griffin, Andrew Griffin, Mike Umphlette, Nate Lashley, Jared Fouch, Brady Neal, Kevin Gaskill, Kelsey Gaskill, Kolten Gaskill, Seth Murphy, Joe Denning, Paul Krause, Scorekeeper, Sharon Krause, Bat Girl

Hailey Watts Honored

After pitching the winning game of her team's play-offs, Hopewell Elementary student Hailey Watts was selected to participate in the Ohio Classics, a travelling softball team. Proud grandmother, Barb Watts, reported that Hailey was so excited that they didn't think they could get Hailey into the car after the game.

Regional Assembly 2010 October 15 & 16 "One Body: Clothed in Love"

Columbus Marriott Northwest
5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH 43017

Special Opening & Closing Preacher
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins

Mark your calendar to be part of this dynamic Regional Church gathering. This will be a blessed time of sharing and celebrating the transforming work God is doing in our lives as people of faith through the mission and ministry of our congregations.

Online registration available now at
www.ccinoh.org or contact the church office.



July 4		Ashley Musser
July 11	8:30 10:30	Greater Zanesville Singers Lori Hittle
July 18		Adam Jones
July 25		Tyson Kumorowski
August 1		Lori Hittle
August 8		Roger Besst
August 15	10:30	Women's Chorus
August 22		Tyson Kumorowski & Roger Besst
August 29		Duet: Cole Gerstner & Tim Remster
September 5		John Grubbs

Choose the right half

An elderly clergyman chugging slowly along on a sidewalk was hailed by a middle-aged workman as they neared each other.

"Hi, Jerry," said the workman cheerily. "How are you?"

The old pastor replied, "Oh, I'm about 50/50."

"Well," replied the worker, "take the better half and forget the other half."

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YOUTH GROUPS

Phyo Conference

On July 4th our High School students will be going to Phyo Conference. Please keep Andrew Griffin, Jared Fouch, Andy Denton, Kari Ward, Lauren Smith, Gavin Supplee, Brenton Osborne, Connor Huebner, and Aaron Phillips in your prayers.

Chi Rho and CYF

Want to have a lock-in in the MIDDLE of the week? Join us for an evening of fun, games, fellowship, food and worship as we invite other churches from our district to come spend the night here at First Christian Church on **July 21st** starting at 7pm and ending at 9am. If you need a ride home in the morning we can load up in the van and I will get you home. If you can only come for the evening, that is perfectly fine. We ask that you bring a snack or dessert to share with the group. If you have any questions see Aaron.

Zoombezi Bay Waterpark Trip

Let's Go to Zoombezi Bay Waterpark in Columbus! On August 4th we are going to the waterpark. This is for all youth who are going into 7th Grade through those who graduated this past May. We will leave the church at 11:00am on the 4th and we will leave the waterpark in Columbus at 7pm returning to the church around 8:15pm. You need to plan to bring money for lunch on the way or you can pack a lunch and you need to bring money for dinner at the park. The cost of admission is \$29.99 but we are going to attempt to get some discounted tickets. So pack a swimsuit, a towel, and some sunscreen and let's go have fun at Zoombezi Bay! If you have any question please contact Aaron.

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If you are in Junior High or High School we want to know your email address. If you have an email address please send an email to Aaron at aphillips3000@sbcglobal.net.

T-Shirt Sale

T-Shirts have come in and many of you have picked yours up, if you have forgotten to get your shirt be sure to stop by and pick it up, if you did not order a shirt but would like one please check in at the table to see if we have your size, we did order a few extras, the cost is \$15 per shirt.

Young Adults let's do Dinner! On Friday July 16th the Koinonia Sunday School class will be providing free childcare so that parents with young children can have a night out. There will be a group going to dinner that you are welcome to join or if you need a date night then that is great too. The childcare will be provided from 6pm until 9pm in the church nursery. If you have any questions please see Aaron.

JCKids Summer Events

The JC Kids have the following events planned for this summer:

Thursday, July 8th, 10:00-2:30- Faith Float (Canoeing with Canoe Creations Ministry)

Wednesday, July 21st- Animal Shelter/Bowling and Putt-Putt

Thursday, August 12th- Operation Spirit Troop Support Ministry and Pool Party

If you will be in grades 3-5 in the fall, you are invited to join us for these events. Please RSVP and direct any questions to Kim Paul, 452-3454.



**waterpark
trip**



Food Collection

Did you know that in 2009 Eastside Community Ministry Food Pantry helped 2,567 people in Muskingum County with groceries for 21,824 meals? The food that you place in our shopping cart on a monthly basis truly touches the lives of others. We appreciate your continued support of this important ministry, feeding God's people.

Christ's Table

As always, we will be serving at Christ's Table the fourth Saturday of the month. If you have never served at Christ's Table, give it a try! Sign up for July 24th or August 28th. You will be amazed at the fellowship that occurs.

Watch the weekly church bulletin for upcoming outreach opportunities.

Hands On Mission Task Force

For the month of July we would like to help Eastside Community Ministry with their Tools for School Project. Eastside Community Ministry, in conjunction with American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit # 29 collect school supplies that will help 800 low income children and teens in our area begin the school year on a positive note by providing them with a backpack filled with school supplies needed for their school and grade. Listed to the right are supplies that are being requested. There will be a box located in the hallway outside the sanctuary to place your donations. We will be collecting school supplies through July 31st. Please help us brighten the school year for the needy children of the area.

Notebook filler paper
Backpacks (without wheels)
Fiskar scissors (sharp and blunt point)
Page Protectors
Scientific calculators Pencil boxes
Washable markers
Pink erasers
Dry erase markers
Pencil sharpeners
Colored Pencils
Pencils – No. 2
Primary crayons
Pencil box
Crayons
Pencil Top Erasers
Water color sets
Pens (black, blue, red)
Highlighters
Index cards (lined 3x5)
Pencil pouches for 3-ring binders
Glue Sticks
Primary crayons
Elmer's Glue
Construction paper (mixed color packs, 8 ½ X 11)
1 inch 3-ring binders
2 inch three ring binders
Calculators (basic & scientific)
2 pocket folders (solid colors)
Spiral notebooks
Composition books
Notebook subject dividers