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WORRY

Many years ago, a young family traveled to a neighboring city to attend a festival. The family enjoyed this festival and afterward left the city to return home. They traveled toward home for an entire day before they realized their 12-year-old son had been inadvertently left behind. They immediately went back to look for him and their hearts were full of concern. It took them three days to find him and one can only imagine the fear and worry in their hearts. The boy was Jesus. He admonished his parents for worrying about him. "Why were you searching for me?" He asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

Most of us worry, even though God tells us repeatedly NOT to worry. "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" (Matthew 6:27). "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34).

When Jesus visited the home of his good friends Martha and Mary, Martha couldn't enjoy the presence of Jesus because she was so busy taking care of the details around the house, striving to make her guests comfortable. When Martha complained to Jesus that her sister wasn't helping, Jesus told Martha, "...you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her," (Luke 10:41-42). Mary pleased Jesus by focusing on Him, experiencing Him, and learning from Him. She knew what Martha didn't. When we put God first, He will free us from worries and take care of our concerns.

The opportunity to reach the world for Christ happens through the actions and words of those who wear the name of Christ. That may seem simple, but that's the plan that Christ put in place. There is no plan "B". Christians are the conduit, the vehicle, the method for sharing the Good News. And as daunting as that is, it is a responsibility that sits before us. With that directive, we have people from First Christian Church in Haiti right now serving and reaching out to that part of the world with the love and grace of Christ. Others will leave this year for Brazil and still others to Tennessee on additional mission trips.

Next Sunday, February 12, there will be an informational meeting about the Ministry of Construction where members of First Christian Church can reach out to construction workers who will be serving on our future site over the next 15 months. This is an opportunity through acts of kindness to reach more people for Christ. On April 15, we will reach out to the community on Community Service Sunday. All of these moments allow us to fulfill who we are supposed to be as the church in Elizabethtown. We are the plan, we are the conduit and we are the vehicle to impact the world. How will you make an impact this year?

SUNDAY STATISTICS January 29, 2012

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| Morning Worship..... | 901 |
| New Members 2012 | 6 |
| General Offering | \$12,508.88 |
| Building Fund..... | \$6,957.22 |
| Other Income | \$2,509.62 |
| Reimbursement..... | \$110.00 |
| Dollar Club | \$302.00 |

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.

Life Groups
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Life Groups also meet throughout the week.
To get involved, visit fccetown.com and click CONNECT.

LOVE GOD

February 5, 2012
... I Worry A Lot
Stuart Jones
Philippians 4:6-7



LOVE PEOPLE

Welcome to worship

We're glad you're here. If this is your first experience with church, we hope it's the beginning of a lasting relationship with God. If you're new to the area and simply looking for a great church home, we think you've found it. Your next step is to connect with one of our life groups. Check this bulletin or our website for details.

Communion
We celebrate the Lord's Supper each week during worship. As a baptized believer, you are invited to participate. Please take the bread and cup as they are passed to you. Then eat and drink in prayerful remembrance of Jesus.

Offering
During the service, we have an opportunity to give back a portion of the money God has given us to manage. If you're our guest today, simply place a completed information card in the plate as it's passed.

Time of Decision
This is a time for everyone to take a life inventory and renew their commitments to Jesus. It's also an opportunity for those who wish to be baptized or join this church to come forward and speak with a decision counselor.

This week at First Christian

February 5-11

| What | Who | Time | Where | Contact/Name |
|---------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|---|
| SUNDAY | | | | |
| Worship Ministry Practice | Band | 8:30 a.m. | Main Auditorium | Contact Mark Melloan 765-4994 |
| Volunteer Prayer Time | Sunday Volunteers | 8:30 a.m. | Fellowship Room | Contact Stuart Jones 765-4994 |
| Garden Room Prayer Circle | Everyone Welcome | 8:30 a.m. | Room 180-4 | Contact Iris Young 769-3901 |
| Life Groups | Adult | 9:00 a.m. | Classrooms | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| High School | 9 th -12 th Grades | 6:00 p.m. | Room 280 | Contact Chris Kiger 765-4994 |
| Life Group | Adults | 6:00 p.m. | In home | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| MONDAY | | | | |
| Men For Christ | Men | 7:00 p.m. | Fellowship Room | Contact Charles Young 765-5441 |
| Bible Study | Ladies | 6:30 p.m. | Growth University | Contact Tina Cox 862-9534 |
| Coed Volleyball | FCC Green | 7:30 p.m. | Gym | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| Coed Volleyball | FCC White | 8:30 p.m. | Gym | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| TUESDAY | | | | |
| Bible Study | Men | 7:00 a.m. | Growth University | Contact Chris Kiger 765-4994 |
| Melloan Life Group | Adults | 6:00 p.m. | In home | Contact Johnny Melloan 766-9164 |
| WEDNESDAY | | | | |
| Nehemiah | Adults | 6:30 p.m. | Growth University | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| Ignite | K-5 th | 6:30 p.m. | Chapel | Contact Brian Gocking 312-5600 |
| Wam jr. | Preschoolers | 6:30 p.m. | Preschool Area | Contact Kajeana Thomas 307-4053 |
| Middle School | 6 th -8 th Grades | 6:30 p.m. | Room 260 | Contact Chris Kiger 765-4994 |
| High School | 9 th -12 th Grades | 6:30 p.m. | Room 280 | Contact Chris Kiger 765-4994 |
| Bible Study | Ladies | 6:15 p.m. | Living Room | Contact Gena Mitchell 769-1589 |
| Schory Life Group | Adults | 6:30 p.m. | In home | Contact Leigh Anne Schory 982-1160 (Childcare available) |
| THURSDAY | | | | |
| 35 & Over Basketball | FCC White | 7:30 p.m. | Gym | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| 35 & Over Basketball | FCC Green | 9:30 p.m. | Gym | Contact Doug Mitchell 765-4994 |
| FRIDAY | | | | |
| Parent's Morning Out | 0-5 years old | 8:30 a.m. | Nursery | Contact Odell Cobb 769-3799 |
| The God Squad | 9 th Grade Girls & Up | 6:00 p.m. | In home | Contact Kim Bell 765-2473 |

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SERVE THE WORLD

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Ellie Thomas, Megan Bowman, and Vickie Shearer were baptized and Alex Shearer transferred membership on January 29, 2012. If you would like more information about beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ, being baptized, or becoming a member of this church family, email Stuart (stuart@firstchristianonline.com) or call 765-4994 and ask for a minister. We look forward to hearing from you.

SENIOR SOLOS

Senior Solos are single folks over the age of 55 who like to eat and have fun. If you qualify, join us for lunch today. We're going to DENNY'S. The bus will leave right after services today from the double glass doors by the gym. For more information, Contact Chris Kiger at christ@fcctown.com.

2012 GRADUATES

We are compiling a list of Graduates for 2012. If you know a graduate, use the insert in this bulletin to give us their name and information. For more information, Contact Chris Kiger at christ@fcctown.com.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

If you are a Mother of a Daughter, then we have a Bible Study for you! Beginning Sunday February 19, the Women's Ministry will begin a six-week Bible Study called "5 Conversations you must have with your Daughter" It begins at 6:00 pm and will be held in the BIG Room located in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kajeana Thomas 270-407-4053.

SENIOR HIGH/COLLEGE SKI TRIP

The Senior High and College Age students will be going skiing on February 10-11 and the cost is \$60. We have room for 21 people. For more information, Contact Chris Kiger at christ@fcctown.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BELIEVE TRIP

The BELIEVE trip for the Middle School students is Friday and Saturday, February 24-25. The cost for this awesome overnight experience is \$100. This will cover hotel, all meals, and your registration. We will leave Friday after school and return Saturday evening. Sign up in Life Group by February 19.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will have lunch at ECTC's Culinary Department at 11:30 am, on Wednesday, February 22. If you wish to go, please sign up at the Welcome Center no later than February 5.

THANK YOU NOTE POSTED

A thank you note has been posted from Mary Alice Hayden.