

# THE EVANGEL

JULY 2015



*First Christian Church  
Theatre Productions*

*Humbly Presents...*

# GODSPELL

*Saturday July 25  
Monday, July 27 -  
Saturday, August 1*

*Times TBA*

# Prayer Focus

Quotes from Andrew Murray on the importance of prayer:

"The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history."

"Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian."

"We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth."

"Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"

## **CURRENT (3 WEEKS):**

Andrea Workman– 7/13 brain surgery  
Ivan Cooper– mini-strokes; recovery  
Family of Walter Thomas  
Penny Walk– surgery recovery, test results  
Juanita Cowger– pacemaker function  
Family of Deborah Williams  
Brad Odum cancer treatments  
Phyllis Kruger– recovery  
The Hangout (*5th-8th grade devotions and open gym at grade school, from 7/6 to start of school*)

## **ONGOING CONCERNS:**

Mission Neoga: July 14-16  
(Middle School-Adult)  
Grade School Ministries  
Godspell: July 25, July 27-Aug 1  
Mexico Mission trip– July 31-Aug 5

## **IN CARE FACILITIES:**

Olive Stiebner– Heartland  
Elsie Phillips– Heartland  
Carolyn Gast– Cumberland Co  
Allene Young– Harmony Center

## **FIGHTING CANCER:**

Chuck Bartlett  
Brad Odum  
Sam Bean  
Mel Hood  
Donna Lake  
Michelle Simpson  
Shawn Whetsell  
Clint Mausehund  
Bob Trefzger

## **IN THE MILITARY:**

Shane Gephardt  
Tyler Briggerman– Navy  
Wes Letizia– Air Force  
Alicia & Steve Tordoff–  
Army Reserve

## **COMPASSION CHILDREN:**

Ashley  
Mehari  
Joydeb  
Axel  
Melanie

## **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:**

### Ministries:

Elders & Deacons  
Children's  
Youth  
College / Young Adult  
Senior  
Praise / Tech Team  
Community Clothesline  
Small Groups  
Sunday School  
Benevolence  
Outreach

### Missions Team & Missions:

Neoga Community Food Pantry  
Heartland Christian Village  
Oblong Christian Children's  
Home Christian Campus House,  
Oil Belt Christian Service Camp  
International Missions:

Ryan & Melinda Hicks  
July: World Vision

# Mission Spotlight...



Building a better world for children

*"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."*

James 1:27

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by their faith in Jesus Christ, they serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

World Vision believes in a full solution to poverty and injustice. They provide emergency assistance to children and families affected by disasters and conflict, partner with communities for long-term solutions to alleviate poverty, and advocate for justice on behalf of the poor. They do this by putting their faith into action in many different ways.

The areas of impact are:

1. Clean Water - The foundation of life, health and freedom from poverty
2. Child Protection - preventing child trafficking, child labor, exploitation, abuse, and neglect
3. Disaster Relief - Life Saving Emergency relief and long term response
4. Economic Development - financial empowerment for communities
5. Education - equipping children for a future of opportunity
6. Food and Agriculture - building food security, fighting hunger and malnutrition
7. Health - promoting well being for children, families and communities
8. U.S. Work - assisting and empowering our American neighbors
9. Our Faith - following Jesus' example through our global work
10. Gender - promoting gender equality to bring fullness of life for all

Last year 4.3 million children benefited from sponsorship through World Vision. Please consider sponsoring a child in need. This is a hand up for this child and community until they both become self sufficient. If you would like to sponsor a child or become involved in others ways with World Vision, please check out their website at [worldvision.org](http://worldvision.org)

## Update...Compassion Water of Life

At the end of VBS on Friday, \$1,718.85 has been raised for the Compassion International Water of Life systems. Those funds will purchase 21 3/4 filters so 21 families will have safe, clean drinking water. **THANK YOU!!!**



# Attention Ladies!

This summer Ladies Bible Study is meeting once a month. Our focus: Selected Women of The Bible. In July, we will focus our study on Lydia and Dorcus, two women of the New Testament. Our focus in August will be Hannah, a woman from the Old Testament. We encourage you to join us for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer. Meeting dates: Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 9:45 am; Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, August 12 at 9:45 am. In July, Carolyn Bartlett will be leading the study, and in August, Cathy Tomlinson will lead us. Following the Wednesday morning sessions, ladies are invited to join some of us at the Villa for our noon lunch.

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! Priscilla Shirer redefines interruption as God's invitation to do something greater than we could ever imagine. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. Mark your calendars now, and plan to participate in our Ladies Bible Study this Fall as Priscilla leads us in the study of Jonah. The first session will begin the week of September 20, 2015 (6:30 pm on Sunday or 9:30 am on Wednesday). More details later.

## From the desk of Pastor Mel Workman :)

Wow! What an amazing month of ministry we had in June! God is moving in our lives and church, which is an awesome blessing. This month the youth went to CIY in Anderson, IN and had a deeply moving experience. We had prayer meetings right after church, and they were very well attended. We also had a community worship service at the park with our church, Grace United, Free Methodist, and United Presbyterian all participating. It was a dynamic and meaningful time of worship with roughly 300 attending, and we raised more than \$1,600 for the Community Resource Group. Our combined worship is a testimony to our community that we can be united spiritually.

Jesus said,  
*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* (John 13:35). And He prayed that we would be united which was the theme verse for the service and message.  
John 17:23 - *I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.*

And to top it all off... we have had a wonderful time of VBS the final week of the month!!!

June was an excellent month of ministry and a taste of things to come. July 1st we get access to the elementary school, and many ministries will begin transitioning over. The youth ministry, outreach ministry, Community Clothesline, Neoga Community Food Pantry, and other churches will be using the facility for ministry as well. We are also launching a new ministry for 5th to 8th graders during the summer...

Please lift up the staff and ministry leaders as we prepare for the move and that we glorify Christ with the use of the facility.

# Calling all Seniors!!!

Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Senior Fellowship

Our theme for July will be *A Servant's Heart*. We may not have the energy to pull weeds, wash windows, or paint buildings, but we do have the energy to sing praises, pray, worship our Lord, enjoy fellowship and eat together. We will participate in "Mission Neoga" by hosting the participants for the noon meal. In addition, we have invited the workers at the Clothesline and the FCC Staff. Fried Chicken and drink will be provided. Each senior attending should bring two dishes (vegetable, salad or dessert) to share. Come and join us as we worship our Lord, share in a meal, fellowship with one another, and encourage those who are working at the Clothesline or Mission Neoga.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 10, 2015. Seniors will travel to Oil Belt Christian Camp for Senior Day. More information later.

**4 / 14 ... Love God, Love Man!**

July is going to be a busy month for 4/14; we have so many great opportunities before us!

Starting July 6<sup>th</sup>, every Monday through Thursday we will be opening up the Elementary School for kids to come HANG OUT, from 2-4. We hope to bring kids from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade a space to come just have fun and be safe. We will also be spending about 15 minutes teaching a devotion each day. Permission slips will be available in the office for anyone in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

July 14, 15 & 16 is Mission Neoga. We are going to spend these three days helping out in Neoga, to be God's hands and feet in the place we live. Tuesday we will be helping move the Community Clothesline to the Elementary School. Wednesday we will be going to Heartland Christian Village, and Thursday we will be helping out at the schools, getting things ready for the upcoming school year. Please sign up at the welcome center so I know how many people to be prepared for.

July 16<sup>th</sup> is Tim Hawkins, and I still have a few tickets left. They are \$23, and they are yours when I get the money. July 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our first lock-in at the Elementary School. This is for all youth 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Admission is \$5.00 and you must participate in at least one (1) day at Mission Neoga to attend.

Please pray for all the upcoming events, and consider helping out in any way possible. **Don't forget; Love God, Love man!**

# Thank You JULY Volunteers...

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
5	Matt	Tom	Wilma Burton	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> : Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>K-5th</u> : Jennifer Davis, Michael Baker, Kristen Albin	Alan Baker Michael Baker Don Coen Dave Coen	Doug Baker Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake
12	Michael	Aubrey	John & Mary Ann Wilson	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum, Katie Hakman <u>K-5th</u> : Paula & Rory Gentry, Julie Altman	Barry Conn Zach Letizia Austin Robinson Art Walk	Bill Kenworthy Doug Moore Randy Rennels Chad Walk
19	Jim	Aubrey	Fontella Waddell	<u>Nursery</u> : John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship</u> : Cheryl Gilbert, Penny Hess <u>K-5th</u> : Paul & Amber Lake, Austin Robinson, Amia Workman	Monte Page Tom Tomlinson Michael Baker Dave Coen	Harry Starwalt Alan Baker Doug Baker Don Coen
26	Zach	Brianna	Marian Lindley	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Jacob & Brianna Dow <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia, Megan Robinson	Barry Conn Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake	Zach Letizia Doug Moore Art Walk Chad Walk

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Colossians 3:23

## Community Clothesline

June 4:  
23 families; 59 individuals

June 18:  
18 families; 44 individuals

We will be open July 2 only.  
We will be closed on July 16 and moving to the Neoga Grade School. On Sunday, Aug 2., we will be open at the Grade School for Back to School. More info to follow.

## Neoga Community Food Pantry

39 families, 130 people served  
3 deliveries  
16 volunteers, 29 volunteer hours

July: Green Beans  
August: Soap

*So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God. I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved. - 1 Corinthians 10:31-33*

# July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 5:30pm Prayer	6 2-4pm The Hangout	7 Volunteers at Heartland 2-4pm The Hangout	8 2-4pm The Hangout	9 2-4pm The Hangout Oil Belt Cooks 8:30-1; 3-7pm Noah Workman	10 Richard Russell	11 Back to School Cookout at IGA
12 4pm Financial Board Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Shirley Starwalt Matt & Katy Frankie Kevin & Carol Rickelman	13 2-4pm The Hangout Doug McClure	14 Mission Neoga 2-4pm The Hangout Raif Huffman Carol Rickelman	15 Mission Neoga 2-4pm The Hangout Steve & Louella Drum	16 Mission Neoga 11-1pm Seniors' Lunch Tim Hawkins Concert 2-4pm The Hangout Pam Storm Doug & Joni McClure	17 Mission Neoga Youth Overnighter	18 John & Reeni Letizia
19 4pm Elder/Staff Mtg 5:30pm Prayer 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	20 2-4pm The Hangout Jane Baker	21 2-4pm The Hangout	22 9:45am Ladies Bible Study 2-4pm The Hangout	23 2-4pm The Hangout	24 Godspell Madison McClure Dave & Kim Varner	25 180 (5th-8th) Godspell
26 5:30pm Prayer Charles & Betty Latch	27 2-4pm The Hangout Godspell John Wilson	28 2-4pm The Hangout Godspell Lester Burton Makayla Gentry	29 2-4pm The Hangout Godspell	30 2-4pm The Hangout Godspell Greg & Liz Huffman	31 Godspell Rory & Paula Gentry	Godspell

**Hang Out**  
**5th-8th Grade**  
**Elementary**  
**School**

**2-4 M,T,W,&Th**  
**Doors open 1:50**  
**Close at 2:10**



**July 6th-30th**



**Bible Devotion, Basketball, Wii, Xbox, Gagaball,**  
**Volleyball, Fun of all kinds!!!!**