

Newsletter, 2014



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jim & Theresa Barfield.....	Oct 1
John Shambach.....	Oct 2
Sonny & Susie Keller.....	Oct 3
Kelli Walters.....	Oct 4
Stacie Powell.....	Oct 7
Susie Woolwine.....	Oct 11
Amanda Hardy.....	Oct 13
Betty Bergeron.....	Oct 13
Jim Hardy.....	Oct 14
Joe Whitaker.....	Oct 17
Nancy Shambach.....	Oct 19
Scott & Holly Fletcher.....	Oct 23
Mark & Brandi Keller.....	Oct 25
Kathy Haas.....	Oct 29

National Life Chain is scheduled for October 5, 2014, starting at 2:00 P.M. Those wishing to participate are to meet at the Courthouse Square to receive instructions and printed materials.

Senior Benefit program to be held on Sunday, October 5, 2014, starting at 1:00P.M. at **The Beef House** Restaurant. Tickets are **\$20.00** and can be purchased at the Senior Citizen's Center or **from Beverley White**. Music provided by **Hoosier Daddy**, and the speaker will be **Corey Smaltz**.

To Contact Us: Our Ministers, Bill and Nick, are in the office throughout the day, Monday through Friday.

The Church Secretary is in the office on Wednesday and Friday until 1:00 PM.

Phone: (765) 793-4439

Website: covingtonfcc.com

Secretary's e-mail:



WCEA Men's Fellowship will meet... Oct 20, 2014 at Attica Christian Church. A meal will be served at 5:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:PM.

BIBLE STUDY

How are you enjoying your Bible study? We are working our way through the last of the New Testament, so keep going. You are doing great!

Oct 1.....	II Tim 1
Oct 2.....	II Tim 2:1-14
Oct 3.....	II Tim 2:15-26
Oct 4.....	II Tim 3
Oct 5.....	II Tim 4:1-8
Oct 6.....	II Tim 4:9-22
Oct 7.....	Titus 1
Oct 8.....	Titus 2
Oct 9.....	Titus 3
Oct 10.....	Philemon 1-7
Oct 11.....	Philemon 8-16
Oct 12.....	Philemon 17-25
Oct 13.....	Hebrews 1
Oct 14.....	Hebrews 2
Oct 15.....	Hebrews 3
Oct 16.....	Hebrews 4
Oct 17.....	Hebrews 5
Oct 18.....	Hebrews 6
Oct 19.....	Hebrews 7:1-17
Oct 20.....	Hebrews 7:18-28
Oct 21.....	Hebrews 8
Oct 22.....	Hebrews 9:1-10
Oct 23.....	Hebrews 9:11-28
Oct 24.....	Hebrews 10:1-8
Oct 25.....	Hebrews 10:19-39
Oct 26.....	Hebrews 11:1-20
Oct 27.....	Hebrews 11:21-40
Oct 28.....	Hebrews 12:1-13
Oct 29.....	Hebrews 12:14-29
Oct 30.....	Hebrews 13:1-14
Oct 31.....	Hebrews 13:15-25



Serving Schedule – Oct.

Greeters

Oct 5 Owen & Donna Moudy

Oct 12 Mary Phillips

Oct 19 Mark & Diane Powell

Oct 26 John & Nancy Shambach

Special Music

Susan Smaltz

Communion Preparation

Mary & Miranda Phillips

Nursery Workers during church:

Oct 5 Nancy Shambach

Oct 12 Sandy Whitaker

Oct 19 Nancy Shambach

Oct 26 Sandy Whitaker

Serving Deacons

Oct 5th & 7th Mark Woolwine, Kevin Martin, Owen Moudy, John Shambach

Oct 19th & 26th Corey Smaltz, Jim Hudson, Guy Phillips, Bob Denhart

** Youth serve on any month with a 5th Sunday.

Assisting Deacons

Oct 5 Scott Fletcher, Larry Hines, Bill Hale

Oct 12 Andrew Bush, Chet Powell, Brian Catt

Oct 19 Joe Whitaker, Scott Alkire, Bob Ellis

Oct 26 Mark Switzer, Mark Powell, Brendan Woolwine

Extended Sessions

Oct 5 Sarah Keller, Laura Guerrier

Oct 12 Holly Fletcher

Oct 19 Rhonda Hardy, April Switzer

Oct 26 Brenda Hardy

** If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day please swap with someone.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In Nursing Homes

Mary McConnell, Lois Hansen, Lillian Howard, Mary Green, Shirley Mason, Marie Denhart,

Elizabeth Suiters, Pat Mycroft, Quinten Abernathy

Military

Brandon White, Haley Hines Brickles, Ben Wegner, Craig Scrogam, Dalton Hardy, Hal Kolmerten

College Students

Katy Mailander, Chelsea Walters, Ryan Whitaker, Miranda Phillips, Rachel Kiger, Kaine Walters, Andy Paeth, Andrew Walters, Austin Haas, Duncan Lape, Jacob Catt, Danielle Perry, Hunter Fletcher, Easten Spoden

Continue to pray for:

Helen Shouse, **Randy Perry**, Richard Mann, Martha Drake, Richard Shelby, **Geri Barney (Rehab)**, **Marvel Dunham**, Susie Keller

Surgeries & Hospitalizations

Brittany Fletcher, Kale Galloway (cancer), Candy Hutson (cancer), **Sharon Clapper (Jim Flick's daughter-chemo)**, **Jeanene White (hip)**, **Julie Allen (multiple myeloma)**, **Micaela Villa (Rosa Boyd's Mom –Diabetes)**, **Cheryl DePrez**

Other Concerns: Minnie Clawson, Anita Hutts, Bill Osborn, **Wanda Patton** (Chemo again), **Mel Lake**, **Jim Flick**, **Judy Goodwin**, **Dawn DeSauter (possible ALS)**

Missions: IDES and Lincoln Christian University

Bible Trivia

Whose crown was put on David's head?

A. The king of Rabbah's (Ammonite king), B. Saul's C. The Crown of Israel, created by David's artisans
D. The Syrian king's

For the answer read: I Chronicles 20:2



Condolences and Prayers

Our deepest condolences and prayers go to **Betty Bergeron** and her family at the death of her sister on August 31, 2014.

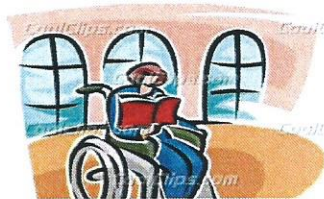
Our prayers go to the family of **Connie (Smail) Coffman** at her passing on September 13, 2014.

New Addresses

If you have not taken note of the new addresses, here is one more opportunity:

Elizabeth Suiters

c/o Wellbrooke of Avon
10307 E. County Rd 100 N
Indianapolis, IN 46234
Ph: (317) 600-3968



Virgil & Katie McConnell

16 Ambassador Dr.
Danville, IL 61832 Ph: (217) 431-3754

Dean & Marvel Dunham

1535 Brookite Ct., #5
Greenwood, IN 46143

Jim & Connie Bensyl Ph: (765) 362-1617
309 Old Mill Trace cell: (765) 366-7584
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Our college students could always use some encouragement by mail. Most of our college students are commuting from home and can be reached at the address or phone number in our Church directory. However, If you have the address of one of the college students on our prayer list, let us know. We have one address to share so far.

Hunter Fletcher
IWU
897 Student Center
Marion, Indiana 46953

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS



We welcomed **Joshua and Allison Smith** to our Church family on Sept. 7, 2014. Joshua was baptized on Aug. 28, 2014. Allison had been previously been baptized.



Address: 923 Liberty St.
Covington, IN 47932

Ph: (765) 318-7754

Please remember to add this information to your Church Directory.

In Loving Memory

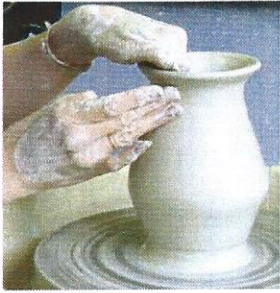
Our beloved brother in Christ, **Buddy R. Lang**, went to his final home with the Lord on August 27, 2014, at the age of 77. He was a devoted Elder of our Church from July 21, 1985 until he and Sue moved to Cookson Hills in Oklahoma. For years he continued his ministry there as the manager of the Cookson Hills Christian Ministries Print Shop.

He was a wonderful father to 4 children, Grandpa to 15 children, and Great-Grandpa to 20 children. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

As a graduate of Sullivan High School, he went on to be a reservist in the Marines and in the Army Reserves. He became a printer in 1959, worked for several newspapers, and later owned Lang Printing Co., in Danville, until their move to Cookson Hills.

Let it also be noted that he was the wonderful "Shepherding Elder" of your grateful Secretary.

The Christian Life



**Reformation
Vs.
Restoration**

There are two words that get tossed around in churches A LOT: Reformation and Restoration. Before we nod off from being totally bored, we ask 3 questions:

1. Who cares?
2. What is the difference?
3. Do I have to do anything about it?

Well, when it comes to our relationship with God, we want *restoration*, **Right?** After all, we were in a perfect relationship with God in the Garden of Eden, but we ruined it with sin. We want that *restored*.

Secondly, simply reforming something or somebody never really works. For instance, when somebody goes off to prison, he or she comes back and is said to have been *reformed*. However, that really doesn't work. What is needed is for them to be *restored* ~ to their family and to their community.

SO, what about reformation and restoration? Why bring it up? The reason for bringing this up is to introduce this scripture: 2nd Corinthians 5:16-21.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing

their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Now that you have read this, follow thru by doing this:

1. See what other Scriptures it leads you to.
2. Think hard upon the challenge to be *restored*, and not just *reformed*.



**How did
Jesus
picture
himself, as a
man?**

As you and I go thru the Bible, and especially thru the New Testament, what themes or topics can we look for?

Take a look at the picture above. Notice that a kitten is looking in the mirror and seeing a lion. Why this picture? When Jesus thought about Himself, while He was here on earth.... How did He picture Himself?

Now, I could list a bunch of Scriptures, like John 8:48. That starts us on the path of Jesus' statements about Him-self as the great "I am." YET, there are so many other ways that Jesus saw and explained Him-self.

So, there is another theme you and I can consider on our journeys thru the New Testament. PLUS, if you are reading the Old Testament at the same time, try doing the same thing from God, the Father's perspective. How does God see Himself? How does he describe Himself to us, His children – the ones reading

His Bible? And, Oh yes, take notes – keep a journal. There's probably an idea for a small group or Sunday school study in there somewhere.

**“I Am A
Christian”**

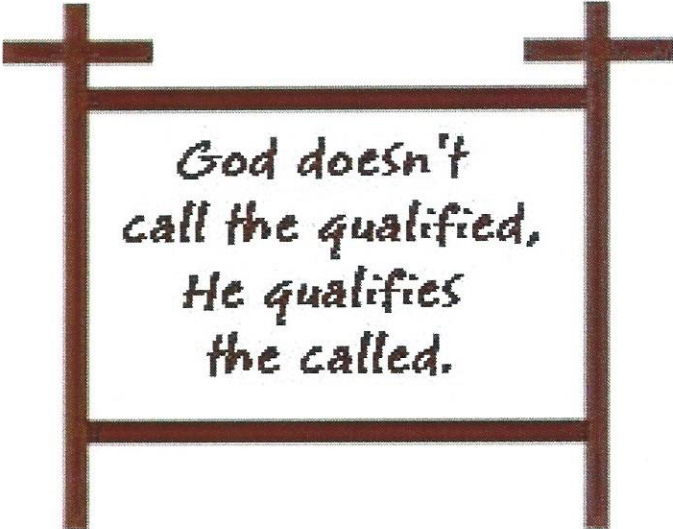
**...Let's do a reality
check**



If someone were to ask you, “What do you mean when you say *I am a Christian.*?” What would your answer be?

How about doing three simple steps:

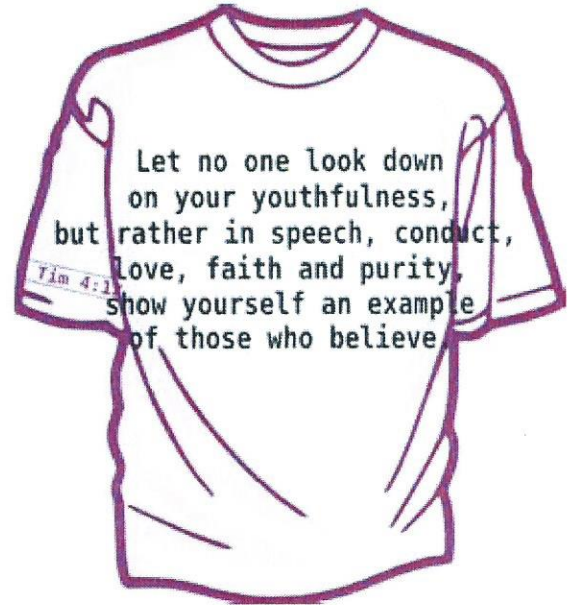
1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10.
2. Think on these 3 simple sentences:
Christianity involves ethics, but it goes infinitely deeper than ethics. Ethics has to do with a man's nature. Christianity is concerned with what a man IS, not just what he does! Christianity is life, not ethics.
3. Pray that people will ask you that question ~ 'What do you mean when you say, *I am a Christian.*?’



**God doesn't
call the qualified,
He qualifies
the called.**

YOUTH CORNER

Timothy 4:12



Jr. High Journey...

On October 3-5, the Jr. High youth have the opportunity to have a powerful weekend of worship, faith challenges, and fellowship with other Jr. High students at **Anderson University**. Every minute of the convention has been scheduled with activities to strengthen their daily walk with the Lord, challenge them to share their faith with their friends, and more fully understand the level of commitment God wants from us.

The convention will also host mind-blowing illusionist and comedian, Danny Ray
See Brendan ASAP for registration information.
Don't wait! Registration is now \$55.00.

Jr. High - Sr. High Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening with Nick from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

Kid's Zone...

Every **Wednesday** evening Kids ranging in age from kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to come and enjoy games, lessons, snacks, and singing from 4:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.
Don't miss out on the fun! Nick is the man to see if you have additional questions.

(Youth Corner continued)

Indiana Christian Yourh Convention (ICYC)

All High School students need to circle their calendars for November 21-23 for a trip to Anderson, Indiana.

The upcoming convention will be a weekend packed with great fellowship, making new friends, learning and terrific music. Registration fee is \$55.00 is due by November 1, 2014.

Share The Memories

God in His infinite wisdom blessed us beyond measure when he planted the seed of music in the soul of mankind. Growing up in Indianapolis, at First United Church of Christ, I learned to love music. At *First Church of Christ, here in Covington*, music continues to touch us with joy, praise, gratitude, longing, repentance, and peace.

Some of my sweetest memories of my childhood are of the music-filled Christmas Eve candlelight service each year, which started at 11:00 P.M. and concluded after midnight. Our Minister would symbolically pass the light of Christ to the ushers, who in turn passed it throughout the entire congregation.

While singing Silent Night we exited the beautiful old Church, the air perfumed by the scent of pine garlands, and warm candle wax. As each person, still singing, stepped out the tall double doors, the December night breeze would blow out the candles one by one. It still moves me to remember.

Here at *First Church of Christ in Covington*, we have shared many wonderful musical moments. I have mentioned before how I was uplifted by the music of **Charles Remly and Lura Smith**. Their simple straight-forward musical performances always left everyone smiling from the heart. I remember the first time **Rosemary Stonecipher** played her harmonica for us. The Lord loves for us to be creative in our praise of Him, and Rosemary uplifted us with her talent.

And what about the voices of little **children on stage**, voices through the years that had us smiling, chuckling, and clapping?

When my daughter **Angela** was young, she occasionally played her flute in Church, with dear old Mom accompanying her. My favorite was her rendition of "*Turn Your Radio On.*" It was a knee slapper for sure.

I will never forget the time that **Randy Walters** convinced my son, **Andrew** to play a patriotic trumpet and trombone duet. Andrew was a little nervous, and played his trumpet at warp speed, leaving Randy puffing for air to keep up. But, they did great! At least the performance didn't eat up too much of the sermon time.

We have been blessed with performances of our **Church band**, the **Senior Citizen's Kitchen (kazoo) Band**, and children throughout the years playing piano solos and singing, all to praise our Lord.

All the years of duets between **Mary Elaine** and her lovely daughter, **Teresa** come to mind as sweet memories as well. We all watched Teresa change from a little girl sitting on the piano bench with her Mother guiding her, to a lovely Christian mother, sitting shoulder to shoulder with her Mother. They blessed us with duets that we will never forget.

The Men's Quartet always gave us solid uplifting performances of the older, much loved hymns. **Forgiven** has been an inspiration to us with a great mix of older hymns and new contemporary worship songs. We are so proud of their dedication to spread the Gospel through music.

Our **Praise Team** leads us each Sunday through the tried and true favorites, and guides us through newer contemporary songs as well. We couldn't do it without them.

This is just the beginning of the story. I hope this has stirred up some wonderful memories of your own. May God continue to put the seed of music in our souls to give Him praise.



Karen -

If you have a special Church memory, don't be shy. Give me a call. **Submit announcements, praises and upcoming events ASAP to insure timely publication.**

Zimbabwe
Utrecht
Ministries



Let's nip this
problem in
the bud!

Banquet Fundraiser

When: November 8th, 2014 Dinner served @ 6pm

Where: Hanging Rock Christian Assembly 6988 SR 263, West Lebanon, IN

Cost: \$15/person or \$100/table (seats 8) online payment and registration available!

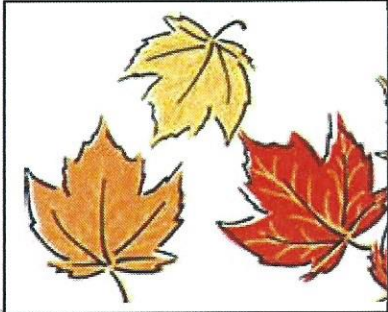
In 2013, **1 Million** children registered for school were unable to attend because of over crowding in Zimbabwe, Africa. ZOM invites you to join them for this event and hear how we can partner together to meet this need. The night will be filled with food, fun, and laughter as our entertaining guest is sure not to disappoint!

Go online and view the authentic African silent auction items early!

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a make a difference to the ministry in Zimbabwe, and have an entertaining evening at the same time.

***For reservations to this fund raiser, see **Donna Moudy**, or call the Church office at (765) 793.4439.

October 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>Every week **** Kid's Zone 4:00 to 5: P.M.</p> <p>Jr./Sr. High 6:00 to 8: P.M.</p>		<p><i>Jr. High Journey... Oct. 3,4,5.</i></p>	<p>Men's Bible Study and Coffee hour.</p>	<p><i>Senior Benefit</i> 1:00 P.M.</p> <p>Life Chain 2:00 P.M.</p>
6	7	8	9	10	<p>The men meet every Saturday at 7:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.</p> <p>All men are invited to join the Bible study, lively discussion, and a good cup of coffee.</p>	
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24	<p>In P.M., Bible Study Groups .</p> <p>There are several groups from which to choose.</p>	
<p>WCEA- in Attica</p>	27	28	29	30		