

FIRST CHRISTIAN
CHURCH



THE VISITOR

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If you're a sports fan, October means one thing: it's baseball season. Every year a group of teams battle it out for a spot in the fall classic, the World Series. One team will be victorious, and a whole bunch of others won't be. Of course, if you're a Cubs fan most years, you don't make it far enough to lose in the playoffs anyways. *Baseball Fan Sad Face.*

When you're watching a team in the playoffs, and they lose, there's this moment when you can't believe it's over. An entire season, with all of its promises, all of its great moments, ends. Actually, this isn't even about whether they win or lose. The only time I've seen a season end with my team on top, the 2001 Arizona Diamondbacks, while I was excited, there was a bit of emptiness at the thought that the season was over. It'd never happen again.

Life is like this. There are seasons. Some of them are great, and some of them are meh. But they all play out and wrap up eventually, and we're asked to let go of what has been, and move into the unfamiliar future. There can be a sense of emptiness as we look back on what has been, and forward to what is not yet. You can try as hard as you can to cling to the past, but it'll always be behind you.

The author of Ecclesiastes wrote about these seasons like this:

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;

a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.”

Seasons change. All we can do is enjoy them while they last, and move on to the next one when it comes. As the author continues:

“What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Fall is rolling in. The season of summer, with its memories and activities, is over. There may be other seasons in your life that are winding down, while others may be beginning. The same is true of the church: seasons come and seasons go. I hope that in all things, we’ll heed the words of Ecclesiastes, and find joy in all of our toil.

Blessings,

Rev. Andrew Guthrie

PRAYER

changes things

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

You may email prayer requests to prayer@fcclaf.org or call the church office at 765-742-4058

Congregational requests will remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

NURSING HOME/HOMEBOUND

Bowman, M Charlene--Mulberry
Harvey, Barbara-- Cumberland Pointe-331

Mosson, Nelson-Creasy Springs (112)
Brunger, Sally--Glasswater Ck. (220)
Lynn, Vernetta – Aster Place
Nelson, Pat – Wickshire (106)
Curtis, Marylou—Westminster (A2)
Martin, Harry & Charlotte - Westminster
Peters, Flo
England, Sue—Majestic Care (134)
Merimee, Nell—Westminster (3201)
Petit, June – daughter’s home in AR
Hamilton, Gordon & Joyce—5 Star Res.
Mosson, Mary – Westminster (Asst. Liv.)
Sharp, Wanda—Indianapolis rehab

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alexis Bradshaw – Navy
James Sanders - Army
Chad Ellsworth – Air Force

CONGREGATIONAL REQUESTS

Sue Dismore – cancer treatment
Mary Thomas – cancer treatment
Rex Russell (Cay’s brother) – cancer
Carol Guthrie (Amanda’s aunt) – cancer
Don Weedon – cancer
Harry Martin – cancer
Moin (Mary Begum’s son)—cancer & other medical issues
Sara Armstrong (Steve Klink’s niece) - cancer
Greg Eberhard – recovering from gallbladder surgery
Larry Sturgeon – cancer
Sue England – health concerns
Kathy Stirlen – back problems
Pastor Andrew & Wabash Pastoral Leadership – trip to Ireland

OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Contact Michelle at 765-490-9297 to sign up

October 2nd ~ First Sunday Celebration following the service in the parlor
October 9th ~ Bowling at Arrowhead Bowling alley at Noon located at 2331
Brothers Dr Lafayette, IN 47909
October 15th ~ Volunteer at Food Finders Fresh Market 9:45am - Noon
October 29th ~ Volunteer at Food Finders Fresh Market 9:45am- Noon

The Fresh Market is located at 2200 Elmwood Ave Suite C-7, Lafayette, IN
47904

Free Pears: Fall signals another abundant crop of Kiefer Pears that are becoming ready to pick. We expect them to last about three-four weeks? They are organically grown



without pesticides, herbicides and/or chemicals. If you are interested, you are most welcome to have all that you want! Please give us a call @ 567-2733 for directions to our home. Norman and Cay Long

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Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Fashion Show! We raised \$350!

The annual **Reconciliation Ministry offering** will be collected September 25 and October 2. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry support Disciples programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Special envelopes are located in the narthex.

Thinking ahead to Thanksgiving: First Christian will once again donate 30 twelve to fourteen-pound turkeys for the annual LUM Community Thanksgiving Feast held at Central Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving Day. LUM advises that turkeys may be more difficult to come by this year, so when you see them, you might want to go ahead and get one. The church freezer will be available in case you do not have room to store it at home. Further details about cooking times and a sign-up sheet will be coming as we get closer to the date. If you would like to make other donations toward the meal or volunteer to work, please go to [Thanksgiving Feast - Donate & Volunteer - Lafayette Urban Ministry \(lumserve.org\)](http://ThanksgivingFeast-Donate&Volunteer-LafayetteUrbanMinistry(lumserve.org)) for a list of needed items and working times. Thank you for your generosity



UPCOMING EVENTS

