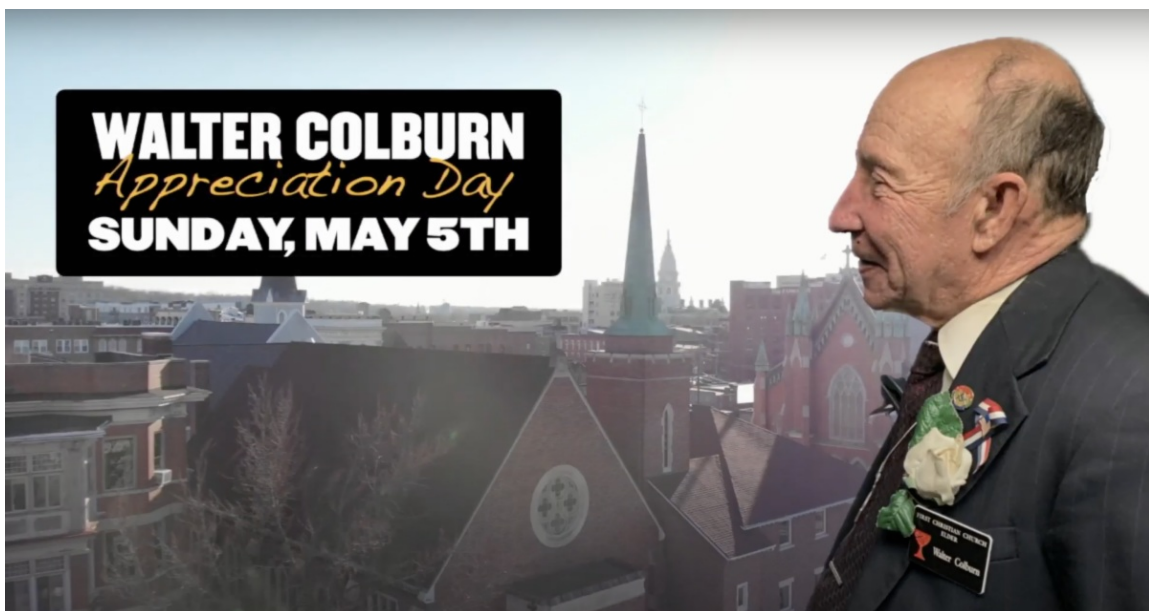




Love **GOD**
Be a **NEIGHBOR**
Welcome All to the **TABLE**



On the first Sunday of every month, we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in the congregation. It's a great way to lift up our thanksgiving for the various people who worship with us. "We're glad you were born!" is something I can honestly say about each and every one of you.

This week we are lifting up a very special birthday. Walter Colburn turns 80 on May 6th. If you're not familiar with all that Walter does around the church, trust me, we all owe him a big word of thanks. From lighting the candles before worship to emptying the trash cans through the building after, he does it all. He gets here before anyone else and puts the signs for parking out on the curb and he grabs the mail and puts it on the desk in the office at the end of the day. I could go on and on with all of the things he does for the church.

This Sunday as we recognize all of the birthdays and anniversaries in our community, we're going to have a special recognition for Walter. If you'd like to write a message to Walter as we recognize him on Sunday, you can respond to this email. Or, if you'd like to record a short video, you can upload it by clicking the button below.

Blessings,

Upload video for Walter



Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm

I am back in the office normal hours this week. If you need to reach me, you can email me at Andrew.guthrie@fclaf.org, or call the church office to get a hold of me at 765-742-4058. My days off are Mondays and Saturdays.

New office hours will begin on January 1. The office will be closed Monday and open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Emergency needs can still call the office (765-742-4058) on Mondays. Voice messages will be checked.

Want to listen to a recent message? You can find all of our sermons following the link below.

Messages

Listening to God

You are invited to stay for a short, informal time of prayer each Sunday following the worship service (except for First Sunday Celebration weeks).

The focus will be on praying for our church. The gatherings will take place in the Chapel.



Fresh Market Service

We serve our neighbors through the Fresh Market on the third Saturday of every month. Sign up to join us below or reply to this email so we know how many we'll have volunteering.

Serve with Us

Pub Theology

7pm May 16th
at Lafayette Brewing Company

Come for a night of fun and faithful conversation in this casual environment. This is a great chance to get connected with others in the church while discussing matters of faithful living.



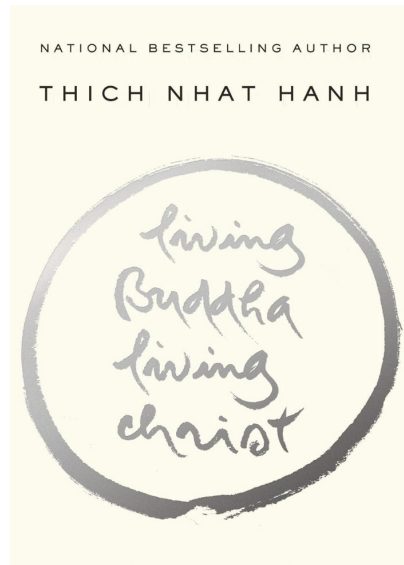
The Seekers are currently reading a book titled "Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Hat Hanh

"Nominated by Martin Luther King, Jr. for a Nobel Peace Prize, Thich Nhat Hanh is one of today's leading sources of wisdom, peace, compassion and comfort.

The 20th anniversary edition of the classic text, updated, revised, and featuring a Mindful Living Journal.

"Buddha and Christ, perhaps the two most pivotal figures in the history of humankind, each left behind a legacy of teachings and practices that have shaped the lives of billions of people over two millennia. If they were to meet on the road today, what would each think of the other's spiritual views and practices?

"Thich Nhat Hanh has been part of a decades-long dialogue between two great contemplative traditions, and brings to Christianity an appreciation of its beauty that could be conveyed only by an outsider. In lucid, meditative prose, he explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two traditions meet, and he reawakens our understanding of both. 'On the altar in my hermitage,' he says, 'are images of Buddha and Jesus, and I touch both of them as my spiritual ancestors.'"



For those joining by Zoom (note: this link is new as of January 2024)

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Meeting ID: 864 7021 7629

Passcode: 278973

The Seekers class meets every

Sunday at 9am in the Upstairs
Seekers classroom.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the chain, replay to this email and let me know. Once you're added to the group, you can send prayer requests to prayer@fcclaf.org. Once approved, these messages will be sent to everyone else on the prayer chain. This way, we'll be able to pray for one another throughout the week.

Don't forget to follow/like/subscribe to us on social media. The more people who engage with our page, the farther the message of First Christian Church gets!

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