

Mission Corner: John Fansler, Russia

John decided to become a missionary 7 years ago after he allowed God to use him on a short trip to Moscow, Russia. He spent two years preparing to go to Moscow and the last five years in ministry there. Currently, John is in the process of transitioning his ministry to the city of Riga, Latvia, which was once a part of the former USSR. He will be continuing to serve in worship and small group ministries, though his main ministry and passion is bringing unbelievers into the church, seeing them give their lives to Christ and calling them to live for Him!

Specific July prayer requests for John:

- Travel mercies and the strength to get everything moved!
- Finding an apartment in Riga
- God's peace about moving on to another city after 5 years in Moscow
- Open hearts in Riga and God's wisdom in ministering to them

We are going to be giving John a Welcome Gift basket with gift certificates. Stop by the missions area on Sundays to see how you can support him.



Melody Men Chorus

First Christian Church is pleased to announce a concert of the Melody Men Chorus on July 18. The Melody Men is a Barbershop Chorus comprised of men from the Miami Valley region. Our own Dr. John Rechsteiner is a member of this group.

The concert will take place in the First Christian Church worship center at 4:00 pm and will include a variety of traditional, sacred and patriotic songs. *No child care will be provided.*

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SAVE THE DATE for the Church Picnic!

Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale in early August.

The picnic will be held at the Union Club Picnic shelter on St Paris Pike. Same location as last years picnic. Last year we had over 420 people attend this fun filled day of activities, dinner and entertainment.

This is also an excellent time to get to know people from the church. You can't pass this day up as no where else will you get the opportunity to **DUNK** your Senior Minister in the dunking machine, as many times as you want! We hope you plan on attending.



Everyone is invited to the Mission Luncheon on July 25th. Sign-up in the bulletin to reserve your spot. This is a great time to learn more about the missionaries that you support. This luncheon will feature John Fansler who will share with us God's work in Russia.

If you have questions about this event, please contact Andrew Jit, at 399-1000, or at andrew@fccconnect.org.



FCC will be at the Clark County Fair July 23 - 30. We are looking for people who can represent the church at an informational booth at this years fair. This is a great time to tell others what you're experiencing at church. If you can help out, please contact Andrew Jit, at 399-1000, or at andrew@fccconnect.org

I am sitting in a hospital hallway that is serving as a makeshift family waiting room in Louisville Kentucky. In the last twenty-four hours my Dad has had open heart surgery. The doctor had to do 5 bypasses! Several things have flooded my mind during this journey:



Life is so precious. When a loved one is carted off to face a major surgery where they tell you things look good but there is always a chance something could go wrong, and then you have those final moments together where you hug and touch and pray, it touches something deep inside you. You begin to think about life and how all those so called “big things” in life, like work and the kind of car you drive and the kind of neighborhood you live in and to do list you never get through all seem to not be so big anymore. It’s all about your faith and your family and the moments you have together. I wonder why it takes a major surgery to remind me to keep the main things the main things?

Life is so short. You always think you are going to have more time to say what you want to say and do the things you want to do but this is another reminder we need to live like we are dying. Do it now, say it now, fix it now. I am thankful when they rolled my dad out for surgery there were no regrets, no I wish I would have told him, no I wonder if he knows? What fences need to be mended? Who do you need to hug? What do you need to tell those closest to you? Let me remind you from the waiting room: mend them now, hug them now, tell them now.

Faith is so strong. I have no idea how people who have no faith in the Lord go through such trials? What do you hang on to? What hand do you have to hold? The Lord promised he would walk with us through it all. The family of God is so amazing to be a part of. As a pastor, I am use to being on the other side, ministering, praying and comforting others. It is nice when you find ourselves on the other side to feel the love and comfort of the family of God.

God is so good. I was able to go in to see my Dad this morning and he was sitting up. Even though he was weak, he was able to talk to me and we hugged and kissed and I was told he was going to be just fine. We had people from all over praying for his surgery and I do believe God blessed us with more time. But it also dawned on me that even if God did not for whatever reasons choose to move in this manner he would still be good. He would be just as awesome and loving and worthy even if my dad would not have pulled through. I wonder why it takes a major surgery to remind me no matter what happens God is still so good, all the time?

Lord willing my Dad should make a full recovery. There are lots of lessons I will take from this waiting room. Thanks for letting me share them with you as it is a bit therapeutic for me. Maybe if you ever find yourself in a waiting room like mine you will find comfort like I have.

God's peace,

Craig

ATTENDANCE REPORT

AM Worship 06/06/101,962
 Adults.....1,590
 Youth..... 89
 Children..... 226
 G.S.O.C..... 57
 Bible Fellowship..... 640

AM Worship 06/13/101,694
 Adults.....1,401
 Youth..... 50
 Children..... 195
 G.S.O.C..... 48
 Bible Fellowship..... 636

AM Worship 06/20/101,905
 Adults.....1,584
 Youth..... 54
 Children..... 211
 G.S.O.C..... 56
 Bible Fellowship..... 642

AM Worship 06/27/101,905
 Adults.....1,515
 Youth..... 80
 Children..... 228
 G.S.O.C..... 56
 Bible Fellowship..... 642

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David, Kelly, David, & Miranda Grisso,
 Baptized 6/6/10. 2120 Duquesne Dr ,
 Springfield, 45506

Madalyn Fansler, Baptized 06/20/10.
 793 Liberty Road, New Carlisle, 45344

Karen Blaker, Baptized 06/20/10.
 714 Grandview Dr, 45503

Tyler Blaker, Transferred 06/20/10.
 714 Grandview Dr, 45503



IT IS UPWARD TIME AGAIN AT FCC!

This year we are hosting Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading for Kindergarten through 8th grade. Registrations are available at the kiosk in the children's area, so sign up now! Evaluations are on July 30th for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade and all Cheerleaders. Grades 3-8 evaluations are on August 7th. Games begin August 28. We are still looking for coaches, referees and helpers, if interested please see Andrew Jit, 399-1000, andrew@fccconnect.org

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2011 MISSION TRIPS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT | Andrew Jit TELEPHONE | 399-1000

"YOU ARE MY WITNESSES" ISAIAH 43:10

First Christian is Going Global Come be apart of it on a Short Term Mission Trip.

2011 TRIPS

HAITI LADIES TRIP
LEADER: DAWN SCHULTZ JANUARY 6-15, 2011

HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA
LEADER: DAVE AUGUSTUS JANUARY 17-25 2011

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA LADIES TRIP
LEADER: MARY LOU MOORE MARCH 2011

TANZANIA, AFRICA
LEADER: BRUCE LUDLOW JUNE 2011

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA YOUTH TRIP: HIGH SCHOOL ONLY
LEADER: DAVE PLUMLEY 16-23 JULY 2011

UKRAINE, EUROPE
LEADER: JOEL AUGUSTUS OCTOBER 2011

BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA
LEADER: ERIC STRINGER OCTOBER 2011

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APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR ALL 2011 TRIPS.

2011 MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Come to an informational meeting to learn more about each trip that is being offered

MONDAY JULY, 12 2011. 6.30 - 8.00 P.M. 149A

or

SUNDAY JULY, 18 2011. 11 A.M. 149A

A NEW AND EXCITING MINISTRY AT FCC

The College and Young Adult age group is a very unique group, something entirely different than what we have seen in high school or even adult ages. With this portion of society we do have a few challenges, but even more potential! Various organizations such as the Barna Group, have spent many years and resources studying the culture of the 18-29 year olds and have found that these people are searching to truly live for a cause, and to know that their life has significance.



At First Christian Church, we have made it our mission to fill both of these voids for a group that has, in general, been over looked for far too long in our churches. With God's timing, through the work of the Holy Spirit, this ministry will spark a new revival in Springfield, create stronger couples and young families who will seek to honor God, and form new leaders who will go out and influence their homes, communities, and even throughout this world for Christ.

If you are between the ages of 18-29, please contact me by email at sam@FCCconnect.org, phone 937-399-1000, or stop in to see me. I am looking forward to meeting with you!

Sam Waldron



The Path

newsletter is published monthly and available online at www.FCCconnect.org. If you are interested in serving with the newsletter team, or if you have any suggestions or comments, please email Bruce Ludlow at bruce@FCCconnect.org.

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WORSHIP

Sundays @ 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00AM
 Sunday & Wednesday PM Programs
 are available for adults and children,
 September - May.

Solution—FCC Youth at Work!

On June 11 and 12, our teens were challenged to be the **Solution** in our community. Solution is our response to meeting the needs in our community. Over 40 teens went out and served alongside 5 non-profit organizations including Pregnancy Resource Center, Springfield Christian Youth Ministries, Hannah's House, Inside Out and Changing Lives Now! Projects included anything from pulling weeds to random cleaning. It was incredible weekend and so much was accomplished! FCC was also included and some of what was accomplished included cleaning chairs for Kid Fest, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and cleaning out various spaces in the church. The weekend began with a time of worship and ended with a time of worship. At the end of the weekend, there was exhaustion and a feeling of accomplishment yet not once the entire weekend was there any complaining. In fact, the biggest response was, "When can we do this again?"



UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Date	Event
July 2	Office closed
July 4	Patriotic Sunday
July 11-18	Next Steps Class @ 11:00 am
July 13	Cedar Point Trip (grades 7-12)
July 18-24	Jr. High Camp @ Butler Springs
July 24	Women's Scrapbook / Card Making Party @ 9:00 am
August 14	Women's Seasons Breakfast @ 9:00 am
August 15	Ministry Fair
August 29	Promotion Sunday
September 6	Labor Day / Church Office Closed
September 8	Wednesday Night Suppers Begin @ 5:00 pm Wednesday Evening Programs begin @ 6:30 pm
September 11	Women's Conference
September 12	Annual Church Picnic
September 19	LATE Church Kick-off at 6:00 pm

CREATION SUMMER SERIES

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm—7:00 pm, June 2 thru Sept 1

Our new Wednesday night summer series will begin on June 2 and continue until September 1. Everyone is invited to attend. Join us in Room 162 as we take an in-depth look at Creation. Bill Chaffin will be the class facilitator. If you need more information, contact Joel Augustus at joel@FCCconnect.org or at 937-399-1000.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SEASONS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

September 11 @ 9:00 am

This year promises to be even more exciting than last year as First Christian Church hosts singer / songwriter Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro's "Spaghetti for the Soul, A Feast of Faith, Hope, and Love"

Conference details are available at www.kathytroccoli.com. For more information, contact Mary Lou Moore at 937-399-1000 or by email @ Marylou@FCCconnect.org