

# The Lamplighter

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The Reverend Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr., Senior Pastor // May 2017

*You are the light of the world...no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket...let your light shine before others..."Matthew 5:14-16 NRSV*



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## Pastoral Installation Set for June 11

It's official! The installation of the Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr., new Senior Pastor of First Christian Church, Findlay, will take place at 3:00 PM Sunday, June 11, in the church's sanctuary. This service, which serves to publicly celebrate the union between congregation and pastor, will be officiated by the Rev Stephen Bently, Acting Regional Pastor, of the Ohio Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the denomination in which First Christian Church is anchored.

With a mid-afternoon start time, it is expected that clergy and laity and community leaders from Findlay and across Ohio will be on hand to participate in the celebration. In addition, Dr. Sullivan's friends and family, including his wife, the Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, will be in attendance. Plan now to be part of the joy of the installation service!

## THE JOY OF BAPTISM!

On the afternoon of April 23, First Christian Church experienced the distinct honor of welcoming its newest disciple as Devan Floyd Scherf 12, was baptized! Devan, who confessed Christ in March, faithfully preparatory conversations with Dr. Sullivan. His baptism was the first of Dr. Sullivan's ministry with First Christian Church. We thank God for Devan's commitments to Christ as expressed through his baptism. In addition, we are grateful for hospitality of Findlay's College First Church of God and Pastor William Reist who allowed us to use the church's facilities for the baptism. Welcome, Devan!

## On Track with Pastor Jack

The smile on my face from the Sunday, April 23 baptism of Devan remains in place! He is an intelligent, joyful and spiritually alert youth, and I am thankful to God for his baptism and witness among us all. As I think of the future of the church (not just First Christian but THE church), I feel good knowing that people like Devan will be leading it.

I don't know but I am sensing that God is doing something new within First Christian Church. Don't' you? Hmm....perhaps we should prepare ourselves for more baptisms! I'm just saying.....

# NEWS from the Christian Church in Ohio

## Grandparents and Me Camp! Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3

Grandparents Camp began at Camp Christian in 2006. It is designed to a child's first experience of being at camp. It is for children who have completed first and second grade and a grandparent. (or special adult in their life) We include with-in our time together many traditional camp activities like folk dancing, campfire, and singing camp songs. Our theme each time is "Stories of Jesus" and we always include crafts, games, drama and rest time (for grandparents!). It is a fun time for everyone and a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to share their faith. Grandparents Camp begins Friday evening at 7 PM and ends Saturday at 6 PM. Co-Directors - Rev. Margot Connor -[ogram842@yahoo.com](mailto:ogram842@yahoo.com)& Rev. Mary Jo Bray[revmjbray@gmail.com](mailto:revmjbray@gmail.com). \*Child may be accompanied by another related adult (not Mom or Dad) if Grandparent is unavailable. For more information on this and other camp experiences, contact the Christian Church in Ohio at [ccio@ccinoh.org](mailto:ccio@ccinoh.org) or 614.433.0343.

## Ribbit Camp! Wednesday, July 5 to Saturday, July 8

RIBBIT CAMP promises a full week's worth of camp adventure for 2nd - 4th graders in a half-week schedule! First time campers who may not be quite ready for a full week away, or campers looking for a shorter camp experience, can join us. The focus of Ribbit Camp is on how God's love is experienced and shared. Through crafts, games, and storytelling, these youth will discover our God who is with us during the whole year. July 5th - 8th, 2017 at Camp Christian. Drop Off at 10am, Wednesday, July 5th - Pick Up at 10:30am, Saturday, July 8th For Children in 2nd grade and also includes 3rd and 4th graders whose parents want a shorter camp experience for their children.

## OTTER CAMP! Sunday, June 18 to Saturday, June 24

OTTER CAMP is held for an entire week and is for 5th graders and those in 3rd and 4th grades ready for a full-week of camp. The theme for Otter Camp is "Kids Can Too! - We Can Do It!" They will be exploring kids of the bible who do amazing things for God. June 18th - 24th, 2017 at Camp Christian For Children in 5th grade and those in 3rd & 4th grades who are ready for a full-week of camp.

## CHI-RHO CAMP!

Chi Rho Camp is geared to Jr. High/Middle School youth who have finished grades 6, 7, or 8. Their theme this year is Gifts and Celebrations of God's Love. Through the study of the Bible in morning "Quest" Groups they seek out the Quest Truth for that day. Beginning each morning with cabin devotions they learn to begin each day with a look towards God and Jesus. The day ends with the whole camp gathered for a worship service and then a good night prayer we call the closing Chi Rho. The week ends with a special service known as consecration. Here each young person has on opportunity to make a private commitment to themselves about what they have experienced during the week and how they will carry the message forward.

There are 3 options of dates for families to choose from for the Chi Rho Camps. It does not matter where you live or what Church you attend. You may register for whichever one fits best into your summer schedule. The week options for Chi Rho Camp are: Chi Rho Camp Emmaus June 4th - 10th; Chi Rho Camp Corinth July 9th - 15th; Chi Rho Camp Damascus July 23rd - 29th.

## CYF CAMP!

CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) Conference supports those who have finished grades 9-12. This camp seeks to give youth what they need spiritually in later life. Each day begins with an opportunity for individual devotion and reflection we call "Morning Watch" CYF Conference offers two different Bible Studies each day. This year we will study The Holy Spirit and material we call "Power and Prejudice." This time of young adult life can be confusing and this material gives youth the markers they need to see who it is God is calling them to be. The afternoon are devoted the different "Committees" that work during the week to make it special.

Held at Camp Christian. There are 3 options of dates for families to choose from for the CYF Conferences. It does not matter where you live or what Church you attend. You may register for whichever one fits best into your summer schedule. The week options for CYF Conference are: June 11th - 17th; June 25th - July 1st; July 16th - 22nd.


### **March for Science**

It felt marvelous to be out in front of the Hancock County Courthouse with Robin, Keaton and Jeff during the April 22 March for Science! While we were not the only people of faith present, I do think we were the only "congregational delegation" in the crowd of marchers who were pro-science, pro-environment, pro-diversity (race, sex, LGBT, age, physical ability, etc.), and pro-justice. While I gave a few remarks, it was Keaton who boldly stirred up the crowd with his passion for science! As I listened to him speak, all I could do was shout, "Amen!" (I will give "Amen" lessons this Sunday at 10:30a!)

### **Naloxone Training**

On April 24 I participated in a Naloxone Training session at the University of Findlay. Sponsored by the Hancock County Opiate Task Force, attendees learned the science behind addictions and how to administer naloxone, a drug that reverses heroin overdoses. As Ohio is the epicenter for heroin related deaths, I was glad for this training. Each participant was given a naloxone kit that included a video on how to save an overdosed person's life through the use of naloxone. Thankfully, naloxone was provided in the kit as well. My kit will be made available for church use. I will soon ask our congregation to view the video so that we will know how to administer naloxone if necessary. Finally, I am now part of the Mental Health and Substance Use Coalition of Hancock County.

### **New Bible Study on Evangelism (Yes, Evangelism!)**

Sunday, May 7 is the day we will kick off our new 10-session Bible study based on the book, "Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism" by Disciples minister Rev. Martha Grace Reese. I am excited over how I believe this study will help us embrace our unique stories of Christ's love at work in our lives, and share them in ways that bring people of no faith to faith in Jesus. I expect these sessions to embolden us to live more visibly as agents of Christ's love, hope and justice. One day in the future, someone at First Christian will look back and say, "Through Unbinding the Gospel, God changed the direction of the church!" If you have not yet signed up for this study, please do so today!

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Classes will start at 9:15a, Sunday, May 7. Please start praying now for this study.

God bless you!

Pastor Jack

## **Our Lamplighter is changing!**



## **Stay tuned for more fine tuning!**

## Sharing brings Joy

To Us. To Others. To God

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Sunday Schedule  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
Followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour

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## NEWS from our General or International Offices

Attend the General Assembly, Indianapolis, IN July 8-12, 2017!

Here's why:

Worship that's uplifting and inspirational. One of the highlights for many who attend the assembly is the worship. Musicians of professional caliber, speakers of high quality and special experiences envelope the congregation with a sense of God's presence and call. Worship planners offer varieties of expression and some may be just the thing to freshen your own faith and perhaps take home to try.

Learning is an integral part of General Assembly. Besides the preachers that will open your mind to new understandings in worship, there are plenty of other opportunities to learn. In Indianapolis there will be a Sunday kaleidoscope of classes plus four learning communities Monday through Wednesday. The core topics are: Justice, Worship, Resources, and Transform.

To register for the General Assembly, go to [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)