

Love Notes

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Community Christian Church exists to invite people to experience a **real life** of joy, freedom, and grace through a **real faith** in God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and lived out in a **real community** with the love, support, and encouragement of others on life's journey.



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Tim's Tidbits Tim Grasham

We've finally arrived at that moment in our family. That moment that many parents eagerly anticipate and dread simultaneously. Isaac's high school graduation is this Saturday. Honestly, Susan and I couldn't be more proud of Isaac and his accomplishments and the young man that he is now. All of this talk and excitement about graduation has me thinking a lot though. It has me thinking about the church in a couple of different ways.

One of the ways that graduation makes me think about the church is how there is always a new challenge to life. If there is one thing I'm learning about graduation from this new perspective is that it means change is coming and some adapting has to take place. Our graduates will now have to adapt to life as an adult, whether that is at college or in the work force. Change is coming for them. Change comes to the parents as we let our kids "go" now. And as those changes happen, we all have to adapt. These changes aren't necessarily good or bad, they're just change.

Change happens in the church. Sometimes good, sometimes bad. But change happens. We all must adapt! We all adjust to what is happening. We know that our God never changes. He is always identified as Love! And even though he may not, the way in which we show him to a lost and confused world MUST change. And as we change, we all adapt.

One other way graduation makes me think of the church is that it signifies completion. As our graduates complete their high school or college graduation, there is a sense of completion. However, there is always something else right on its heels to be done.

The same is true in the church. Many times people feel that when they reach a certain age, they can declare that their task, job, service is complete. Our work for Christ's church is NEVER complete. As long as we have breath in our lungs, we are called to fulfill our own unique role as a member of the Church. Maybe you transition from nursery and children to outreach. Maybe you move from greeter to children or youth ministry. Our job is never fully completed! We are each needed!

So congratulate our graduates! Wish them well on their next adventure! Pray that they continue to seek and serve God! And in the meantime, we all adjust to the changes around us and we keep serving and playing our part in this great thing that is called the Body of Christ!

See you Sunday!

In His steps,

Tim



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

4

1/2 Donuts & Discussion

9:30 a.m.

4

Teen's Meet

5:30 - 7:30

10

Men's Breakfast at Hoops

- 7:30 a.m.

11

Teen's Meet

5:30 - 7:30

15

Thursday Food, Fun, &**Fellowship Cheddars**

6:30 p.m.

18

Happy Father's Day

25

Teen's Meet

5:30-7:30

**THERE ARE WOMEN'S
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES
ON TUESDAY. A GROUP
MEETS IN THE MORNING
(SEE JOAN TARKINGTON)
OR EVENING (SEE FRAN
LANUM)**

Elderly Expressions

Mason Morrison

MacyRay has just finished her first year of pre-school. She has really grown throughout this year not just in her education, but in her knowledge and love for God and Jesus as well. She asks if she can pray before meals. Actually, it isn't even asking, it is demanding. If I try to pray, she immediately gets upset. If I try to add to the end of her prayer, she gets upset. (She currently has some control issues.)

When riding in the car, if she isn't listening to the *Frozen* soundtrack, she asks if she can have her "God songs". Then, she sings along with the CD. Last week she started singing a song she learned at preschool about Jesus being her best friend. (FYI: He evidently takes Wednesday, Thursday, and some Saturdays off.) Oh, and you should see her moves to "What a Mighty God We Serve", I think that was her favorite song at Chapel during the year.

While I only have one year to reflect upon, imagine how the parents of the graduating class of 2017 are feeling. How much growth have they seen in their child from age 2 to 18?

As our graduates start making plans for their future, be it in college or careers, let's pray that they will continue to grow both in maturity and in their faith. May they find God at work in their lives and be an example of Christ's love to those around them.

The Bible states "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."—Ephesians 2:10 "We are not just saved by grace from death, we are saved by grace for God's glory. He has remade us. We are his craftsmanship, his artistry, and he longs to display his goodness and grace through our actions and words (<http://www.verseoftheday.com/> May 22, 2017).

What does the future hold for our graduates? My hope is that it is a future of loving and serving others, leading others to Christ, and displaying the character of Christ to those they encounter. Graduates it is time for your parents to send you out into the world, and for the world to see what amazing works God has planned for you. Never forget the Jesus is your best friend...even on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and every Saturday. Never forget what a mighty God we serve.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Brenda Kingsolver

KINGS KIDS, PINT SIZE PRAISES AND NURSERY SCHEDULE

June	Pint Size Praises	King's Kids	Nursery
4	Jackie Wells/Ericka Kelly	Brenda Kingsolver & Samantha Sharp	Stacey/Kaylee Keiser
11	Jackie Wells/Ericka Kelly	Brenda Kingsolver & Samantha Sharp	Susan Grasham
18	Jackie Wells/Ericka Kelly	Brenda Kingsolver & Samantha Sharp	Jennifer Olehy
25	Jackie Wells/Ericka Kelly	Brenda Kingsolver & Samantha Sharp	Tabitha Searles

Family Fellowship - Brenda Dunham

Planning Ahead:

Summer Cookout - August 20th after Worship

Thanksgiving meal - November 19th after Worship

Christmas Breakfast - December 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group by Robert Lane

Over 200 men & youth attend Colfax meeting this month - many from our church. There was great food & great speaker.

Remember, donut Sunday on June 4th

Men's breakfast will be the 2nd Saturday of June on the 10th at Hoop's Restaurant.

God Bless,

Robert

Teen Ministry - Mason Morrison, Coordinator

Tentative Summer Calendar for Youth Group:

Youth Group will meet on the following dates during the summer: June 4, 11, 25; July 9, 23; August 6. Time 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Activities for the summer include a cook-out and a possible return trip to a Kokomo Jackrabbits baseball game (dates and weather permitting).

Fun, Fellowship, Food

2017 Outings - Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant - All adults are welcome!

June 15- Cheddars - Lafayette	September 21- Famous Dave's on 421
July 20 - Longhorn Steakhouse on 86th Street - Indy	October 19- Romano's Macaroni Grill - 86th Street - Indy
August 17 - O'Charley's - Lafayette	November 16 - Monical's Pizza - Delphi
	December 14- Mountain Jacks

The Thursday night Fun, Fellowship, and Food will meet on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Cheddars on Highway 26 in Lafayette. Please let Joan Tarkington know if you are planning on attending by the Sunday before so the proper number of reservations can be made. These evenings are adults only.

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