



# Love Notes

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## Tim's Tidbits Tim Grasham



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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It's Tuesday. 8pm. Yes, today is the deadline for my article to be due. Yes, I was reminded at least twice in the past two days. Can I be honest, though? I'm tired. There are days when I'm worn out when I finally kick off my shoes. I know most of you know exactly what I'm talking about.

We just started a short series called "Love Like Jesus". This idea is exciting to me. As a Christian, I should WANT to love like Jesus. I should WANT to follow in his footsteps. I should WANT to be as much like him as possible. And I try. I really do. But it's hard...and exhausting...and frustrating. Maybe, like me, you find ways to give of your time, your energy, to volunteer to try to make a difference in our community. Maybe that's through volunteering at the Humane Society or through the Literacy Program. Maybe you volunteer at the schools or mentor a child through COACH Kids. You KNOW what I'm talking about.

But here's the thing...Loving Like Jesus isn't guaranteed to be easy. Loving Like Jesus will likely be difficult. It will likely be exhausting...and even frustrating. It's not guaranteed to be easy. But, then again, loving people isn't about me. Loving people isn't about trying to get something out of it. It's not about trying to get that photo moment of our service in action. Loving Like Jesus is about the people we're loving. It's about the individuals that we're serving. It's about the community in which we're trying to make a difference.

I believe with all my heart that we will receive a blessing when we serve others...when we love others. But that's not why we do it! We do it because we are called to Love Like Jesus. No matter the person. No matter their past. No matter if they "deserve" it or not.

Love Like Jesus...

See you Sunday!

In His steps,

Tim

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May**

**6**

**Paddle Down the  
Wabash for Hanging**

**Rock**

**7**

**1/2 Donuts & Discussion**

**9:30 a.m.**

**13**

**Men's Breakfast at Hoops**

**- 7:30 a.m.**

**14**

**Mother's Day**

**15**

**West Central Men's  
Fellowship - Colfax  
Christian Church**

**18**

**Thursday Food, Fun, &  
Fellowship at 9 Irish  
Brothers 6:30 p.m.**

**27**

**Graduation at Frankfort**

**High School and  
Clinton Prairie High  
School 10:00 a.m.**

**Isaac's Open House - 2-4  
at the Church**

**Allison's Open House 2-5  
1052 E. Washington St.**

**28**

**Memorial Day**

## Elderly Expressions

*Charlie Dunham*

Graduation



Graduation an act of receiving a diploma or degree from school, college, or university. The act of graduation.

Trust in God for every detail of your life. Nothing is random in Gods' kingdom. Everything that happens fits into a pattern for good, to those who love God. Instead of trying to analyze the intricacies of the pattern, focus your energy on trusting God and thanking Him at all times. Nothing is wasted when you walk close to God. Even your mistakes and sins can be recycled into something good, through God's transforming grace.

While you were still living in darkness, God began to shine the Light of His Presence into your sin-stained life. Finally, God lifted you up out of the mire into His marvelous Light. Having sacrificed His life for you, God can be trusted in every facet of your life.

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him” JEREMIAH 17:7

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the promises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light— 1 Peter 2-9 (NKJV)

Make the most of what you have achieved and blessed with.

In Christian Love “Charlie”

**THERE ARE WOMEN'S**

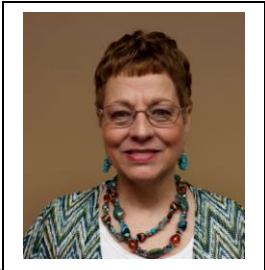


**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Brenda Kingsolver**

**KINGS KIDS, PINT SIZE PRAISES AND NURSERY SCHEDULE**

May	Pint Size Praises	King's Kids	Nursery
7	Tabitha/Malaki Searles	Brenda Kingsolver & Natalie Kelly	Stacey/Kaylee Keiser
14	Tabitha/Malaki Searles	Brenda Kingsolver & Natalie Kelly	Susan Grasham
21	Tabitha/Malaki Searles	Brenda Kingsolver & Natalie Kelly	Jennifer Olehy
28	Tabitha/Malaki Searles	Brenda Kingsolver & Natalie Kelly	Tabitha Searles

***Family Fellowship - Brenda Dunham***



Eighty five people were served at our Palm Sunday breakfast. Thirteen dozen scrambled eggs made with 4 pounds of butter and cream, sausage links, fruit, a wide variety of muffins, coffee, juice, and milk. The committee thanks those who attended for making this a huge success.

**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 Bill Cleaver**

The work day at Hanging Rock has been moved to May 6th due to the Paddle Down the Wabash fundraiser. (Tim is paddling).

On Saturday, May 13th, the Men's breakfast will be in the back room of Hoops at 7:30 am.

Mark your calendar for May 15 as we are making plans now to attend WEST CENTRAL MENS FELLOWSHIP AT COLFAX CHRISTIAN CHURCH which is really close to home. We would like to take lots of men and boys.

Also - don't forget 1/2 Donut Sunday will be Sunday, May 7.

Men and boys remember your MOTHER ON Mother's Day

## Missions - Marcia Jasper



The peanut butter is finally gone!!! We had a total of 101 jars and I want to thank each one who took the time to shop and donate. Lifeline Christian Mission use this to give out to children at their schools and also to donate to families. In the past, Plainfield Christian Church has been a collection point for this area. Upon contacting them this year, they are no longer doing that. I was directed to one of their people who coordinates items for Lifeline and delivers them to Westerville, OH on her own. She graciously came and picked ours up and will take to Ohio on her next trip. Thanks again to all who worked to make this year's collection a success.

We have wonderful news about Hope in the Harvest Ministry. They have found two families to step in and serve when Travis and Gina come home. They are Bill & Holly Sebald who have 11 children, four of whom will live with them in Liberia. The other family is Anna and Nathan Glenn. Both of these families have been well prepared by God for this new undertaking.

To learn more about them, visit [Hope in the Harvest Mission International](http://www.hopeintheharvest.org) website @ [www.hopeintheharvest.org](http://www.hopeintheharvest.org)



## Teen Ministry - Mason Morrison, Coordinator

The youth are currently in the middle of a study entitled *Reckless Abandon*. The study explains how being a Christian is more than just obeying rules. Through real-life examples, teens explain how their lives were changed after they began reading their Bible and taking their faith in Christ seriously.

"Do you feel like life is full of rules, boundaries, and limitations? Many think that Christianity only adds to the restrictions on how we live. But life in Christ is not supposed to hold you back. The gospel propels us forward in ways you never imagined.

In these four youth Bible study sessions, J.D. Greear uses Scripture to show that being a Christian is not about learning to obey rules. Being a follower of Christ means immersing ourselves deeply in the gospel because that's when all the things God wants to see in us are produced.

With biblical teaching and real-life stories, this series will help students live a life that demonstrates God's compassion—as seen on the cross—and His power—as seen in the resurrection." (Reckless Abandon)



## Women's Ministry - Fran Lanum

Tuesday night ladies Bible Study will still be meeting all summer. We are studying A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23. Please consider joining us at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. The fellowship, prayer, and sharing life in community are just some of the benefits you will receive from this group. Looking ahead, we will be posting a date soon for our day retreat in September for our Day in the Country complete with high tea in the afternoon. I hope to see you soon!

Your sister in Christ, Fran

## Community in the Community

Eli Grasham presented a report at the United Way celebration dinner on Green Meadows efforts to raise money for the 2016 campaign. Green Meadows raised \$1000. To incentivize giving, classes competed against each other for perks like extra recess and the chance to pie Principal Brian Johnson.



## Future Worship Leaders

MacyRay practices the drums



Cassandra helps Mom and Dad lead singing





# Community in the Community at Coach Kid's Fun Day



Photographs courtesy of Catherine Stahl and Skip Davis

## *Congratulations to Community Seniors*



Courtney is graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Business Finance.

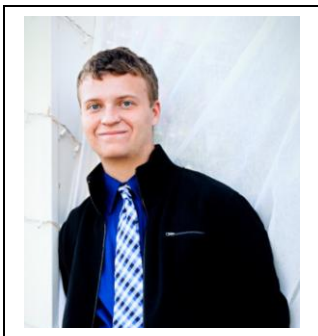
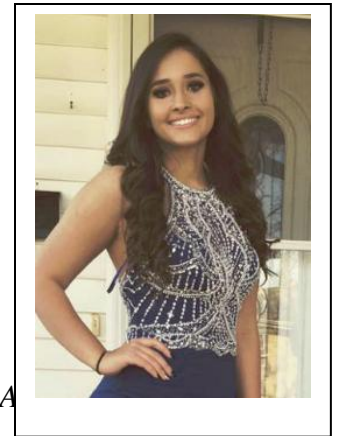
*Courtney Fox*



Shelbi is graduating from Clinton Prairie High School on May 27th.

*Shelbi Fox*

Abby is graduating early. She is currently undecided on her future plans.



*Isaac Grasham*

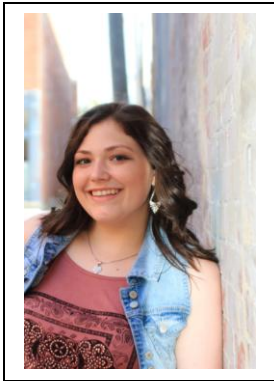
Isaac will graduate from Frankfort High School on Saturday, May 27th, with an Honor Diploma. Isaac has spent his high school career involved in Band (Marching and Pep) and the Musical Pit Orchestra. His senior year he was president of the band. Isaac founded the first ever Philosophy Club at FHS, participated in FCA, National Honor Society, SADD (Students against Destructive Decisions), and Tri-M. He was also involved with the tennis and golf teams. Isaac has played the drums for the church worship team, volunteered at Hanging Rock Christian Assembly, and worked a Kroger in Lebanon. Isaac plans on attending Purdue University Honors College in the fall as he pursues a bachelors degree in Computer Information Management in the Polytechnic College.

Everyone is invited to join our celebration Open House at Community Christian Church on May 27th from 2-4 p.m. for a cake and sundae bar!!

Ericka Kelly will graduate from Frankfort High School on Saturday, May 27th.







Allison Larson

Allison will be graduating from Frankfort High School on May 27. During her high school career, she was involved in Volleyball, Softball, Track, SADD, and Choir

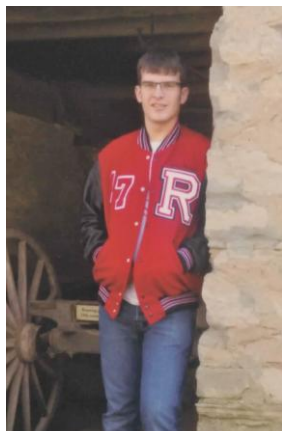
She will be attending IUK in the fall, majoring in Sociology. She hopes to become a Substance Abuse Therapist.

Her Open House will be May 27 from 2-5 p.m. at 1052 E. Washington St.

Catherine (Cat) Stahl has been homeschooled for the last several years. She has participated and excelled at photography and in-depth studies of World Religions. Her current plans include continuing to work with Cherish and the gang at Flavors Coffeehouse in Frankfort and working with her photography, branching into photo shoots for events. She also plans to enroll in and attend Cosmetology courses in the future.



Catherine Stahl



Jared Warren

Jared Warren will be graduating from Rossville High School on June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. His future college choice is undecided, but he plans on studying Business Management with a minor in Environmental Safety. During his years at Rossville, Jared participated in FCA, Basketball, and Golf. He won the Mental Attitude, Field Goal Percentage, and Rebounding awards in Basketball, was named to the All County Second Team and All Conference team. In Golf, he won the Most Improved award.

Jared's Open house will be June 3rd at the Bennett Room, Rossville from 4:30-8:30 p.m.



### Tech Corner - Matt Burke

In the tech corner, we're always looking for volunteers. If you're interested in helping behind the scenes, get in touch! We can show you everything you'll need to know. You can get in touch with me at [mr.matt.burke@gmail.com](mailto:mr.matt.burke@gmail.com), [317-379-6057](tel:317-379-6057), or catch me on a Sunday morning.



***Fun, Fellowship, Food***

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

May 18 - 9 Irish Brothers - Lafayette	September 21- Famous Dave's on 421
June 15- Cheddars - Lafayette	October 19- Romano's Macaroni Grill - 86th Street - Indy
July 20 - Longhorn Steakhouse on 86th Street - Indy	November 16 - Monical's Pizza - Delphi
August 17 - O'Charley's - Lafayette	December 14- Mountain Jacks

The Thursday night Fun, Fellowship, and Food will meet on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at 9 Irish Brothers on Highway 38 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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