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How would your life change if you had 30 days to live?



New Series:
October 9-31
For more
information,
check out Greg's
Heart-to-Heart
letter (pg 2).



Morning of Praise

Saturday, October 30 | 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Hope NOW...the something more you've been longing for.

Featured speaker Julie Barnhill is the author of seven books for women, including best seller "She's Gonna Blow!" She has been a featured guest on ABC, NBC and CNN. Julie is armed with a razor-sharp sense of humor. Her uncanny ability to both inspire and challenge audiences to action and change can be attributed to her consistently authentic presentation regarding who she is, where she's been, and what she's learned along the way.

Tickets available at the Women's Ministry table beginning October 2!



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HEART TO HEART

with Greg Marksberry

WHAT WOULD IT MEAN to “live like you were dying?” If you got word today that you only had 30 days to live, how would your life change? How would you spend your time? How would it impact your relationships? How would you prepare for eternity? What would you do that you’ve never done before?

THIS MONTH we will help you explore how to make the most of your life...now! We’ll discover in the pages of scripture God’s plan for living the “abundant life” through a fun, thought-provoking series called, “ONE MONTH TO LIVE.” Jesus said the devil’s goal is to rob your joy and meaning in life. But He goes on to say, “My purpose is to give them [His followers] a rich and satisfying life” (John 10:10).

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY for you to invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to worship with us. The **first 200 first-time guests** during the series will receive a **free CD of Tim McGraw’s hit song, “Live Like You Were Dying”** along with a gift book by the same title. We’re sending invitations to over 22,000 households in our community. So, please be praying that this will be a life-changing series for hundreds of people and families.

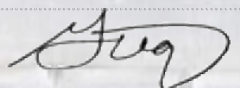
ON THE FINAL WEEKEND our Worship Pastor, John Barfield, will share his story about “coding blue” during a recent heart attack. And on Sunday, October 31, a special “Baptism Service” will be offered from 1:00-3:00pm in the afternoon for anyone ready to make that decision for Christ.

WE’RE THANKFUL to be doing life with you at First Church!

“ONE MONTH TO LIVE”

October 9 & 10 – Love Deeper
October 16 & 17 – Speak Sweeter
October 23 & 24 – Forgive Freely
October 30 & 31 – Grasp Eternity

Living Like I’m Dying,



Mountain of Food

EACH YEAR FCC collects food for 4 weeks prior to Thanksgiving for needy families in the community. Starting the weekend of October 23-24, please bring the following:

- **October 23-24 - Canned goods/soups**
- **October 30-31 - Cereals**
- **November 6-7 - Boxed foods**
- **November 13-14 - Peanut butter**



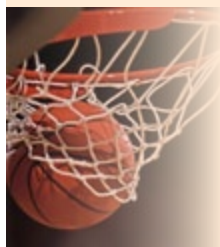
The drop-off location will be at the South entrance (door #4) to the First Center. Collected food will be taken to Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (CAC) and Lifeline Ministries of Northern Kentucky for distribution. If you are interested in helping take the food on a weekly basis, please contact Amy at abarnett@1stchurchofchrist.org. ▲



Missionary Encouragement

Teen Mission, USA | Ken Henderson – kenh@teenmission.org and
Greg Herriford – gregh@teenmission.org

Northern Kentucky Community Action | Lori Bacovcin – lbacovcin@nkcac.org
Orchard Group Church Planting | Brent Storms – brent.storms@orchardgroup.org
Zimbabwe Christian College | Marshal Hayden – mhayde@worthingtoncc.org ▲



Youth Basketball Outreach (ages 4-14)

GAMES WILL BEGIN in January 2011 with practices starting in December. This is an outreach ministry, so parents please encourage your child to invite their friends/neighbors/classmates to join their team. Age groups: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-14 (age is determined by the age of your child on January 8). Cost: \$75 per player. Envelopes and forms are at the Welcome Center. You will receive an early bird discount of \$15 if you register by October 25. Registration closes November 8.

YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES – If you are a member or regular attender of First Church and are interested in coaching, please contact Amy at abarnett@1stchurchofchrist.org. ▲



Joy Club

LEADERS MEETING – October 4 at 1:00pm

POTLUCK LUNCHEON – October 12 at 11:30am

TRIP TO SUGAR CREEK, WAYNESVILLE, OH – Tuesday, October 19
Lunch at Der Dutchman Restaurant and Antique shopping.

Leave from Burlington Baptist at 9:00am. Cost: \$20.

LA COMEDIA THEATER – Concert with the Hoppers – Monday, November 22. Cost \$60 includes concert, transportation, and lunch. Bus leaves from FCC at 9:30am. Contact Karen for information 859.586.4673, ext. 153 or kfisher@1stchurchofchrist.org. ▲

Single Adult Ministry

WELCOME TO CROSSROADS! – An ABF that meets on the first Sunday of the month. Upcoming dates are October 3 and November 7 at 11:00am in FC103. Breakfast Brunch Potluck included.

Sunday Lunch Together – Every third Sunday of the month. Meet in FC103 after the second service to choose the restaurant from there. Next one is October 17.

Clifton Gorge Hiking and Young's Dairy – October 16, meet at First Church door #3 at 8:30am to carpool (Partnership with Lakeside Christian). We will drive up to Yellow Springs, Ohio to hike in John Bryan State Park and Clifton Gorge. After our hike we will make our way to Young's Dairy. Overall this will be a great day with a nice range of activities! ▲



Adult Ministry

ED REEVES MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING – Saturday, October 9 at Kenton County Golf Course/Fox Run. Four man scramble, shot gun start at 8:15am. Cost: \$100 per person. Contact Mike Carney 859.801.9852. ▲

Faith_SHIFT is a 4 week small group experience for all those who are new to First Church. We will explore topics such as: *What's Next: Keeping My Commitments*; *Spiritual Practices: What Are They?* and *How Reliable Is Faith?* Because the group size is limited, register with Karen Fisher at 859.586.4673, ext. 153 or kfisher@1stchurchofchrist.org. Groups begin October 10 at 9:30am and October 6 from 6:30-7:30pm. ▲



LIFE GROUPS

Register online today at www.1stchurchofchrist.org or stop by the table in the Atrium or contact Karen Fisher at 859.586.4673, ext. 153 or kfisher@1stchurchofchrist.org.



One Month to Live Life Groups

New groups are forming around the October sermon theme. These special 4-week groups will give you a taste of a Life Group. Contact Matt Bryant at zmbryant@gmail.com.

FOCCUS on Marriage is for married and engaged couples. This fall seminar will be on three Sunday mornings at 9:30am in FC103. Each session will cover one of the BIG essentials to beginning and building a great marriage. **Andy & Sarah Rader** will lead the first session on October 3, **Cheri & Kim Westmoreland** will lead the second session on October 17, and **Phil & Bev Haas** will lead the final session on October 31. For more information, contact the HomePoint Family Ministry office at 859.586.4673, ext. 111 or tdolwick@1stchurchofchrist.org. ▲



Moving Beyond Good to Great Marriage Getaway

Our HomePoint (Family) Ministry is planning a Getaway for married couples October 23 & 24 (Saturday/Sunday) at Clifty Falls Inn, Madison, Indiana. You can check out Clifty Falls Inn and State Resort Park @ <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/clifty/index.html>. Cost per couple is \$149 which includes Saturday night's lodging and three meals. Limited scholarship funds are available. The weekend is planned to give couples time together along with helpful insights into how to go *Beyond Good to Great* in their marriage. For more information and/or to register contact the HomePoint Family Ministry office at 859.586.4673, ext. 111 or email tdolwick@1stchurchofchrist.org. ▲

Early Childhood

Promotion weekend went very well and all the kids did a great job adjusting to their new teachers and new classrooms. However, we are still looking for a few good team members in the Garden Center to be preschool helpers and baby rockers; so if you would like more information about serving, please contact Rhonda Hancock at 859.586.4673 or rhancock@1stchurchofchrist.org.

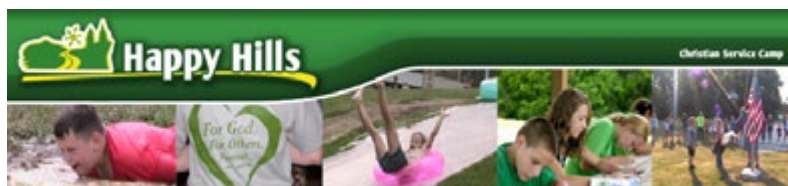
Also, if you are a mother of children under the age of five, please consider joining our MOPS group here at First Church. Karen Brandstetter at 859.586.2663 is the leader this year and would be happy to give you all the information you need to join this exciting and encouraging group of women. ▲



Elementary Children

FAMILY RE-TREAT CAMP @ HAPPY HILLS CAMP! Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10, the camp will open at

1:00pm on October 9 and close at 1:00pm on the October 10. The cost of this camp is \$20 per family which includes 3 meals. Families may bring a tent and camp out or they can use the camp's year around dorm. To register, please email Mr. Guy at gjones@1stchurchofchrist.org. ▲



Elementary Children

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 31, from 6:00-8:00pm join us for our alternative to Halloween and the “spooky” events that happen during this time of year. There will be large inflatables for children, games and a “Treat Trail.” Children may wear their costumes, but we ask that they be a “non-scary” costume. This is one of the largest outreach events to our community, so invite your family and friends to come.



Donations of wrapped candy are needed to help pull off this event. Candy donations may be brought to the office throughout the week or place them in the basket at the right of the staircase leading to the Children’s area. ▲



middle school & high school ministries

[upcoming events]

OCTOBER 1-3 ::: MS **Fall Retreat** at Butler Springs. Cost: \$75.

OCTOBER 6 ::: MS Breakaway **Outdoor Games**

OCTOBER 13 ::: MS Breakaway **Pumpkin Carving**

OCTOBER 20 ::: MS Breakaway **Shrunken Soccer**

OCTOBER 23 ::: MS **Paintball at Potter’s Ranch**

OCTOBER 27 ::: MS Breakaway **Costume Bowling** (at Florence Super Bowl)

6:15-7:45pm at the Student Building

OCTOBER ::: HS **LIFE GROUPS**: Sunday nights from 6-8pm. Students should bring a Bible and a snack to share. Groups meet in homes around the community. Contact Mark Graham @ mgraham@1stchurchofchrist.org.

OCTOBER 10 ::: HS **UNION CORN MAZE & HAYRIDE** from 5-7pm. Meet there. Park @ Union Presbyterian Church on US 42. Cost: \$7.

OCTOBER 14 & 28 ::: HS **RUCKUS**...a mid week hangout from 6-8pm in the Student Building. Join us to hang out, play arcade games, video games, watch some tube, play some board games, shoot some hoops and play some dodgeball. The cafe will be open.

OCTOBER 23 ::: HS **BONFIRE** Saturday from 8-10pm at the Dolwick’s Farm. ▲

Tell some friends and get involved!

Top Serving Needs for October

WORSHIP VENUES:

- Musicians, keyboard, guitar and non-traditional instruments for all Worship Venues. Contact: Cissy Birkhead – 859.586.4673, ext. 148 or cbirkhead@1stchurchofchrist.org
- Trio Techs to assist with sound/light tech, Pro-Presenter operators, screen tech (words for the screen). Training provided. Contact: Benjamin Moore – ext. 146 or bmoore@1stchurchofchrist.org
- Trio vocalists, soloists, stage singers & choir. Contact: Sonya Snow – ext. 148 or ssnow@1stchurchofchrist.org

LIFE GROUP LEADERS: Host and/or facilitate a group in your home. We provide the study outline as well as ongoing training and care for leading your group. Contact: Matt Bryant for an interview – zmbryant@gmail.com

NETWORK OF CARE FOR SINGLE MOMS: Do you have a skill, profession, hobby, expertise that could help a single mom manage her household? Sometimes, just having someone to talk to about how to solve a problem would be a huge encouragement for her. If you would like to be a part of our resource team of handy men, professionals, mechanics, etc. Contact: Chandra Courtney – chandracourtney@yahoo.com

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES: Looking for a few good men and women to rock babies during the 11:00am service on a one month on, two months off rotation. Contact: Rhonda Hancock – 859.586.4673, ext. 120 or rhancock@1stchurchofchrist.org

ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LEADERS & CLASSROOM GREETERS: Volunteers are needed for the 11:00am hour on Sundays. No experience necessary, just the love for Jesus and His children. Contact: Dalynn Jensen – 859.586.4673, ext. 181 or djensen@1stchurchofchrist.org

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION: Looking for a team of 4-6 people to decorate the exterior of our building for Christmas and take decorations down after Christmas. Contact: Brian Heckber – 859.586.4673, ext. 140 or bheckber@1stchurchofchrist.org



MEXICO MISSION JOURNEY | JANUARY 7-16, 2011

If you are interested in going on this mission journey, an informational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 3 at 12:15pm in GC19. You will be working with Vida Nueva Ministries, Jair Castillo. The project will be putting all materials on the 2nd floor, mixing it, and then putting it upon the parsonage roof. A \$200 deposit due October 17. Information packet is online under *Missions* @ www.1stchurchofchrist.org.

CARACAS MISSION JOURNEY | FEBRUARY 5-14, 2011

If you are interested in going on this mission trip, an informational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 10 at 11:00am in GC19. You will be working with two Team Expansion families, the Dyes & Lugos. The main focus will be renovation and restoration at the camp that Team Expansion owns there. We need electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc., as well as those who are willing hands to help. A \$200 deposit is due October 24. Information packet is online under *Missions* @ www.1stchurchofchrist.org.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

The Emergency Assistance Fund is set up for those members in need of assistance due to financial hardship, loss of job, sickness, etc. We ask twice a year to contribute to this fund to help those in our church family that may need temporary assistance. Will you help? If you receive monthly envelopes, please use the one designated for EAF. If not, use an envelope in the pew and mark it "EAF Fund".

--Thank you!

Service of Remembrance Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00pm

This is a time of comfort and reflection in the lives of family and friends that have passed on this year. Please email Carmelita at cgallagher@1stchurchofchrist.org or 859.586.4673, ext. 121 if you would like to participate or have questions.



General Announcements

CHURCH SERVICES

1st Church Live — Saturday @ 5:00pm | Sunday @ 9:30am & 11:00am
 R3VOLUTION — Sunday @ 11:00am
 Trio — Sunday @ 6:00pm

OFF-SITE PARKING

Wouldn't it be nice to get picked up at your vehicle and dropped off at the front door of the church? If that sounds good to you, take advantage of our shuttle service on Sunday mornings to and from the former Farmer's Market Lot (off KY 18 entrance to the left). This will also allow more space for our guests to park. Will you try it next week?

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

This is a means of requesting prayers for personal and/or immediate family needs. The requests should be of a serious and/or life-threatening nature. Other prayer requests can be submitted on the tear-off portion of the bulletin. These prayer requests are prayed for by the staff and elders each week. The contact for the Emergency Prayer Chain is Gladys Marsh (859.746.3637).

SERMONS ON CD

Weekend sermons are now available on CD for \$3 each. The Growing U series is also available on CD.

New to First Church?

STARTING POINT is a great way to get connected at First Church. Join Senior Pastor Greg Marksberry in conversation about First Church and your place here. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about First Church. You will find that Life Groups can change your life. You will learn how you can take your next step in getting connected at First Church. Sign up on the Bulletin tear-off for the next session on Sunday, October 24, 12:30-1:30pm in FC109.

First Facts

WORSHIP	BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP
August 7-8.....2085	August 7-8..... 314
August 14-15.....3579	August 14-15..... 320
August 21-22.....2637	August 21-22..... 367
August 28-29.....2442	August 28-29..... 334

New Members

Alan Bouvin	Baptism	Joe Haines	Baptism	Robin Mullins	Transfer
Chase Bright	Baptism	Julie Haines	Baptism	Kristin Parson	Baptism
Logan Bright	Baptism	Taylor Haines	Baptism	Logan Parson	Baptism
Chuck Combs	Transfer	Hinako Harrison	Baptism	Mattison Parson	Baptism
Rex Graft	Transfer	Joyce Jennings	Transfer		
Shelley Graft	Transfer	Roger Jennings	Transfer		