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THE MESSENGER

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I Might Be...

I doubt there's anybody here who hasn't heard comedian Jeff Foxworthy's shtik about signs that "you might be a redneck." For instance, as he described his own family traveling to Hawai'i, "If your luggage consists of duct-taped coolers and Piggly Wiggly sacks..." Part of the reason those bits are funny is that they're true of a lot of us, whether or not we are from the south or consider ourselves rednecks.

People have taken the outline of Foxworthy's shtik and applied it to all kinds of other situations. "You might be from Missouri," or "you might be a Disciple," and so on. But I wonder if anyone has come up with a list of how to tell if "you might be a Pharisee."

For my class last summer, I was assigned to read a book called *Christian Pharisees*. The author's point was that some American Christians act a lot like the Pharisees in the Gospels, whom he described as Jesus' "enemies"—judgmental, petty, hypocritical, even rejecting Jesus' message altogether. All of us in the class took exception to the author's characterization (really, a caricature) of the Pharisees. There are, indeed, some Christians who are judgmental, petty, and hypocritical, and who find much of Jesus' teaching, especially that pesky "love your enemies" thing, to be ridiculous and completely outdated. But could he have made his point without resorting to what amounted to anti-Judaism?

Think about this: the man who wrote a massive portion of our New Testament, Paul, was a Pharisee. He knew his own Scriptures (what Christians today call the Hebrew Bible or the Old Testament) and applied them to life as part of the community brought together by the understanding that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, who had been crucified and then raised. This is what Pharisees did: they took Scriptures that were written in a very different time and place, and figured out how the people could be faithful to the God they believed gave them those Scriptures in times and places very different from those into which the Scriptures had first emerged. Figuring that out involved lots of discussions, even arguments—not unlike the ones the Pharisees had with Jesus, whose teachings turn out not to be as different from those of the Pharisees as we Christians tend to imagine.

Yes, Jesus and the Pharisees had their disagreements, but they were not exactly sworn enemies. We sometimes forget that the Gospels were written well after Jesus lived, and their descriptions of the Pharisees often reflect bitter divisions that came about after 70, but only tell one side of the story. Yes, Jesus often calls them hypocrites, but who among us can say we've never been hypocrites at one time or another? We would do better to stand with the Pharisees and attend to our own hypocrisy, than to stand with Jesus and say, "Thank God I'm not like that Pharisee over there."

I've heard that it was the commitment of the Pharisees to the Scriptures as living documents, capable of guiding the people wherever and whenever they lived, that allowed the Jewish faith to survive the crisis of that Temple's destruction in 70 ce and become the vibrant religious and cultural tradition it remains today. The Pharisees were the ones who carefully studied their Scriptures and figured out what they had to say to modern realities. That is what I and my fellow religious leaders, Jewish and Christian, try to do every single week. I'm not at all ashamed to consider the possibility that I might be a Pharisee.

Sharla



June Serving Schedule



June 5

Elder: John Daniel

Deacon: Judy Daniel, Dianna Silvers

Greeter: Carol Hedrick

Scripture Reader: Carol Hedrick

June 12

Elder: Shawn Quick

Deacon: Dale Kinsman, Everett McBrayer

Greeter: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

June 19

Elder: Carol Roberts

Deacon: Chuck & Carol Lewis

Greeter: Gary Coffman

Scripture Reader: Lynda Perkins

June 26

Elder: Phyllis McBrayer

Deacon: Judy Colburn, Lyssa Lile

Greeter: Judy Taylor

Scripture Reader: Justin Quick

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick

BIRTHDAYS

8 Diane Boonstra
 10 Jennifer Schmehl
 14 Susan Black
 15 Judy Colburn
 17 Carol Ann Winburn
 17 Ed Steele
 20 Lylah Linard
 20 Peggy Thomas
 23 Mary Coffman
 24 William DelliPaoli
 27 Juanita Huenefeldt
 27 Debbie Cole
 28 Peggy Fuller
 30 Mike Studards

ANNIVERSARIES

24 Derek & Lyssa Lile
 24 Peggy & Bob Thomas
 29 Mike & Susan Black

ATTENDANCE

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Live Stream*	Life Group	Sunday School
4/24	35	39	-	-
5/1	31	18	12	0
5/8	30	14	-	-
5/15	28	25	-	4
5/22	40	15	8	-

**If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.*

BUDGET

April Income

\$8,742.43

April Expense

\$11,923.89

YTD Income

\$33,402.85

YTD Expense

\$40,329.90

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.



Upcoming Sermons

June 5, 2022 (Pentecost)

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9 (RCL: Proper 23, Year A)

Theme: Paul addresses the Philippians' problem directly

Title: "No More Beating Around the Bush"

What I was thinking: Finally, in this reading Paul directly addresses the main problem the Philippians are having. What is his solution?

June 12, 2022 (Trinity Sunday)

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20

Theme: an alternative to anxiety

Title: "Making Do"

What I was thinking: In last week's passage Paul urged the Philippians not to worry. This week he explains how and why.

June 19, 2022 (Proper 7)

Scripture: Philemon (RCL: Proper 18, Year C)

Theme: A short, personal letter

Title: "I hope we understand each other."

What I was thinking: Philemon is written to the owner of an escaped slave with whom Paul has become acquainted. What he *doesn't* say is as interesting as what he *does*.

June 26, 2022 (Proper 8)

Sharla at school/Worship Dept. planning service



June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 pm Choir practice	2 6:30 pm Community Choir Rehearsal	3 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	4
5 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group *Pentecost Special Offering	6	7 6:30 pm Disciples Women	8 7:00 pm Choir practice	9 6:30 pm Community Choir Rehearsal	10 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group 11:00 a.m. Elders Meeting 4:00 p.m. Community Choir Concert	13	14	15 7:00 pm Choir practice	16	17 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	18
19 Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	20	21 5:30 pm Community Café	22 7:00 pm Choir practice	23	24 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group 11:00 a.m. Board Meeting	27	28	29 9:00 am 4H Fashion Revue 7:00 pm Choir practice	30		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Nineteenth Annual Celebration of Church Music

*A Concert Benefitting
The Ministerial Alliance
Community Outreach*

Sunday, June 12

4:00pm

First Christian Church
Refreshments Following

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

May 29—June 5.

COMMUNITY CHOIR REHEARSALS

May 26, June 2, and June 9 @ 6:30

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Tuesday, June 7 @ 6:30pm. Fellowship Hall

ELDERS MEETING

Sunday, June 12 following worship service

COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, June 12 @ 4 p.m. @ First Christian Church

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Tuesday, June 21

BOARD MEETING

Sunday, June 26 following worship service

4H FASHION REVUE

Wednesday, June 29 @ 9 am

SUMMER MINISTRIES

- Faith Adventures @ Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO

- CYF, Chi Rho, & JYF, July 24-29

- Try It, July 28-29

- Camp Fundraisers

- Big Cedar Raffle tickets available for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Includes 1 bedroom lodge, living room with gas fireplace, king size bedroom with jetted tub. Full kitchen and laundry. Monday, February 13 through Wednesday February 15, 2023. Drawing to be held at camp on July 25. Tickets available through the church office.

- Choose-A-Day Calendar

Calendar with blank dates will be passed around during worship. The date on the calendar equals the amount of each donation. For example, the 1st = \$1, while the 31st = \$31. If you would like to sponsor a day, please write your name on the date and place donation in the envelope attached to the clipboard.



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Sympathy to the families of Sue Ann Steele and Jeannine Stephenson

Current & Ongoing

- ◆ Deloris & Frank Baldwin, Paul Burch, Lyndell Colburn, Caroll & Pam Dodds, Bob & Louise Foster, Larry Garren, Lona Grosshart, Caleb Hoffard, Jacqueline Hough, Sharon Jones, Marla Kash, Tim Lemm, Linda Lile, David Middleton, Beverly Shade, Claude Shubert, Patty Vowels, Dusty Warren.

At Home

- ◆ Julie Lewis
- ◆ Linda Wix

Currently Serving in the Military

- ◆ Jordan Lopez
- ◆ Jordan Olson
- ◆ Rick Warren
- ◆ Matt Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

FCC 2022 Seniors include:

1. Chelsea McConkay
-daughter of Beth Ann Davis and great- granddaughter of Nora Carver.
2. Hayley Patterson
-daughter of Cathy Burnside.
3. Jakaila Rolph
-daughter of Danielle Rolph and granddaughter of Randy and Carol Roberts



F. C. C. grandparents of graduating 2022 seniors include:

1. Everett and Phyllis McBrayer
-Rylee McBrayer, Butler MO and Lexi Olsen, Loganville GA.
2. Lyndell and Judy Colburn
-Wyatt Colburn, Butler MO and Riley Clover Butler MO
3. Terry and Candi Agnew
-Hayleigh Jackson, Butler, MO and Jeremy Woods, Butler, MO
4. Ed and Lynda Perkins
-Lindsay Perkins, Willard, MO and Emily Wilcox, Springhill, KS.
5. Jim Adams
-Kylee Adams, Mt. Pleasant, IA.
6. Sandee Hubbard
-Chloe Bennett, Butler, MO.

First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2022

Board members present: Deacons- Chuck Lewis, Carol Lewis, Judy Colburn, Everett McBrayer, Gary Coffman, Carol Hedrick, Lyssa Lile, and Judy Daniel. Elders- Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer, Shawn Quick, Carol Roberts, and John Daniel. Financial Secretary-Diana Rich. Others present: Rev Sharla Hulsey and Carol Ann Winburn.

Chuck Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:46 AM. Justin Quick then opened with prayer.

After review, the agenda was adopted on motion of Phyllis McBrayer and second by Judy Colburn.

The minutes of the 04-24-2022 regular board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Justin Quick.

Financial Reports: The April reports as of 04-30-2022 were reviewed noting income of \$8,742.43 and expense of \$11,923.89. Year to date income is \$33,402.85 and Y-T-D expenses \$40,329.90. John Daniel noted that the first quarter is reflecting a deficit in the income vs expenses. It was noted that this reflects a once a year \$3,000 payment. After some discussion about this issue, the April reports were approved today on motion by Judy Colburn and second by Gary Coffman with no objections. Full reports are available; and may be reviewed in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulsey reviewed the written report (attached to these minutes) noting her telephone and Messenger conversations with members and church related meetings attended. Other topics: She thanked Shawn Quick for filling the pulpit during her absence last week. She said morning prayers are still on Facebook Live every day and are archived on the church's Facebook page and available to be watched whenever you are able. She noted two Sundays she will be absent on Sunday mornings. The first is June 26th following a week of school and the second is October 9th after she attends sharp note singing on Saturday. She will apply for a travel grant to possibly cover hotel expense

OLD BUSINESS:

Follow-up on NORTH WALL:

Chuck Lewis presented current moisture testing on the sanctuary north wall is now at 25%. Due to this increase, he has contacted Mark Knoll who will come this week to determine the problem allowing moisture to enter the north wall area.

Follow-up on South unit Air conditioner compressor:

As requested at the last board meeting, additional 'request for bids' were sent to two other companies. Only one additional bid was received from Hoot Owl. This was reviewed, along with the bid from Kershner. There was discussion about warranty, whether to replace the whole unit or just the compressor, issues of the age of the unit, hot season soon approaching, and HVAC business in high demand. After the discussion concluded, the bid from Kershner Heating and Cooling (original bid of \$15,997) with adjustment to bid due to prior increase) to replace the entire unit was approved on motion by Judy Daniel and second by Shawn Quick. No objections were noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change to Worship service starting this next Sunday will have the Deacons collect offering at the pews. The Worship Department will have a meeting for Elders and Deacons.

Board Meeting Minutes Cont.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship:

Carol Ann Winburn reported that 30 more hymnals will be ordered through the Choir Account and donations for book plates to be placed in hymnals “In Honor/Memory of _____”

Closing Prayer: Rev. Sharla Hulsey closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM on motion of Shawn Quick and second by John Daniel.

Submitted by: Lyssa Lile and Carol Roberts, Secretary

BUILDING FUND DRIVE

The Stewardship Committee is having a building fund drive. There are many repairs that need to be made to our church. This year we are concentrating on the following repairs:

- Repair the north wall of the Fellowship Hall
- Repair the north wall of the Sanctuary

Total donations: \$ 38,080.64

Goal: \$40,000





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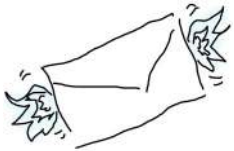
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*"I tell you, on the day of judgement
you will have to give account for
every careless word you utter; for by
your words you will be justified,
and by your words you will be
condemned."*

— Matthew 12:36-37

