

# PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Dear Friends of Faith,

Thank you for coming on this MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND to worship the Lord. We are truly blessed that you have come and hope you will join us today after this morning's service for a carry-in picnic of cheeseburgers and hotdogs. We will have services this evening at 6pm.

FCC honors those who have given the last full measure of devotion in the defense of freedom. Our nation is far from perfect, but the privilege of living in these United States of America where "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" is truly a blessing. We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to those who have given their lives so that we could open our church doors today and preach the Word of God without fear of government persecution.

We might add, if the day ever came that governments would criminalize the preaching of God's Word we would oppose that government and "Obey God rather than men!"

## A MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

From the oldest book in the Bible, comes one of the oldest questions that has ever perplexed the human race: "If a man die, shall he live again?"

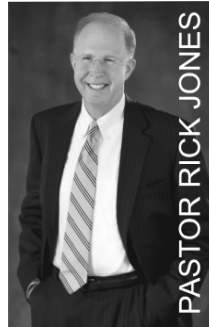
Scientists tell us that nothing is lost in our universe. Matter may change form, but it is not lost. The wax of a candle may vaporize when heated, but the matter that makes up the wax remains. Water may be transformed from a solid—ice, into liquid—water, and into vapor—steam, but the molecule of water remains intact in every form.

Just as matter is never annihilated—our souls are never annihilated or extinguished. Created in the image of God, the soul of man is eternal. From the moment the spark of life flashes at conception, we are living souls. And all souls live forever. (<https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-04-26/human-eggs-emit-zinc-sparks-at-moment-of-fertilization>)

Some have suggested that we live on only in the memories of our family and loved ones. And it is true that we do live on in the memories of others.

It's one reason we do well to consider our legacy.

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.



PASTOR RICK JONES

Please turn off the ringers on your cell phones. You are welcome to text PR a question 314-607-1424.

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.*

*To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash? --Linda Ellis*

But suppose after a time, those that knew us were themselves taken off the stage of life. And suppose that finally no one on earth is left to remember our name, our face, our place, our lives. Would then we cease to exist?

If a man die shall he live again? Job asked. Then he confidently answered his own question. "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, AND THAT HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH... IN MY PLACE SHALL I SEE GOD, WHOM I SHALL SEE FOR MYSELF, AND MINE EYES SHALL BEHOLD...(Job 14:25ff).

Indeed whether or not there are people on earth who remember us, we are all going to live forever somewhere. All souls live forever. (Luke 16)

**IF THERE HAD BEEN NO REDEEMER THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO ONE REDEEMED** "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," "The wages of sin is death," "The soul that sinneth it shall die," "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you..."

Those who refuse the Redeemer will not be redeemed. "...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8

Those who receive the Redeemer have everlasting life. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever is believing in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

MAKE A MEMORY, AND MAKE AN ETERNITY RIGHT!

Who more than  
self their country  
loved, and mercy  
more than life!

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Spiritual. Biblical. Loving.



## FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

Welcome to FCC!

We trust you sense God's presence and that you feel very welcome here.

Please let us know how we may help you.

11:00 a.m.

### MORNING WORSHIP

& SUNDAY SCHOOL for  
PRE-SCHOOL thru HIGH SCHOOL  
FREE NURSERY  
AVAILABLE OFF THE ENTRYWAY

6:00 p.m.

### EVENING PRAISE & PREACHING

Think **HIGHER**  
**LOVE** Deeper  
Live **GREATER**

### — THE APOSTLES CREED —

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave,  
the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection  
of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

### Scriptures of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture

*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come,  
he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of  
himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:  
and he will shew you things to come.*

JOHN 16:13

## FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR COMING!** We are very honored that you have come and hope that you will feel at home here at FCC! We would love to keep in touch. Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **NEXT SUNDAY HEAR EVANGELIST ANDREW DURST** Brother Durst is no stranger to FCC and St. Louis. You will not want to miss hearing him.

■ **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD** Prayerfully consider giving this week. THIS IS MORTGAGE PAYMENT SUNDAY and we must have \$3,100 by this Tuesday. As you can see our giving in May is \$4,200 less than our monthly obligations. Help us pray! DEBT FREE CAMPAIGN: We have \$3,000 on our way to \$50,000 this year. Your gifts make this ministry possible.

Mon. of May	Monthly Need	2019 Total	2019 Goal
\$5,852.00	\$9,000.00	\$38,642.00	\$150,000

■ **FATHER SON STEAKOUT - SAT. JUNE 15.**

■ **GREAT COMMISSION IS HEADED TO DETROIT** June 24-27, **CHICAGO** June 28, **ST LOUIS** July 9-12, and **URBANA** July 22-28.

■ **PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 9.** The outpouring of the Holy Spirit revolutionized the First Church at Jerusalem. It is our prayer that that same Spirit will be poured out and into our hearts. JOIN US IPRAYING DAILY and 1/2 Hour before each service.

■ **WE APPRECIATE FCC'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE** Josh Bissey, Jon Hurlbut, Heather Young, Ron Feger, Mark LePage, and Gary Oliver.



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## FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> JOIN IN PRAYING THAT THE SERVICES TODAY WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD and that hearts will be changed by the power of Christ within! | <input type="checkbox"/> YVONNE MASON   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NORMA & JD GILLHAM  | <input type="checkbox"/> JULIAN MASON   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JIM WILSON is at St. Lukes.   | <input type="checkbox"/> AL LOCKHART  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RON FEGER   | <input type="checkbox"/> HAROLD BLACK   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BILLY BARNES' MOTHER DEE & FATHER BILL  | <input type="checkbox"/> GRANNY FARMER  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JANE FEGER'S FAMILY   | <input type="checkbox"/> SIS. BEVERLY NELSON  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HEATHER EVAN'S FATHER   | <input type="checkbox"/> PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. And remember the Christians in Pakistan. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANN MATLOCK   | <input type="checkbox"/> SHARON NICKELSON   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILHOLLAND family.  | <input type="checkbox"/> PRAY FOR THE USA!  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTY DODSON  | <input type="checkbox"/> PRAY FOR REVIVAL!  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JOE & BECKY GOBER   | <input type="checkbox"/> KAYLA FEGER  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RUTH GEORGE   | <input type="checkbox"/> SHAUNE BATYE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEIL GOODRICH   | <input type="checkbox"/> KATHERINE LOCKHART broke her leg.  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Pastor's Mother   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> KAREN MYER   |

No Girls Allowed! Friends Welcome!

Men's & Men in the Making!

# STEAK OUT!

JUNE 15, 2019 - 6p



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