

Thursday, 25 May, 2023

- **PENTECOST MERGES W/ MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28**
- **PASTOR'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY, JUNE 4**
- **STEAK-OUT/FATHER'S DAY**
- **QUARTET SINGERS**
- **GREAT COMMISSION - SUMMER 2023**
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 11-14**
- **CHRISTIAN WORLD-VIEW MONTH, AUGUST**
- **FCC'S 27TH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL, SEP 13-17**

Dear Friends of FCC,

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, MAY 28 as we celebrate the BIRTHDAY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, the day the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Three thousand souls were added to the Church of Jesus on that great day.

We will hear a wonderful testimony from SHARON NICKELSON, sing great music, and experience THE MESSAGE OF PENTECOST. In the evening you'll not want to miss the conclusion of BIOGRAPHIES OF PENTECOST.

WHILE CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD ARE CELEBRATING THE DAY OF PENTECOST, AMERICANS WILL PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE FOR OUR FREEDOM and our PRECIOUS LOVED ONES.

We want to pay special tribute to all those we've lost over the past year. (I'm sure there are others I've failed to mention, please let me know that you would like their names read.)

**ED BUTTON**  
**RHONDA CLARK**  
**SOFIA DURST**  
**ALFREDO EDWARDS**  
**EVANGELIST HARRY GREAVES**  
**CAMILLIA JONES**

**AL LOCKHART**  
**SANDY MASON**  
**RYAN REKER'S MOTHER**  
**LEA SCHMIDT**  
**NORMAN WILLIAMS**  
**JUDY WOOLVERTON**  
**VIVIAN YOUNG**

We thank God for the blessed hope for all those who have with true repentance believed on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

**PASTOR RICK'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
IN THE MINISTRY - SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**

It was the first Sunday of June in 1983 that your Pastor entered full-time ministry. Having graduated from the University of Illinois with a business degree, and with a Masters degree from Christ Theological Seminary, I was hired as an Associate Pastor to my Father at Faith Crusaders Church in Urbana, IL.

I was single. I was skinny. And, I had hair. This picture with my mother Camillia, and her mother Avis, was taken in 1983. (I was 25, mom was 50, and her mother was 75).



We had some great days at Crusaders in Urbana. We had 8 Sunday School bus routes, held services in 5 nursing homes, in prisons, and in city parks in addition to teaching the teens. I led the choir and loved singing with my father.

In 1996, sensing the call to plant a new congregation in a large metropolitan center, we prayed for God's direction. Chicago and St. Louis were the closest large cities near us. Providentially we came to St. Louis 27 years ago this August.

Times have certainly changed over the past 40 years, but God has proven faithful, time and time again. It's all because of God's Amazing Grace that we have come to this milestone. We would love to have you join us on this special day. I have a gift for everyone who attends on my 40th.

**MEN'S STEAK-OUT AND FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 18.**

Men and men in the making are all invited to the Parsonage at 6:00pm on Saturday, June 17, for our Men's Steakout! There will be delicious steaks, burgers, and hot-dogs. Lots of great side foods, fun games, and a men's pow-wow. Don't miss it! Men and boys only. (Trans? Don't even think about it).

ON FATHER'S DAY we have a gift for every FATHER. We are so grateful for the Christian fathers in our congregation and in our community.

**WE WILL WELCOME THREE BIBLE COLLEGE QUARTETS TO FCC**

On Father's Day evening we will enjoy the music of Kentucky Mountain Bible College, Wednesday, July 3 we will welcome Hobe Sound Bible College, and on Sunday, July 9 it's the God's Bible School mixed quartet that will be here to minister in song. While we hope that the students will be a blessing to us, we want to be a blessing to them as well. We want to encourage them by the wonderful spirit of FCC and the work that God is doing here.



**GREAT COMMISSION & IHYC**

Young people will want to take part in every Great Commission Outreach this Summer.  
DECATUR. JUNE 13-15. TENT MEETING  
INTERNATIONAL HOLINESS YOUTH CAMP, Indiana, JUNE 19-23. [www.goihyc.com](http://www.goihyc.com)  
CHICAGO. JUNE 28-30 REVIVAL  
ST LOUIS. JULY 11-14 VBS  
CENTRAL IL., JULY 20,21  
FOUNDER'S WEEK, 51st ANNIVERSARY CRUSADERS USA, JULY 23-30

OTHER CITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION, MEMPHIS, DETROIT, TALLADEGA,  
NASHVILLE, ATLANTA.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - TUES, JULY 11- FRI, JULY, 14, 6:00P

The tide is rising at FCC. We are so thankful for new faces around here. Our attendances are rising. God's people are remembering the church in their giving.



WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT GOD WILL HELP US PASS THE FAITH ALONG TO THE NEXT GENERATION. It is vital that we win our children to the Lord.

I'm very thankful that our daughter Tressa will be helping with the teens. In fact, Friday, May 27 she's organized a fun cookout for the teens at Tiemeyer Park.

