



April Missions Project:

**Word of Life Czech Republic Missionary
Adele Schenk**

Adele will visit our Church on Sunday, April 10th to share more about her work in the Czech Republic.

Here is a brief intro from her info page on Word of Life’s website: “WOL Czech is actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training through camps, conferences, Bible clubs, outreach events, local church ministries, internships and school programs. In addition, they desire to aid church youth ministries and outreach efforts in order to increase ministry abilities to a lost, yet open and receptive nation. I manage the kitchen during our events on property - camp, conferences, etc. I am also working in the Deaf community, with the goal of becoming an interpreter and helping them in the community and with Bible translation.”



Good Friday Service, April 15, 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Marty Shoud

Topic: “The Cross from a Jewish Perspective”



Election of Church Officers and adoption of church budget will take place Sun, April 24, immediately following worship.

Church members/attenders are asked to Pray for the Holy Spirit’s leadership in preparation for this meeting. May He call out His chosen leaders to fill the needed roles in our congregation, such as Elders-in-training, deacons, trustees, ushers/greeters; various ministry coordinators (Youth, Children, Nursery, Food Give-away, Cleaning, etc.). Is God



Volunteers are needed to help plan and prepare one or more spring/summer community events, such as Maple Fest (April 30th) or a tent revival. Please see Pastor Ross or one of the elders if you can help.

“First Christian Chatter!”

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A Note from Pastor Ross

Saint Paul was one of the most educated people of his time. He was an expert in the Jewish law having studied in the classes of Gamaliel, one of the top teachers in Israel. But he said he would not brag about his academic accomplishments or his high position in the ruling class of the nation of Israel. Instead, Paul said he had only one thing to boast about in his life: the cross of Christ.

Here's what he wrote: **Galatians 6.14** "But God forbid that I

should **boast** except **in the cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom **the** world has been crucified to me, and I to **the** world."

Why did Paul believe that the cross of Christ was the best thing in his life? Because it is only through the cross of Jesus that Paul or any of us have abundant life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. How can that be true? Because the cross is the power of God. **1 Corinthians 1:18:**

"For **the message of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is **the power of God.**"

The key to living the Christian life is dying to oneself. Want to be successful at work? Die to your desires, come alive to what your company or supervisor needs. Want a great marriage? Serve your spouse not yourself. Want to have a good friend? Be a good friend to someone else. As Jesus did, spend your life in serving, not in being served.

This month of April is when we remember the death of Jesus on the Cross and His resurrection three days later. He gave His life so that we could live. As we think about the gospel of Jesus this month, remember He did it for you as much as for anyone. You are blessed.

Have a prayer concern? Drop a note in the prayer box at church, or send Pastor Ross a text or email.

Meet Jane Smith, by Pete Andrews, Sr.

If you happen by First Christian Church, whether it be on a Sunday morning or sometime during the week, you may meet a little lady with a shock of blonde hair, a pleasant smile, and bubbling Christian enthusiasm. You may have met Jane Smith.

Jane is not from a distant location, since her family lived in Yorkshire when she was born. However, she was brought up on nearby McKinstry Road.

Jane was led to salvation at Pioneer Fellowship, back when Mark Virkler was pastor, when the aura of "Barn" still clung to the old hemlock boards.

I ask, "What brought you to FCCM, Jane?" Jane said she was living away at the time she received a FCCM brochure, and having heard positive things about FCCM, she determined to visit at some point. Jane came to FCCM in April 2021 and stayed with us. We are pleased by that.

Some things Jane is pleased with at First Christian are: The Word is preached and taught accurately here; Pastor Ross and Debbie are genuine; the main theme of the people is loving God and loving others; there is active outreach to the community; and she is being well-fed spiritually (and often physically).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study on "Epistle of James" at 9:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Worship Service every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

Children's Church & Nursery available during worship. Children's Church is available for children 4 years old - 6th grade, who are dismissed after the singing time to learn about Jesus through appropriate age-level activities. Our nursery is adjacent to the sanctuary. It is available during the Sunday service for ages 0-3; it's staffed by at least 1 adult and 1 helper.

Free Food Give-Away every Sunday, 12-1:30 pm

No financial qualification needed
April Dates: 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

Prayer Gatherings: I Thes. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." Please join us for Prayer Sundays - 8:00 A.M.; Tuesdays - 3:00 P.M. Thursdays - 6:30 P.M.

Midweek Bible Study - Tuesday at 6:30 P.M.

Youth Group - Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Women's Bible Study - Wed, April 13, 1:00 P.M.

Good Friday Service, April 15, 7 P.M., "The Cross from a Jewish Perspective".

Fellowship Sunday, Coffee & Donuts!

April 24, 9:15 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

Free Community Dinner: Sun, April 24 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Food provided.

Movie Night: Sun, April 24, 6:00 pm Title to be determined. Free popcorn!

Maple Fest, Franklinville, Sat, April 30th.