

Sunday Morning Celebration December 3, 2017

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out the "Connection Card" in your bulletin and turn it in to the Information Desk in the foyer for a gift card to Claro, our coffee bar on Adams Street. Let us know how to better serve you.

Communion: Today is the first Sunday of the month, communion Sunday. As a reminder, our communion wafers are gluten free.

Happy 130th FAC: Today we celebrate 130 years! Cake will be served in the Fellowship Hall across Monroe Street following our Worship Gathering.

Need Prayer? Come to the front of the sanctuary after the service today (or any Sunday) if you would like prayer.

Get Connected: We have a smartphone app! Search "First Alliance Toledo" in the app store and download our free Apollo app.

Christmas Poinsettias: Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias purchased in memory of a loved one who has passed away. To place an order, please fill out the back of your Connection Card and place \$10 payment in an offering envelope, designating it as "Poinsettia Order." Orders and payment are due by December 10.

Children's Christmas Program: *Jingle Bell Beach* will be presented by our children on Sunday, December 10 at 6 p.m. There are invitation cards available at the Information Desk.

GCW Mailboxes: Save a stamp and "mail" your Christmas cards to FAC family in the lobby for a donation to the Great Commission Women national project.

Staff Love Offering: The elders would like to give the congregation an opportunity to show our staff how much we appreciate everything they do by receiving a love offering for them. Those who wish to contribute can mark their offering envelopes "Staff Love Offering." Contributions can be put in the offering through December 17.

Let's Go Out to Eat: Tuesday, December 5 is the first event for any who enjoy fellowship and food. Meet at the Beirut (2082 Monroe St., Toledo) at 6 p.m. For more details email Dennis Belkofer.

Game Night: Saturday, December 9 is the next game night. Bring \$3 for pizza, a snack to share, and a favorite game to the Fellowship Hall from 6-9 p.m. Email Hank Wetzal if you can attend or sign up on your Connection Card today!

Youth Fundraiser- Save Around Coupon Books: Through December 10, the youth are selling the 2018 Save Around Toledo coupon books to raise money for their upcoming trips (Avalanche Winter Retreat). Stop by the Information Desk to look through and purchase the books. Cost is \$25 each. These make great gifts!

Refugee Bags are an opportunity to bless those who have been displaced from their homes. Pick up a bag to fill at the Information Desk and return them by December 10. Detailed instructions are in each bag.

Encouraging Rosa Parks Staff: Join us as we encourage the staff at Rosa Parks with a small Christmas gift. We are collecting \$10 gift cards (to coffee shops, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.). Please bring the cards to the Information Desk and place them in the wrapped gift box by Dec. 10. Consider supporting Claro or TUI by buying gift cards from them.

FAC Brass: Witness FAC's music ministry in action in the community next Sunday, December 10 as the FAC brass will be playing at the Manor House at Wildwood Metropark at 3 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service: We are hosting a multi-church family celebration December 24 from 5-6 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery: If you are interested in assisting in the leadership of Celebrate Recovery here at First Alliance Church, please indicate your desire on the Connection Card.

Tuesday, December 5

- Men's Prayer Meeting —8:30 a.m. —Studio M

Wednesday, December 6

- Quiz Practice — 5 p.m.— Youth Center
- Choir Rehearsal — 6:30 p.m. — Studio M
- Children/Youth Ministries at 7 p.m.
 - Infant & Toddler Nursery, Birth - 3 years — Worship Center
 - Scooters, Ages 4 - 5 — Worship Center
 - Girls' Club, Grades 1-5 — Youth Center, Studio E
 - Boys' Club, Grades 1-5 — Youth Center, Gym
 - Youth Group (6th-12th grades) — Youth Center, Assembly Hall
 - Therapeutic Art — Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 7

- Women's Prayer Group — 6 p.m.
- Corporate Prayer — 7 p.m. — Youth Center

Saturday, December 9

- Game Night — 6-9 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 10

- Sunday School & Small Groups — 9 a.m.
- Worship Gathering 10:30 a.m.
- Group Leaders' Briefing — Noon — Studio M
- FAC Brass at the Manor House — 3 p.m. (5100 W. Central, Toledo, OH 43615)
- "Jingle Bell Beach" Children's Christmas Musical — 6 p.m. — Sanctuary



Our FAC Calendar at a Glance

December 24.....Multi-Church Christmas Eve Celebration – 5 p.m.
January 14.....Envision DR Meeting
January 14.....Home Missions Sunday
January 21.....Pizza with the Pastors



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"The Gift of Grace" – Ephesians 2:1-10

Pastor Kirk

December 3, 2017

Here to Serve!

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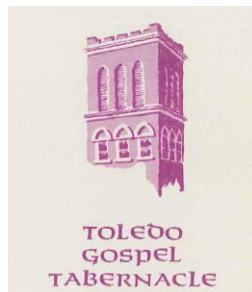
130th Anniversary ~ December 5, 2017



“For the Word of God and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev. 1:9)

When the Rev. A. B. Simpson, the founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, came to Toledo on December 5, 1887, to conduct meetings in the Washington Street Congregational Church, a new church was born in the city of Toledo (pop. 50,000). From this brief 24-hour visit and another visit a year later, the small group of believers began to meet and form the nucleus of the Toledo Gospel Tabernacle. They met in various locations; 145 Cherry Street, 928 Lincoln Avenue, 450 Eleventh Street, and on Front Street in East Toledo. Around the turn of the century, a store-front meeting place was established at 1116 Adams Street. The Rev. Charles Young was the pastor. Under the Rev. Isaac Hall Patterson, the Toledo Gospel Tabernacle was incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

In 1916, a permanent building was erected on donated land on Tenth Street. That building currently houses the Toledo Repertoire Theater. Growing to 100-125 people, the congregation filled that little brick building within six years. Moved by great faith to purchase land on 22nd and Monroe Streets, construction was begun on a much larger facility. In 1923, during the pastorate of the Rev. D. J. Davies, the church moved into its new facility at 22nd and Monroe Streets. Our current modern building was erected after a tragic fire on June 25, 2009.



Finances

Four Ways to Invest (Acts 1:8)

Current Expense (Jerusalem) The operations of First Alliance Church

Home Missions (Judea) Ministry partners in the city of Toledo

Faith Missions (Samaria) Church alumni serving with various ministries

Great Commission Fund (Ends of the Earth) Alliance International Workers

	Current Expense Fund	Great Commission Fund
Needed Weekly- Budget ('17)	\$10,962	
Fund Balance (Deficit) October 31, 2017	20,694*	
November 5, 2017	15,758	2,475
November 12, 2017	10,631	9,166
November 19, 2017	8,162	899
November 26, 2017	11,313	1,490
*Reflects current year contributions against current year expenses		
Capital Improvement Fund Balance	9,788	

Current Giving Needs:

Capital Improvements- The Youth Center and Fellowship Hall are in great need of repair and repainting (\$13,000-18,000). Mark “Capital Improvement Fund” on your giving envelope. Contact Josh Hens, Facilities Manager, or any trustee with questions.

Future Development Fund- Since our mortgage has been paid in full, the Elder Board has approved a “Future Development Fund” which would enable us to envision a new Fellowship Hall or other land/property purchases.

Claro Coffee Bar - Donations are needed to pay for our church’s investment into starting Claro, a community coffee bar serving Uptown Toledo. Mark “Claro” on your giving envelope to contribute.

Toledo Urban Impact: (unless designated, gifts marked TUI will go to either the A.S.K. or Act 2 Productions, depending on need)