



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 & 10:40 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:40 a.m.

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Courier

May 2016

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ
through the life and ministry of First Christian Church



Local Artist Gallery

May 1st - May 29th ~ FCC Loggia

For the third year, First Christian Church will host a Local Artist's Gallery in our Loggia. Bidding sheets will be placed next to each piece of art so that bids can be taken throughout the month of May. We will once again feature invited local Hobby and Professional artists work to be viewed and eventually sold to the highest bidder. The Gallery will include: paintings, photography, pottery, baskets, stone work, jewelry and more. Proceeds will benefit our Minister's Fund and the purchase of new baptismal robes. The bidding will close at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 29th. This Gallery is sponsored by our Evangelism Committee.

Please plan to support this fun and worthy project!

Attracting and Keeping More Kids

I can't tell you how many times I have heard from people in the church, "We need to attract more kids." In all three churches where I have been the pastor this has been a consistent comment. I'm not surprised by this, given what is happening in churches around the country. The United States is experiencing a rapid decline in church attendance, concentrated in what has been historically called the "mainline churches." This means that the Disciples of Christ, along with the United Methodist, the Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ and others, are all declining. This comes as part of a huge shift in our culture away from religious endeavors, a shift that will continue to have an impact regardless of what the church does to stop it.

One of the first changes that has come is an erosion in the compelling reasons why church attendance or involvement is important. There was a time in our recent history when going to church was something that a majority of people did each week. Attending church was not debated, it was done as part of ones' commitment to their faith and to the community rather than a response to being "attracted" to a particular place. In those days churches didn't have to worry about signage, advertising or reaching more people; the pews would fill up and people would get involved on their own. We all know those days are gone. Commitment to church is a debated priority that often loses to other important things people want to do. Fifty years ago it wasn't unusual to see most people attend every week, now the typical pattern is two Sundays a month.

For years, even decades, the decline in churches has gone on without much change in the way churches operate. Many continued to simply expect people to show up and did little to reflect on how they needed to change to better connect with an evolving culture. The contemporary worship movement showed signs of reversing this trend and many declining churches changed their worship styles with hopes of attracting a younger crowd. Some had success and some did not.

The driving force behind so much of this is the desire to be attractive enough with who we are that people will want to come here. I get that. In my consumer oriented brain I can understand that the road to growth is a better marketing strategy; one that would, for example, attract more kids. The problem I see in this is that attraction is fickle. As soon as something stops being attractive it's time to move on to something else that is more attractive.

We need to think about attracting others, we need to be good at this, but the real reasons that people will stay in any church has more to do with relationships. We respond to what is attractive but we keep coming back because of meaningful connections with others and with God. This is especially true when it comes to the kids who grow up in our church. One study found that teens who graduate and go on to college are more likely to remain in the church if they had personal relationships with five adults in their home church. We have a great group of kids coming up in the church and they need us to know them, to be interested in them. We, as adults, have the greatest opportunity to keep them here and it will happen because we take the time to know them and encourage them and show them God's love.

Let's keep on talking about how to attract more kids; that's a great conversation, but let's make it our priority to also keep the one's we have because they are the future of our church.

**Blessings,
Mark**



SERVING IN MAY



Elders	8:30	10:40
May 1	John McKinney Tina Stegemoller	John Davidson Sharla Davidson
May 8	Skip Daugherty Pam Grant	Mike Gordon Jo Luxon
May 15	Billy Glenn Turpin Richard Bendure	Skip Daugherty Sheila Miller
May 22	Glenn Birkett Jayne Birkett	Bob Biggin Susan Willis
May 29	Jo Luxon Billy Glenn Turpin	John McKinney Laura Steidle

Diaconate 8:30 Service - Jim and Sandy Clark, Rick and Ann Leslie Jones, Jill Cornelison

Diaconate 10:40 Service - Mike Brandenburg, Jan Barnes, Tim Brandenburg, Loraine Condrey, Kathy Congleton, Sarah Beth Dickey, Emily Fritz, Edwin Luxon, Janice Luxon, Rosalind McIntosh, Faye Pearson, Angela Rhodus, Steve Rhodus, Joe Rice, Lisa Robbins, Marc Robbins, Tonya Singleton, Heather Taylor, Chase Weitkamp, Laura Weitkamp

Home Communion Elders/Deacons - May 15 Connie Adams, Doug Whitlock, Jimmy Cornelison, Mike Gordon, Tina Stegemoller, Susan Willis, Willi Walker-Thompson, Holly Cowell, Mimi Turpin, Kim Owens, Scott Turpin, Jill Cornelison

McCready Service - May 15 Bob Biggin

Diaconate Team Leaders - Jan Barnes, Tim Brandenburg, Heather Taylor

Communion Preparation - John McKinney and Jan Barnes or Laura Steidle

Bus Driver - Ronnie Ginter

Greeters at 10:40 Services:

May 1 - Lloyd and Ann Rhodus

May 8 - Jo, William and Landry Luxon

May 15 - Ed and Ann Ford

May 22 - Milt and Lynn Ward

May 29 - Skip and Vicki Daugherty and Victoria Taylor

Acolytes May

May 1 Clay Fichetola and Daniel Person

May 8 Sean Singleton and Tyler Waldroup

May 15 Garrett and Gannon Stearns

May 22 Katie Shaffer and Holly Rice

May 29 Caroline Christian and Lucy Coles

Call to Worship 10:40 Services:

May 1 - Reid Singleton

May 8 - Holly Haney

May 15 - Lee Ann Browder

May 22 - Angela Rhodus

May 29 - Youth

Chris Clark	May 3
Jack Brandenburg	May 4
Megan Brandenburg	May 4
Sandy Clark	May 4
Luke Fichetola	May 4
Tanner Jones	May 6
Susan Willis	May 6
Peggy Coy	May 7
Carol Westerfield	May 8
Hank Everman	May 8
Melissa Agee	May 9
Margaret Story-Maupin	May 9
Laura Davidson Brauner	May 11
Shannon Johnson	May 11
Thurman Parsons	May 13
Chase Weitkamp	May 13
Nathan Robinson	May 18
Harold Pearson	May 19
Christy Fortney	May 20
Eleanor McKinney	May 22
Kathryn Power	May 23
Harold Renfro	May 23
Gabe Cormney	May 24
Regan Cormney	May 24
Carolyn Curtis	May 25
Taylor Ballinger	May 26
Freida Brown	May 27
Rick Congleton	May 28
Ryan Gordon	May 28
Connie Adams	May 30
Elin Gullett	May 30
Norman Graves	May 30
Betsy Grise	May 30

In Loving Memory

Henderson Whitaker, Jr.

Given by Curtis and Joyce Davis, Ray and Billa Coy

Dr. Janet G. Hibbard

Given by Bruce and Pat Dawson

In Sympathy

Prayers to the family of Helen Louise Moberly who passed away on April 2. She is the aunt of Harry (Kerry) Moberly and Susan Moberly.

New Babies in Our Church Family!

Courtney and Patrick Russell welcomed Callahan James on April 14 in Carson City, NV. He is the grandson of Steve and Mary Sue Bowlin and the great grandson of Bill and Barbara Hendren and Fanny Rice.

Congratulations to Andy and Marsha Colley on the birth of a granddaughter! Aisley Marie was born to Amanda and Chad Dougherty of Indianapolis, Indiana on April 22.

Bereavement Thank You!

Thanks to Ronnie and Mary Jane Ginter, Billy Glenn and Mimi Turpin and Richie and Martha Cobb for providing chicken for the Henderson Whitaker, Jr. bereavement luncheon.



We are happy to welcome the following new members to FCC!

Shirley Parker transferred her membership from FCC Mt. Sterling on April 17.

Norma Condrey, mother of Mark Condrey, joined on April 24.

Congratulations

Tyler!



Tyler Waldroup was recently recognized by the Madison County Retired Teachers' Association as the winner of this year's Madison County Grandparent of the Year essay contest. Tyler is a fifth-grader at Kit Carson Elementary. He is among thousands of Kentucky fifth-graders who participated in the 15th annual essay competition. Below is an excerpt from Tyler's essay answering why "My Grandparent should be the Grandparent of the Year". His essay is about his great grandmother, June Nordgulen. FCC is very proud of Tyler and we agree that his great grandmother is extra special!

"Me and My Magnificent Great Grandma"

'My Grandma teaches me about faith through her actions and by taking me to church. One way my Grandma teaches me things is by reading a devotional every night. I love devotionals because they help teach me faith. The second way my Grandma teaches me faith is by taking me to church to worship. This is fun to me because there is a special place for kids to worship there. The third and final reason I know my Grandma teaches me faith is she helps to show me to donate things I don't need. I've now decided I will donate and I have donated money, time, and clothes. It's nice to have a grandma who teaches you faith through her good example.'

As county winner, Tyler received a certificate and \$25 for his efforts. His essay has now been submitted for district competition.

Together with our families
Chase Allen Weitkamp

and

Jacob Kelby Daniel
invite you to celebrate our marriage
Saturday, the Eleventh of June
Two thousand and Sixteen
at six-thirty in the evening

First Christian Church



Youth Schedule

May 1

4:00-5:30: Chi Rho
5:00 - 5:30: Dinner
5:00 - 7:00: CYF

TBD: End of Year Event

2016 Camp Dates

Mini Camp (3rd Grade) – June 3-5
CYF 1 (9th-12th Grade) – June 6-11
Eighter's Camp (8th Grade) – June 12-18
Junior Camp (4th-5th Grade) – June 20-24
Camp 101a (1st-2nd Grade + Adult Camper) – June 24-26
CYF 2 (9th-12th Grade) – June 27-July 2
Chi Rho 1 (6th-8th Grade) – July 4-9
Chi Rho 2 (6th-8th Grade) – July 11-16
Camp 101b (1st-2nd Grade + Adult Camper) – July 22-24

*All camps are based grade completed after 2015-2016 school year

News from the Youth

The youth had the privilege of leading the McCready Manor worship service in April. Eight of our youth spent their Sunday afternoon speaking with the residents about Psalm 23 and reminding everyone that God is with us through the easy and hard times.

The youth would like to thank all those who helped with the Men's Breakfast on April 16th. Over \$300 was raised for the youth fund.



Committee Meetings

- 4:30, Mon, May 2 - DWM Board
 7:00, Wed., May 11 - Elders
 10:00, 1:30 & 5:30 Mon, May 16 - DWM Groups
 7:30, Wed, May 18 - Board Meeting

Highlights from the March Board Meeting:

- Discussed the need to purchase a new ice machine for the kitchen. The current ice machine is not working and repairing it again does not make sense. Ways to fund this purchase were also discussed.
- The Board discussed the need for improved signage displayed on Main and Lancaster to advertise events at the church. A recommendation was made to look at options for replacing our current church sign with a larger one that would include a changeable message board that could announce events.
- The board recognized that surplus funds from the 2015 budget could be used in various ways. A recommendation was made to invite board members to offer wish list items at the next meeting that can be prioritized for spending.

Highlights from the April Board Meeting:

- A meeting was held with Signs and More to generate ideas for a new church sign on Main Street. Nothing was decided at this meeting but more will be reported as information becomes available.
- Revisions to the Wedding Ministry Policy continue to be considered by the Wedding Ministry Team. A meeting with the Trustees will be held prior to the next board meeting so that their input can be included in the revisions.

May Outreach



Collection will be taken on May 15 & 22

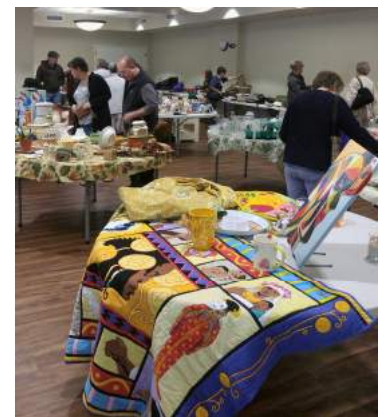
April Minister's Fund Income: \$1252.00

Minister's Fund Expenses TD: \$3152.19

Pictorial Directories are Here!

Families who had their pictures made by Portrait Café' receive a complimentary copy. Additional copies are available for \$7.00 in the office.

DWM
 Yard Sale
 A
 Great
 Success!



Saturday, April 23 was a busy day in the Banquet Hall during the annual Disciples Women's Ministry Yard Sale. A big round of applause to all who donated items, sorted and priced the donations prior to the sale and those who worked on Saturday. The proceeds of the sale were \$1800 and will be used toward the purchase of a new ice machine for the kitchen.

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

2016	1st Service	2 nd Service	Total	General Fund	YTD General Fund	Building Fund	YTD Building Fund
April 3	32	169	201	8,303.00	125,760.98	1625.00	26,956.00
April 10	51	143	194	8,513.00	134,273.98	755.00	27,711.00
April 17	50	163	213	14,134.00	148,407.98	3255.00	30,966.00
April 24	45	154	199	7,821.00	156,228.98	828.00	31,794.00

Beginning Adult Yoga Classes Continue

Amy Aalberts will continue teaching yoga classes on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. ***New Members are welcome and the first class is free!*** It is a beginning yoga class with an emphasis on safety for adult beginners. Payment is requested up front as participants may purchase a 6-class session (\$42.00) or a 12-class session (\$75.00). Bring a yoga mat and water.

Madison Singers Concert

4:00 p.m. ~ Sunday, May 1
Richmond Area Arts Center

Madison Singers, a program of the Richmond Area Arts Council, will present "The Poets Sing". You will be surrounded by the arts by hearing the music, enjoying the architecture of the building including the colorful stain glass windows, and the poetry of several poets. The musical selections are the words of famous poets arranged for choral singing. Director for this group is our own Dr. Richard Waters. Dr. Waters along with all the Singers invite you to this concert. Tickets are \$10 to support the group and will be available at the door or at the ARTS CENTER. Phone 859-624-4242.



Live local • Give local



Richmond City vs. Madison County
BLOOD DRIVE

Wed., May 11
9 am - 3 pm

at the Richmond First Christian Church
in the Fellowship Hall (in the rear of the building)

The City of Richmond & Madison County has provided
door prizes to give away throughout the day.

Schedule your
appointment today:

kybloodcenter.org
800.775.2522
Please bring photo ID



Nutrition Class Offered

5:45 p.m. ~ Tuesday, May 17

Ashley Isaacs, with Body Edge Boot Camp, will lead a nutrition class on May 17 in the Banquet Hall. Donations will be taken for Ashley's time sharing this useful information. A follow-up grocery tour (ideas for healthy food purchases) will be scheduled for a later date. No limit of attendees.



All Church Birthday Party

6:00 p.m. ~ Monday, June 6

Potluck (no desserts) ~ Cake & Ice Cream Provided

Volunteers are needed to decorate tables. Pick a month and call the office to sign up. 623-4383

Legends Game

Saturday, July 23

The Membership Committee has reserved 20 seats in the field box during "Faith & Family Night". Tickets are \$9 each and can be reserved by calling the office . 623-4383

FCC GRADUATION RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 22

10:40 Service



All graduates of high school, college, and graduate schools will be recognized for their achievement. Please share the name of the person who is graduating. Place this form in the offering plate, hand in at the Welcome Center, or call the church office (623-4383) by Monday, May 16th.

Name _____

School _____

Degree _____

Will the graduate be at church on May 22? _____

Worship Schedule

8:30 Early Worship
 9:40 Sunday School
 10:40 Morning Worship

MAY 2016

Wednesdays

5:30 Chancel Choir Practice
 6:30 Handbell Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Art Gallery Opening in Loggia 4:00-5:30 Chi Rho 5:00-7:00 CYF	2 4:30 DWM Board 7:30 Yoga	3 10:00 Staff Meeting	4 4:30 Yoga	5	6 Dolen/Phelps wedding rehearsal	7 Dolen/Phelps wedding 12:00-2:00 Kids Konnection
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> No Youth Group	9 4:30 DWM Board 7:30 Yoga	10 10:00 Staff Meeting	11 4:30 Yoga 10:30 Bagging Backpacks 9:00-3:00 Blood Drive 7:00 Elders	12	13 Westin/Deaton wedding rehearsal	14 Westin/Deaton wedding
15 9:30 & 12:30 Home Communion 2:00 McCreedy Service	16 10:00, 1:30, 5:30 DWM Groups 7:30 Yoga	17 10:00 Staff Meeting	18 4:30 Yoga 7:30 Board Meeting	19	20 June Courier Deadline	21
22 10:40 Graduate Recognition	23 7:30 Yoga	24 10:00 Staff Meeting	25 4:30 Yoga	26 10:00 Courier Workers	27	28
29 Art Gallery Ends - Final Bids due by 10:30 a.m.	30 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED No Yoga Today	31 10:00 Staff Meeting				

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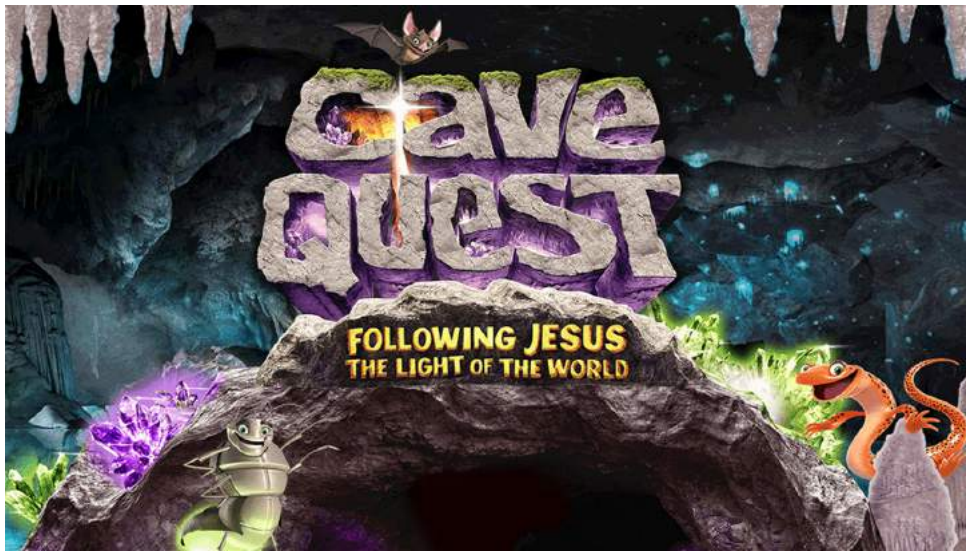
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Deadline for the June Courier:
May 20
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Nightly ~ June 12-16

Hosted by
First Christian Church

3 years through 5th Grade
Registration details coming soon

Martha Cobb and Jillian
Fichetola will be chairing
VBS 2016

Volunteer leaders and helpers
are needed - contact
Martha or Jillian