

# The Richmond Christian Courier



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Our Motto: "Christ First Makes a Difference"

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## WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 22, 2009

8:40 a.m. Worship

"A Mountaintop Experience"

Dr. Betsy Goehrig

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

9:40 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:40 a.m. Worship

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2009

8:40 a.m. Worship

"Driven to Temptation"

Dr. Betsy Goehrig

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

9:40 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:40 a.m. Worship

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## Youth Announcements

Youth Group—5:30 p.m., we eat; 6:00 p.m.  
-7:00 p.m., we get our group on.

2/21 Local Mission Day has been changed into  
a work/moving day as we transition out of the  
Baldwin House.

Please join the Abney family  
As we celebrate

Marie Abney's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Open House

Saturday, March 7, 2009  
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall  
Given with love by her family  
No gifts please!

## APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

If you are interested in applying for the position of  
Administrative Secretary at FCC, or know  
someone who is, applications and the job  
description can be picked up and returned to the  
church office.

## SENIOR MINISTER'S MOMENT

My family and I are very happy to be here...in spite of ice storms, no electricity/heat in a new home, my husband having pneumonia, coyotes howling, my having a sprained ankle, and then, a tornado watch! We are so blessed by the members of this church who have made us feel very welcome! Thank you! We are looking forward to getting to know you better (please keep telling us your names) and to sharing in ministry with you. I want to encourage you to be in prayer about what God is calling us to be and do as a church together.

As we enter into this coming Holy Season of Lent and Easter, may you be renewed in your commitment to the church and to Jesus Christ. The Worship Ministry Team and Ministers are making preparations for the Lenten/Easter Season, with opportunities for worship and spiritual enrichment.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be present for the following events, as well as use this special season as a chance to invite visitors to worship and grow in their faith.

- Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, Feb. 25—6:00 p.m.
- Taize Services – Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1 – 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 5 – 8:40 & 10:40 a.m. Worship
- Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, April 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- 24-Hour Prayer Vigil – Thursday, Apr. 9, 8:00 p.m. through Friday, Apr. 10, 8:00 p.m.
- Richmond Area Ministerial Association Holy Week Services – Mon.-Fri., April 6-10, 12:00 noon  
At the Methodist Church (I will be preaching Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.)
- Easter – Sunday, April 12 – 8:40 & 10:40 a.m. Worship

May this be a season of celebrating anew the amazing love of God, who sent Jesus Christ into the world that we might have a better life on this earth and a tremendous life eternal!

Blessings and Love, Betsy

## A FEW THINGS CONSIDERED

When people from all different walks of life and from all different parts of the country tell you how excited and blown away they are by a book, one better read the book. Paul Young's *The Shack* has lit up the conversations of more people than I can recount lately. So though I have a reading pile stacked high on my dresser, with the urging of Nancy, I have bumped it to the top of the pile. There is so much excitement about the book here in the church that Nancy and I were approached about doing a study of it. I don't know about Nancy, but having congregants want to learn, dialogue and discuss Faith gets on my nerves more than anything. Begrudgingly, I accepted. Joking aside; be sure to pick up the book and look in the newsletter for when these discussions will happen.

Owen

## KNICKKNACKS FROM KNANCY

One of the positive outcomes of not having electricity during the ice storm (you didn't know there was anything positive, did you?) was having time to read, even though it had to be by candlelight. Hey, it was good enough for Honest Abe, so I figured it couldn't be all that bad. What did I read? The Shack by William P. Young. Many of you had mentioned the book to me, and I knew I had to read it. Early on Tuesday afternoon of the ice storm, I began, by 2:00 a.m., I had read most of it. During the early daylight hours on Wednesday, I finished it. What a powerful and inspirational message the book offers. If you haven't read it, I encourage you to do so. You'll find ample copies available at Hastings and WalMart locally, and on Amazon.com as well (be sure to go through our website [www.fccrichmond.com](http://www.fccrichmond.com) so the church will get money donated back). I've passed my copy on to Owen and he's excited about reading it also. We've talked about possibly offering a study group on the book. Interested? If so, let us know and we'll find a time agreeable to those intrigued by such a study and get it on the calendar.

—Nancy

Dr. Betsy Goehrig, Senior Minister

Rev. Nancy Long, Minister of Education  
John Stegner, Director of Music  
Brenda Young, Custodian

Rev. Owen Chandler, Associate Minister  
Linda Hensley, Organist

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SERVING SCHEDULE AT 8:40 a.m. WORSHIP

February 22, Elders	Jim Harris, Lolly Harris
Diaconate:	Eddie Pullins, Bodie Snell
March 1, Elders	Mike Gordon, Bruce Begley
Diaconate	Rick & Ann Leslie Jones
March 8, Elders	Bobby Robinson, Jan Tunnell
Diaconate	Rick & Ann Leslie Jones
March 15, Elders	Bruce Begley, Scott Browder
Diaconate	Rick & Ann Leslie Jones
March 22, Elders	Bob Biggin, Ellen Fritz
Diaconate	Rick & Ann Leslie Jones
March 29 Elders	Paul Hale, Skip Daugherty
Diaconate	Rick & Ann Leslie Jones

Elders Meeting  
February 22, 12 Noon  
Lunch Provided by  
Lolly & Jim Harris

SCHEDULE FOR ELDERS at 10:40 a.m. WORSHIP

February 22	Bobby Herbst, Bud Lee
March 1	Steve Gamble, Paul Hale
March 8	John McKinney, Reid Singleton
March 15	Bob Biggin, Jimmy Cornelison
March 22	Skip Daugherty, Steve Gamble
March 29	Mike Gordon, Ron Coffman

Home Communion(Elders)  
March 8  
Paul Hale  
Skip Daugherty  
Ellen Fritz  
Bobby Robinson  
Ron Coffman

WORSHIP LEADERS

February 22	Scott Browder
March 1	Jan Tunnell
March 8	Youth TBD
March 15	Bud Lee
March 22	Bob Biggin
March 29	Jimmy Cornelison

DIACONATE SERVING IN FEBRUARY 2009

Larry Agee	Melissa Agee	Betsy Burch	Connie Byers	Carey Christian
Martha Cobb	Richie Cobb	Pam Grant	Lori Howard	Mary Ann McKinney
Sheila Miller	Corrie Rice	Joe Rice	Tina Stegemoller	John Tudor
Joanne Whitlock				

DIACONATE SERVING IN MARCH 2009

Connie Adams	Jan Barnes	Richard Bendure	Lee Anne Browder	Rick Congleton
Tommy Congleton	Nancy Cotton	Laura Handy	Joey Herbst	Sue Ann Herbst
Jim Johnson	Clara Parrish	Tonya Singleton	Heather Taylor	Milt Ward
Janet White	Susan Willis			

Diaconate Team Leaders	February:	Pam Grant, Martha Cobb, Richie Cobb
	March:	Joey Herbst, Sue Ann Herbst, Janet White
Communion Preparers:	February:	June Nordgulon, Helen-Louise Snyder
	March:	John McKinney, Bruce Begley
Bus Drivers:	February:	Rick Congleton, 369-3707, Rob Congleton, 369-7989
	March	Richie Cobb, Richard Cobb

February 8, Worship Attendance:	8:40 a.m. -33	10:40 a.m. - 215
February 15, Worship Attendance:	8:40 a.m. -36	10:40 a.m. - 229

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A THANK YOU FROM THE BIRKETTS

As I hope you know, Jayne and I have enjoyed very much our past five months! It has been a great pleasure to serve as your interim senior minister. Thank you for the many kind words, the good wishes, the cards, and the gifts, including the very generous love offering and great reception. Jayne and I will find a way to use it as a continuing remembrance of your kindness and friendship.

## YOUNG ADULTS (Post-College, but Pre-Midlife Crisis)

Bible study, February 26.

## GOD 101: COLLEGE MINISTRY

2008-2009 College Students' Group Calendars are available outside of Owen's office and will be available online, soon. Please regularly check your Facebook accounts. There will be a Richmond college student lunch coming up in the next couple of weeks. For you Lexington people, I will be up the same week.

## CONTAINERS NEEDED

Our Sunday School Design Team is searching for shoeboxes in good condition with lids, as well as other types of storage containers with lids that you might no longer be using. We're trying to organize our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor storage room and have lots of little things that need a home so we can find them easier (actually so we can find them!). If you have containers you will donate, please bring them to the church and leave them in the Coffee Room or in the church office.

## WILLIAMS E. ADAMS BEREAVEMENT SUPPER

We would like to thank the following people for their help with the William E. Adams Bereavement Supper: Eleanor McKinney, Lenora Robinson, Caroline Curtis, Betsy Burch, Norma Robinson, Julian Ramey, Helen Chenault, Betty Rush, Shirley Gibson, Kitty Dunn, Alice Jane Ballew, Laura Steidle, Ona Lee Boardman, Katherine Cosby, Susan Moberly, Jan Tunnell, Lois Richards, Jean Metcalf, Twila Hisle, and the William Adams Family.

## NEXT COURIER

The next Courier will be mailed on March 3, 2009. Deadline for articles is 12 noon on Friday, February 27. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following members who have joined our church since the last Courier:

Ed Chenault, 118 A Nothland Drive, Richmond, KY • February 8, 2009

Julie and Sarah Bucknam, 102 Tussey Street, Richmond, KY • February 15, 2009

Kevin & Betsy Goehrig, and Kerri Kinard, 1678 Barnes Mill Road, Richmond, KY • February 15, 2009

## We Are Half-Way There!

We have had five families who have made a donation of \$250 for the purchase of the baby grand piano. John Stegner assures us this is a deal of a lifetime as this piano would retail at \$20,000 plus. All we need to acquire this piano is \$1,750 more. Therefore, we are asking for 6 more families to make a donation of \$250 each. This would be a great way to give a memorial gift. Please contact Skip Daugherty (544-1260) if you are willing to make a \$250 donation.