

# The Richmond Christian Courier



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2009

8:40 a.m. Worship

"It's About the Roots"

Dr. Glenn Birkett

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7 (TLB)

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

9:40 a.m. Reception for the Birketts

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.

2/7 Chi Rho and CYF Ski, Snowboard, and Snow Tube trip to Perfect North. All money has to be in by (2/5): \$25 for Snow Tubing and \$50 for Skiing or Snow Tubing. Contact Owen for more details.

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

## IN MEMORY OF:

JOYCE ERNEST TURPIN

December 14, 1928- January 26, 2009

## IN MEMORY OF:

WILLIAM E. ADAMS

February 11, 1909 - January 28, 2009

## Congregation Extends Call to Dr. Betsy Goehrig

Sunday, January 25 the First Christian Church voted to extend a Call to Dr. Betsy Goehrig to be our next Senior Minister. Betsy will start her ministry on Monday, February 9 and will be in the Pulpit for the first time February 15. Betsy will be joined in Richmond by her husband Kevin and daughter Kerri. We are having a Pot Luck following the 10:40 worship service on February 15 to celebrate Dr. Goehrig's first Sunday at FCC. Please plan to attend.

## 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.

## KNICKKNACKS FROM KNANCY

Spring is coming! I just know it! And the way things are going, spring is when I'll get my electricity back... I hope! If not, at least it will be warmer in my unheated house. As I write this article on Monday morning, it has been almost 7 days since I last saw lights and felt warm at home. But I know I'm not alone in my misery. I am fortunate to have family nearby who once again have the luxury of heat and lights. I know there are those not so lucky, and my heart goes out to them. This experience has given me a glimpse of what it could be like to be homeless. But I know I will have my home back eventually and a warm, safe place to be...homeless folks don't. We underestimate our dependence on things, and on people, often not realizing that until we lose them. May this experience help each of us become more thankful for the many blessings God gives to us each day of our lives.

The Goehrig family has arrived in Richmond, and I'm sure after being greeted by no electricity and lots of ice, they're wondering whatever possessed them to leave Florida and move north. But I'm sure the warmth they'll feel when they join us on Betsy's first Sunday, February 15, with a delicious potluck dinner following that service will more than make up for their first few days in their new home. And with Betsy's arrival, we must bid farewell to Glenn as our Interim Minister. What a joy it has been to work with and get to know him, and my ministry has been truly blessed by his encouragement and support. I'm sure everyone agrees that he and Jayne have been such a gift to First Christian Church, and will be greatly missed. Thank you, Glenn and Jayne, for answering God's call to come and be with us. –Nancy

## A Few Things Considered

As the church inches closer to another transition point in its history, I believe it is prudent to pause for a bit of air for a moment. As we take this deep breath, reflecting on the past few months and speculating on months to come, I would like to thank Glenn for all of his hard work. His time here was a blessing to the church and to me.

And as Rev. Dr. Betsy Goehrig and her family moves the last of her boxes into her new residence, I wish her a warm welcome to Richmond and the church. I pray that her transition into the life of the church goes as smoothly as my own did. May God bless these next steps of First Christian Church.  
Owen

## Youth News:

Thank you, congregation, for all the support you give to the youth. Our little Sub Sandwich sale netted over two hundred dollars. I hope they were good. The youth had a great time making them. Proceeds go into our Mission Fund. This year's trip is a journey to Tucson, Arizona.

## WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

It was wonderful to welcome Linda and Hank Everman back into our congregation by transfer of their memberships from another Richmond congregation. The Evermans live at 113 Redwood Drive, Richmond, Kentucky and their phone number is 624-1549. Please welcome Linda and Hank back into our family of faith.

IN THE INTERIM

The past five months have been a great joy! You are wonderful and it has been a great honor to serve as your interim minister. I have appreciated every moment, even the difficult and sad ones because they have given me an opportunity to get to know you and, yes, love you. Jayne shares these feelings.

The schedule is for your new Senior Minister, Dr. Betsy Goehrig, to begin on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and for the two of us to work together for a week, with her being in the pulpit for the first time on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. I know that you will find ways to welcome her, Kevin, and Kerri, as warmly as you did us.

My prayer is that with the excellent staff you have, and the great talent and commitment which typifies the membership of this congregation, under Dr. Goehrig's leadership a great new chapter will be written in the already proud history of this congregation.

You will always be in our hearts and prayers.

Again, thank you.

GAB

Dr. Glenn Birkett, Interim 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 8, Elders	John Davidson, Jimmy Cornelison
Diaconate	Eddie Pullins, Bodie Snell
February 15, Elders	Mike Gordon, Sharla Davidson
Diaconate	Eddie Pullins, Bodie Snell
February 22, Elders	Jim Harris, Lolly Harris
Diaconate:	Eddie Pullins, Bodie Snell

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

February 8	Bruce Begley, Scott Browder
February 15	John Davidson, Steve Gamble
February 22	Paul Hale, Bud Lee

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

February 8	Youth TBD
February 15	Skip Daugherty
February 22	Scott Browder

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 Team Leaders February: Pam Grant, Martha Cobb, Richie Cobb

Communion Preparers: February: June Nordgulon, Helen-Louise Snyder

Bus Drivers: February: Rick Congleton, 369-3707 and Rob Congleton, 369-7989

January 25, Worship Attendance:	8:40 a.m. - 34	10:40 a.m. - 141
February 1, Worship Attendance:	8:40 a.m. - 31	10:40 a.m. - 140

**Opportunity!!!!**

We have a wonderful opportunity to acquire a lightly used baby grand piano for Fellowship Hall! All we need to acquire this piano is \$3,000. Therefore, we are asking for 12 donations of \$250 each. This amount will allow us to purchase, move, and tune it. Please contact Skip Daugherty (544-1260) if you are willing to make a \$250 donation.

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DR. BIRKETT THANK YOU RECEPTION, FEBRUARY 8

We truly have been blessed the past five months with Glenn's ministry. Please plan to attend the Thank You Reception we are having for Glenn and Jayne Birkett on Sunday morning February 8 at 9:40 am in Fellowship Hall. As Vice Chair and now Chairman of the Board I have had the pleasure to work closely with Glenn and can't Thank Glenn enough for his wisdom and guidance. In our time of need God sent a Saint named Glenn Birkett to First Christian Church. Thank you God....Bobby Herbst

## MEMORIAL CANDLE

This past Sunday we used our new/old Memorial Candle. The plan is to use it as a silent reminder of the significance of the lives of our members on the Sunday following their deaths. It is placed to the side of the front stained-glass window for all in the sanctuary to see. It will also be a reminder for us to pray for the families of those who are being remembered and to be thankful for the assurance of the Holy Spirit's comfort upon their lives. It was used this past Sunday in recognition of two of our most devoted "saints" – Joyce Turpin and Bill Adams. While it is a new practice; the candle stand is an old one, many decades ago used alongside the communion table, but having been relegated and forgotten in a storage area.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest sympathy to Evelyn Kennedy on the recent death of her brother, Walter Crawford. Sympathy is also extended to Ron Coffman, whose uncle passed away last week.

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

Due to inclement weather, our past Bible study was cancelled and will be moved to the Feb. time slot (2/26)

2/13/ 2nd Friday Happy Hour at the home of Daniel and Lori Howard, 6:30pm

## 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.

## MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2009

The following people have agreed to chair these important ministry teams in the Church. Please contact them if you would like to participate on their ministry team. Thanks much to each person for their dedicated service to the Church.

Evangelism	Reid Singleton	Worship	Anna Land & Kathy Congleton
Christian Education	Diana Botner	Stewardship	Skip Daugherty
Membership	Mary Ann McKinney	Youth	Craig Combs
Publicity	Richard Bendure	By-Laws/Policy	Dale Byers
Property	Bobby Robinson	Personnel	Skip Daugherty
Outreach	Sandy Hunter		

## NEXT COURIER

The next Courier will be mailed on February 17, 2009. Deadline for articles is 12 noon on Friday, February 14. Thank you for your cooperation, please note the deadline is on Friday and not Monday.