

# The Richmond Christian Courier



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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 8, 2009

8:40 a.m. Worship

**"By Way of Rejection"**

Dr. Betsy Goehrig

Scripture: **Mark 8:31-38**

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

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10:40 a.m. Worship

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### Memorial Service

**Conley C. Congelton**

**Sunday, March 15, 2:00 p.m.**  
at First Christian Church

## Lent and Easter Opportunities

### Taize Services - Wednesdays,

March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 - 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Contemplative services, focusing on prayer,  
scripture, music, reflection, peace)

### Palm Sunday - Sunday April 5,

8:40 and 10:40 Worship

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.

### 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 9 - 8:00 p.m.  
through Friday April 10, 8:00 p.m.

### Holy Week Services

Richmond Area Ministerial Association

Mon-Fri, April 6-10, 12 Noon

At First United Methodist Church

Dr. Goehrig will be preaching the 6th

### Easter, Sunday April 12

8:40 and 10:40 Worship

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

## *In Memory*

Virgie Young

December 16, 1913- February 21, 2009

## **“Heavens to Betsy”**

Thank you to the staff, congregation, and various groups within the church for a wonderful welcome and for a positive, enthusiastic spirit and willingness to serve.

Thanks to the Elders, who showed great openness at our last meeting for exploring how we might more effectively care for the members of the congregation. The Elders are ready and willing to strive for better communication and provision of pastoral care and spiritual nurture of our members, through shepherding/care groups. We will be dividing up our directory list at the next meeting in March, with each Elder praying and caring for specific families in the church. New members will be added to the lists as people join.

Thanks to Skip Daugherty, the Personnel Committee, and the staff, who have worked diligently in the search process for a new Administrative Assistant for our church office. I am excited about moving forward with Connie Adams taking on this key role. We seek to enhance our congregation's communication through our website, publications, and developing an email list for prayer concerns and updates.

Thanks most of all to God, who never ceases to amaze and bless me. Your continued prayers and ideas are welcome, as we seek to become the best church we can be.

Blessings to you and yours,

***Dr. Betsy G.***

P.S. Some have asked, “What do we call you?” Betsy is fine. But since we have *five* Betsy's in our church...I may use “Dr. Betsy” or “Pastor Betsy” when I call, not because I need a title, but just so you'll know which one it is! Some have asked how to pronounce our last name, Goehrig...it sounds like Lou Gehrig, the baseball player. When Kevin teaches, the kids call him Mr. G. or Coach G.

## **KNICKKNACKS FROM KNANCY**

Welcome to the season of Lent! I encourage you to participate in our Wednesday evening Lenten services, which this year will take the form of worship used in the Taizé community in France. People from around the world flock to Taizé seeking space in which to meet God. It is a place where instead of coming together to talk to God, the community gathers to listen. Each Wednesday evening, we will gather in our fellowship hall to sing songs in the tradition of Taizé, to pray, to share communion, and to listen. Yes, it's different and yes, it's not in the sanctuary, but it is our belief that God will meet us where we are...sanctuary, fellowship hall, outdoors, in our cars...God is everywhere. The fellowship hall will provide a more intimate area for our time of worship for these Lenten services. Come and join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 as we seek together to meet God and to listen to God in a different, yet beautiful, worship setting. Nursery services will be available. —Nancy

## Special Sunday Planned for Installation Service

On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be hosting one united service at 10:40 a.m. for the Installation of our new Senior Minister, Dr. Betsy Goehrig. Thanks to our first service group for their cooperation in coming together as one congregation for this occasion. Dr. Greg Alexander, our Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky will be preaching and conducting the installation. We will have two anthems from our Chancel Choir, along with special music including Karin and Mick Sehmman on French horns and Carolyn Dupont on harp. Following the service, the Membership Ministry Team is hosting a potluck luncheon. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to visit our church!

Dr. Betsy Goehrig, Senior Minister

Rev. Nancy Long, Minister of Education  
Connie Adams, Administrative Secretary  
Linda Hensley, Organist

Rev. Owen Chandler, Associate Minister  
John Stegner, Director of Music  
Brenda Young, Custodian

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## SERVING SCHEDULE AT 8:40 a.m. WORSHIP

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

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

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

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**    **March:**    Joey Herbst, Sue Ann Herbst, Janet White

**Communion Preparers:**    **March:**    John McKinney, Bruce Begley

**Bus Drivers:**    **March**    Richie Cobb, Richard Cobb

February 22, Worship Attendance:    8:40 a.m. - **26**    10:40 a.m. - **112**

March 1,    Worship Attendance:    8:40 a.m. - **26**    10:40 a.m. - **137**

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3/13 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Happy Hour—The home of Maureen and Kevin Simon, 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

Yes, summer's on its way though it doesn't exactly feel like it, and Vacation Bible School is part of our summer program. Several people have asked when it will be, so here's your first notice. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6. No, it's not a misprint. June was so full of commitments in our three congregations (FCC, White Oak Pond, and First Presbyterian) that we couldn't get it on the calendar. Many people travel through July, so we're being creative and holding off until right before school starts. So mark your calendars and watch for opportunities to volunteer for "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church," featuring a Roman marketplace. If you have questions or are ready to sign on early, please contact Nancy.

## EMPTY BOWLS

Friday, March 20 at First Baptist Church on the Bypass

Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dinner served from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For \$12 you get a hand thrown pottery bowl, homemade soup, bread and a drink. 100% of the proceeds go to feed the hungry in Madison County. If you would like to help by making soup, serving the soup, or provide a monetary donation to cover the cost of dry goods, please contact Dianna Ackerman at 661-5101 or Lea Wells at 353-2339. Nancy Long has a copy of the soup recipe if you would like one.

## Pastor's Class

Who: For those ready to confess faith in Christ and prepare to be baptized  
When: Sunday, March 8, 15, 22, and 29- 9:45 a.m. (no class on April 5th)  
Where: Pastor's Office - taught by Dr. Betsy

**Baptism will take place on Easter Sunday, April 12th**

## NEXT COURIER

The next Courier will be mailed on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Deadline for articles is 12 noon on Friday, March 13. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Youth Announcements

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

As Spring Break(s) approach rapidly, it is important to know what is going on youth wise. If you have misplaced your Yearly Calendar, please visit [www.fccrichmond.com](http://www.fccrichmond.com) for a copy. During the Breaks, if youth still want to meet, we can do so. Please just let Owen know.

For Mission and Summer information, please turn to Owen's "A Few Things Considered"

## A Few Things Considered:

It feels strange to talk about summer, especially when they are still cleaning up trees at ECU from the ice storms. Soon enough though, we'll be complaining about the heat and sunburns. Before that becomes a reality, I do want to make the following program notes concerning the upcoming Summer Mission Trip to Tucson, AZ and the church camps in Kentucky. Please be in prayer about how you might become involved on some level with these experiences.

### Tucson, AZ (June 7 -13)

This mission experience will be unlike any that we have previously taken. There will be no huge cities or sandy beaches. We are going to the Desert Mountains of Arizona. We are going to the backdrop of almost every spiritually formative story in the Bible. It was in the desert that Moses encountered God and it was in the desert that Jesus forged his God given mission. The focus of this trip is a personal spiritual journey. Along this journey, there will be moments of hard work, learning, exploring and praying. By far, this will be the least physically challenging of our mission experiences. However, this will be the most personally challenging thus far. This is an experience where your own personal effort will determine what you get out of it.

- Trip is open to Chi Rho, CYF, College, Young Adults, and Regular Adults  
Unfortunately we won't be able to do K-6th this time
- Cost: \$300.00 (\$150 due April 1<sup>st</sup>—final balance due June 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - o Families wishing to send more than one person need to speak with Owen on an individual basis concerning price
  - o Price is fixed for ALL participants
- Saguaro Christian Church (Tucson) and Foothills Christian Church (Glendale) will host our group
- We will be working with organizations such as Borderlinks and Humane Borders as well as other United Way affiliated organizations
- One full day will be spent touring the Grand Canyon
- One full day will be a free day around Tucson (options will be made available the closer the date approaches)
- This trip is expensive. Turning in your deposit on April 1st is a statement that you will help in the fundraising effort required to make this mission a reality.

### CAMP DATES

(All camps listed are at Wahn'Da-Ho—the place where Dr. Betsy discovered her Call)

Junior 1, June 15-19

Junior 2, July 20-24

Chi Rho 1, July 22-27

Chi Rho 2, July 13-18

CYF 1, June 22-27

CYF 2, June 29-July 4

*These Camps fill up fast. I highly recommend sending in your forms before May 1<sup>st</sup>. All forms are located in Owen's office.*

~Owen

## Church Meetings

- o **Worship Ministry Team** • Sunday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.
- o **Elders** – Sunday, March 15, Noon
- o **Leadership Council** • Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.;
- o **Leadership Council Retreat**, Friday—Saturday, April 17-18
- o **DWM Group III** • Will Meet March 16, 7:00 p.m. at the church

**April • Administrative Board, April 6, 7:00 PM Next month**

### A Special Thanks....

A special thanks to Shannon Johnson who has donated Janet's Baby Grand Piano to the church for Fellowship Hall. We will not be purchasing a piano, but we are establishing a piano fund. A memorial concert will be held in the near future honoring Janet.

*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!***

### **THANK YOU!**

I want to thank all who had a part in making the Memorial Service so special. Your cards, calls, and prayers I thank you. I especially want to thank the Bereavement Committee for their long hours at the reception. It could not have been nicer and very much appreciate their efforts.

**Katheryn Adams**