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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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MARCH 2012

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

Wonderful Wednesdays:

Feb. 22—Last Chance Pasta Potluck 6:15 and
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00

Mar. 28—Potluck 6:15; Southern Gospel Music 7:00
(A love offering will be taken for the musicians)

Others: Apr. 25, May 9 (Elder Care Dinner), May 23
Food, Fun, Fellowship and AWE (Alternative Worship Experience)
Our Membership Ministry Team recognizes church member's birthdays
each month at Wonderful Wednesday dinners!

Lenten Prayer Services

Thursday nights, Mar. 1—Mar. 29
6:30–7:00 p.m.



Holy Week

Community Holy Week Services

At St. Marks Catholic Church
April 2–6—12:00 noon
Lunch—12:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday

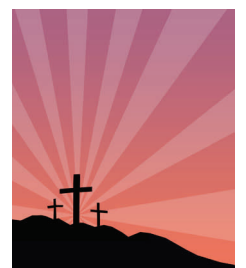
April 1
8:30 and 10:40 a.m.



April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Easter

April 8
8:30 and 10:40 a.m.





HEAVENS TO BETSY

by
Dr. Betsy
Goehrig,
Senior Minister

So young. Just 33 years old. Many are just launching their careers and starting a family in their early thirties. But for this young man, it was his final year...on this earth, that is. At 33, Jesus had already completed one career, in which he served in the family carpentry business. And he was drawing near the conclusion of his second career—ministry. He had served three years of preaching, teaching, healing the sick, and even raising the dead. That is a pretty short career in terms of time, but the most powerful in history, in terms of its impact upon the world. And out of this world!

I can only begin to imagine what Jesus went through in those final days leading up to his crucifixion. They say ignorance is bliss. Yet Jesus *knew* what lie ahead. He knew, because it was his purpose for coming into the world. He knew there would be pain. He knew that pain would be more than physical torture. He knew that pain would be heartbreaking, as he would be denied and betrayed not only by the crowds but also by those who were closest to him and by those who had witnessed and experienced his ministry first hand.

How alone Jesus must've felt. Yet how incredibly strengthened Jesus must've been, as he knew God was present to encourage, guide, comfort, and empower him through such times. It kept him focused ahead—beyond the pain to the purpose, beyond the turmoil to the triumph. He held steady in his journey to the cross, knowing that what he was doing was not for him alone, to be victorious over death, but it was for us—for you, for me, and for the world. He completed this intense yet incredible journey, that we might to come to know the amazing love and grace of God that is greater than anything. Even death.

Whenever you face what seems like a mountain of pain, opposition, or trials, remember "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13) May God bless you this holy season, as we prepare to enter Lent on February 22nd and join together anew in the journey to the cross and the celebration of the risen Lord!

Blessings,
Betsy



MICHAEL'S MUSINGS

by
Rev. Michael
Swartzentruber,
Associate Minister

The Lenten journey is an important part of our faith, as individuals and as a community. Every year Lent invites us to "go inward." That is, we are encouraged to search ourselves in a penitent posture, seeking out the distortions, illusions, distrust, and misgivings that cling to the inner reaches of hearts, minds, and spirits. This is not an easy exercise. Honesty is difficult. Neither is Lent an easy journey. It is the hard work of preparing ourselves to experience both the sin-ridden turmoil of Jesus' arrest, torture, and crucifixion and the glory-laden surprise, joy, and new life of Jesus' resurrection.

Lenten prayer invites God to partner with us in our introspection. God helps us see what we are afraid to see on our own. God gives us strength to continue through the mess of guilt, despair, and dis-ease that we will surely encounter. And God whispers promises of forgiveness, hope, and healing as we search ourselves in the company of fellow Lenten travelers.

This is why we have contemplative Lenten worship services, full of silence and stillness. They help us focus on ourselves—the corners and hiding spots in our souls we would rather overlook or leave alone. Silence and stillness also help us to hear God's whispers as we plunge into our own depths.

Our Thursday Lenten worship services are beautiful opportunities to partner with God and your fellow faith adventurers in introspection. I hope you'll join us. You just might discover yourself anew.

Grace,
Michael

YOUTH

Schedule

- Feb 25th Ski Trip – Perfect North Slopes (8am – 5:30pm)
Cost:
Skiing: \$68 (\$56 for 12 and under)
Tubing: \$30 (\$25 for 12 and under)
- Feb 26th No Youth Group
- March 4th Youth Group 5-7pm
- March 11th Youth Group 5-7pm
- March 16th Lumber Jack/Jane Work trip at Wakon'da-ho
– 18th Cost: \$20/person
- March 25th Youth Sunday Planning Retreat 12pm – 7pm

Updates



The FCC Youth Ministry is experimenting with a different way of engaging young people during the Sunday School hour. Instead of a traditional content-based Sunday School curriculum and format, the youth are meeting to sing and prepare for choral opportunities in worship. The “Soul Singers” are meeting at 9:40am in the sanctuary to sing. They will be involved in worship on two upcoming occasions: February 26th and April 29th.

YOUNG ADULTS

Schedule

- Feb 28th Sharing Our Stories 6 – 8pm
Meal provided, bring \$4/adult and \$2/child
Storytellers: Lori Howard, Christian Grimes
- March 3rd Social Saturday, Roller Skating 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Cost: \$6/adult, children 4 and under \$4
- March 13th Scripture Study 6 – 8pm
Potluck: bring a dish to share
Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5
- March 27th Sharing Our Stories 6 – 8pm
Meal provided, bring \$4/adult and \$2/child
Storyteller: Janet White

Retreat

Mark your calendar! We have officially set a date and location for the retreat! It will be the weekend of April 20-22 at Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center in Ravenna. The cost per person per night is \$31.00, excluding any additional activities we might do (ropes course, etc). We need to decide if we want to go Friday night only or if we want to have two nights. Thoughts?

YOUNG DISCIPLES

We're Back!

FCC Children's Ministry is revamping, renaming, and reigniting the JYF/YD ministry (grades K -5). Now one simple name, still one big purpose: to grow young people into Disciples of Christ through mission, service, art, and creative learning.



Young Disciples 2012 Kickoff

Sunday, February 26th
Bounce House
4:30pm - 7:15pm

SCHEDULE

- Feb 26th Bounce House, 4:30pm - 7:15pm
- March 4 No Meeting
- March 11 Young Disciples 5 – 7pm
- March 18 Young Disciples 5 – 7pm
- March 25 Young Disciples 5 – 7pm

SERVING IN MARCH



Elders	8:30	10:40
March 4	Nancy Long John McKinney	Billy Glenn Turpin Jan Tunnell
March 11	Bob Vickers TBD	Doug Whitlock Susan Willis
March 18	Richard Bendure Jimmy Cornelison	Bob Biggin Dale Byers
March 25	Skip Daugherty Shelia Miller	Glenn Birkett John Davidson

Home Communion, March 11

Mike Gordon, Billy Glenn Turpin, Diana Botner, Bob Vickers, John McKinney, Kate Bartok, Rick & Ann Leslie Jones, Jan Barnes, Jim Clark,

Diaconate 8:30 Service

Scott Turpin, Janet White, Bodie Snell, Joe Rice

Diaconate 10:40 Service

Mary Sue Bowlin, Steve Bowlin, Kathy Congleton, Jillian Fichetola, Kevin Goehrig, Jane Gordon, Pam Grant, Randi Herbst, Sandy Hunter, Bill Shaffer, Kay Stapp, Carol Vickers, Joanne Whitlock

Diaconate Team Leaders

Randi Herbst, Sandy Hunter, Kay Stapp

Communion Preparers

John McKinney and Bruce Begley

Bus Drivers

Larry Bernhard and Richie Cobb

Greeters at 10:40 Services:

March 4	Sandy Hunter, Jenni and Meg Glenn
March 11	Joanne and Doug Whitlock
March 18	Kathryn Cosby and Henry Morgan
March 25	Graham, Jami, and Victoria Nichols

Kerrie Moberly	March 1
Richard Cobb IV	March 1
Brandi Ramey	March 1
Coleman Turpin	March 2
Maggie Green	March 5
Katheryn Adams	March 6
Marie Abney	March 7
Darnetta Congleton	March 7
Huston Cormney	March 8
Tyler Brewer	March 9
Evelyn Williams	March 10
Helen Carnes	March 11
Carson Herbst	March 11
Carla Horn	March 11
Nancy Cotton	March 12
James Neale	March 12
Mary Hunkele	March 13
Tulley Cormney	March 14
Jenna Cornelison	March 15
Kathryn Kearns	March 15
John Combs	March 16
Mike Gordon	March 16
Linda Everman	March 17
Mary Clay Hamrick	March 17
Lacey Luxon	March 17
Claude Sallee	March 17
Jennifer D. Lopez	March 19
Catherine Horn	March 19
William Luxon	March 19
Jessie Snider	March 19
Jackie Thomas	March 21
Leslie Stapp	March 22
Sarah Durbin	March 23
Sean Singleton	March 23
Douglas Jenkins	March 24
Brittany Begley	March 27
Brent Horn	March 28
Kelli Stapp	March 28
Carey Christian	March 29
Sandy Hunter	March 29
Robin Tudor	March 30



Marjorie Westerfield

Given by DWM Group VI, Turley Bible Class, Billy Glenn and Mimi Turpin, Ronnie and Mary Jane Ginter

Baptism

Harold and Faye Pearson were baptized on January 29. They are the parents/grandparents of Tina and Maddy Stegemoller.

Men's Book/Bible Study

Come join a group of Men for Book/Bible Study and Fellowship starting on Wednesday April 18th. David Jones will be leading a study of the book *Courageous* written by Randy Alcorn based upon a movie with the same title. We will meet in the FCC coffee room at 6:00am for a light breakfast, followed by study and will complete by 7:00am just in time to go to work. We will meet each Wednesday for 8-10 weeks to complete the study. What a way to start your day!!!! Cost for materials will be \$17. If interested please contact the church office 623-4383 for info #'s for Bobby Herbst or David Jones.

CHURCH MEETINGS

- DWM Board – March 5, 4:30
- Elders—Sunday, March 19, noon
- DWM Group Meetings – March 19 & 20
- Board—Wednesday, March 21, 6:30
- Board with Leadership Council (Ministry Team Leaders) – Wednesday, April 18, 6:30
- AWE Team—Wednesday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.
- Worship Ministry Team—Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

Monday, February 27, 5:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Barnes Mill Rd.



BODY RECALL TO BE OFFERED AT FCC

- When: March 5 – May 11, Mon/Wed/Fri, 8-9 a.m.
- What: Not-for-profit organization for people of all fitness levels To improve flexibility, strength, stamina, balance, circulation, energy. Gentle and moderate exercise/movement to enhance everyday living
- Cost: \$135 (\$35 Body Recall Alliance Membership + \$100 Course approx \$3.33/class)
- Gen. Info.: www.bodyrecall.org
- Contact: Instructor - Larry Bernhard (Member of FCC)
Call 623-4383 for Larry's #'s.

W.O.W. – Widows or Widowers – Guests welcome!

Please sign up on the Friendship Register or call the church office to make a reservation for these events. Thanks!

Date	Day	Destination	Time at Location	Meet at FCC for Bus	McCready
MAR 6	Tue	Golden Corral, Nicholasville	11:30	10:45	11:00
APR 19*	Thur	Keeneland (Eques. Rm. – prepay)	11:00	9:45	10:00
MAY 1	Tue	Hangers, Richmond	11:30	11:00	11:10
JUNE 5	Tue	Belle of Louisville	TBD	TBD	TBD

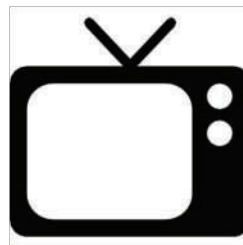
MADISON SINGERS PLAN SACRED CONCERT FOR MARCH 25TH

The Madison Singers, a program of the Richmond Area Arts Council, is busy preparing for their Spring Concert of sacred music as an important part of Lenten season events. The concert will be performed on Sunday, March 25th at 3 pm in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church. Scheduling the concert before Easter Sunday, makes the music selected for this performance very appropriate.

The program will consist of Hallelujah from *The Mount of Olives* by Ludwig Van Beethoven, The Heavens are Telling from *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn, and *Zion's Walls*, an arrangement from the music of Aaron Copland.

A very special treat on this program will be *Mass of the Children* by English composer, John Rutter, when the Singers will be joined by the children of the Madison Youth Chorus. The music is in five sections and will feature two soloists and an instrumental accompaniment. The Youth Chorus is directed by Deborah Kidd while the Madison Singers is under the direction of Danny Jones. Linda Hensley accompanies both groups.

This concert will be a significant gift of quality music for our community. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Arts Center or at the door. Please call 624-4242 for additional information.



NURSERY NEEDS

The nursery is in need of a gently used, dependable television and VCR. If you have one to donate, please contact Rev. Michael.



"Church Street Promenade"

Reflections for Organ by David Lamb, Organist
CDs Available at FCC for \$10 which goes as
donation to RAMA

Features Pipe Organs of First Christian Church, First
Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church,
& Hiram Brock Auditorium, EKV

WILL YOU REMEMBER ME?

It's **EASY** to include the church in your existing will.

It helps **PROVIDE** for the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ after you are gone.

It leaves a lasting **LEGACY** of your life and faith.

WILL you remember Jesus Christ, through remembering First Christian Church, in your WILL?

MARCH 2012

Worship Schedule

8:30 Early Worship
 9:40 Sunday School
 9:40 Soul Singers practice
 10:40 Morning Worship

Wednesday Events

5:30 Chancel Choir
 7:00 Handbell Choir

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 YAMS Social Saturday
4 5-7 Youth Group	5 4:30 DWM Board Mtg	6 11:30 WOW Golden Corral	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 Home Communion 2:00 Pastor's Class 5-7 Youth Group & Young Disciples	12 Deadline for April Courier Items to Office	13 6:00 YAMS	14 5:30 AWE Mtg 6:30 Worship Mtg	15 9:30 Courier Workers	16 Youth Group to Wakon'da-ho	17 Youth Group to Wakon'da-ho
18 12:00 Elders 2:00 McCreedy Service 2:00 Pastor's Class Youth Group to 2:00 Les Jongleur Concert Wakon'da-ho 5-7 Young Disciples	19 DWM Group Meetings	20 1:00 DWM Group VI	21 6:30 Board	22	23	24
25 12-7 Youth Sunday Planning Retreat 2:00 Pastor's Class 5-7 Young Disciples	26	27 6:00 YAMS	28 6:15 Potluck 7:00 AWE - Southern Gospel	29	30	31

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*The Simplicity
of
Silence*

2012 March Lenten Worship

Thursdays 🕒 6:30pm

Fellowship Hall



Join us for Lenten
worship every
Thursday (6:30pm)
during March. These
contemplative
services promise to
renew, restore, and
re-center your soul.