



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

October 2025

SURVIVING AND ARRIVING

As Jacob's favored son, Joseph never really had a chance to discover the outer limits of his character (Ge. 37:1-36). Now, as a powerless slave living in a foreign land, Joseph will be tested both spiritually and physically.

Instead of killing Joseph, his brothers sell him to a band of Midianites traveling to Egypt. The Midianites, in turn, sell the boy to Potiphar, a commander in the Egyptian army who was also one of Pharaoh's officials. Joseph starts a new existence as a common house domestic doing menial jobs. Over time his effort was noted. He rose to a position of greater responsibility until he became steward of all his master's possessions.

Joseph proves to be a person of sound moral principle as made manifest when he resisted the advances of Potiphar's wife (Gen. 39:7-20). What could be more contemporary and relevant than this instance of sexual harassment in the workplace? Ironically, the Bible highlights this issue in which a male member of the staff is the victim of harassment. What Joseph surely knew was that this person had the power to destroy him. It would be disastrous for a slave to disregard the overtures of his master's wife.

Joseph flees the household. His coat is left in this woman's hand. Yet again, another coat stripped off his back. Instead of the pit which followed with his brothers, this is followed by descending into the pit of the royal prison. It's as if Joseph is being repeatedly shedding his skin as he lowered from his father's favor into enslavement then lowered again from slavery into imprisonment.

Only after Joseph is stripped of all privileges and sold into slavery does his character begin to develop and emerge. In every generation of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, the one who can control their nature wins out over those who are enslaved by their urges.

Joseph did not leave the pit of his brothers and exit Canaan enslaved by the Midianite travelers totally empty handed. An alien living in a foreign land with no rights nor powers, Joseph transcends his predicament because "the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love" (Gen. 39:21).

Søren Kierkegaard's perspective defines despair "as the rejection of God within oneself." Despite the depths to which human treachery consigns him, Joseph does not experience despair or bitterness. He never relinquishes moral integrity. Not unlike how Viktor Frankl made the following statement about survivors of the German concentration camps: "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms, to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances."

Rather than give in to depravity or wallow in depression, Joseph begins to build a ladder out of the depths. We witness him developing the very characteristics lacking earlier in his life: empathy and sensitivity – these enable him to discern the fears and anxieties that torment the baker and chief cupbearer (Gen. 40:1-23).

Joseph's personal transformation teaches us why so many gifted but immature people fall away. Talent and intellect are not enough to carry one over the inevitable pits that accompany life's path. Character as displayed by Christ and deep Christian faith can get us through.

Parents find it difficult to give their children, whether age 5 years or 50 years, the necessary freedom to fail or deal with adversity on their own, to watch them struggle without rushing to the rescue. At times, it is the adversity which matures character and develops new growth within the soul.

Inside...October Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!

Rev Colby Smith

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club October Schedule

Oct 5th-NO Kid's Club (Fall Break)

Oct 12th-Clue

October 19th-Pumpkin Patch Trip

Oct 26th-NO Kid's Club (Trunk or Treat)



Kid's Club October Theme

?! Clue!?!



All children age K-5th grade are invited to Kid's Club on Sundays right after worship until 1:30.

Each week we eat lunch, play games and do activities on a bible theme.

For more information, please contact Patti Wright,

Medical Permission & Release Forms

Parents, have you updated your child's Medical Permission and Release Forms this Fall?

If not, please get a copy at the next Kid's Club meeting your child attends and return it as soon as possible.



Kid's Club Destination Unknown



Want to get to know this great group of kids? Sign up to provide lunch one Sunday in Oct or Nov!

Contact Patti to choose your date!



For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

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| Gary Gibson | Bonnie & Tyler Traschel |
| John Taylor Ross | Danielle Fields |
| Jan Sheffield | Pat Mallard |
| Bill Morgan | Butch Pass |
| Trevor & Lucy Graham | David & Nancy Robert- son |
| Darell Rickmers | Mindy Carter |
| Lauren Newman | McMurry Family |
| Wanda Huffman | Talley Family |
| Mary Sebring | Barb Webie |
| Mary Lou Withers | Caywood Family |
| Jim Routin | Milburn Family |
| Marlena Ellis | Ben Guerrant |
| Melodee Quinn | |

Remember our Shut-ins

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| Martha Akin | Lucille Lemmon |
| Pat & Steve | Bonnie Wilson |
| Bruce | Georgianne Smith |
| Mindy Carter | Johnetta Gibson |
| Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer | |



October Worship Roster

| October 5 | October 12 | October 19 | October 26 |
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| Worship Leader– Julie Jones | Worship Leader– Tom Huckleberry | Worship Leader– Vince Pennington | Worship Leader– Lyle McGlothlin |
| Elder– Elmer Jackson | Elder– Doug McMurry | Elder– Larry Scott | Elder– Mary Ann McGlothlin |
| Elder & Counter–Suzi Jackson | Elder & Counter– Nancy McMurry | Elder & Counter– Jan Scott | Elder & Counter– Lyle McGlothlin |
| Children’s Chat– Rev. Colby | Children’s Chat–Patti Wright | Children’s Chat– Debbie Baker | Children’s Chat– Scott Walker |
| Worship & Wonder– Kandi Williams & Sueann Rice | Worship & Wonder– Kandi & Brent Williams | Worship/Wonder– Debbie Baker & Sueann Rice | Worship/Wonder–Linda Dachenhaus/Need Volunteer |
| Children’s Church– Jacob & Molly Cooper | Children’s Church– Penny Vaught/Patti | Children’s Church– Patricia Calvert/Patti | Children’s Church– Kendra Funkhouser |
| Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric | Nursery Volunteer– McKitric and Edna Prall | Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric and Kris Hamlin | Nursery– Mary McKitric & Trista Hinkle |
| No Kid’s Club–Fall Break | Kid’s Club Assist– Penny Vaught | Kid’s Club Fall Outing | No Kid’s Club–Trunk or Treat |
| Parkview– ? | Lunch–Alice & Jay Reynolds | Shut-In Comm.– Larry Scott & Mary Ann McGlothlin | Devotional/Cooks– Evelyn Guerrant/Jan Bradshaw |

Four Cans for Others

117 cans were donated during September. Which gives a total of **958**. Let’s keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2024 of **1,421** cans!



News & Announcements

thank you

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the board of trustees I want to thank you for your generous donation to the cane Ridge Shrine, Inc. Cane Ridge is a 501 (c)3 non-profit institution. All gifts to Cane Ridge are tax-deductible and no goods or service were received in return for this donation.

This year has been marked by heavy storms and intense periods, of heat and humidity. Repairs to the Museum have been completed following the May storms but we're still working on several lingering and deferred projects. Insurance paid for the majority of the electrical repairs but the tree clean-up and removal were not covered.

We continue to work to maintain our building and grounds so our visitors can enjoy this historic and spiritual site.

We are grateful for all the support we received from visitors and friends like you from around the country and the world. We are honored to maintain and preserve the history of these grounds and we hope you will continue to support our efforts in the future.

Thank you again ,
James H. Trader, II
Curator



Thank you Trista and the staff at FCC for your generous donation to Loaves and Fish in memory of Bille Ruth. We appreciate you thinking of us and our mission to bless our community with healthy meals and the love of Jesus.

Sincerely grateful,

Mona Gregory and our Loaves and Fish family

A Heartfelt Thank You to Emily Clark

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to Emily Clark for her incredible dedication and hard work in restoring our church library. She spent countless hours organizing, arranging and bringing everything back together . Because of her efforts, the library is once again a welcoming and functional space for our church community. Thank you, Emily, for your time, energy, and unwavering commitment!

First Christian Church Library

The church library has been re-organized. The books are arranged by subject categories under the Dewey Decimal System, 100's - 900's. Most of the books are found in the 200's: Religion.

There is no library catalog. Because the collection is small and subject categories are clearly labeled, books can be browsed on the shelves.

Example of some, but not all, subject labels include:

Bibles, Bible dictionaries, concordances and commentaries

Bible Atlases

Books of the Bible

Christ's life and teaching

Devotionals

Christian experience, practice

Disciples of Christ denomination.

Emily Clark



Patti Wright & Church Family,

We are so appreciative of the school supplies you donated to the Danville Schools. Our families are so thankful for the love you have shown them and their children. We are so thankful for all you do for our families and our children.

Tesha Bryant,
Toliver FRC

Dear FCC Danville,

Thank you for the recent donation to Loaves & Fish of Paducah, TX on behalf of Billye Ruth Bigbee – White. This program delivers meals to senior citizens and are instrumental in Mother's care.

We appreciate you helping them to continue their ministry.

Brad, Erick, Rev. Colby, Dena

Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday— Friday

8:00 a.m.– Noon & 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

News & Announcements



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church as we give thanks to God for our animals and give them a special blessing

October 4th, 2025

Noon

Grass lot on the corner of 1st and Broadway in Danville
Treats will be available for both human and animal friends
Please be sure to properly leash/contain your animals

A Message From Stephen Hinkle

DYC is a youth ministry for those in middle and high school, a joint partnership of First Christian Church, Danville Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church. During the school year, we meet on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM, usually with a dinner, lesson/discussion, and activity. For high school students, we also meet up Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM before school for caffeine and fellowship.



Sunday, October 26th 3:00-5:00

Three ways you can help!

1. Plan and set up a Trunk or Table Display! We will offer the opportunity to be inside or outside, weather permitting.
2. Provide Candy! Support those who are working hard to decorate a trunk or display by helping with the cost of candy. Look for tubs to collect candy in the Narthex starting October 5th.
3. Invite everyone you know with children to come join this fun Halloween tradition for children and families!

Contact Patti with Questions or to reserve your space!



October 26th– All Saints Sunday/ Trunk or Treat

November 9th– Veteran's Recognition Sunday

November 16th– Thanksgiving Meal

December 1st, 8th and 15th– Advent Lunch

December 14th– Children & Youth Christmas Program and Luncheon

December 5th– Southern Lights @ KY Horse Park

Community Performances at FCC

Boyle Middle School Choir– December 2nd

Danville Children's Choir– December 7th

Sounding Joy/Resonance Community Choirs– December 12th

Boyle County High School Choir– December 18th

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See details on how you can help inside on page 5!

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