



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

May 2026

A Queen's Courage: Reflections for Mother's Day

As we approach Mother's Day, my mind has been resting on the story of Esther. Esther embodies the faithful mothering spirit that sustains our families, our church, and our community. In the Old Testament, Esther's journey from an orphan to a queen was not one of fairy tale ease, but a masterclass in courage, wisdom, and sacrificial love. These are the very same traits I see in the women of our congregation every single week.

"For Such a Time as This"

When her relative Mordecai challenged Esther in Esther 4:14, he reminded her that her position was not an accident of fate, but a divine appointment:

"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

I believe this is the quiet anthem of motherhood. Whether you are raising toddlers, mentoring young adults, or caring for aging parents, you are placed in those lives "for such a time as this." Your influence is not a coincidence; it is a calling.

The Power of Selflessness

Esther's greatness didn't come from her crown, but from her willingness to risk everything for her people. She fasted, she prayed, she stood in the gap. In many ways, good Christian mothers are all like Esther. You are often the first line of defense in prayer for your children. You are the advocates for their character, the protectors of their faith, and the ones who stand "in the gap" when the world overwhelms.

A Message to Every Woman

This Mother's Day, we recognize that mothering takes many forms:

- ☐ To the biological mothers: We see your tireless devotion.
- ☐ To the adoptive and foster mothers: We see your choice to love without limits.
- ☐ To the "Esthers" in our church: The aunties, teachers, and mentors who step up to guide the next generation when they need it most.
- ☐ To those for whom the days feel heavy: We see you, we love you, and we pray for God's comfort to cover you.

Like Esther, you may not always feel regal when you are tirelessly being exhaustingly faithful or navigating a difficult path. But make no mistake: in the eyes of God, your faithfulness is seen and counted as a crown.

Thank you for your courage, your prayers, your strength, your sacrifice and your love.

May God bless every good Christian mother as they are a blessing to so many,

Rev. Colby



Inside... May Birthdays, Events, News, Announcements, Prayer Request and More!

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club May Schedule

May 3rd-No Kid's Club (DCC Concert)

May 10th-No Kid's Club (Mother's Day)

May 17th-School's (almost) Out Celebration!!

May 24th-No Kid's Club (Memorial Day Weekend)

May 31-No Kid's Club (Summer Break)



Kid's Club in Action this Spring!



Looking Ahead to Summer Worship

Starting Memorial Day Sunday, our Children's Worship changes.

Instead of Worship & Wonder for children 4-2nd grade and Children's Church for children 3rd-5th grade, all children age 4-5th grade will worship together during the summer months.



SAVE the DATE!

What a Mess VBS!

June 22th-25th

6:00-8:15

Volunteers Needed!

Contact Patti Wright

FCC Spring Sunday Morning Children's Programs

During Worship, Children Birth-5th grade are invited to leave the sanctuary after the Children's Chat to worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate to their age. All programs are staffed with background checked volunteers.

Church Nursery -Newborns through age 4

Worship & Wonder-Children age 4-2nd Grade

Children's Church-Children in 3rd-5th Grade

News & Announcements

First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your gracious donations to the Back Pack Kids Program. Without caring people like you, we would not be able to reach the kids in need that we do! Carolyn C.

Board Member– Finance

Senior Sunday Celebration – May 24, 2026

Our church family is invited to come together for a special and meaningful occasion as we celebrate our graduating high school seniors on **Senior Sunday, May 24, 2026.**

This day is an opportunity for us to recognize the hard work, growth, and faith of these students as they reach an important milestone in their lives. Throughout the service, we will take time to honor each senior and pray over them as they prepare for the next chapter—whether that be college, work, or other callings.

As part of the celebration, the church will be presenting each graduate with a gift as a reminder that they are supported, valued, and never alone as they step into the future. These gifts are a small way for us to show our encouragement and to remind them that their church family will always be behind them.

We encourage everyone to attend, celebrate, and show your support. Your presence will mean a great deal to these students and their families.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate, uplift, and send off our seniors with love and prayer on this special day.

The Danville Children's Choir Presents their Spring Concert



Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00

First Christian Church

Please come support this Danville tradition!

Kentucky Quilt/Knit/Craft Retreat

June 29th—July 2nd 2026

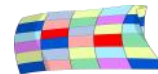
First Christian Church Retreat, Berea Ky.

Primarily this is intended to be a spiritual life retreat. It is a time to remember that our hand work, and artwork are ways we learn to work and pray, to learn from one another and to serve others. Every participant brings their own supplies for their craft— machines, yarn, paints and clay. We work on our own projects at our own speed... taking time to worship, visit and see what others are doing, work on projects and explore the area around us.

This is truly an ecumenical event open to anyone who wishes to spend time doing their craft and remembering the source of all creativity. We share morning and evening prayers, we will close with a worship service that includes communion, which is the Disciples way. Our Communion is always open to anyone who wishes to receive.

You are welcome to register online at www.ccinky.org. The cost is \$190, this covers the retreat expenses, facility and 6 meals. You will make your own room reservations. Berea has motels, B&B's and Verbo.

For more information you may call Petie McLean 270-670-9474 or email pmclean@glasgow-ky.com



Join Jacob and Rev. Colby on Monday evenings
@ 5:30pm for Praying with Christ.

(Last one May 18th)

We'll share a meal, reflect on how the Psalms reveal the character of God and point us toward Christ, and teach us to pray more honestly— for ourselves and for one another.

All are welcome.

Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday— Friday

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

News & Announcements

Connections Book Group

As we move into May, here is our plan:

May 3rd– Revisit *Everything Belongs*, *The Gift of Contemplative* by Richard Rohr. Do some internet browsing to become familiar with the Center for Action and Contemplation to prepare for our additional get together on May 17th.

May 17th– We will welcome John Powell to share his thoughts about one of his favorite authors, Father Richard Rohr, and visit to the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico founded by Richard Rohr. He will also share some insight/discussion that will introduce us to our next book, *“Simplicity The Freedom of Letting Go”* by Father Richard Rohr

Jan Bradshaw

Blood Drive at First Christian Church

Join us for a blood drive on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at First Christian Church.

Your donation can help save lives in our community.

Schedule your appointment today:
Visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **FCCDanville**

Every drop counts—thank you for making a difference!

First Christian Church and Walking Track will be closed on May 25th for Memorial Day



Happy Spring and warm greetings from the Music Department at First Christian, Danville!

Harry and Tim, with the support and assistance of the entire FCC staff, members of the sanctuary choir, and handbell ensemble, have been busy at work filling our church with music, opportunities for Christian fellowship, and special events that we are hoping will help the church reach our members and our local community.

Fresh off the success of our Community Lenten Recital Series, that collaborated with both The Presbyterian Church of Danville and Trinity Episcopal Church, our Palm Sunday commemorated Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a flourish of music from the handbells, piano and organ. During Holy Week the music department started what we hope might be a tradition of a family meal and intimate communion service for Maundy Thursday. Attendees enjoyed cranberry-orange chicken, oven roasted carrots and parsnips, eclectic rice pilaf, salad, homemade rolls and a wide variety of tasty desserts—provided by a wide array of generous members and served by more FCC volunteers. Easter Sunday was a joyous celebration that once again welcomed a youthful brass quartet to open and close the service and to accompany our choir in well-loved hymn tunes.

LOOKING FORWARD: Don't miss our Mother's Day Jazz Brunch, featuring delectable brunch fare, sumptuous desserts, and LIVE jazz entertainment! Please come out and support your church music department and future outreach activities by attending, bringing friends and family, and making as generous a donation as you can! This will insure we can continue to bring you quality opportunities for fellowship and enhanced worship through music!

PS—you may have noticed that our sanctuary choir is supported by four wonderful singers from the Bellarmine University Music Department. Please consider telling these young people how much they add to our musical praise and consider making a donation to support the continuation of this great boost to our musical professionalism!

Yours in Pursuit of the Best Christian Music,

Tim Glasscock, D. M. A.

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

Gary Gibson	Mindy Carter
John Taylor Ross	Barb Webie
Jan Sheffield	Ben Guerrant
Bill Morgan	Lucille Lemmon
Darell Rickmers	Patsy McClure
Lauren Newman	Ann Pennington
Wanda Huffman	Shelby Pass
Mary Sebring	Barabara C. Rankin Family
Mary Lou Withers	
Jim Routin	
Janet Henson	
Bonnie Traschel	
Butch Pass	
David & Nancy Robertson	

Remember our Shut-ins

Martha Akin	Lucille Lemmon
Pat & Steve Bruce	Bonnie Wilson
Mindy Carter	Georgianne Smith
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer	Butch Pass
	Wanda Huffman



May Worship Roster

May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Worship Leader– MaryAnn McGlothlin	Worship Leader– Larry Scott	Worship Leader– Terry Dachenhaus	Worship Leader– John Funkhouser	Worship Leader– Jan Scott
Elder– Tom Hucklebery	Elder- Lyle McGlothlin	Elder– Larry Scott	Elder– Doug Mc Murry	Elder– Elmer Jackson
Elder & Counter– Martha Caywood	Elder & Counter– Mary Ann McGlothlin	Elder & Counter– Jan Scott	Elder & Counter– Nancy McMurry	Elder & Counter– Suzi Jackson
Children’s Chat– Kendra Funkhouser	Children’s Chat– Debbie Baker	Children’s Chat– Darell Rickmers	Children’s Chat– Patti Wright	Children’s Chat– Rev Colby
Worship & Wonder– Patricia Calvert	Worship & Wonder– Debbie Baker	Worship & Wonder– Kandi Williams/ Sherri Horn	Children’s Sum- mer Worship– Patti Wright	Children’s Church– Penny Vaught/Patti
Children’s Church– Kendra Funkhouser	Children’s Church– Linda Dachenhaus	Children’s Church– Patricia Calvert	Nursery– Mary McKitric & Trista Hinkle	Nursery– Mary McKitric/
Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric	Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric and Edna Prall	Nursery-Mary McKitric and Kris Hamlin	Cook / Devotion–	Need Volunteer
No Kid’s Club–	No Kid’s Club–	Last Regular Kid’s Club!	Greeters– Reid Talley & Melissa Marlowe	Cook/ Devotion–
Parkview– Lyle & Mary Ann McGlothlin	Mother’s Day	Shut In Comm.– Lyle & Mary Ann		Greeters– Rodger & Wendy Ross
Greeters– Susan & Youth	Greeters– Jeff & Libby	Greeters– Ann Barker		

Even MORE Cans for Others

119 cans were donated during **April** bringing our total for 2026 to **383** cans. Keep bringing those cans so we can beat our total for 2025 of **1994** cans.



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