



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

February 23, 2023

To Be Lifted is to Be Changed

The Bible makes many references to the term "grace." One understanding of grace is, "Undeserved divine assistance given to humanity for its regeneration and sanctification." Another is "unmerited divine love and favor extended to sinners." An ancient proverb catches the essence:

"Justice is getting what you deserve.

Mercy is not getting what you deserve.

Grace is getting what you do not deserve."

Grace reaches one undeserving and lifts them out of their condition, thus forever changing them. You may know someone who needs this kind of grace, this kind of lifting, in their lives. To know there is certain hope in Christ. Some already enjoy such grace. For those, this message will be a reminder of what Jesus has done in them and for them. Wherever you stand with the Lord, there is help for you in II Samuel 9.

David extends grace to a man named Mephibosheth. David takes Mephibosheth from cottage to castle. Please understand, what David did for Mephibosheth, Jesus can do for anyone...and more. Everything changes upon being lifted for to be lifted is to be changed.

Mephibosheth—the son of Jonathan, grandson of King Saul—was five years old when his father and grandfather fell in the Battle of Mount Gilboa. Hearing of total defeat, the royal nurse took the little boy and fled. In her haste she stumbled, and Mephibosheth fell to the ground. The fall caused an injury whereby he could no longer use

his legs. He was carried to the land of Gilead. Mephibosheth found refuge in the house of Machir.

The story of David's care and provision for Mephibosheth is among the inspiring portions of the Bible. The care and mercy with which David provided went far beyond any expectation. There was nothing requiring David to care for Jonathan's son, but King David was concerned and reached out in grace – no strings attached.

Do we have something in common with Mephibosheth? As to culture and time, we are worlds apart. However, there is common ground between Mephibosheth and every one of us. Understand, all of us have similar experiences—the experience of receiving undeserved grace, royal treatment by a king, instead of being left in the place of no pasture.

It is worth noting that David took the initiative to go out searching for Mephibosheth. This is not unlike God. God continually takes the initiative to seek us out, even when we've wandered far astray.

"Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan" (9:7). This pictures the kindness of God through Jesus. The differences separating Mephibosheth from David because of the young man's connection with the fallen dynasty of King Saul were overcome by David. As David reached across all barriers to lift up Mephibosheth, so God overcomes all obstacles that we may be reconciled us to God's own heart. God has extended grace to us despite the barriers of sin we erect. Colossians 1:21-22 captures this truth precisely. *"And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him."*

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Rev Colby Smith

KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club Schedule

March 5-Parables that POP

The Unmerciful Servant

March 12-Parables that POP

The Lost Sheep

March 19-Parables that POP

The Talents

March 26-Destination Unknown!

April 2-Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Right after worship!

Parables that



This month at Kid's Club we are continuing our series of lessons on the Parables of Jesus with a twist.

Each week's parable includes a fun science experiment sure to cause some "wows" as well as a Balloon Pop game to reveal the Parable of the day.

Kid's Club is open to children in grades K-5 and meets most Sundays right after worship from Noon-2 p.m.

Join us so you don't miss any of the fun!



Save the Date!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th

Millennium Park

First Christian will once again be joining with other area churches to host a Community Easter Egg Hunt.

We will need donations of plastic eggs and candy, as well as volunteers to stuff eggs and help at the event.

Please mark your calendar and watch for more info in your FCC Wednesday emails!



Thank you to all who helped make the Souper Bowl Chili Potluck and Dessert Fundraiser a HUGE success!

Whether you donated chili, soup or desserts for the auction, helped with set up, attended the event, or got involved in the spirited bidding, your support is greatly appreciated by our children, youth and the Discipleship team!

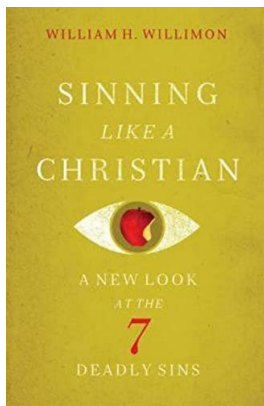
We don't have a definite total yet but know that on top of the all donations of chili, soups and desserts that the dessert auction raised more than \$3600 .00!!

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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

News & Announcements

Lenten Series & Cards | Feb 22-Mar 29 @10am



A non-traditional Lenten six-week faith formation series will be on offer from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings between Ash Wednesday and March 29th**. William Willimon's book, "[Sinning Like a Christian](#)", is an especially relevant approach with the current unprecedented merging of both internal and external factors a person of faith must now contend.

This is not your parent's Lenten Study. It is a series intended to be an honest, but starkly unadorned, exercise for the most seasoned believer. Amazon.com list paperbacks for \$15.99 and the e-books for \$9.99. Following each Lenten session, a bonus time of light refreshment and Bridge, Hearts, Spades, Euchre, etc. will be enjoyed. All are welcome - the Lenten Series & Cards is open to friends, family and guests.

Book Connection | March 5th after Worship

-Connections

All interested folks are invited to join in this discussion group on Sunday, February 5, in the chapel immediately following church. An informal bowl of soup will provide a light lunch as we pull together insights from these fictional short stories. Please go ahead, order the book, and enjoy the calm of the winter season reading.

We will focus on the 3 stories written by Eudora Welty (p. 357), Brendan Gill (p.78), and William Hoffman (p. 95) for our second session. Read all three or any one story and add to our thoughts, ideas, and insights!

["God Stories"](#) is composed of several short stories so you may attend the meetings as your schedule allows.

Easter Flowers | March 5th



We are putting in our order for Easter flowers soon! If you would like to take one home you can start placing orders the first Sunday of March! They are \$11 each. You can take them home after Easter worship service on April 9th.

Prayer Concerns

Linda Delver
Charlotte Hopper
Howard Wilson
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Harry Mercer
Catherine Shoulty
John Taylor Ross
Ken Harmon

Gary Gibson
Lucille Lemmon
Jan Sheffield
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Howard Wilson
Bill Barker
All Ongoing & Unspoken

Keep in prayers

The family and friends of Jennie Sue Sivis | *February 18, 1934—January 20, 2023*

Shut-ins

Martha Akin
Jerry Boyd
Pat & Steve Bruce
Mindy Carter
Bill & Patty Castle
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer
Tom Ensslin
Odell Hines

Marianne Kirby
Margaret Milburn
Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Aubrey Sivis
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson

News & Announcements

Order of Worship

You can now scan the QR code on the welcome table to get access to the Order of Worship. Simply open your camera app or QR scanning app, center the square on the screen, and click "more options" or "open."

Turkey and Syria -Week of Compassion*

Prior to the earthquake, over 15 million Syrians were already in need of humanitarian help due to the ongoing war in Syria. Thousands of Syrians have fled into Turkey to start a new life, and now, once again, are forced to endure another disaster caused by this earthquake. The most urgent needs are water, food, and shelters and blankets, especially due to the harsh winter and storms moving through.

Hospitals are overflowing with injured people, and patients who need medical support are not able to get help due to lack of medical equipment or available beds. [1] Please see [Week of Compassion](#) for the full article and what you can do to help.



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[1] *Week of Compassion*. (2023, February 2). *Turkey & Syria. Week of Compassion*. Retrieved February 20, 2023, from <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/stories/turkey-syria>

Spring Forward | March 12

There is a time change on Sunday, March 12th. Our Sunday service time will be reflecting the new time so be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour the night before!

Human Rights Celebration | March 3rd @9:30am-CWU



"Labor with Love---Respect to Heal." This is the same message that Jesus gave when He said, *"Love one another as I have loved You".*

Mercer/Boyle Church Women United will meet for the March Human Rights Celebration at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Harrodsburg.

Church Women United's 2023 Theme is: "Living a Legacy of Love: Doing God's Work". Knowing that Church Women United is the only Women's Ecumenical group in the USA, makes it even more imperative that we follow Jesus' message.

A Pot Luck breakfast begins @ 9:30, followed by a brief business meeting, and then the Celebration/Worship Service. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Hood: 859 613-2575, Margaret Clark: 859 319-3895 or Judy Morgan: 859 583-3261.

2023 First Annual FCC Bracket Challenge | March 16

Kentucky is one college basketball crazy state. Kentucky has no greater fevered basketball fans than those here in Central Kentucky. A Texas boy brought knowing high school & college football has been learning with gratitude about college basketball in-the-paint interior defense from a group of 80-something year old grandmothers. Time for all this wisdom and experience at FCC to be acknowledged. The 2023 First Annual FCC Bracket Challenge has arrived. Trophy presentations will be made the top two finishers. The FCC Champion will be awarded a grand prize. All entries must be [emailed to FCC](#) or turned into the church office before first tip on Tournament Thursday. Good luck and may the bounces go your way!

A St. Patrick's Day Celebration At Waynesburg Manor | March 17 @ 1pm-Jan Bradshaw



- ~Mark your calendars for Friday, March 17th
- ~Church van will leave the church at 1 and return around 4
- ~Join with other FCC leprechauns to bring fun and smiles to the residents of this personal care facility
- ~ To participate or provide some party refreshments, sign up at the welcome table or call the church office



Operation Recovery 2023 Mission Trip | April 23rd - April 28th -Outreach Team

It's been fifteen months since a devastating tornado swept through Western Kentucky. In that time much has been done to help those living in Dawson Springs, but much more still needs to be done. We will continue our work there with CrossRoads Missions and Habitat for Humanity.

Looking for an opportunity to help others? Join us on the mission trip. Tasks are varied, skilled and unskilled. All you need is a desire to make a difference.

To learn more contact Mary Ann McGlothlin at 859-396-7109 or maryann.mcglathlin@gmail.com.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship, complete with palm leaves (naturally!), will be observed **April 2nd**.

Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae will be observed on **April 6th** in the Sanctuary at **7:00p.m.**

Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service will be **April 9th** at **7:00a.m.** at the southwest outdoor garden seating.

Easter Service is on **April 9th**.

January Board Minutes

Minutes are posted on the board bulletin at the end of the Arcade. To read online, please navigate to: <https://www.firstchristiandanville.com/minutes>

Service Roster

March 2023

	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26
Worship Leader	Joey Kirk	Bart Gover	Jan Scott	Vince Pennington
Elders at the Table	Ruth Sigler Brent Williams	Jan & Larry Scott	John & Kendra Funkhouser	Jane Boyd Tom Huckleberry
Deacons	Jeff & Libby Joiner	Connie McVicker Jeff Withers	Patrick & Jenny McClure	Jeff & Libby Joiner
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Debbie Baker	Terry & Linda Dachenhause	Youth	Becky Whited Kasey Wilson
Stewards	John Caywood			
Children's Chat	Kendra Funkhouser	Darell Ricmers	Pastor Colby	Patti Wright
Children's Worship and Wonder	Patricia Calvert Sueann Rice	Darell Rickmers Debbie Baker	Kandi & Brent Williams	Patti Wright Sueann Rice
Children's Church	Kendra Funkhouser	Patti Wright	Penny Vaught	Patricia Calvert
Nursery	Mary McKitric	Becky Whited	Kris Hamlin	Kendall Williams
Acolytes	Lillian Russerll Meryk Hinkle	Jenny Wilson Ainsley Shartzter		Becca Hoffman Bari Bowman
Sound	John Funkhouser	Brian Calvert	Doug McMurry	Kevin Jones
Camera	Patsy Clevenger	Patricia Calvert	Cory Jones	Margaret Jones
Slides	Connie McVicker	Molly Cooper		Connie McVicker
Other	Morning Pointe		Assisted Living Communion	Elder's Meeting

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Open to find out about Holy Week, an upcoming mission trip, flower orders, and our bracket challenge!

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Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Sundays</u> 9:30am The Bistro 9:45am Adult SunSch 10am Grace Presby 5:30pm DYC			<i>1</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 10am Lenten Study& Cards 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>2</i> 2pm Worship Team	<i>3</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 9:30a CWU Celebr 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>4</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>5</i> 10:45am Worship Kids Club The Gathering Book Connection 2pm Morning Pointe	<i>6</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance 7pm Boy Scouts	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 10am Lenten Study& Cards 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>9</i> 9am Connections 6:30pm Sounding Joy	<i>10</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>11</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>12 Time Change</i> 10:45am Worship Kids Club The Gathering	<i>13</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance 7pm Boy Scouts	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 10am Lenten Study& Cards 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>16 B-Ball Tip-Off</i> 6pm FCC Men's Dinner & Discussion 7pm Church Board	<i>17</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 1pm Waynesburg 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>18</i> 7:30am Soups On Us 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>19</i> 10:45am Worship Kids Club The Gathering	<i>20</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance 7pm Boy Scouts	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 10am Lenten Study& Cards 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>23 Newsletter Articles</i>	<i>24</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>25</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>26</i> 10:45am Worship Kids Club The Gathering	<i>27</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance 7pm Boy Scouts	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 10am Lenten Study& Cards 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	

March 2023

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **Jack & Julie Jones**	2 Jim Sullivan	3 Abby Kerbaugh Mike May Becky Whited	4 Addison Brown Lauren Newman
5 Joey Kirk	6 Janice Gideon	7 Jenny McClure	8	9 David May	10	11
12	13 Paige Stevens ** Trish & Justin Jarnagin **	14 Donna Carol Welch **Brian & Patricia Calvert**	15 Patty Castle	16	17	18
19 **Bill Ann Barker**	20	21	22	23 Edith Cottrell	24	25 Nancy Mahan
26 Kyle Bradshaw Larry Vaught	27 Claude Wagner **Ken & Margaret Clark**	28 Anette Ransdell	29	30 Diane Reed Katie Wilson	31 Butch Pass	