



# FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

*Making disciples who make a difference!*

April 26, 2023

## *Rooftop*

Growing bodies of evidence show mobile devices, created with intentions of enhancing interactions, are instead altering social behavior in counterintuitive ways. Friends remain on their phones when together. Answering either a text or a ringing phone at dinner, or in a meeting, is less likely to be viewed as an interruption than just a few years ago. Devices created with the intention of fostering communication now seem to be furthering qualities of poor communication, or in some cases, no communication at all.

Upon reading an article by Jill Carattini, I was made aware one major company has introduced what it refers to as an added "functionality" for its subscribers: a service to enable bailing out on a date or other social engagement. Subscribers arrange for their phones to be contacted at an arranged time. The call then guides the subscriber through an automated "escape script" allowing the person to talk their way out of being with the unsuspecting date or event. The evening comes to a sudden end in order for the subscriber to dash off to look after an urgent issue. Now, if the date is going well and if the event proves worthwhile, the call is simply not answered.

There is a phrase from Psalm 129:6-7 that comes to mind upon reading of the "emerging functionalities" which come into our lives and shred true functioning. The psalmist is referring to the deceptive, to the wicked, to those who work against God's kingdom. Crying out to God the psalmist asks, "Let them be like grass on the rooftops that withers before it grows up, with which reapers do not fill their hands or binders of sheaves their arms."

In the crevices of the flat roofs of Mideast houses grass springs up, seeming almost defiant about its heightened position in rebellious places. Like the tufts of grass that seem to tirelessly fight back to own a place in the cracks of our sidewalks and driveways, grass on the rooftop stubbornly declares

its unwanted existence requiring attention.

At first glance, it seems an odd request. Why would we ask God to make those against the Lord to be like the annoying grass we must unremittingly fight every growing season? The conclusions seem disheartening. Will the intolerance that endlessly springs forth in the cracks of curbs, driveways, and sidewalks of society ever cease? Will ignorant prejudice and wickedness that grows like weeds ever be rooted out?

The psalmist's colorful description reminds us that it will not. But in the image of grass upon a roof, the psalmist wisely bids us to see more. In the words of Alexandre Dumas, "Until the day comes when God will deign to reveal the future to [hu]man[ity], all human wisdom is contained in these words: Wait and hope!"

The weeds of judgmental hatefulness and intolerance will remain, but like grass on a rooftop, it will never be grass growing as intended, or even as it might hope. Communication offered through escape scripts is not communication and eventually will collapse under its own deceit.

Grass on a rooftop cannot fill the reaper's hands nor can it fill the gatherer's arms. It may boast in its rebellious standing, but having shallow roots and nowhere to grow, it cannot endure. It bears no fulfillment, nothing to cut or to carry, nothing for the hand to grasp, nothing that will last.

So, indeed, may those who work against the kingdom of God and life as the Lord intended to be like grass on a rooftop.

*Rev Colby Smith*

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*May events, birthdays, anniversaries and more*

# KIDS CORNER

## Kid's Club Schedule

**April 30-Destination Unknown!**

**May 7-Who Needs Prayer Anyway?!**  
(Noon-1:30 p.m.)

**May 14-No Kid's Club (Mother's Day)**

**May 21-Summer Kick Off All-Church  
Event (see page ??)**

**May 28-No Kid's Club (Memorial Day)**  
Kid's Club is open to children in grades K-5th.

## Have You Registered for Summer Camp?

The deadline for early –bird registration (with a cost reduction ) is May 1st!

Contact Patti for more info about camps for everyone who has completed Kindergarten through high school.

Info for Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is on-line at:

<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/>

Don't forget that FCC pays half the registration fee for all campers!



## Kid's Club Photo Gallery

Check out what Kid's Club has been up to in our photo gallery on the bulletin board at the end of the Arcade Hallway. See what kind of fun we have been having with games, crafts, and activities each week!

## It's time to start planning for VBS!

**Save the Date: June 12-15**



This year we will be partnering with The Presbyterian Church for VBS and we need your help in 3 ways!

- 1: Get the word out to families with children who are age 4-just completing 5th grade. Watch the worship table for fliers that you can take to places you already go to let families know about the event. You can also share FCC emails, and Facebook and Instagram posts about this fun event.
- 2: Help before the event with decorations, registration and other prep work.
- 3: Volunteer to help with snacks, crafts, games, group leading, etc. the week of June 12-15 each evening from 6-8 p.m.

**Watch for more info coming soon!**

**For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright**

Email [patti@firstchristiandanville.com](mailto:patti@firstchristiandanville.com) or text (812) 483-9004

## News & Announcements

### Book Connection | May 7 –Jan Bradshaw

The Book Connection Group will meet on May 7 following church in the chapel. This month our discussion will center around the stories by Peggy Payne, Bernard Malamud, James Baldwin, and Eileen Pollock focusing on Questions 5 and 8 from the book God Stories. You are welcome to join us even if you haven't yet participated as these are stand alone stories. A light lunch and lively dialogue is sure to happen!

### Ice Cream Social | May 7

It's warming up so get ready for a cool treat! Join us in the courtyard on May 7th to socialize, eat ice cream, and enjoy the sunny weather. Send your thanks to Connections team for hosting this fun event!

### Fill the Pews with Community Support! | May 11 7:30p-Patti Wright



- Did you know that the Resonance Mens' Chorus rehearses in the FCC Chapel every Monday evening?
- Did you know that Patti Wright sings with the Sounding Joy Women's Chorus and that other FCC members over the years have also been a part of one of these choirs?

Both community choirs will be performing "Nature's Bounty" together on Thursday, May 11th at 7:30 in the FCC Sanctuary! Both choirs are directed by Barbara Hall, formerly of Centre College. The concert is free and donations in support of the Danville Children's Choir will be gratefully received at the concert. Let's show the community that FCC supports these community groups. Mark your calendar and plan to fill the pews with your support!

### Mother's Day | May 14

We will have a surprise for all mothers as well as a baby dedication on this day.

### 7 Round the Table | May 20-Mary Ann McGlothlin



Want to join a small group of FCCers for an evening meal and good conversation. Set aside Saturday evening, May 20th for a "Bread Breaker" like event. Sign up at the Welcome Table or call the

church office, indicating what meal item you would like to bring and whether or not you would be willing to host. Come by yourself or with another person. For more information contact Mary Ann McGlothlin at maryann.mcglathlin@gmail.com or 859-396-7109.

## Prayer Concerns

Charlotte Hopper  
Debbie Baker  
Aubrey Sivis  
Catherine DeMoss  
Steve Bruce  
Howard Wilson  
John Taylor Ross  
Gary Gibson  
Jan Sheffield  
Margaret Milburn  
Bill Morgan  
Mary Lou Withers  
Bill Barker  
Shannon Warren  
Mike Anderson

Heather Lockhart  
Michael Allen  
Michael Gretton  
Jenny McClure's Brother  
Rodger Morris  
Britt O'Brien  
Donna Brown VanHook  
Lisa Norvell  
Milton Cash  
Paul Gwaltney  
Linda Fisher  
Those affected by the  
Central KY Storms, Eastern KY flooding, and  
Western KY tornadoes

## Keep Grieving Families in Prayer

Marvin Graham | [Obituary](#)

Wendell Drury | July 1, 1934 – March 23, 2023

Kenneth Harmon | [Obituary](#)

Elizabeth Clevenger | [Obituary](#)

## Assisted Living

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  
Aubrey Sivis  
Mike Swain  
Bonnie Wilson

### Church Wide Picnic and Family Fun Day | May 21

As the school year comes to a close, we hope everyone will stay after worship that morning to celebrate the arrival of summer with our children and youth! Activities include a picnic-style lunch, Corn Hole Tournament for all ages, BINGO, 9-Square and inflatables! Watch for more information in worship, weekly emails and on the welcome table. Sunday, May 21 after worship.

### Save the Date . . . Pets Unleashed Vacation Bible School is coming! | June 12-15 -Patti Wright



FCC Vacation Bible School will be held on June 12th-15th from 6:00-8:00 each evening. We will be partnering with The Presbyterian Church of Danville this summer with this fun theme where Jesus Cares "Fur" You! Please spread the word to family

and friends with children ages 4-5th grade and invite them to join the fun! Look for more info on volunteering and registration soon.

## News & Announcements



### Operation Rescue Mission Trip

FCC Operation Rescue Mission Team: Mary Ann and Lyle McGlothlin, Ruth Sigler, David May, Jan and Larry Scott. Under the guidance of CrossRoads Missions, this team worked on Habitat for Humanities houses in Princeton, Kentucky April 25-27th. Habitat houses are being built to replace homes destroyed in the December 2021 tornado. Please ask the members of the team to share their experiences with you.

### 4 Cans 4 Others

We have collected a total of 34,138 cans after receiving 48 in April. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday. The Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

### 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>

### Giving Thanks

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation to Backpack for Kids Program. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

♥ Love,

Libby Joiner (Board member)

# The Danville Children's Choir Proudly Presents Echoes of Spring



Sunday, May 7th 2023  
3:00 p.m.

Lexington Avenue Baptist Church  
Admission is free

Please join us for our first  
In-Person Concert since 2019!

## Service Roster

### May 2023

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Tom Huckleberry	John Funkhouser	Cheryl Gibson	Lyle McGlothlin
<b>Elders at the Table</b>	Elmer & Suzi Jackson	Jan & Larry Scott	Ruth Sigler Brent Williams	Jan Bradshaw Cheryl Gibson
<b>Deacons</b>	Sherrie Horn Becky Whited	Sherrie Horn Becky Whited	Terry & Linda Dachenhause	Molly and Jacob Cooper
<b>Greeters</b>			Youth	
<b>Stewards</b>	Elmer Jackson	John Caywood	John Caywood	Martha Bryant
<b>Children's Chat</b>	Kendra Funkhouser	Darell Rickmers	Patti Wright	Debbie Baker
<b>Children's Worship and Wonder</b>	Connie McVicker Sueann Rice	Connie McVicker Jackie Fowler	Linda Dachenhause Jackie Fowler	None
<b>Children's Church</b>	Kendra Funkhouser	Darell Rickmers	Penny Vaught	Martha Bryant Patti Wright
<b>Nursery</b>	Mary McKitric	Becky Whited	Kris Hamlin	Kendall Williams
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bari Bowman Ainsley Shartzner	Meryk Hinkle Bari Bowman	Lillian Russell Meryk Hinkle	None
<b>Sound</b>				
<b>Camera</b>				
<b>Slides</b>				
<b>Other</b>	Morning Pointe		Assisted Living Communion	Elder's Lunch

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Jeanette Barbour	<i>2</i> Lula Warlick	<i>3</i> Kellie Jones	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> **Stephen Shewmaker & Gayle Spears**
<i>7</i> Wanda Huffman	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> **Annette & John Ransdell**	<i>12</i> **Brenda & Tom Bryant** **Anne & Glen Kerbaugh**	<i>13</i> Odell Hines Suzi Jackson
<i>14</i> John Ransdell	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Dr. Larry Scott	<i>18</i> Tom Hastings **Sarah & Richard Hempel**	<i>19</i> Caroline Sullivan	<i>20</i> Richard Brown
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> **Claude & Denise Wagner**	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Shawn Newsome
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Brian Darnell Amber Shartzter	<i>31</i> Paul McClure			

Don't see your special day? Call or email us to update your information!

# Events

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi <b>5:30p Outreach</b> 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Rehearsals	<i>4</i> <b>2p Worship Team</b>	<i>5</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>6</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>7 Backpack Kids</i> <b>10:45am Worship</b> Kids Club The Gathering 2pm Morning Pointe	<i>8</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Rehearsals	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>13</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>14 Mother's Day</i> <b>10:45am Worship</b> Kids Club The Gathering	<i>15</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Rehearsals	<i>18</i> <b>6pm FCC Men's Dinner &amp; Discussion</b>	<i>19</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>20</i> 7:30am Soups On Us 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>21</i> <b>10:45am Worship</b> Kids Club The Gathering	<i>22</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 12pm Finance Team 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Rehearsals	<i>25</i> <b>7pm Church Board</b>	<i>26 Article Deadline</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>27</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>28</i> <b>10:45am Worship</b> Kids Club The Gathering Elder's Lunch	<i>29</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict 7pm Resonance	<i>30</i>	<i>31 Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA 5:30 Rehearsals			

Some repeating events are unable to fit in the above boxes.  
 For a full list of our events please see <https://www.firstchristiandanville.com/event-calendar>



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Church Wide Picnic and Family Fun Day  
Sunday, May 21st  
Immediately following worship  
Details inside!

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