



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

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Life Together

We expect our children to grow and learn all the time. And it's quite amazing to me how much and how quickly they change. But what about growing and changing as an adult? We don't expect it so much, and we don't do it so much. But I believe we should be life-long learners in our spiritual lives as well as in our general education. So what are you doing to be a life-long learner in your spiritual life?

I hope that one of your ways of learning, growing and being challenged in the faith is by coming to worship and listening to sermons. As I have often said, I don't expect you to agree with everything I say, but I certainly hope that you will feel challenged and go away thinking about the sermon. If so, I have achieved my goal.

But there are other important ways of growing as well. I highly recommend our two adult Sunday School classes. The Possibilities class always has a stimulating discussion going, and, currently, they are studying the book of Romans. Tom Huckleberry's class, the Gentry Martin Class, has a very faithful and engaging group. Tom is an excellent teacher and always well-prepared. This class is studying the normal Sunday School literature which covers a wide variety of Biblical texts.

We currently have one book study going through the Connections group. They are studying *Significant - A Study of Women in Jesus' Genealogy: Six Ordinary Women, One Extraordinary God*. The next meeting covering the second chapter will be after church on May 29. Bring a sack lunch.

There are also other ways that I try to grow including watching worship services from other churches. Since the pandemic, it seems that almost every church is posting their worship online. I like checking in to see what some of my pastor friends are preaching. And I have enjoyed checking out some of the worship services from National City Christian Church and Riverside Church in New York City. One of my favorite preachers there is Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper, their Minister to Older Adults.

I also like to watch sermons posted at the website called "A Sermon for Every Sunday" at asermonforeverysunday.com. This site was "founded in 2014 by Jim Somerville, Pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church, and David Powers, President of Belltower Pictures, as a way to help churches that didn't have, or couldn't afford, a regular preacher. The sermons are free of charge and are being used by small churches, house churches, Bible studies, small groups, Sunday school classes, and for individual viewing on laptops, tablets, and smartphones."

Recently, I have been enjoying the weekly emails from Diana Butler Bass. Her website is called "The Cottage" at dianabutlerbass.com/the-cottage/, and she says it is a "place to explore faith and spirituality especially for those who feel dissatisfied, discomfited, or uncertain about religion — and who need a different angle, a new view of things of the spirit."

I also like the Compassionate Christianity website (I love the title) at compassionatechristianity.org. They say that their "objective is to provide you with compassionate Christian ideas, nourishment, resources, and community. We seek to provide inclusive, welcoming, and affirming ideas and resources, reflecting the compassion Jesus modeled for us."

I also subscribe to *Christian Century* magazine, which aspires to be "open-minded" and "think critically and live out the Christian faith creatively in our time," and *Sojourners* magazine which claims "to inspire hope and action by articulating the biblical call to racial and social justice, life and peace, and environmental stewardship."

Oh! There are so many options. There's just no excuse to be 'stuck in a rut' spiritually.

Dr. Mickey Anders
Interim Sr. Minister

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May Board Summary

The Administrative Board of FCC met on Thursday, May 19, 2022 and the following are highlights of the meeting:

- **Financial Report:** The Financial Statement, Restricted Funds, and Balance Sheet were distributed and reviewed by Treasurer Martha Bryant. The purpose and content of the Balance Sheet were reviewed in detail. Church expenses are in line with budget. We currently have a YTD surplus of \$4440.80. The stock market is down substantially for 2022 and it was projected by investment advisors that 2022 would be a challenging year with anticipated volatility. The Treasurer will review investment accounts with advisors to ensure appropriate steps are taken during this time of volatility.
- **Elders:** Elder Chair Kendra Funkhouser expressed gratitude for Elder Mary Ann McGlothlin leading the Easter Sunrise Service and Jan Bradshaw provided the meditation/devotional from that service to our shut-ins. This week Elders Ruth Sigler and Mary Ann McGlothlin, along with Lyle McGlothlin toured the area in Western Kentucky devastated by tornados. They will provide an overview on Sunday, May 22 after church for those who may be interested in assisting in the recovery effort. Elder and Diaconate Chairs are working together on volunteers for serving communion at the GABBF.
- **Worship:** Ministry Area Coordinator Connie McVicker reported that plans are underway for the Ecumenical Worship Service at the Great American Brass Band Festival on Sunday, June 5. Dr. Anders is working with local churches in preparation for the service.
- **Outreach:** Ministry Area Coordinators Brian and Patricia Calvert reported that on the evening of Monday, May 15, Jan Bradshaw presented the Maxine Maxey Scholarship to the Boyle County High School recipient Sophie Witmer. The scholarship will be presented to the Danville High School recipient on Friday evening, May 20.
- **Children's Ministries Report:** Children's Ministries Director Patti Wright reported on the plans for children's programming for the summer, thanked the numerous volunteers throughout the children's programs, and is actively recruiting volunteers to help out with Vacation Bible School.
- **Youth Minister's Report:** Youth Minister Stephen Hinkle reported that lunch and a meeting will be held at the home of Susan Hensley on Sunday, May 22 after church for all parents and youth to discuss summer plans. Possible summer plans include a Legends baseball game in June, a trip to the waterpark in July, and a lock-in in August.
- **Interim Senior Minister:** Dr. Mickey Anders reported that pastoral care continues via phone calls, interactions at church events, and visits in homes of members. The new TV and Zoom setup has already been useful and successful to the Senior Minister Search Committee and for board members attending the meeting by Zoom. The new camera for broadcasting the Worship service on YouTube has arrived and was used for the service on May 15.

Operation Recovery



Lyle, Ruth Sigler and I recently had the opportunity to volunteer with Operation Recovery in Western Kentucky. We worked on a home in Princeton and learned about the plans for rebuilding homes in Dawson Springs.

Operation Recovery will be working primarily in Dawson Springs. Over seventy percent of the homes in Dawson Springs (population 2600) was destroyed by the tornado on December 10th. The majority of these homes were uninsured or underinsured. We drove to Dawson Springs one evening viewing a short portion of the 165 mile path of the tornado in Kentucky. Dawson Springs was hit hard. Seventy-five percent of the homes were damaged, most of them destroyed. One of the elementary schools was destroyed. Even with most of the debris cleaned up, with the green grass and leaves on the trees, the amount of destruction and the bleakness of the landscape is overwhelming. Some of the families whose homes

were destroyed have received FEMA trailers to put on their lots. Other families are still living in the lodge at Pennryle State Park while others have left the area. FEMA finished its work in late April so now building permits can be issued and the rebuilding started. Immediate Habitat for Humanity plans are to rebuild two homes and build two five unit housing units. Fuller Center for Housing is also securing funding for homes and building permits. These organizations plan to work in Princeton for at least the next three years.

Operation Recovery is a partnership of CrossRoads Missions, Princeton First Christian Church (DOC), Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center for Housing. Its goal is to work with individuals and families in crises, to oversee housing construction and communicate the love of Christ through everything they do. They plan to stay in western Kentucky for a minimum of three years, raising enough funds so that they can be a fee less mission site. CrossRoads Mission organizes volunteer groups, feeding and housing them at Princeton First Christian Church. Dr. Jonathan Webster, the pastor at Princeton First Christian Church is closely involved in the activities of CrossRoads Missions. **You can find more information about Operation Recovery on the CrossRoads Missions web site under the heading Programs, Western Kentucky. On their website they have a link for donations if you would like to support this ministry.**

I plan to organize an Operation Recovery Mission Trip for the fall available to everyone 18 years and older. We would spend a week working on construction projects and ministering to these families. Though Operation Recovery is fee less, we will be making a donation to CrossRoads Missions. For more information about Operation Recovery and the upcoming mission trip, please contact me.

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Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker
Steve Cline
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Ken Harmon
Margaret Ann Milburn
Mike Miller
Susan Montgomery

Bill Morgan
JT Ross
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson
Howard Wilson
Mary Lou Withers

Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd
Steve & Pat Bruce
Mindy Carter
Odell Hines
Marianne Kirby

Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Dorothy Warren

Sr. Pastor Search Committee: Jacob Cooper, Elmer Jackson, Jenny McClure, Nancy McMurry and Jan Scott

FCC YOUTH NEWS FROM STEPHEN

Youth, parents, and youth leaders met last Sunday to discuss and determine the summer youth schedule. Cost of some events will be determined by number of participation. Church pays 1/2 of the cost for events. Parents and youth will be notified of cost prior to each event. All events are open to friends.

Youth Gatherings Summer 2022

June 12 – Gathering – Catherine DeMoss Vesper Service. Meet at church @ 9:45 AM then head to Mrs. Hensley's for Vesper Service & Communion. Lunch and games to follow. Pick up at church @ 1:00 PM

June 28 – Legend's Game—Meet at church to depart @ 5:15 PM. Game starts at 6:35 PM. Parents welcome. Must RSVP. Cost to be determined.

July 17 – Gathering – SomerSplash Waterpark (Somerset) - Meet at church to depart @ 9:45 AM. Bring towels, sunblock, etc. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Arrive back at church @ 6 PM. Cost to be determined.

August 5 – Youth Church Lock-in

August 21 — Back-to-School Kick-off (Children & Youth) at Get Air (Nicholasville) 11:45 AM—3:30 PM

News & Announcements

Small Group Book Discussion This Sunday

Bring a sack lunch and join in for another discussion on the book "Significant" by Rachel Risner on May 29 after worship in the chapel. Chapter 2 will be discussed and each chapter stands alone so it's not too late to join in. The book can be purchased through Amazon or other book stores. Please contact Margaret Clark for more information.

GABBF Community Ecumenical Worship Service

On Sunday, June 5, FCC along with four other local churches and The Salvation Army will participate in the Community Ecumenical Worship Service that coincides with the Great American Brass Band Festival. This service will be held at 9:15am on Centre College campus. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. There will be no other FCC services or activities that day.

Coffee Connection

Coffee will be served after worship on Father's Day, June 19 in the narthex. We hope you will stick around and take time to fellowship with your church family.

Soups on Us

With summer approaching, we are in need of volunteers more than ever—drivers to deliver meals, cookie bakers, meal assemblers, etc. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18. Process begins 7:30am box folding; 9:00am sandwich making; 10:00am meal assembly; 11:00am delivery. Be a part of this ongoing outreach ministry in our community.

Connections' Team

Thanks to all who prepared delicious side dishes and desserts and to Ken Clark for barbecuing the pork for our Potluck. The food was delicious and the fellowship was enjoyed by old and new friends. The Connections' Team welcomes recommendations, suggestions and comments. Join them at their next meeting slated for Thursday, June 9th @ 10AM in the parlor.

4 Cans 4 Others

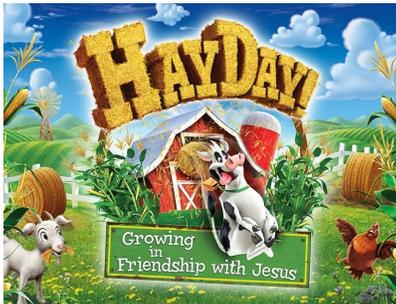
We had an additional 60 cans this month bringing our total to 33,253. Every can makes a difference in helping those in our community. Please remember to bring your 4 cans to drop off in the red wagon in the arcade.

Welcome New Church Member

Woodie Leavell recently joined our church this month. He is married to Evelyn Guerrant and resides in the Danville community. Please reach out and make him feel welcomed.

FCC KIDS CORNER

School's out so it's time for Summer Fun! Plan to join us for each of these summer events. Kid's Club Summer Events are open to children entering K-6th grade in the fall and friends are welcome at all our summer events! Contact Patti for more info!



**Vacation
Bible School
June 13-16
6-8 pm**

Mark your calendar, invite a friend and plan to attend all four evenings of farm-filled fun! VBS for children entering preschool-5th grade in the fall will include songs, games, crafts, snacks, active bible stories and a field trip to meet some adorable farm animals! Register today at: fccdanville.com/vbs



**Swimming Party
Sunday, July 17th
11:45-3:00**

Let's swim! We will head to the Anderson Dean Park Aquatic Center after worship for some fun in the sun! Rain date: Sunday, July 24th



**Bowling and Lock-In!
Friday, July 8th
6:00-8:00 p.m.**



Join us at Bowl-a-Rama for bowling and pizza and bring a friend! **Kids entering 3rd-6th grade** in the fall are invited to stay after bowling for a Lock-In at First Christian. Patti will be sending more info on the Lock-In to those who are age eligible so be sure to check your email!

**Destination Unknown
Sunday, July 31st
11:45-2:00**



Join us if you dare as we load up the church van and try to figure out where we are going based on clues along the way!

Volunteers are needed for each Kid's Club Summer Event. Contact Patti if you can help!

Email: patti@firstchristiandanville.com

Call/text: (812) 483-9004

**SUMMER
Children's
WORSHIP**

Starting May 29th, all children age 4- 5th grade are invited to Summer Children's Worship! Children will leave after Children's Chat to go to the Children/Youth area on the second floor for music, games, and crafts based on the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Contact Patti Wright with questions or to volunteer to help. We hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School is Back and we need YOUR help!

HayDay VBS at First Christian

Monday, June 13-Thursday, June 16th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Field trip to meet farm animals one evening!



VBS is back at FCC for the first time since 2019 and we need everyone's help to make it a success! Whether you enjoy working directly with children or behind the scenes, there is a place for everyone at First Christian to help!

There are three ways you can be part of this important community outreach.

1 Spread the Word!

Reach out to your family friends, and neighbors and invite them! Pick up some VBS fliers on the Welcome Table and get them into the hands of any family you know with children age 4-5th Grade. Let people know that FCC can't wait to let children know that Jesus is their friend!

2 Pray!

Be in prayer for FCC Staff, VBS volunteers, and most of all for the children that we hope to bless during this week of learning about the love of God.



3 Volunteer!

Help the week of VBS as a leader, assistant, or group wrangler!

OR, help us get ready. We need farm themed props, people to help paint, gather supplies and much more before the week arrives Contact Patti for more info on the many things that need to be done.

Volunteer Opportunities During VBS June 13-16

Roles that take some Preparation: Lead Bible Adventure, Preschool group, Music, Crafts, Snacks, or Games.

No Preparation Needed: Group Wrangler (lead a group through stations each evening) assist in any area above, help with registration, technology, or drive vans on field trip.

Service Roster June 2022

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Worship Leader	Community Ecumenical Worship (Centre College)	Joey Kirk	Mary Ann McGlothlin	Elmer Jackson
Elders at the Table	Community Ecumenical Worship	Elmer & Suzi Jackson	Larry & Jan Scott	Debbie Baker Jan Bradshaw
Deacons	Community Ecumenical Worship	Connie McVicker Jeff Wither	Eben Henson David May	Connie McVicker Sherrie Horn
Children's Chat	Community Ecumenical Worship	Darell Rickmers	Debbie Baker	Patti Wright
Steward	Bill Barker Martha Bryant	Martha Bryant	Joey Kirk	John Caywood
Summer Children's Worship	Community Ecumenical Worship	Patti Wright Linda Dachenhaus	Patti Wright Linda Dachenhaus	Patti Wright Penny Vaught
Greeters	Community Ecumenical Worship	Bill & Ann Barker	Youth	Becky Whited Kasey Wilson

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Join us on June 5th for the Community Ecumenical Worship Service held at 9:15am at Centre College Campus. Invite friends and family and bring a lawn chair or blanket. There will be no other FCC services or activities held.

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