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HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

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Koīwōia (Koinonia)

kōīnō'ē, noun: Christian fellowship

It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does (Romans 7:21-25a, The Message).

A couple of weeks ago, we began a six-week sermon series leading up to our annual Recovery Sunday (March 1). The series is called, "Step by Step: What the Church Might Learn from 12 Step Recovery." It is something I have wanted to do for years. I am also hoping to write a book this year on the same topic.

12 Step recovery describes the many programs which are used by different fellowships to help people recover from all sorts of addictions and detrimental behaviors. They originate in the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, founded by Bill Wilson and Dr Bob Smith in 1935. Specifically, the Steps are 12 sequential actions people suffering from addiction are encouraged to take, which seems to have been effective for millions of people over the last 85 years. They include the admission of powerlessness and a willingness to turn one's life over to the care of God, a rigorous personal examination of one's resentments, fears and harmful behavior, confession, restitution and repair for harm to others, and a spiritual way of living that encourages one to live with honesty, humility and grace connected to God.

This program was first inspired, in part, by a Christian fellowship called "The Oxford Group." I believe that those same 12 Step recovery programs that have their genesis in a Christian movement have, in turn, the power to give back something valuable to the Church.

In my estimation, the Gospel has never been more relevant or needed in the world than it is now. But the

Church is nonetheless in decline as it struggles to connect with the lives of people who need the love and power of God in Christ. I have a theory that the leaderless, fellowship-based organizations which practice the 12 Steps, organizations that embody humility, faith and service to others, can teach the Church effective ways to maintain community, grow disciples and put faith into action that matters. I do not believe that 12 Step recovery answers every question in every situation, but I think some of its principles can be a breath of fresh air to stale communities of faithful Christians.

The series seems to be off to a good start and I hope that we continue to have visitors and FCC members come worship for the rest of these sermons. When you stop and consider the number of people who are in recovery, who need recovery, and who are the friends and family members of such people, the scourge of addiction touches a tremendous amount of lives. I would venture to say that it is almost all of us.

Above all, I am an optimistic person and I have faith in the Gospel. I do believe that our best days are ahead of us, and I believe that God's grace, working in many unexpected ways, will reinvigorate the body of Christ. And I am blessed to think that you and I might have a place in God's ultimate plan to do just that.

Shalom,
Joey Pusateri

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A Decade of Service

It was February 2010 when we had our first Soups On Us Saturday. That day we made and delivered 268 meals. A job well done. This past Saturday we completed our tenth year, making and delivering our 38,604th meal. During those ten years, there have only been two months we did not do SOU meals: one due to a scheduling conflict and one due to inclement weather. That's 118 Saturdays of service. With the exception of some money from the Hudson Ellis Foundation and donations, all funding for our Saturday has come from First Christian Church. I believe our financial support of SOU is close to \$100,000. Over the years there

have been Centre students and community members join us, but most of our volunteers are FCC members or active participants. Some of our volunteers have been with us since day one, participating most every month: others have joined us as time allows.

Thank you, everyone for being good and faithful servants. A Special thank you to the cooks, drivers, cookie bakers, Saturday morning volunteers, and those who pray for us. We know that you will continue to support us as we start our second decade striving through Soups On Us to BE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Mary Ann McGlothlin

And...congratulations on the huge turnout for cookies this month! You outdid yourselves and we now have a nice stockpile to start off with for February. Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate! Remember that Soups on Us is always on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Open Gym

As in years past, we are considering opening the gym on Thursday evenings. As the weather turns cold, a trip to the gym may offer your family a chance to burn off some energy before bed time. We will need 2 adults to supervise when the gym is open. Historically it has been difficult to find volunteers to staff the desk so this may be the determining factor in deciding to open the gym. If you think you will want to use the gym this winter, please let us know. Maybe more importantly, let us know if you are willing to help out other church families by manning the desk. Contact Donna at the office (236-4006) or email Dave May at hotairhead@msn.com.

New Healthy Back Class

Everyone is welcome to come on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am to a new class to help strengthen your back. The class is free and taught by Rachel White.

Christian Women United

Save the date! Church Women United of Mercer & Boyle County will meet on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 9:30am at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Harrodsburg. This will be a potluck, light breakfast followed by the celebration/worship service. Our featured speaker is Anne Sleet who became the first African American woman mayor of Perryville. She has also been a nurse, caterer, a member of Perryville City Council and CWU. All Christian women of any denomination are invited to attend. We will celebrate Human Rights Day. Look for more information to come.

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

Waynesburg Trip—Wednesday, February 5—Our Waynesburg Manor friendship continues through a party focusing on Valentines Day treats and games. Come join us for the fun as we share God's love and bring a little sunshine into the lives of these folks in this personal care home. The church van will be leaving from the parking lot at the back of the church at 1:00. Join us! All are welcome!

CWF ladies will meet February 11 at 1 pm in the church parlor. Diane Reed will share "Not seven times, but , seventy seven times seven: The Rule of Love" based on Matthew 18:15-22.

4 Cans 4 Others

What a generous congregation giving 380 cans this month! The Salvation Army greatly appreciates any donation to help feed the hungry, especially during these cold months. Please continue your efforts in this outreach by bringing your cans each week. FCC is making disciples who make a difference!

Coat Drive

Danville Schools are collecting coats of all sizes now thru February 9. Please bring any coats you want to donate and place them on the designated rack in the narthex.

Personnel Committee

Welcome from the Personnel Committee. We value your input as we embark on the search for our new Associate Minister. Feel free to reach out to Lynn Tye, Jack Jones or myself with your thoughts and desires to fill this position. Our emails are listed below. Please be in prayer as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,
John Funkhouser, Chair of Personnel Committee

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Lynn Tye: ltt1955@gmail.com
Jack Jones: hvacsalesccjj@aol.com

News & Events

Acolyte Training

There will be a training for new acolytes on February 9 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Training will begin in the gym and pick up will be in the sanctuary. The acolyte ministry is open to all youth ages 6 and up. Look for more information at the welcome table. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Susan Taylor at 859-326-1969. Hope to see you there!

Children K-5th Grade Painting Project

Mark your calendars for February 9 from 3:00-5:00 pm for a painting project. Children will meet in the Craft Room 212. Invite your friends to join the fun!

DYC (Danville Youth Connection)

Middle & High School students will meet February 9 & 23 at Danville Presbyterian Church at 5:15 pm.

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2 – Middle/High School Youth will celebrate the game at the home of Brent & Kandi Williams from 6pm to halftime. Boys bring a bag of chips and girls bring a drink.

No DYC on Feb. 16

Upcoming DYC Trips (FCC Youth pay 1/2)

- High School Ski Trip—February 14-16 (FCC cost is \$100 plus money for two meals)
- Middle School Trip to Mega Cavern)-Feb. 15
Megaquest is a fun ropes course! (FCC cost is \$10 plus money for snacks and one meal)

RSVP for EITHER EVENT to Emma Stowe at emma@presbydan.org

Remember High School Hub Devotions—Wednesdays 7:15 am

Mission Trip 2020

On **February 9** there will be an informational meeting about a Mission Trip to Blue Theology DOC Mission Station in Monterey Bay, CA. This meeting will be held in the chapel following worship (lunch provided). The trip is scheduled for July 25 – Aug. 1 for middle and high school youth and adults. Blue Theology Mission Station provides learning/serving experiences in ocean stewardship.

John Funkhouser: inspro192@yahoo.com



Annual Souper Bowl Fundraiser

It's that time again for our Annual Chili/Soup Potluck Lunch & Dessert Auction this Sunday, February 2 in the gym after worship. Bake a Cake! Buy a Cake! Or pie, or cookies or....Bring a pot of your favorite chili or soup to share. Sandwiches and veggie trays provided. Deliver desserts and chili/soup to the gym 9-11am this Sunday morning. Proceeds to benefit 2020 Mission Trip.

January Board Summary

- December and 2019 Year End Financial Report: Contributions: December was a good month for revenue and the highest revenue month of the year. Expenses: Property, as expected, was \$3000.00 over budget due to electricity and sound system upgrade to address audio feedback. Worship expenses were \$3,000.00 greater than budget due to choir music and musicians. 2019 revenue was \$ 13,500.00 greater than expenses. 2019 Expenses were \$9000.00 greater than budget. Capital Campaign: the \$60,000.00 debt on HVAC will be paid off this month with the Endowment revenue. There is currently \$1667.00 in the Capital Campaign account. This account will show the accumulation of giving from the Capital Campaign to be used for the new HVAC units for the CLC. Budget process, endowment income funds, and restricted accounts were reviewed.
- After required second reading, Board approved recommended constitutional changes regarding the Discipleship Ministry Area Coordinator. This will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the next congregational meeting.
- Associate Pastoral Search Committee has been formed - Chair: Cheryl Gibson, Julie Jones, Joey Kirk, Patrick McClure, Jennifer Pusateri, and Pastor Joey Pusateri. Joey will be a non-voting member. Treasurer Bill Barker and Personnel Chair John Funkhouser will be involved in the process. The Executive Committee and Personnel Committee will be working to finalize the process and job description.
- Ministry Area Coordinator Orientation will take place on Saturday, February 8 for Board Chair Brent Williams, Vice Chair Doug McMurry, and Pastor Joey to meet with each coordinator for open dialogue, questions, budget, how to develop committees, and to discuss how they can help each coordinator in their role.
- Senior Minister: Pastor Joey has begun the planning process for Lenten Lunches; reports that average worship attendance is 160 YTD, last eight (8) weeks is 173 average; is focused on maintaining Young People's ministries of the church and working with the search committee and personnel committee on the process; is leading "Faith 101", a new Sunday School class with an inviting environment for questions.

From Bill Barker, Church Treasurer

Our church is fortunate to have several investment funds that are established to provide revenue for various functions within our church organization and activities. I suspect many of our members are unfamiliar with these funds as donations can be made to all of them through estate giving (wills) or regular donations. In the next few editions of the Highlights, I will attempt to describe these funds.

Love Fund

The Love Fund was established by contributions from members of the FCC congregation during the ministry of Ivan Shelburne. The purpose of the fund was to enable FCC to confidentially assist any member of the congregation who might have an unexpected need for financial aid during emergency situations. Margie Hazelrigg and Margaret Ann Milburn served as the Love Fund Coordinators. Presently there is a Love Fund Committee composed of the Sr. Minister (Joey Pusateri), Love Fund Coordinator (Alice Reynolds), and a Trustee (Bill Barker). This committee is granted permission from the Administrative Board to make decisions concerning the disbursement of funds from the Love Fund. Only the revenue from the Love Fund investment principal can be disbursed. The disbursement will be made as follows:

- a.) Confidential funding for needs of FCC members
- b.) Funding (weekly) for Food for the Soul for FCC members
- c.) Funding for funeral meals according to need

The Love Fund investment is with Primevest at Farmers National Bank in Danville.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker	Mike Miller
Janice Bohannon	Julian Mitchell
Jerry Boyd	Peggy Mitchell
Steve Bruce	Susan Montgomery
Lynne Dean	Bill Morgan
Peyton Guerrant	Betty Ramey
Odell Hines	Mike Swain
Jack Kaiser	Bonnie Wilson
Marianne Kirby	Jeff Withers
Marilyn Marlowe	Mary Lou Withers
Margaret Ann Milburn	

Thank You

Thanks to Patricia Calvert and her group of ladies (listed below) for their delicious cookies. Through our conversation, she picked up on my void of not having my kitchen for baking during the holidays. My party for McDowell Place friends was more complete by their efforts. You were God's blessing- Nancy McMurry, Cheryl Gibson, Kendra Funkhouser, Patricia Calvert, Alice Reynolds, Debbie Baker, and Connie McVicker.

I also want to thank Jane Boyd for the apron and flowers and Gigi Biles for the cookies.

Thanks,
Marianne Kirby

My mother, Florence Staton, is at McDowell Place. She is so appreciative of you bringing communion to her.

Best wishes,
Jennifer Osborne

Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you for everything you have done for Charlie and me as we traveled through our journey together and that you have continued to do for me since he took his place in The Church Triumphant.

I will always be so grateful for all the food, calls, texts, cards, and most especially, the prayers lifting us up to the Lord.

Much love and blessings,
Regina Taylor

Weeks Ahead

Week of February 2

Sunday	9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 Annual Souper Bowl Fund raiser Lunch and Dessert Auction 2:00 Worship @ Morning Pointe
Monday	6:00 DYC Super Bowl Sunday 9:00 Body Recall 6:30 Outreach Team (parlor) 6:30 PALS (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) Support Group 7:00 Boy Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 Assoc. Pastor Search Comm. 7:00 Property Team (chapel)
Wednesday	7:15 DYC Hub Devotions 9:00 Body Recall 10:00 Healthy Back Class 1:00 CWF to Waynesburg Manor 5:30 Grace Notes Handbells 6:30 Ladies AA Group 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Magnet Bible Study Group 4:00 Centering Prayer Group 6:30 Living Word Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 Body Recall 10:00 Healthy Back Class 1:00 CWF (parlor) 5:30 Grace Notes 6:30 Ladies AA Group 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Magnet Bible Study Group 2:00 Worship Team 4:00 Centering Prayer Group 6:30 Living Word Bible Study
Friday	9:00 Body Recall 10:00 Healthy Back Class 7:30 AA Meeting 8:00 Al-Anon
Saturday	10:30 Al-Anon

Week of February 9

Sunday	9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 Mission Trip Informational Meeting (chapel) 3:00 K-5th Children Painting Project (Craft Room) 4:00 Acolyte Training 5:15 DYC at Danville Presbyterian Church
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Friday	7:30 Soups on Us 8:00 DYC Middle School Mega
Saturday	

Attendance

	January 12	January 19	January 26
Attendance	155	180	195
Last Year	185	70	190

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Service Roster February 2

Deacons Sherrie Horn (Team Coordinator), Billy Cannon, Gloria Cannon, Linda Dachenhaus, Terry Dachenhaus, Farrah Guerrant, Tom Hastings, Vince Pennington, Ruth Sigler, Susan Taylor, Becky Whited **Elders at the Table** Jane Boyd, Bart Gover **Elders Serving Shut-in Communion** Jane Boyd, Tom Hensley, Julie Jones **Worship Leader** Joey Kirk **Communion Preparer** Ann Barker **Steward** Lynn Tye **Greeters** Jeanette Barbour, Becky Whited **Ushers** Patty Castle, Butch Pass, Mary Ann Wilson **Welcome Table** John & Martha Caywood **Children Worship & Wonder** Connie McVicker, Ruth Sigler

Service Roster February 9

Deacons Sherrie Horn (Team Coordinator), Billy Cannon, Gloria Cannon, Linda Dachenhaus, Terry Dachenhaus, Farrah Guerrant, Tom Hastings, Vince Pennington, Ruth Sigler, Susan Taylor, Becky Whited **Elders at the Table** Kathryn Ensor, Julie Jones **Elders Serving Shut-in Communion** Martha Bryant, Patricia Calvert, Joey Kirk **Worship Leader** Elmer Jackson **Communion Preparer** Kathy Milby **Steward** Lynn Tye **Greeters** Alice & Jay Reynolds **Ushers** Ann Barker, Edna Prall, Sueann Rice **Welcome Table** Lucille Lemmon **Children Worship & Wonder** Connie McVicker, Nancy Mahan

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