



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

August 2026

“A NEW BEGINNING”

As we enter the month of August, our students, families, teachers and staffs are, in the words of William Shakespeare’s play Henry V, “Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more;”. That’s right - it’s back to school time!

New schedules, new teachers, new students, new responsibilities—and in many cases, new challenges—are just around the corner. Among the new books added to the schools’ reading lists this year: *When Does School Start* by Wendy Bel-rings, *The Best Subject in School* by Jim Class, and *Walking to School* by Misty Buss.

Even when a new school year begins with excitement, it can also bring stress, distractions, and pressure to fit in. For everyone at FCC, this time is an important season to prepare not only academically to support students, families and school staffers, but spiritually.

School time has divided portions: academic year and summer break. I wonder if we don’t divide our faith life similarly. I want to encourage all of us to remember that God has not called us to live “divided lives,” where faith is only for church on Sunday mornings. Christ calls us to follow every season—especially during the busy.

This month, I’m asking our church to pray about something simple and sincere: **a renewed return to faithfulness to Christ**. Faithfulness doesn’t always mean dramatic changes. It just starts with simple obedience:

- returning to regular prayer,
- remembering God’s Word through daily reading or faithful attendance,
- choosing God’s higher calling over personal convenience,
- speaking/ acting with integrity when no one is watching,
- and staying grounded in Christ when the world moves at a faster pace.

Back-to-school is a reminder that life has routines. If routines can shape us for good or harm, then we should ask: **What routines are shaping our hearts?** In August, as we plan for school and work, let’s also plan for spiritual renewal.

Here are a few ways we can respond as a church this month:

1. **Pray for our students, families, schools** – that they will receive God’s wisdom, peace, and protection.
2. **Commit to Christ again**—not when convenient, but consistently.
3. **Return to the basics**—prayer, Scripture, worship, and obedience.
4. **Support one another**—encourage believers who are tired, distracted, or tempted to drift.

School staff and parents: I’m praying that this school year becomes a time where Christ is not only mentioned, but followed—where your faith is strengthened, and your trust in God grows deeper than stress.

Students: I’m praying you can belong to Jesus in every classroom, every hallway, and every choice you make.

Church family, I invite you to make this August a month of renewed resolve. Let’s begin the year of new classes and new schedules with a new-hearted commitment to return to what is right, true, and faithful—because Jesus is worthy of our whole lives.

Please join us in worship and in prayer as we seek Christ together in this new beginning. Be sure to call one of our own missed over the summer and re-invite them to begin again with you. Remember, the reason the math book looked so sad on the first day of school was because it had so many problems, but...for every believing heart, no problem is too big for God.

Rev. Colby

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club Picnic in the Park

Sunday August 9th

After worship-1:30

Kid's Club Returns to Regular Weekly
Sunday Schedule August 23rd

August 2nd-No Kid's Club

August 9th-Picnic in the Park

August 16th-No Kid's Club

August 23rd-Kid's Club-Experiments in Faith

August 30th-Kid's Club Experiments in Faith



Fall Kid's Club Theme

Experiments in Faith!

Familiar bible stories
pair with Science
Experiments!!



FCC Children and Youth Trip to Malibu Jack's!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers for Sunday Morning Children's Programs are needed.

We have some amazing volunteers that lead or assist in Worship & Wonder, Children's Church, the Nursery and Kid's Club, but we need more to keep from wearing out our current volunteers.

Contact Patti for more information.

(859)236-4006 or (812)483-9004

Our kids are a LOT of fun!

News & Announcements

Visit and celebrate **Cane Ridge** on August 8

A religious fervor which would be known as The Second Great Awakening began in Kentucky and Tennessee in the 1790s and early 1800s with revivals and emotional preaching attracting hundreds of converts to new denominations. Women made up the majority of the converts.

Attracting much attention and generating much enthusiasm, the Cane Ridge Camp Meeting, August 7-12, 1801, drew 10,000 to 20,000 attendees. Outdoor “preaching meetings” attracted a multitude of people who traveled in wagons carrying sufficient provisions to camp on the ground for several days.

This revival meeting was hosted by the Presbyterian Church at Cane Ridge and its minister Barton Stone.

However, during the meeting, multiple ministers would preach at the same time in different locations, sometimes using a stump for the pulpit.

The Stone movement was about a commitment to live as if the kingdom of God were already established on earth with followers adopting pacifism and rejecting violence, militarism, greed, materialism and slavery.

Not only was it the largest and most famous camp meeting of the Second Great Awakening, but “Cane Ridge was, in all probability, the most disorderly, the most hysterical, and the largest revival ever held in early-day America,” wrote Charles M Johnson in The Frontier Camp Meeting.

By 1850, about 75–80% of Americans were members of churches or regularly attended church, largely attributed to the effects of The Second Great Awakening.

(Information from Journey in Faith by McAllister and Tucker)



A message from Stephen Hinkle and the DYC Team:

The summer is flying by and the 2026-27 DYC season will soon be kicking off! Below are some “save the date” events to put on your calendar:

Sunday August 16th, 6-7pm: Join us in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Danville for an Ice Cream Social and Family Informational Meeting! All parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend with their youth. We will cover the Fall Calendar and fill out required participation forms (i.e. medical, transportation, and photo release). This first kick-off will be sugar-treats-only; so, make sure to get some dinner before/afterwards.

Our “Wakeup Wednesdays” at Dry Stack kicks off on Wednesday, July 29th from 7:00-7:45 am every Wednesday morning during school year. (Youth Leaders can provide rides to school if needed).

Throughout August we’ll be meeting for our regular Sunday evening DYC programming nights 5:30-7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church starting on August 16th. All DDYC families/youth are also invited to the Presbyterian Church’s Wednesday night programming from 5:15 - 7:00pm starting August 12th. Dinner is provided at both events. Hope y’all are having a great summer.

News & Announcements

GRACIAS! MERCI!! DANKE!!!

GRAZIE!!! OBRIGADO!!

THANK YOU!

Did you have the chance to watch even 1 World Cup Soccer match? Did you see the throngs of soccer fans that filled stadiums to capacity all over the US/Canada/Mexico? Did you know that “Hidden Valley Ranch” dressing became the hot souvenir that many visitors tried to take back home with them (MANY bottles did NOT make it past the trusty TSA because they were bigger than the allowable limit!)?

Being a die-hard sports gal, I love a great game, but, the part of the WC that struck me the most happened before the ball was even put into play...with each team’s flag displayed and their anthem playing, the camera panned down the team line and in the stands and EVERY TIME, EVERYONE sang loud and proud with a passion like no other. You could feel their pride; you could feel their patriotism; you could FEEL THE LOVE of the people for their country. No trash talking, no TV commentary, no cliches...just a spirit that couldn’t be held back.

I was overcome with that same outpouring spirit of love when I gathered ALL our Shepherd’s House donations last week. Your giving hands and hearts said THANK YOU in volumes to our community...we ARE someone you can count on when you need us.

WHAT’S NEXT, YOU ASK ??

BACK-2-SCHOOL!!!

It seems like yesterday when we told you the Outreach Teams closed out the school year strong and wasn’t content to rest on our laurels AND we’re keeping our promise!!

☐ By now, you know our backpacks and school supplies list are out and ready to be shopped for.... pencils, markers, paper and more!

☐ Backpack Kids packing will begin again in August (4 th Wednesday each month @ 9a, IHCC).... Everyone is welcome - MANY Hands Make Light Work!

☐ Assisting Danville and Boyle’s FRYSC Food Pantry with shelf stocking and family pantry shopping days each month

☐ Hopefully, a Back-2-School “event” with The Gladys Project families and tutors to support their efforts toward school readiness

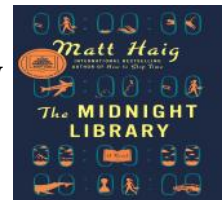
☐ We’ll continue to faithfully distribute our budgeted and Maxine Maxey funds with vision and purpose

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO AS WE GET GOING!

Book Club Connection will resume on **Sunday, August 2**, immediately following worship.

Join us for lunch and discussion as we explore ***The Midnight Library*** by **Matt Haig**. Whether you've finished the book or are still reading, all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jan Bradshaw



Yes. Based on the current published school calendars, both Danville High and Boyle County Schools begin classes on August 12.



Office & Walking Track

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m.– Noon & 1:00 p.m.– 4:00

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

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

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



August Worship Roster

August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Worship Leader– Margaret Clark	Worship Leader– Mary Ann McGlothlin	Worship Leader– Larry Scott	Worship Leader– Julie Jones	Worship Leader– Jan Scott
Elder– Mary Ann McGlothlin	Elder– Jan Scott	Elder– Nancy McMurry	Elder– Elmer Jackson	Elder– Bart Gover
Elder & Counter– Lyle McGlothlin	Elder & Counter– Larry Scott	Elder & Counter– Doug McMurry	Elder & Counter– Suzi Jackson	Elder & Counter– Brent Williams
Children’s Chat– Kandi Williams	Children’s Chat– Jacob Cooper	Children’s Chat– Rev. Colby	Children’s Chat– Martha Bryant	Children’s Chat– Debbie Baker
Children’s Summer Worship– Jacob & Molly Cooper	Children’s Summer Worship– Linda Dachenhause	Children’s Summer Worship– Penny Vaught	Children’s Summer Worship– Martha Bryant	Children’s Summer Worship– Patricia Calvert
Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric	Nursery– Mary McKitric/Edna Prall	Nursery–Mary McKitric/Kris Ham- lin	Nursery– Mary McKitric/Trista Hinkle	Nursery– Mary McKitric ?
Kid’s Club (Summer Break)	Kid’s Club– Picnic in the park	No Kid’s Club-	Kid’s Club Asst.- Martha Bryant	Kid’s Club Asst.-?
Parkview– John & Kendra Funkhouser	Greeters– Evelyn Guerrant & Woody Leavell	Shut In Comm.– Patricia & Brian Calvert	Devotion – Elmer & Suzi Jackson	Greeters– Ann Barker & Julie Jones
Greeters– Linda & Terry Dachenhause		Greeters– Susan Hensley & Youth	Cook– Brent Wili- ams	
			Greeters– Libby & Jeff Joiner	

Even MORE Cans for Others

383 cans were donated during **July** bringing our total for **2026** to **860** cans. Keep bringing those cans so we can beat our total for **2025** of **1994** cans.



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