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MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MOREHEAD, KY 40351

January, 1996

FRIENDLY PLACE NEWS.....

Fall has been a busy time of organization for everyone at First Christian Church Friendly Place. We have met twice a week at the Faith Annex House since September. We have enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and fellowship with each other. Our activities have included a slide show on the Holy Land presented by Jack Bizzel, a Halloween Party, and a birthday pizza party for Randy Wells. We also utilized our Public Library and enjoyed a video of the Shakertown Singers courtesy of Evie Teater. We have enjoyed our many visitors and appreciate the time and effort of all who participated.

Christmas and New Year's Day have come and gone leaving us with some pleasant memories and some anticipation for the future. Our December activities include sending cards and visiting friends at Life Care. We made plans for future visits and activities included making pillows and lap robes for the patients at Life Care. Any donations of fabric, thread, yarn or polyfill would be greatly appreciated. We also decorated three Christmas trees at the Court House with the help of Aaron and Sarah May, Naomi, David, Joseph and Timothy Sheehan, David Richardson and Marcus Brown. They did a good job and enjoyed visiting the Historical Society displays and the pizza. A special yarn tree loaned by the Historical Society was decorated with the handmade ornaments and displayed at the Friendly Place.

Our certification process has gone forward with a site inspection in November. We are completing all requirements and expect to have State certification as soon as the paperwork is completed. At that time an Open House will be announced.

We are looking forward to 1996! The Friendly Place will be open five days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Other hours can be arranged if a need develops. We are equipped to serve the wheel chair bound. We offer organized social activity, companionship, assistance with needs, advice on diet and health maintenance. Lunch is provided along with a healthy serving of pleasant conversation. If you or someone you know suffers social isolation related to age and frail health - please call Edith Sheehan at 784-3589 or the Christian Church - 784-4836.

Special thanks to: Rev. Tackett, Linda Bryant, Aita Blair, Evelyn and Oran Teater, Betty Walke, John Sheehan, Dee Biebighauser, Josh, Isaiah and Justin, Pearl Patton, Katherine Caudill, May Williams, Paul J. Reynolds, James Thomas, Priscilla Gotsick, and Sally Peterson.

Edith Sheehan,
Director

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and love to the family of Mabel Barber who died on December 26.. She is survived by her husband, Woodrow, a son, Dr. George Barber and a daughter, Janie Kissling. Mabel was a longtime educator whose teaching experiences went from one-room schools to Morehead State University and touched the lives of many people.

Bessie Elizabeth Patrick, mother of Bill Patrick, died on December 24 at her home. Funeral services were December 27 at the Lewis & Ferguson

Funeral Home, with burial at the Elliott County Memorial Gardens at Sandy Hook.

SYMPATHY

Sarah "Mama" Carr, one of the gracious ladies of the Church died on Friday, January 5, 1995. She is survived by one son, Walter Carr and one daughter, Mabel Carr Reynolds and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild. Funeral services were on Monday, January 8, at Northcutt & Son Chapel with Rev. Harold E. Tackett and Don Flatt officiating the funeral, burial in Lee Cemetery. She was petite but powerful, fashionable but practical, humble yet confident and loved her family and friends.

OUR CONCERNS

Randy C. Wells is in Life Care Center, room 321. Our prayers and love are with Randy and Joann.

NEW ADDRESS

George and Ruth Bradley have moved to Glasgow, Kentucky, for the winter. Their address is: 200 Hall Street, Apt. A, Glasgow, Kentucky 42141 - Telephone number is: 502-651-5761. They will be living near their daughter.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

Jodi and I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas. Since you won't get this card until after Christmas day, we hope you have a great Christmas season and an exceptional Epiphany. We miss you all. Jodi is still enjoying her job at U.K. I really like serving as a sole pastor, although it is sometimes a challenge writing a sermon every week. It is probably a greater challenge, however, to hear my sermons every week. We hope all is going well. We continue to read about you in the newsletter. May each of you feel the presence of God in you lives. Take care.

Love,
Tim & Jodi Bobbitt

(Tim is serving as minister of the Castlewood Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky)

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 16.- 12:00 (Noon) - Lunch will be served. This would be a good way to start the New Year by joining the group for fellowship, food and scripture study.

A GREAT SEASON

December is always a busy time at First Christian Church, and this year was certainly no exception! First Christian is a sharing, loving place! We gave food, gifts, clothing, and fruit to 152 people.

Many thanks to all who helped make Christmas such a special time at First Christian Church.

A New Year prayer

For the New Year, I would wish to have
strength enough to battle with difficulties and
overcome them;
love enough to move me to be useful and helpful to
others;
faith enough to make real the things of God;
and hope enough to remove all anxious fears concern-
ing the future.

—Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1996

ELDER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1996

7:30 P.M.

LAITY SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1996

THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

We are officially in the season of winter....beginning with THE WINTER SOLSTICE in late December when the northern hemisphere of Planet Earth is leaning farthest from the sun. The days are short and cold, the nights longer and colder. It is a time when many animals hibernate.....become inactive to sleep the winter away. I heard a man say once, that if you hate winter, take a 90 day note at the bank, about the first day of December, and you will be surprised how quickly Spring will come.

Winter is a time to be creative in escaping Cabin Fever. Let me suggest that you lay in some supplies of paper, envelopes and stamps to beat the winter blues... Then write your friends, your loved ones, your enemies, and persons who would benefit from a kind word from you. Notes are better than phone calls because they can be read, over and over again.

Keep your Bibles close and read it often. Pray for yourself, your friends, your loved ones, and your enemies....the same persons you might also write to. You don't have to solve their problems....just put their names before God in Prayer.....God will know what to do, when you ask. And as you read your Bible, let new insights give you a richer, fuller life.

Perhaps it was in winter that the Theologian, Georgia Harkness had these insights that she offers to us in beautiful form, saying.....

"I do believe the world is swinging toward the light."
So spoke a soul on fire with holy flame.
Amid the dark such faith pierced through the night,
The darkness wrought, and living fruitage came.
To give of self, and not to count the cost,
To learn, to teach, to labor, and to pray,
To serve like Christ the least, the last, the lost----
Those were beacon fires that lit the way.
Our lights grow dim; the air is thick with doom,
And everywhere men's souls are crushed with fears.
Yet high above the carnage and the gloom,
The call resounds across the teeming years.
LIFT HIGH CHRIST'S CROSS!
SERVE GOD AND TRUST HIS MIGHT!
I do believe the world is swinging towards the light!

-----Georgia Harkness

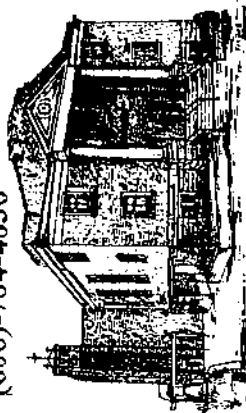
And as the World is swinging toward the light, use this time to grow and serve and find joy in living.

Harold E. Tackett

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GUIDELINES FOR SANE LIVING

1. Strike a balance between work and play — between seriousness and laughter. Go to church regularly, and also to the ball game.

2. Stick with the truth, even if it makes you look or feel bad. Falsehoods are like wandering ghosts.

3. Forgive your enemies as part of the price you pay for the privilege of being forgiven. Realize you are sometimes a pain in the neck yourself.

4. Walk. Get lots of air and sunshine, and occasionally get some rain or snow in your face, some dirt on your hands.

5. Talk through your troubles and mistakes with someone you trust — and your dreams, too.

6. Don't underestimate the ability of God to straighten out a situation even when you can't, and give God a little time!

7. Discriminate among your fears. Learn to tell which ones are useful and which ones are destructive.

8. Remember that the ultimate death rate is still 100%. You would be getting short-changed if everyone got to die and you didn't.

9. When you can't sleep, say, "Aha! Here's a chance for a little privacy and creative thinking. All day I've been too busy to pray, and now I can get around to thanking God."

10. Fall in love with life — with children, older people, middle-agers, sports cars; the theater, music, books, cities, hills, the sea, the Bible — with everything except money.

-- James Angel

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MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

May 1996

THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

When our ancestors sought to recreate the New Testament Church in the mid 19th century of the Christian Era, they made the scriptures the central focus of the Church's authority and worship. The phrase.....NO CREED BUT CHRIST, NO BOOK BUT THE BIBLE was a cry for people to look to Jesus, the Lord of scripture, as the model for the establishment of THE KINGDOM OF GOD on earth. In the past 25 years, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) preachers have been using THE LECTIONARY, a table of scriptures designed to introduce the main themes of Scripture through four readings each Sunday. The Lectionary recycles ever three years and is an excellent tool for the promotion of BIBLICAL LITERACY.

During the month of May, THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, and THE GOSPEL OF JOHN are featured readings along with a Psalm each Sunday and various readings from the Epistles of I Peter, and I Corinthians. May I suggest that in preparation for Worship, each one read one of the these works a week. It will only take a few minutes a day, and it will enhance your worship and your knowledge of Holy Scripture.

My preaching plan, together with Scripture Readings for the month of May, is as follows.....

May 5 The Lectionary Readings are: Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60; I Peter 2:2-10. The Sermon Subject will be, THE END OF FAITH and the text for the Sermon is, John 14:1-14.

May 12 The Lectionary Readings are Psalms 46:8-29; Acts 17:22-31; I Peter 3:13-22. The Sermon Subject will be, RESOURCING LIFE and the text for the Sermon is, John 14:15-21.

May 19 The Lectionary Readings are Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35; Acts 1:6-14; I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11. The Sermon Subject is, John 17:1-11.

May 26 The Lectionary Readings are Psalms 104:24-34,35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39. The Sermon Subject will be, THE NECESSITY OF SPIRIT and the text for the Sermon is, I Corinthians 12:3b-13.

You are a great congregation to stand before and preach, because of your interest and your thoughtful attention to Worship. I hope that this PREVIEW OF

(Pastor's Pen continued)

PREACHING for May, will make your worship more meaningful and that you will have time to become acquainted with the Scriptures to be used in May.

HOW OUR LEGISLATORS VOTED

The 1996 Kentucky Legislature has approved legislation which will allow citizens to carry a concealed weapon.....repealing a century old law banning such behavior. According to INTERCOM (a publication of the Kentucky Council of Churches), both Representative John Will Stacy and Senator Walter Blevins voted in favor of this bill.

After the information of the BOB TROT investigation and conviction of a host of Kentucky law makers...a effort was made to establish Legislative Ethics that would keep them from being "for sale" to the highest bidder, and keep them concerned to serve the people of Kentucky who elected them to office. In the last Legislature, major portions of the Ethic Law were repealed. Again, both Representative Stacy and Senator Blevins voted to repeal the Ethics Law that might have prevented big money from buying future meetings of the Kentucky Legislature.

Both the Kentucky Council of Churches and your minister think that you should have this information.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!!!

We've been busy at First Christian Church. The Alzheimer's facility, "Friendly Place" is open for three sessions a week, and we've completed our roof and ceiling projects. The good news is we haven't had to borrow money to pay for the repairs, thanks to generous giving to our capital fund.

Because of the capital expenditures this year however and the fact that we missed a Sunday due to bad weather, our operating and capital accounts are running a little low. Replenishing the capital account will allow us to do some much needed painting to the outside of the Church this summer. As always, thanks for your support.

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE?

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous donation of stuffed animals. The children will enjoy the hours of pleasure playing with the animals.

D.O.V.E.S.
of Gateway, Inc.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday morning, May 5, 1996. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Church Officers. Please remember this important Congregational Meeting and be present at this time!

C.W.F.

Five C.W.F. members attended the District 10 Spring Conference at Lexington Theological Seminary on April 26, 1996. Attending were: Dianna Walke, Barbara Tackett, Mabel Reynolds, Grace Cassity and Linda Bryant. It was a great meeting!

C.W.F. members were in the Church Saturday, April 27 - 9:00 a.m. doing spring cleaning! We found the furnace room!!! (The furnace room had been unusable because of junk!) A special thank you to all the ladies that participated in the spring clean-up.

A SPECIAL WELCOME

We are happy to welcome Connie Hamilton as she came forward on April 28, 1996 to make her Confession of Faith. A baptismal service is being planned. Connie and her husband, Trent, daughter Abby and son Joseph live at 685 Rosedale Road, Morehead. We extend our church family fellowship to Connie.

NEEDED - GRADUATES

Please help us find our graduating seniors! If a member of your family or someone else in the church family will be graduating from high school, college or receiving an advanced degree, please notify the church office.



CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 27
7:30 p.m.
Plan to attend!



CARNATIONS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

On Mother's Day, May 12, a bouquet will be in the sanctuary which will reflect the graciousness that a woman has meant in your life. Each carnation is \$2.00. You may give your order to Grace Cassity, CWF Treasurer, by May 7, 1996.

THANK YOU

Harold joins me in extending appreciation to each of you in our Church Family who supported us in the death of my Dad, Louis Stivers. Your presence and our concern, together with the flowers, gifts to the Memorial Fund, and kind words, have given us strength in this most difficult time.

We love you and we thank God for you.

Barbara Tackett



FROM DIANN'S DESK

Ah! those lazy days of summer! They are almost in sight. Time to relax, time to let go of schedules, time to bake in the sun, time to ease the burden of responsibilities, time to....what's that you say? Nobody told your boss things are suppose to slow down? You say your child's activity calendar is already full? What? Baking in the sun causes cancer? So Ok, maybe, "hazy, lazy days of summer" no longer applies to our lives. so why do we think we can be less faithful in our church attendance and church giving?

Just as it is hazardous to our health to bake in the sun, it is hazardous to our spiritual life to neglect our church. Yes, I suppose you can pray in the back of a ski boat but the serious

business of worship is a corporate activity, done in the midst of and with the participation of God's people. Of course vacations come and we take that time to renew our minds, bodies, and spirits. We all need that, it is a part of good stewardship. But when you plan all those weekend trips and Sunday activities, plan church. Be intentional and incorporate worship into your summer plans.

CAMP NEWS



SUMMER CAMP

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3RD GRADE

JUNE 17-22
JUNE 24-29
JULY 08-12
JULY 12-14

CANE RIDGE DAY

Cane Ridge Day will be observed on Saturday, June 8, 1996. Let's mark the date now, and plan to have several to attend this event from our church and congregation!

GOD SENT A RAINBOW

I looked down at the ground
and noticed a rainbow.
The mid-day rain had mixed with
the oil and dirt on the pavement.
I remembered the story of Noah
and the Ark and the covenant that
God made with him ... and us ...
that when the purity of God's love
mixes with the oil and dirt of
human sin, God forms a rainbow!
I will never look at a rainbow
the same way again.

—John Alan Cox

ABOUT OUR FOLKS!

THANK YOU.....

We would like to thank all of you who called, visited, baby-sit, and sent gifts and cards while Colin was in the hospital. Thank you especially for your prayers and words of kindness and encouragement.

Colin is doing very well and is busying himself with things that most boys his age do - playing, laughing and eating well. We are so thankful for the excellent care he received and are counting our blessings. The journeys God sends us on are never without reward. Thanks again for all your support.

In God's love,

Alan, Sherry, Andrea and
Colin Mong

SYMPATHY TO:

Bill Bradley and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Gentry Becker. Mr. Becker died on March 23, 1996, graveside services were conducted March 27, Sardis Cemetery with Harold Tackett officiating.

Jane Holbrook on the death of her nephew, Bill McGrudder, her sister, Evelyn's son.

Hedy Caldwell on the death of her aunt, Martha Combs, Hindman, KY. Martha died on March 24, 1996.

Mark and Cara Mayhew Cash on the death of Mark's mother. Patricia Ellis Cash, 55, passed away from an extended illness. A memorial service and burial was on April 5 at Lexington, KY. Mark, Cara and Taylor Luran, flew to Lexington from England for the funeral services.

Barbara Tackett and the family on the death of her father, Louis Stivers. Mr. Stivers died on April 7, 1996 after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Frankfort Christian Church, Frankfort, Kentucky on April 9th with Dr. Gary Straub and Dr. John C. Chenault conducting the service.

Sympathy goes to Richard C. Patrick and family on the death of his wife, Pamela Workman Patrick. Pam died on Sunday, April 28, 1996. Services were conducted on Tuesday, April 30, Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals. She is the daughter in law of Creed and Helen C. Patrick.

Sympathy is extended to Jean Mack and Esther Allen on the death of their sister, Geneva Black. Funeral services were conducted on April 5, 1996 at the Solider Church of God, Solider, KY.

**BLESSING OF LITTLE
CHILDREN**

Blessing of Little Children Service was conducted on Easter morning for Madison Lee Tackett, daughter of Matthew and Paula Tackett, granddaughter of Harold and Barbara Tackett. Participating in the service were John, Brenda and Justin Tackett.

ANNE CECILE PEPPER

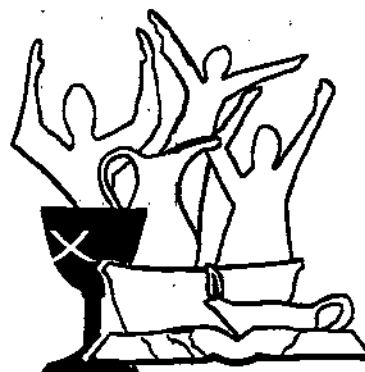
With great joy we announce the birth of Anna Cecile Pepper, daughter of Daryl and Lee Ann Walke Pepper. Anna Cecile was born on March 20, 1996, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, 21 inches. She is the granddaughter of Ronald and Dianna Walke, great granddaughter of Betty Walke and the late Glenn Walke and Oran and Evelyn Teater.

PRAYER AND CONCERNS LIST

RANDY WELLS
HILDRETH MAGGARD
LAKE COOPER
LOLA BELLE BLAIR
STELLA GLOVER
RUTH LAPPIN
JANE CAUDILL
NORMA POWERS
DOROTHY KIDWELL
JOHN BACK
PAM PATRICK FAMILY
MABEL ALFREY
VIRGINIA RICE
NELLIE WALTER

MADGE COOK
GRACE HUNT
MAYME SMITH

We publish only the names of individuals who request to be included on the list. Those persons making requests are asked to notify the church office or minister.



Arise! Shine! God's Glory is Visible!

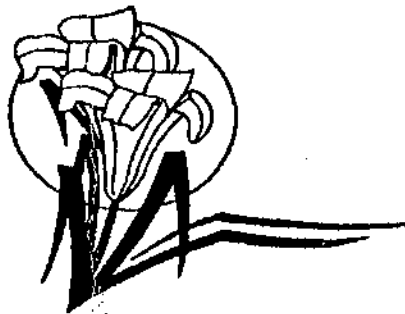
**CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN
KENTUCKY
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Kentucky will be held at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center in Lexington, on August 15-17, 1996.

The logo for the 1996 Regional Assembly was designed by Mark and Lisa Caldwell-Reiss, Burgin, KY. The logo is based on the Assembly theme and the study paper prepared by Rev. A. Guy Waldrop, General Minister of the Christian Church in Kentucky, entitled "The Visible Church". Each of the elements in the foreground are clay vessels which have served the church through the centuries as symbols of God's Spirit and glory revealed among us.

EASTER FLOWERS

APRIL 7, 1996



IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

THE JAMES & ANNA STURGILL FAMILY

BY: THE FAMILY

ANN & BEN, KENTON AND FRANCIS PENIX

BY: THE PENIX FAMILY

AUSTIN & DAVID LEE ALFREY

BY: LURLENE, JOYCE & GENE ALFREY

OTTO & SARAH CARR

BY: THE FAMILY

MARION DAY FAMILY

BY: CHARLES DAVID & PEGGY CAUDILL

VIRGINIA & CLESTER CAUDILL

BY: PAT CAUDILL TUCKER

STELLA CAUDILL

**BY: ALENE COLLINS WITZKE
& SHERRI COLLINS WITZKE**

MURVEL & EDITH CROSLEY

& DR. JOHN CROSLEY

BY: HELEN C. PATRICK

**C.D. CORLEY
BY: DONNA CORLEY**

**KEN HALL
BY: BETTY & KENNY HALL**

**RALPH CASSITY
BY: THE FAMILY**

**ANNA CLAY & DR. SAM REYNOLDS
BY: THE FAMILY**

**C.G. CLAYTON
BY: THE CLAYTON FAMILY**

**BILL MACK
BY: JEAN MACK**

**JUDGE & D.B. CAUDILL
& BOONE CAUDILL
BY: C. LOUISE CAUDILL**

**BOONE CAUDILL
BY: JANE AND CHILDREN**

**GLENN WALKE
BY: THE WALKE FAMILY**

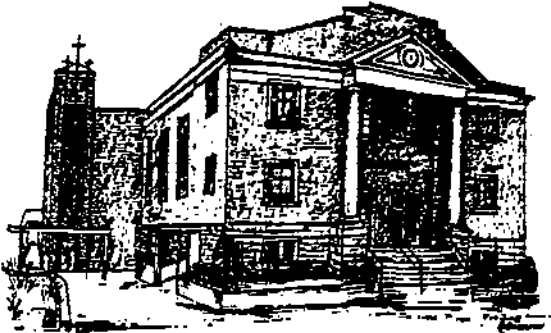
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CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

August 15-17, 1996

Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Lexington KY

Registration forms/information from

Marge Thomas

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MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June, 1996

THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Our society is continually adjusting the role definitions that bind us together. The lyrics of a favorite hymn by the poet, William P. Merrill have been changed in our new Chalice Hymnal. We grew up singing, RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD, but now we sing, RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD. Same tune.....same intent....but obvious effort to play down the masculine gender.

In June, we set aside a day to celebrate the role of the father in the modern family. This role faces a confusion of reactions. Sometimes it seems that the masculine role is one of which to be ashamed. Males are accused of warring, of sending the sons of earth into battles where they are cruelly maimed or killed. They are accused of using females to satisfy their lusts. They are often depicted as tyrants who molest and rape and destroy the world.

On the other side of the coin, if a male child is gentle and tender and a bit effeminate, the culture calls him "a fag", a mis-fit, and unacceptable part of the human race. Is it any wonder that the struggle for "gender identification is so difficult today?

I would call you as would-be-Christians today, to help the men of these times, determine their role. Good Fathers are made, not born.... Good Fathers are encouraged by the community to be both brave and gentle, hard working and playful, wise and willing to be themselves. The current film, THE BIRD CAGE is a travesty....a mockery of the masculine role in society today.

Let us not be ashamed to encourage the boy children of our time to treasure their gender...to be brave, strong, tender and

gentle....that they may fulfill their role in the culture today. And let us sing once more with gusto....

**RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD!
HAVE DONE WITH LESSER THINGS.
GIVE HEART AND MIND AND SOUL
AND STRENGTH
TO SERVE THE KING OF KINGS.
Amen! and Amen!**

Harold E. Tackett

**C.W.F.. PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 23
4:30 P.M.**

**HOME OF MABEL REYNOLDS
610 Hunter Lane**

(Bring your favorite dish)

**All women of the Church are
invited to attend.**

**If you need directions - Call the
Church office - 784-4836**




CARNATIONS FOR FATHERS

Plans have been made to have red and white carnations to decorate the sanctuary on Father's Day, June 16, 1996. You may give \$2.00 to have a carnation placed in the bouquet in "Memory" or "Honor" of a father or a special man in your life. Please give money/check to Grace Cassity, CWF Treasurer by June 11.

VACATION TIME

When vacationing with your family this summer, why not take the opportunity to visit other Disciple congregations on those Sundays away from Morehead? The church office has the name, address and telephone number of every Disciple Church in the United States. Just call, tell us where you are going and information will be provided.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 28 - 31, 1996
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
First Christian Church
See you at Bible School!!!

ABOUT OUR FOLKS!

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Congratulations to Emily Tingle on receiving a Trustees' Scholarship and a Soccer Athletic Grant for the 1996-97 academic year at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky. Emily is the daughter of Charles and Gail Tingle.

SYMPATHY TO.....

The family of Virginia Rice. Virginia died May 12, 1996 at the St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead. She was the widow of William "Honie" Rice and is survived by two sons, William H. Rice, Jr., and Lucien H. Rice, four granddaughters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter. Services were conducted on May 14, 1996 at Northcutt & Son Memorial Chapel, Officiating were Rev. Harold E. Tackett and Dr. Adron Doran.

SYMPATHY TO.....

We express our sympathy to the family of Ica Murl Dehart Caldwell. Ica died on May 28, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward S. Caldwell. Surviving are two sons, Wayne Caldwell and Edward Thomas Caldwell a brother, V. Ray Dehart, a sister, Velva Marie Voigt.

Also surviving are four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 1 at Northcutt & Son Memorial Chapel. Officiating was Rev. H.G. Pratt.

SYMPATHY TO....

John Richards on the death of his uncle, Theo E. Lewis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Rowan County. Mr. Lewis died on April 30, 1996. Funeral services were conducted at Northcutt & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. (Aileen) Richards on the death of her uncle, Chester McClain, Yorktown, Indiana, formerly of Rowan County. Funeral services were conducted on May 1, 1996 in Yorktown, Indiana.

*Mr & Mrs. Jack Collins
and
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tingle
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

*Lori Marie
and
Charles Adam*

*on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of June
Nineteen hundred and ninety-six
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Williamstown Christian Church
318 North Main Street
Williamstown, Kentucky*

(Listed below are the names of the graduates that were given to the Education Committee for the graduation list. If a name has been omitted, contact Dianna Reynolds or the church office with the information.)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Emily Tingle,

Rowan County Senior High School
Daughter of Charles and Gail Tingle



Ashley Netherton,

Rowan County Senior High School
Daughter of Larry and Mary Jo Netherton

Michael Perkins,

Rowan County Senior High School
Son of David Perkins

BRAD KAYS, Western Hills High School
Frankfort, KY

Son of Cathy and Wayne Kays
Grandson of William and Phyllis Bradley

COLLEGE GRADUATES

TIFFANY BUCKNER



Morehead State University
Daughter of Glen and Anne Buckner
Granddaughter of Mabel and Paul J.
Reynolds

BOGDANKA KURAHOVIC,
Morehead State University
Bosnian Student

SUSAN WHIDDEN,
Morehead State University
Daughter of Jack and Scharline Whidden

MARY WHIDDEN,
Graduate School of Boston
Daughter of Jack and Scharline Whidden

HAROLD'S THOUGHTS

Today, June 5, 1996, I am back in the office after spending five days at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth Texas, attending the General Board Meeting of the Christian Church. During this meeting we dealt with Church Wide Planning; a revised Mission Funding System; the Downsizing of Plenary Bodies; and a new way of dealing with controversial issues called Discernment.

We heard various reports of the work that the Church is doing (the Church being, the General Church). Across the country, the National Benevolent Association manages some 37 major housing complexes for the elderly and low income folks. Concerning our foreign mission work, we learned that the membership of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Zaire is larger than the same membership in the United States. There is excitement concerning the Union with the United Church of Christ and we are preparing for this event as a family might prepare for a wedding.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent First Christian Church of Morehead, and the Region of Kentucky on the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

FLOWERS

On Mother's Day a total of 142 carnations were in the Mother's Day bouquet! This was a terrific Mother's Day project for the CWF. The

CWF wishes to thank all who supported the Mother's Day project

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Week of Compassion Offering was \$346.00 and the Easter Offering was \$611.00 from the Morehead Christian Church. We are delighted to report these figures.

ATTEND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Kentucky will be held at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky on August 15-17, 1996.

The Regional Assembly Women's Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 16, 1996 at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center in Lexington at 12:30 p.m. If you need registration material contact Marge Thomas.

GATEWAY HOUSE

Gateway House is observing four years of offering a safe, clean, residential-type shelter option for homeless families and individuals in this area. An invitation is extended to First Christian Church family to attend.

OPEN HOUSE

June 21, 1996

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

115 Hargis Avenue, Morehead



FRIENDLY PLACE NEWS

Monday, May 20th, was a special day for all the friends at First Christian Church Friendly Place. Our Open House was attended by more than sixty guests. The Mayor of Morehead, Brad Collins, presided at our ribbon cutting ceremony. Among our friends and visitors were Charles Jones, Cheryl Mahler and Frances Barker from Gateway ADD, Mark Neff, Lois Vice and Robin Franklin from St. Claire Hospital, Home Health and Hospice, and Dan Shields and Oleta Jefferson from Life Care Center, Inc. We also were pleased to welcome friends, Alpha Hutchinson, Verlin Qualls and Perry Allen. MSU was represented by Alta Blair and Clyde James who both provided guidance in planning the event. Susan Reed attended as a representative of U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's Office. Our youngest volunteer, two year old Justin, seemed to enjoy the company and the food. He was accompanied by his mother, Ann Lewis. Our thanks to Rev. Jeff Rich from The Church of Christ, and Catherine Riley, Director of RSVP. Many members of First Christian Church and the Morehead Community did their part to make the day a success. Special thanks to Reverend Harold E. Tackett, and our wonderful volunteers.

Thursday, May 23rd was a beautiful day at the park. We enjoyed the Senior Games very much! It was great to be outdoors, to see our friends and eat a chicken dinner. We had our blood pressure checked at the health screening. Thank you Peggy Reynolds for inviting us. A picnic and fishing trip is in the planning stages.

Stop by the Friendly Place and see our growing historic photo collection. We hope to display them to the public during the upcoming Appalachian Festival. We also have exciting pictures from our Open House. We would love to see you any time.

ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm is a special kind of gift. Some call it God's light in humankind. Enthusiasm is something we're born with and one of life's challenges is to retain that special energy within us as we make our way in the world. The alternative may be that we will soon grow old before our time. With his gift of eloquence, Douglas MacArthur said it this way:

"Youth is not a time of life; it's a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideas. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

"Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long years that bow the heart and turn the greening spirit back to dust. We are as young as our faith, as old as our doubt; as young as our self-confidence, as old as our fear; as young as our hope, as old as our despair.

"In the central place of our heart, there is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, grandeur, courage, and power from the earth, from people, and from the infinite, so long are we young.

"When the wires are down and all the central place of our heart is covered with the snows of cynicism and the ice of pessimism, then we are grown old even at 20. And may God have mercy upon our soul!"

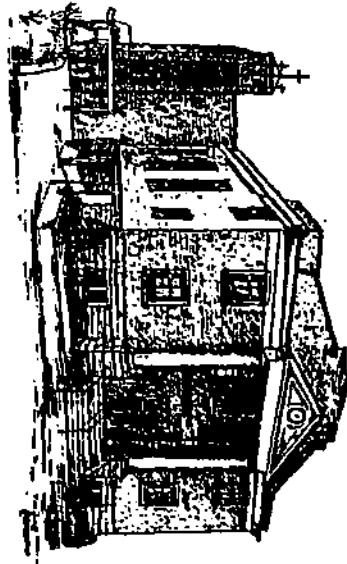
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MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

JULY, 1996

THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Across the ages, humankind has been at it's best, when it has been able to see "the larger picture". "One World"! Some years ago, Alden Hatch wrote a treatise on freedom and titled it, THE GREAT CHARTER, and I am copying a part of that for my PASTOR'S PEN, this month.

"The Japanese were a sideshow. In Roosevelt's mind the really serious danger lay in the Nazi surge toward world domination. In the last days of 1940, the peril was growing graver. England, the last fortress of democracy in Europe, was being mercilessly battered. Her cities were blazing infernos; her shipping was being decimated; and she was rapidly approaching bankruptcy. The day that she could no long pay for food and munitions from us would see the end of freedom in Europe, and the beginning of the end of democracy in all the world.

Roosevelt saw that he must lead the American people one step further. On December 29, in a Fireside Chat, he painted the picture in all its somber terror, and called on America to be THE GREAT ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY.

But merely to be against something was not enough. America must have a positive program. In the Fireside Chat, the President had described the world the Nazis desired; a week later in his annual address to Congress he pictured the world that America could look forward to, founded on four essential freedoms;

THE FIRST IS THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION —EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THE SECOND IS FREEDOM OF EVERY PERSON TO WORSHIP GOD IN HIS OWN WAY—EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
THE THIRD IS FREEDOM FROM WANT..... EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THE FOURTH IS FREEDOM FROM FEAR.....EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

That speech showed truly great leadership for it crystallized the aspirations of free men---everywhere in the world. (Copied from NATION UNDER GOD, A Religious Patriotic Anthology, edited by Frances Brentano and found on pages 328, 329.)

So it is today that we must take this message seriously. We can not countenance "the burning of African American Churches", or the retreat behind barbed wire to deny responsibility for the whole people, even when paying a fair share of taxes.

Perhaps the best description of who we are as a people is set forth in THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the American Flag.....ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. To such an end we must live as responsible Christians in America today, and encourage our fellow human beings to live in the same way. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Harold E. Tackett



ABOUT OUR FOLKS!

We rejoice with the Saint Andrew Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dublin, Ohio on the Ordination of Timothy Bobbitt to Christian Ministry. Tim graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary on May 17 and was ordained on Sunday, June 9th.

RETIREMENT

We wish the following continued success and best wishes on their retirement.

Eva Johnston, Morehead Elementary School, Teacher of Special Education.

Ronald Walke, Social Studies Teacher, Rowan County Senior High School.

Bill Huie, Morehead State University, Assistant Manager Heat & Water Plant, Power Plant

We received word that Ray Allen retired from Marshall Avenue Christian Church, Matton, Illinois on June 2nd. We extend to Rev. Allen our best wishes and continued success.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We praise and thank God for Connie Gail Hamilton, who made her confession of faith and was baptized on Sunday, June 9, 1996. Connie and her husband are the parents of Abby and Joseph. Let us personally welcome Connie into our church family.

THANK YOU

The family of Virginia H. Rice would like to express our gratitude for your thoughtfulness with the delicious meal provided by the ladies of the church. Thank you for your cards of sympathy, visits, food and prayers. We appreciate Rev. Tackett's kind words as he officiated at the funeral. Your caring and concern gave us strength at this difficult time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 28 - 31, 1996

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Video/Bible

Stories/Music/Crafts

Theme:

God's Brave People

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Lori Marie and Adam Tingle on their approaching marriage on Saturday, June 29, 1996, at Williamstown Christian Church, Williamstown, Kentucky. Adam is the son of Charles and Gail Tingle.

Congratulations to Robyn Michelle Stanifer and Brian Evans on their marriage on Saturday, June 15, 1996 at Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky. Brian is the son of Albert and Kay Evans.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 28 - JULY 31

Our annual Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, July 28 and runs through Wednesday July 31, 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The theme for this year's study is God's Brave People. During the four days the children will explore the lives of some of the heroes of the Old Testament through Bible study, crafts, and singing. The program is designed for children K through 5th grade. Wednesday will be "Presentation Day" and parents and grandparents are invited to hear the children sing, see the crafts they have made, and watch them receive their certificates of attendance.

This year the children of the community are invited to attend and a public service announcement will run in the local paper. There is no charge but pre-registration is required. You may call the church office to register.



NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Have you ever begun to sing a favorite song from your childhood to a tyke and stumbled, bumbled through the words? Do you have a new grandbaby, niece or nephew who you would like to share the joy of singing with? Do we have a deal for you!

Along side of our annual Vacation Bible School there will be an opportunity for adults to learn children's songs. Hedy Caldwell will teach an adult class from 6:30 to 8 PM, July 28 - July 31. The class is designed to teach new songs as well as refresh your memory on old favorites.

Share the joy of song with a child you love.



WISH LIST FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You can help make our Vacation Bible School a success and you don't even have to be there! What a bargain. We need craft supplies and you probably have valuable "stuff" lying about the house which we can use. (I bet you thought it was junk, didn't you?) We need:

- fabric scraps
- boxes (no smaller than shoe boxes, we need 5 for each child)
- sea shells
- buttons
- macaroni shapes
- yarn scraps
- ribbon scraps

Please place your craft supply donations in the big red bin which is in the foyer by the elevator. Vacation Bible School is July 28-31.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lane Hanley

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Stephanie Elaine

to

Mr. David Fitzgerald Caldwell

on Saturday, the twentieth of July

Nineteen hundred and ninety-six

at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church

Camden, South Carolina

and afterwards at the Reception

Camden Country Club

We want to express our thank to Grace Cassity for her many years of service as an active elder. Grace is now an elder emeritus and will continue to be an inspirational leader of our church.

Dates to Remember

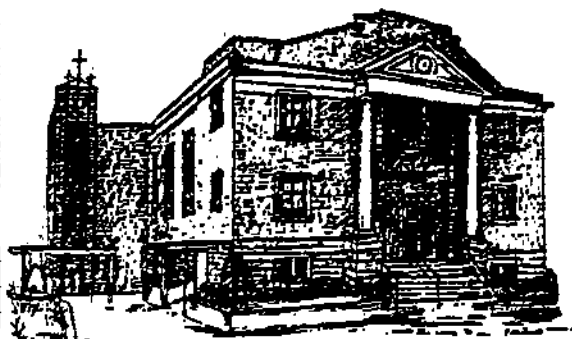
July 28 - 31, Vacation Bible School
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
"God's Brave People"
First Christian Church

August 15-17, Christian Church in
Kentucky Regional
Assembly - Lexington
KY - Hyatt-Regency

September 22, Friend's Day - Church
Picnic - City Park
Dedication of Stained
Glass Windows

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Prayer Concerns:

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers. Call if you wish your name to be added to the list.

Randy and Jo Wells, Hildreth Maggard, John Back, Norma Powers, Ruth Lappin, Nell Walter, Lake Cooper, Stella Glover and Elmer Anderson.

"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

On July 4, 1895, "America the Beautiful" was published in The Congregationalist, a church publication. In 1996, the unofficial national anthem of the United States is 101 years old. Few songs have become so ingrained in the fabric of society as this anthem. Every person who grew up in the country became familiar with its stirring words in childhood, and now the first familiar strains strike chords of recognition that resonate with feelings of pride and belonging.

The words were written by Katherine Lee Bates, a professor at Wellesley College. While on tour of the country, Bates climbed Pike's Peak. After viewing the magnificent landscape below, she expressed her feelings in the poem entitled "America the Beautiful." The words were combined with music composed by Samuel Augustus Ward. In 1885 the song came to life. In the same year the words and music were published by the Bryan and Taylor Company in a volume entitled FAMOUS SONGS AND THOSE WHO MADE THEM, compiled by Silas G. Pratt.

In 1996 Americans everywhere celebrate the birth of their nation. Independence Day is the most important holiday of the summer with traditional family picnics and time for every sort of recreation.

The celebration is a tradition which began with the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. John Adams, one of the Declaration signers and a future president said: "It will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival....It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore."

And so it is. But in 1996, showing our love of country is more important than ever before. My history professor at Point Park College in Pittsburgh, Pa., Colonel Sustar, a Colonel in the Czechoslovakian Army in WW II, always closed his class with "Remember, the USA isn't perfect, but it's the best there is. So, please hold onto it and protect it." We should practice and exhibit our patriotism. It is not something to be ashamed of. Our country and its government and laws are not perfect. Not by a long shot. But spend some time in any other country in the world and it won't take long to discover that, with all its imperfections, it is the best there is. We need to demonstrate our love of country and teach it to our children. If we do not teach love of country, our children might never appreciate the freedoms they have.

Attend parades, salute the flag, and tell stories about how you and other members of your family defended our country.

Let's celebrate summer on the Fourth of July, but celebrate with safely, and show our patriotism with unabashed pride!

(Copied from CHRISTIAN CLIPPINGS)

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MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1996

THE PASTOR'S PEN

In the first of two creation stories in GENESIS, God created humankind with the admonition, BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT; AND HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE AIR AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVES ON THE EARTH. ----Genesis 1:28. The labor of creation was not finished, at the end of seven days in the Genesis Account of Creation.

Nicholas Berdyaev, a 20th century philosopher, saw the creation as unfolding from that original moment of creation and declared; CREATIVENESS IN THE WORLD IS, AS IT WERE, THE EIGHTH DAY OF CREATION.

So, God, who did the original "work of creation", assigned that continuing work....that effort to discover THE PROMISED LAND for our Jewish ancestors and THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN for the followers of Jesus....God assigned that work to human beings in every age.

In the light of a continuing creation, there has been a need for "a labor force". Early on, some people made slaves of other people, so as not to have to expend themselves in "labor force". It took a civil war to eliminate the curse of slavery in an agrarian society, and an industrial revolution to eliminate slavery in an urban setting.. It was not strange then, that in 1869, four years after the Civil War, Americans chose to set aside the first Monday in September to celebrate the opportunity and the ability to be a part of the labor force of a "free country"

Remember, as you have enjoyed a Holiday in September, celebrating LABOR, that God has sent us forth, everyone, to fill the earth, and subdue it, till it becomes a home for humankind. And

as you reflect on the opportunity to labor, remember also the need of God's Church for LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD where the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few. God has a job for you in the Church today, and September is a grand time to accept employment in The Kingdom of God that is being developed in this, THE EIGHTH DAY OF CREATION! I can think of no better way to bring this column to a close than to share with you these poetic words from the pen of C.K. Ober, who admonishes us.....

GO LABOR ON, SPEND AND BE
SPENT, THY JOY TO DO THE
FATHER'S WILL;
GO LABOR ON, 'TIS NOT FOR NAUGHT;
THE EARTHLY LOSS IS HEAVENLY
GAIN;
MEN, HEED THEE, LOVE THEE, PRAISE
THEE NOT,
THE MASTER PRAISES. WHAT ARE
MEN?
GO LABOR ON WHILE YET 'TIS
DAY;
THE WORLD'S DARK NIGHT IS
HASTENING ON.
SPEED, SPEED THY WORK, CAST
SLOTH AWAY.
IT IS NOT THUS THAT SOULS
ARE WON.

September is the beginning of the church's program year. The measure of a church is what it does for others....how it reaches out in the name of Jesus to the least and the lost on the planet earth. The Outreach of the Church is the result of human hands, taking up the cross of Jesus Christ, and bearing it into the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now. The Church does not enslave people...it cries out for volunteer labors who will

(PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED)

harvest the Kingdom of God and extend the labor of love to a world that is still under construction. Will you be a steward of time, talent, and possession, that God's creation may continue in our time?

Harold E. Tackett

LABOR??

Thomas A. Edison's wife was concerned about his health. When he got home from work one day, she said, "You have worked long enough without a rest. You must go on a vacation."

"But where will I go?" Edison asked.

"Think about where you would rather be than anywhere else on earth and go there," his wife replied.

"I will," Edison promised.

The next morning he went back to work at his laboratory.



RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Reconciliation Offering will be received on Sunday, September 29, 1996. The theme of this year's offering describes reconciliation as a process-Recognition, Repentance, and Reconciliation.

When we work to recognize issues of racism in our midst, and support the Reconciliation Offering, our acts of stewardship become a living symbol of the biblical mandate of recognition and reconciliation.

Give generously! Support the 1996 Reconciliation Offering to help eliminate racism in our midst. Thank you!

C.W.F. NEWS

October 6, 1996

C.W.F. Fall General Meeting at Cane Ridge. The group will leave the church at 2:00 p.m. Franklin McGuire, Cane Ridge Curator will present a program on the history of the historic Meeting House. Cane Ridge is located on the Cane Ridge Road in Bourbon County.

OCTOBER 26-26 - CWF RETREAT

C.W.F. Retreat will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park, near Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Plans are being made by several C.W.F. members to attend this retreat.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Regional Assembly was held on August 15-17, in Lexington. Morehead First Christian Church was represented by the following members: Harold and Barbara Tackett, Glenn and Eva Johnston, voting delegates, Diann Johnston, Marge Thomas, Grace Cassity, Anne Buckner, Mabel Reynolds Ada June Thompson and Linda Bryant. About 800 representatives from more than 250 congregations attended.

The next Regional Assembly will be held in 1998 in Frankfort, Kentucky.

BOOKS WANTED!

Books (new and used) are needed for the Book Sale on September 21. A great time to clean out your bookshelves and bring the books to Fellowship Hall the week of September 15. If you wish books picked up call the Church Office. **COME AND SHOP FOR BOOKS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1996 - BOOK SALE!**

BAKED ITEMS NEEDED!

Baked goodies are needed for the Bake Sale on Saturday, September 21. Baked goodies may be delivered to the Church on Friday, September 20. Wrap baked items with plastic or foil, label and price. If you have questions call Donna Corley or Linda Bryant.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Hedy Caldwell for providing music for the children during Children's Church last year.

SPEAK OUT!



Our congregation will be asked to identify local and national issues by responding to a brief survey which is enclosed in the newsletter. PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY SUNDAY IS: SEPTEMBER 29. This is your opportunity to speak out. Read and study the questions in the form so you will be prepared to answer the questions on Sunday, September 29. Every person attending the morning worship service will receive a form to fill out.

SEPTEMBER 22 SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW SEASON KICK-OFF DAY!

Sunday, September 22, is a special day for you to attend Sunday School. If you have not been attending classes - now is the time! There will be a new class, directed by Diann Johnston, for those who are interested in the doctrines of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). There will be a class for all ages. Plan to start our special day at First Christian Church by attending Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Let's Kick-off Sunday School's new season by attending!

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks go to the following people for their help in making Vacation Bible School a great success: Debbie Bradley, Donna Corley, Di Walke, Sue Padgett, Hedy Caldwell, Samantha and Kristi Davis, Sherry Mong, Dianna Reynolds, Connie Hamilton and all who brought supplies and crafts supplies.

THANKS!

Thank you for your generous donation. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated by staff and residents.

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*Requests the honor of your presence
at a special service to dedicate
stained glass windows.*

In Memory Of
Roy W. Roberson

on Sunday
September 22, 1996
at
10:50 A.M.

*Reception immediately following in
Fellowship Hall*

Public Policy Advocacy Survey

6/12/96

Please list *three issues* which need to be addressed in your *local community, county or region*:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

There are many important issues facing the United States. Some of these are welfare reform, the environment, health care, reproductive issues, nutritional programs for the poor and elderly and the separation of church and state. You may have others or additional concerns. Please list three issues which concern you the most.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

There are many issues facing us globally which are also mission issues. Some of these include the global economy and justice, human rights, immigration and refugees, the protection of children and women's empowerment. You may have other concerns. Please list the top three issues that concern you most in our world today.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

BREAKFAST, BOOK SALE AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Before the Hardwood Festival Parade)

BREAKFAST- \$3.00

**Egg casserole, Ham & Rolls, Cinnamon Rolls
Coffee - milk - fruit**

BAKE SALE

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

BOOK SALE

NEW AND USED

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The CWF is sponsoring this breakfast and would love to see everyone at the Book Sale - Bake Sale - Breakfast.. If you have books to donate - bring them to the church the week of September 16. Bring baked items after Wednesday, September 18.

(FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ADOPTED A BOX)
"GODLY PLAY" BOXES

Each box should contain study and play materials which are particular to the bible story you chose. There should be learning tools for children from five to ten or eleven years of age. This means you will need a story book and activities suitable for young children as well as for older children. You may find when you are through that there are three or four books in your box, all on the same story, each on a different age level. That is good.

Start your box by first reading the scripture passage which tells the story you have chosen. You may want to read it again in one of the children's bibles which are in the Grote class room off the Fellowship Hall. Try to think of ways this story could be "play-acted" out. If you were going to play "let's pretend" with a child, what kinds of props would you like to have?

You may wish to include in your box:

- *felt board characters; people, trees, the temple, animals (we have a felt board in the budget)

- *puppets; finger puppets, sock puppets, felt of fabric puppets; paper puppets on wooden sticks

- *costumes; is a king or queen an important character? a shepherd? children love to play "dress up"

- *props; what is in the story? need a bag of coins? how about some lamb's wool?

- *word activities and coloring pages; there are several activity books in the Grote class room, or you may find some in your shopping, cut out the originals from the books and place them and some copies in a folder in the box, children can get their own and the teacher can make new ones when the supply is used up (crayons and markers will be in the class room, you don't need to get them)

- *books, books, books; we have some in the Grote class room, check to see what we already have to you put in your box

- *a video of your story; many book stores have videos of particular stories, also, Diann has access to ordering videos from several publishers, we already have some in the Grote class room

- *audio cassetts; you may find audio cassetts with a story and songs for your story

- *craft instructions; you may find books with crafts to make which go along with your story, be careful to choose things which require items commonly found in a Sunday School class room, make the instructions simple and be sure to include any drawings showing how to make something, place the instructions on a file folder so they won't get lost

I am sure there are many things I have not listed which you may want to use in your box. Keep in mind the children will be using and re-using each box over and over. If it is practice, you can label the items with the story name so they will always get back in the correct box.

Thank you for agreeing to "Adopt A Box". The Education Committee hopes you have fun creating these learning tools for our children.

FRIEND DAY

SEPTEMBER 22, 1996

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Kick-Off Day - 9:45 a.m.

DEDICATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Placed in memory of Dr. Roy Roberson

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - 4:00 A.M.

CITY PARK

**Meat, drinks and table service will
be furnished. Bring vegetables, salad or dessert.**

ENJOY THE DAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

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MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November, 1995

THE PASTOR'S PEN....

Across the ages....harvest time has moved the human race to acknowledge it's dependence upon the production of the "Good Earth" from year to year. In ancient Israel, there were two feasts of Thanksgiving....one for the Spring Harvest and one for the Fall Harvest. In each season, the people expressed gratitude to their God for the provision of food.

Now, when harvests are hardly known within an urban society, it is difficult to move a people to a real Thanksgiving. A gentleman with a poetic bent who belonged to a church I once served has written.....

Were thanks with every gift expressed,
Each day would be Thanksgiving;
Were gratitude its very best,
Each life would be Thanksgiving.
---C.R. Piety

So, in this season of Thanksgiving, let us follow the advice of the Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr. who taught us to sing...

WHEN UPON LIFE'S BILLOWS YOU
ARE TEMPEST TOSSED,
WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED,
THINKING ALL IS LOST,
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME
THEM ONE BY ONE,
AND IT WILL SURPRISE YOU WHAT
THE LORD HAS DONE.

Thanksgiving is a time to assess our blessings.....



THANKSGIVING

It is a blessing....

To live in a free country;
To be able to worship God as we see fit;
To have the stamina and the opportunity to
go to work each day;
To be healthy;
To be mentally astute;
To love and to be loved.

Let us use this month of November to assess our wealth and to Praise and Thank our God who is the source of our opportunity.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at The First Church of God on Wednesday evening, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

Harold E. Tackett

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11,
7:30 - 10:30 A.M.
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**TICKETS - \$3.00
(Children under 6 free)**

**Sponsored by: The First Christian
Church
(Contact Oran Teater for tickets)
(HAM, SAUSAGE, BACON, PAN-
CAKES, EGGS AND COFFEE)**

THANK YOU....

Our congregation would like to thank you for the beautiful plant you sent for our Charter Day.

It is certainly a blessing to all of us to know that we are in the thoughts and prayers of so many of our sister churches.

Thank you and please visit with us whenever you have a chance to do so.

Paintsville Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church,

Thank you for all the donations of bears. These toys are terrific welcome gifts for the children when they arrive at the shelter. We appreciate your compassion and continued support.

Staff,
D.O.V.E.S. of Gateway, Inc.

THANK YOU.....

What wonderful friends in the Morehead First Christian Church! Your thoughtfulness in prayers, cards, food and flowers were deeply appreciated during the illness and death of our loved one.

We will always remember your kindness.

The Family of Stella Caudill
Alene, Tom and Sherri

SYMPATHY.....

We express our sympathy to the family of Stella Alderman Caudill. Stella died, October 11, at her residence following a long illness.

She was a member of our church and spent many hours helping in the Human

Concerns Office, helping with the preparation of meals for Bible Study and giving out bulletins on Sunday Morning. Funeral services were held, October 15, in the sanctuary of our church. Surviving are one daughter, Alene Collins Witzke, one grandson, Tom Collins, and one granddaughter, Sherri Collins and three great grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to Harry Mayhew on the death of his sister, Mrs. Charles D. Jones, of Camp Springs, Maryland. Carolyn Sue passed away at Johns Hopkins University Hospital at Baltimore. She graduated from Paintsville High School, attended Morehead State University for two years, and was a graduate of the University of Maryland in Journalism. A Memorial Service and burial was held, August 2, at Paintsville, KY. Her husband, two son's and two pre-school grandsons survive.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Congratulations go to George and Ruth Bradley on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. A celebration was held at First Christian Church on October 7, 1995. The celebration was hosted by her daughter and family. We extend our best wishes to George and Ruth!

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Congratulations to Mabel and Paul J. Reynolds on becoming great grandparents! Taylor Edward Ricks, born October 24, 1995 in Norman, Oklahoma, son of David and Tonya Reynolds Ricks.

HYMNALS.....

The hymnals brown/"Hymns for Family of God" that have been placed in the sanctuary in memory/or honor of a loved one may be claimed. The hymnals will be on a table in Fellowship Hall.

GET WELL WISHES....

Bill Davis had heart surgery at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He is improving and we wish him a speedy recovery!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to Diann Johnston, our new Student Associate Minister. Diann is a second year student at Lexington Theological Seminary. Introduce yourself and make her welcome!

A GREAT DAY....

Friend Day and Church Picnic was a very successful day. Thanks to Anne Buckner and the Evangelism/Membership Committee for all their work. The Honey-baked ham was delicious!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

Early one morning as Harold and Linda were working the pounding on the roof began..... which indicated the installation of a much needed new roof. The noise can be loud, but good-bye to leaks! By the time you receive this newsletter a new roof will be installed at First Christian Church.

Inside the church, you will notice large speakers on the wall - a new sound system has been installed!!! Come to Church, you will be able to hear the music and sermon! Great sound!!! Donations are still needed for this project.

A large truck appeared - with the new Chalice Hymnals.. The Living Memorial Committee approved paying for the new hymnals. The hymnals will be introduced soon!

REMEMBER OUR YOUTH AS THEY ATTEND - TRIENNIAL YOUTH EVENT. (November 17-19, 1995)



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

Harold Tackett is conducting a class in Disciple Doctrine on Sunday morning. The attendance is not large but it is very consistent. There is a place for you - in Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY....

For a mid-week spiritual session - join us for Tuesday Bible Study. The food is great! The meal is prepared by Harold or a member of the Bible Study group. The group has enjoyed - pizza, spaghetti, soups, fried chicken, chicken dumplings, Chinese food, and many more great dishes. The fellowship is great (all ages). Attendance numbers between 20 and 28. We are working with THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS and learning together. 12:00 (noon)- 1:00 P.M. - on Tuesday.

REMEMBER...BUDGET TIME

As we approach the time for a new Church budget - a reminder to all Committee Chairpersons to prepare your budget for your committee.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Harold Tackett and Glenn Johnston represented Morehead First Christian Church at the General Assembly of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Pittsburgh, PA. We are about to enter what is called COVENANTING COMMUNION with the United Church of Christ. This will be a time of courtship, looking to the union of our two churches and a reunion of Christ's Church for which Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell and Jesus Christ called us into being. Harold or Glenn will be glad to discuss the happenings of the Assembly with you.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Hildreth Maggard
John Back
Virginia Rice
Sara Carr Dull
Nellie Walter
Mabel Barber
Bea Landreth
Randy C. Wells
Madge Cook
Grace Hunt
Norma Powers
Mayme Smith
Mary Katherine Cline
Bill Davis
Family of Stella Caudill

STEWARDSHIP DINNER....

Sunday, November 12 - Stewardship Fellowship Dinner - 12:00 noon (Put this date on your calendar) The meat will be provided - bring salad, vegetable or dessert.

MEMORY OF ROY ROBERSON

We are in the process of raising money to have stained glass windows placed in Fellowship Hall in memory of Rev. Roy Roberson. After the windows are completed a special service will be held to dedicate the windows. We are hoping that Roy's friends and relatives will be able to attend the special service. Anyone wanting to contribute to the memorial windows for Roy may do so by noting on your check that it is for the stained glass. Checks may be placed in the offering tray, given to the church office or given to Neva Griffith. If you have questions contact Neva Griffith.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DATE....

Christmas Cantata date has been set for Sunday Morning, December 17, 1995, during the regular Worship Service. If you are interested in being a part of the Cantata contact - Hedy Caldwell. Members/friends are encouraged to participate.

Advent begins - Sunday, December 3.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

POT-LUCK MEAL

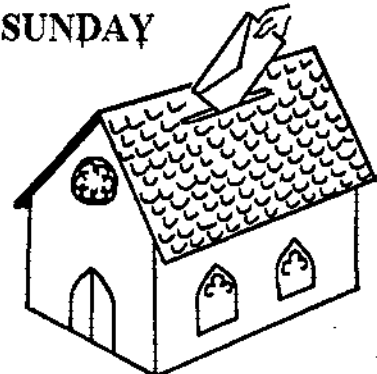
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*Hanging
of the
Greens*

*The pleasure of your company
is requested
at a reception
in honor of*

*Reverend and Mrs. Harold E. Tackett
on their tenth anniversary of
ministry at First Christian Church
on Sunday, November 19, 1995
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall -
First Christian Church*

**NOVEMBER 12 - STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**



Stewardship Campaign



FROM DIANN'S DESK

If you have driven past the Faith Annex on a Saturday or Sunday evening you may have wondered who left all the lights on and no doubt grumbled about what must be the exorbitant electric bill incurred by the church. The lights have not been indiscriminately left on. That's just me, your new Student Associate Minister skulking about in my new home away from home which is away from my real home. Which reminds me, you may want to know a little about me and my "real home".

I am a second year student at Lexington Theological Seminary. At the seminary, people like me are tactfully called "second career students". That means old folk who have decided they can no longer resist God's call to ministry even though they have already been through at least one previous career. I live on campus but home is Greensboro, North Carolina where my 21 year old daughter lives. I have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and worked in hospital management prior to coming to Lexington to go graduate school. I am a "born & bred" Disciple and the daughter of a Disciple minister (which partially explains my life long diffidence to entering the ministry). I have had many years experience working as a lay leader in North Carolina with high school aged youth. I served as Student Associate in my home congregation for nearly three years. Last year I was Evangelist for the Raccoon John Smith Cooperative Parish, serving nine Kentucky congregations. I am pleased to be called to serve this congregation. I pray we will enter into a partnership where I will be able to minister to this congregation and at the same time provide a learning experience for me which will help prepare me to be a competent pastor upon my graduation in 1997.

My primary responsibilities at FCC will be with the children and youth. I will also have responsibilities in worship, on the church board, with the board of Elders, as a minister on-call at St. Claire Medical Center, and Harold has promised other ministerial experiences as they arise.

My home phone number is (606)226-9229 or you can leave messages for me with the church office. The church phone rings in the Faith Annex so I can be reached on the weekends in that manner. I am delighted to be here and am anxious to become a part of the lives of the people of this congregation and for you to become a part of my life.

Diann Johnston
Student Associate Minister

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is an educational opportunity for the children of our congregation. It is geared for preschool through fourth grade. Children are welcomed to stay in the church service with their parents, but if they desire to, they are invited to come to Children's Church immediately following the Children's Sermon. There is no Children's Church on the last Sunday of each month. We believe it is just as important for children to learn how to worship as it is for them to learn in a classroom setting.

The preschool aged children go to the nursery for a ten to fifteen minute program followed by play. The K-4th grade children go to the Faith Annex for study time. Children's Church is a time dedicated to Bible study. There is a set curriculum which is easy to teach and interesting for the children. We need teachers! You don't have to commit to teaching more than one Sunday at a time. The material lends itself well to having a diversity of teachers. There is a sign up poster in the Fellowship Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity in ministry. Be a teacher, it's a gift that gives forever.

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EVENING YOUTH PROGRAM

Tadpoles - Preschool - 2nd grade
Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) - 3rd - 5th grade
Chi Rho - Middle School
Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) - High School

JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF will meet weekly. A snack supper will be served at 5:00 pm followed by youth meetings from 5:30-6:30. The Tadpoles will meet on a monthly basis, provided there is adequate adult leadership.

There is a need for adult leaders to assist with the youth programs. The Tadpoles need people who would help plan and would lead an activity with them one time a month. It might be arts and crafts or a field trip or a special movie night; your imagination is the limit. You may wish to volunteer for only one or two special programs.

The JYF as well as the Chi Rho/CYF need two individuals or couples who are willing to commit to being JYF Sponsors and Youth Sponsors. They would meet with the young people every Sunday night for their one hour youth program. An average evening program would consist of game time, study time, and worship. The Chi Rho and CYF will be meeting jointly.

All Sponsors will have training. Diann will provide leadership, training, ideas, and help, help, help. You will not be alone!

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

November 17-19 Triennium - Louisville, KY - the Kentucky Region Chi Rho and CYF Convention - 1500 youth attend!!

November 26 - Thanksgiving Sunday - No Youth Programs

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November



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---|
| | | 12:00 noon - BIBLE STUDY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. - JYF, CHI RHO, CYF MEETINGS 6:30 PM - CHOIR | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 PANCAKE BREAKFAST - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - 7:30 - 10:30 A.M. - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH |
| 10:45 am Worship Service STEWARDSHIP DINNER 12:00 NOON - EVERY ONE INVITED! RECONCILIATION | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 10:45 a.m. Worship Service RECEPTION - HAROLD & BARBARA - 10TH MINISTRY FCC ANNIVERSARY - 2:00 - 4:00 - CHURCH | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 7:30 P.M. ELDER'S MEETING | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 1996

THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

In the Old Testament Book of ECCLESIASTES, there is a vision of "times" and of "seasons". The third chapter begins: FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER THE HEAVEN. (Ecclesiastes 3:1). We are beginning to look toward Christmas...a favorite season every year.....a season that has too much direction from THE SECULAR WORLD and not enough from THE SPIRITUAL WORLD in which the season has its truest meaning. Let me then discuss with you in this article, the Christian Season as it takes its form in the Church Calendar.

The Church begins the celebration of the birth of Jesus with ADVENT.....which has to do with the anticipated coming of Jesus. The season of ADVENT begins December 1 and continues through December 24. This has been, traditionally in the Church Year, a time for penitence...a time for preparing our hearts and minds for the gift of God's Son, Jesus, to the world.

The Church Calendar runs on into the Hallmark Calendar and the merchants cry concerning gift items. So it is, in 1996, that the Secular World starts promoting Christian Gifts the first of November. When our children were little, we had a rule that Christmas records could not be played at our house until the evening of Thanksgiving. We wanted to preserve the sanctity of the season, but now the secular world takes over the season much earlier, and sadly, it has little or no place for God's gift of the only begotten Son, who comes to save and sanctify a world that is lost.

The Season of Advent that extends from December 1 to December 24 is a time for preparing our hearts....our individual lives...to be a place wherein Jesus can be born and can live and from which He can bring the world into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Christmas begins for the Church on December 25 and lasts for twelve days....till January 6, when the Season of Epiphany begins. At the end of the 12 days of Christmas, the Church across the centuries has celebrated the coming of the WISE MEN from the EAST...and Epiphany...an appearance of God to All people, for the redemption of All people and for their inclusion to THE KINGDOM OF GOD in the here and now.

It is not my purpose to despise gift giving. It is my purpose to encourage you to pursue the gift of God in the person of Jesus whom the Church celebrates in the seasons of ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY. May God's blessings be upon us in these Holy Seasons of the Church Year.

Harold E. Tackett

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
-John W. Peterson
"THE NIGHT OF MIRACLES"
WILL BE PRESENTED
BY THE CHOIR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1996
10:45 A.M. - Sanctuary

FELLOWSHIP DINNER
FOLLOWING CANTATA
(12:00 - NOON)
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Meat and drinks will be furnished.



**1996
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING** 1996 CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL DAY OFFERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15- 22, 1996

Ring out the bells! It's time to rejoice in the hope and promise of Christmas.

By giving to the Christmas Special Day Offering, you are putting Disciples' love and commitment into action! And your demonstration of hope in the Gospel can truly inspire Christ's love being made known to others.

Your gift DOES make a difference!



POINSETTIA

If you place a memorial or honorary poinsettia in the sanctuary for the holidays, the Worship committee requests that they be delivered to the church no earlier than Friday, December 13. Please instruct your florist to use white paper and white ribbon. They should be placed in the Penix Room on the ground floor.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Ken Siple, Jeanne Huie, and Bill Davis for serving as Lay Greeters this fall. The Worship Committee is now scheduling for January, February and March. If you would like to volunteer, please notify the church office or Di Walke.

DECORATING CHRISMON TREE

Sunday, December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent. Please join with your fellow church members for an afternoon of fellowship and fun as we erect the Chrismon Tree and prepare the sanctuary for the holidays. Festivities begin at 2:00. Wear your work clothes, bring your favorite holiday tape, a snack for the hungry crew (not required) and a jolly disposition.

HOLIDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Bell Choir Rehearsal Each Sunday -
5:00 p.m.**

**Children help place Chrismons on
tree in Worship Service - December 8
10:45 a.m.**

**Caroling Party - December 15
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
(Last stop at Harold and Barbara
Tackett's)**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT, DECEMBER 15
6:00 -6:30 p.m.**



The Children's Christmas Pageant will be a simple affair, but the children will need costumes, so start getting them together now. ("Angel Moms", talk to me about costumes). If you know your child can not participate, please tell me now. Aside from the Narrators, there will be no spoken parts to learn. The children will "act" out the Christmas Story as the (Children's Christmas Pageant continues)

(Youth Activities continue)

narrators it. Since there are many more "boy" parts than we have boys, girls will take boy parts such as shepherds and wise men. The children will practice their parts during the hour between caroling and the pageant's start. The pageant is for the children, and I hope it will be fun. Parents, grandparents, church members and guests will be in the audience.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CHARACTERS

| | |
|------------|--|
| Narrators: | Kristi Davis Samantha Davis |
| Mary: | Abby Allen |
| Joseph: | Lee Chaney |
| Shepherds: | Joseph Hamilton Colin Mong Amber Riddle |
| Angels: | Amy Allen Abby Hamilton Chelsa Allen Cortney Riddle |
| Wise Men: | Andrea Mong Kaitlyn Reynolds Amanda Riddle |

Children should learn the first verse of:
"Away In A Manger"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
"Joy To The World"
"We Three Kings"

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The University Chorus will present a Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 3, 1996 - 8:00 p.m. - First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky. The concert is free and open to the public. Ken Sipley is the University Chorus director.

SHARING AND GIVING TIME

December 01

blankets, towels, sweatshirts, mittens
hats, socks

December 08

personal care items, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, lotion, brushes, combs, etc.

December 15

toys, check list in Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER 22

Food Items

DECEMBER 21

Gifts will be wrapped in Church

DECEMBER 22

GIFTS DELIVERED

Cash Donations may be given to Dan Thomas or Harold E. Tackett

If you would like to help with any phase of this project - please contact Marge Thomas.

JOY
TO
THE
WORLD



1996



December

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|--|----------|
| 9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP 2:00 PM Erect tree/decorate sanctuary 5:00 - Youth Group Meeting | 2 7:00 P.M. PHOEBE BUTTON MEETING | 3 BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET Christmas Concert - 8:00 - First Baptist Church | 4 | 5 WILEY/CAREY CIRCLE MEETING - 10:00 AM | 6 TOM PHELPS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 1730 Boonesborough Road - Madison Co. 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. | 7 |
| 8 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP CANTATA - 10:45 AM DINNER - (NOON) Youth decorate the Chrismon Tree | 9 | 10 12:00 -BIBLE STUDY LUNCH SERVED | 11 | 12 | 13 Poinsettia's may be delivered to the church. Place in Penix Room. | 14 |
| 15 9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP Youth Caroling - 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT | 16 | 17 12:00 -BIBLE STUDY LUNCH SERVED | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM - WORSHIP After Church - gifts delivered to families | 23 | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 10:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP | 30 | 31 BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET | | | | |

FRIENDLY PLACE NEWS

January and February brought snow and school closing to Rowan County. The staff and volunteers of Friendly Place were busy behind the scenes. Our certification is completed and an Open House Party is in the planning stages. Our welcome goes to David Wilson, Rose Brown, Martha Clark and David Brown as they join us at Friendly Place.

We are now able to offer transportation to our friends in the MOREHEAD area, thanks to Ron Day of Eagle Transport Company. We also now offer a complete lunch that participants chose from a varied menu. Friday we enjoyed chicken and dumpling, and cornbread.

In February we discussed the history of Rowan County, current events and made plans for our flower garden. In March we will be interviewing for memories of the Depression and W.W.II. Sharing photos and memorabilia is encouraged.

The Church family of First Christian Church is invited to drop by for a visit - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Edith Sheehan director of Friendly Place is available to speak to groups or organizations on "Friendly Place Center"

DAILY PARKING

Automobiles parked in the Church parking lot during the week - must have a chalice sticker placed on their car! The sticker identifies to church personnel that you are a part of our church family. Space behind Friendly Place is needed for a handicap van to load and unload. Please leave this space vacant.

IS YOUR
PLEDGE UP TO
DATE???????



EASTER FLOWERS

The Worship Committee requests memorial lilies and/or hyacinths be wrapped in white foil/white ribbon and delivered to the Church on TUESDAY, APRIL 2. If you wish your name listed in bulletin - call the church office by MONDAY, APRIL 1 with correct information.



1996 Easter Special Day Offering

For Basic Mission Finance

*"Sing to the Lord a new
song, for he has done
marvelous things."*

Psalms 98:1 NRSV

OFFERING DATES:
MARCH 31 & APRIL 7, 1996

DATES TO REMEMBER

1996 SPRING CWF MEETING

APRIL 20, 1996

LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL

SEMINARY

(Light Lunch Provided)

CANE RIDGE DAY

JUNE 29, 1996

Let's try to have several members
attend!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

AUGUST 15-17, 1996

LEXINGTON, KY

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| MARCH 25 - CHURCH BOARD MEETING | ---- | EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING |
| MONDAY | ---- | 7:00 P.M. |
| | 7:30 P.M. | |

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THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

This week I have read a new book by Stanley J. Grenz entitled *A PRIMER ON POSTMODERISM*. It has been both provocative and disturbing. I was raised on reason as the measure of all truth. Dr. Grenz declares that our new society is no longer satisfied with KNOWLEDGE AND REASON but is looking for something else.

The new quest among would-be-Christians today, is for spiritual development and renewal. As we approach the season of Easter, we come in sight of the base of our soul's most fervent need. All the knowledge that we can store in a computer and call up by depressing a key is very helpful, but it doesn't meet our need. Easter, and the resurrected Jesus, have the power to satisfy our spiritual hunger. The Easter event reminds us that no matter how mean and ornery we may be, still God loves us and offers us life that is eternal. The spirit of God that was moving over the face of the deep in the beginning, is the same spirit that moved into Jesus' dead body and gave him life everlasting, and it is that same Spirit that would enter into you and me in this season and give us new life.....life that is eternal.....life that is filled with elation and joy in the here and now.

In this Holy Season, may we one and all, experience the grace of God made manifest in a resurrected Jesus who asks only, that we Love Him, and that in Loving Him, we feed His sheep....care for God's children.....love, even as we are loved by God.

Harold E. Tackett



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 4, 7:00 - FIRST CHRISTIAN

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 5, 12:00 NOON
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
APRIL 7, SUNDAY, 7:00 A.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTER CELEBRATION
APRIL 7, SUNDAY, 10:45 A.M.
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BEATITUDE OF EASTER

Blessed is the man who obeys the Risen Lord's last great command and commission, "Go yea into all the world and preach

my gospel," for unto him shall be fulfilled the Lord's promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

COLIN MONG

HILDRETH MAGGARD

JOHN BACK

NELLIE WALTER

BEA LANDRETH

RANDY C. WELLS

MADGE COOK

GRACE HUNT

NORMA POWERS

PAM PATRICK

MAYME SMITH

LOUIS STIVERS

STELLA GLOVER

We publish only the concerns of families and individuals who personally request to be included on our prayer list. If you wish your name added please call the church office or contact Harold E. Tackett.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Last spring and summer several members participated in small dinner groups hosted in homes. They were very successful and provided an opportunity to get to know each other better and have a nice dinner and evening out. If you would like to be included in the home dinner get togethers this spring and summer - please leave your name with Linda in the church office and we will get a schedule to you.

MARCH 24, 1996
CWF GENERAL
MEETING
POTLUCK SALAD
MEAL
5:00 P.M. — BRING
SALAD
FELLOWSHIP HALL



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1996

(Following Morning Worship Service)

POTLUCK MEAL

BRING MEAT, SALAD OR VEGETABLE

Cakes will be furnished! Enjoy lunch with friends! Twelve tables will be prepared - representing the twelve months of the year. Sit at the table that is your birth month. Celebrate you birthday with those that share your birth month.

BIRTHDAYS

FROM DIANN'S DESK

The Education Committee, some veteran teachers, and myself have been in conversation about ways we can rebuild our children's Christian Education Program. Some of the hindrances to our program have been; small class numbers (one or two active children per age group), low and erratic attendance, and teacher frustration.

We have a plan! All is not lost! We are looking at a format which would use learning centers, much like the public school system uses with young children. We would create Story Boxes which would contain learning tools such as hand or finger puppets, felt board characters, character dress up clothes, dry erase boards with word search puzzles inked on them, and any other tool our imaginations (and yours) can think up. Each box would contain items surrounding one Bible story. For instance, a Story Box on the Creation Story may have felt board characters of animals, trees, Adam, Eve, a snake. It may also have some clay for making creatures/people. It could have a story book on the creation in it. The box may also contain a word search for older children. You get the picture! A child could pull out the Story Box on the Creation Story and re-tell the story through these mediums. This kind of activity has been called "Godly Play".

Dianna Reynolds told me she sat down and wrote out 40 different Bible stories which could be taught in this manner! The advantages to our

situation for this kind of structure I think are obvious. We could have a wide age range of children in one class, therefore eliminating classes with only one child in them. Children who come irregularly would be easily included because each Sunday's lesson would not build on the lesson before. Two teachers could easily manage a class with multiple learning stations. Each child would do "Godly Play" with a story of their own choosing under the leadership of the two teachers.

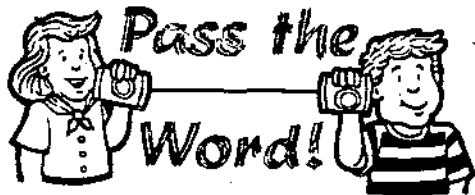
We believe Christian Education is made up of two major components. 1. Making a child feel valuable, loved, and part of the community of the Church. 2. Teaching the Christian Story. "Godly Play" emphasizes the Christian Story. Making our children feel loved and important to the community is the task of all Church members.

You'll be hearing more about "Godly Play" soon. We are planning to fully enact the project in September. Be thinking of your favorite story of our Faith and what a Story Box would look like for that narrative. There is a place for all our church members in this exciting project.

COMING UP!

- +Children's Church will worship with their parents on Easter Sunday.
- +Children's Church will perform a short Easter Skit in morning worship on Easter Sunday. Practice is during Children's Church each Sunday.
- +Youth Group will conduct Maundy Thursday Services.





ATTENTION
YOUTH CAMP DATES

SENIOR HIGH - JUNE 17-22
MIDDLE SCHOOL - JUNE 24-29
ELEMENTARY - JULY 8-12
3RD GRADE - JULY 12-14

"BLESSING BOXES"

C.W.F. "Love Gifts" are due by April 4. (Make checks payable to C.W.F. and mark Love Gifts.) Give money/checks to Grace Cassity, Treasurer.

LAY GREETER"

The Worship Committee would like to begin a "Lay Greeter" program. The duty of the Lay Greeter would be to come to the front of the sanctuary before the Prelude - give his/her name and welcome the congregation and guests. This person could also highlight special announcements. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Di Walke or leave name with Linda in the church office.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

Remember this statement by Coach Lou Holtz: "Life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it.!"

THANK YOU!

First Christian Church:

Words cannot express my appreciation to all of you for your concerns for me during my recent surgery and recovery. I would like to thank all of you for your cards, flowers, food, visits, and most of all for your prayers on my behalf.

I consider myself a very fortunate person. God has richly blessed me with His healing, and He has given me a most precious gift - the love of many dear friends.

In Christian love,

Tommy Griffith

