

FEBRUARY 1998 227 EAST MAIN STREET, MOREHEAD, KY 40351

Patrick Oventon, A Disciple of Christ minister, once wrote a poem on Faith:

### **FAITH**

When one comes to the edge of all there is
And takes that step into the darkness of the unknown,
One of two things must happen,
Either you step onto something solid, or,
You are taught how to fly.

That poem truly describes "faith." We have all come to the edge at some point in our lives - perhaps many times. Rarely do we ever take that step into the darkness of the unknown. No matter how much pain we may be in, we hesitate to risk. At least we know what the pain feels like. We don't know what lies in the darkness of the unknown, so it is easier to stay where we are.

I have to admit that I too have been unwilling to take the risk at a better life at times. It is risky to trust people, situations or even promises. However, the times I have stepped out in faith, I have not been disappointed, and flying can be a lot of fun.

You and I have both taken a step in faith as we begin our relationship with each other in shared ministry at First Christian Church. Before I came you had little information about me - nor I about you. Our risk is minimal because we step out together with the common goal to grow in our Christian faith. Christ is at the center of our faith.

During the coming weeks a series of group meetings will take place so that we can get to know each other better. I am available to visit with you before then or if you have other pastoral needs. Temporarily, I can be reached either at the office during the day - or evenings at 784-7591, room # 165. After February 1, I can be reached at the regular church number, 784-4836, until I am able to secure a home.

Bill Color

# ABOUT OUR FOLKS

# **GET WELL WISHES TO:**

Bonnie Carter had kidney surgery on Monday, January 18 at Kings Daughters Hospital in Ashland. We extend our get-well wishes to Bonnie.

Evelyn Teater is home and recovering from back surgery. She had surgery at UK Medical Center, January 16. Looking forward to seeing you in Church soon!

# **NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!**

Rev. Bill and Brenda Watson united with our congregation on Sunday, January 4. Bill is our minister and we extend a welcome to them.

# WE LOST A LEADER!

Hildreth Maggard died on December 9, 1997. Funeral services were conducted at Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home by Dr. Marie Palmer. Hildreth played an active role in our Church and will be missed by all who knew her.

# **WELLNESS PROGRAM**

Rev. Watson gave a devotional for the Wellness Program Area Senior Citizens on June 15, at the Perkins Center.

# **GO! GO! GO!**

Congratulations go to Morehead State University's co-ed varsity cheerleaders and the all-girl cheer quad. They are tops in the nation in their division. They claimed the title in Division I for the eight consecutive year.

Myron Doan is the Cheer Coach of the MSU cheerleaders. Great job!

# A PAT ON THE BACK FOR OUR FOLKS

The Family Christmas Project for 1997 served 24 families - 86 people - 50 being chil-Each family received personal care dren. items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, detergent, shampoo, - etc. All children received school supplies, crayons, chalk, paper. pens and/or play doh. The families received a food box and each child had gifts and clothes bought just for them. Thanks to you over \$2000 was spent to provide Christmas for these families. This money was in addition to the numerous gifts, clothing, and food items brought in. A special thanks to Dan and Marge Thomas and all those who helped purchase, wrap and deliver gifts. A job well done!

# TROOP 58 BOY SCOUTS

Troop 58 Boy Scouts of America meets in First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Troop 58 Boy Scouts has had an active year. As a troop they look forward to continued growth in participation, advancement, and great scouting experiences.

# **DIANN'S SPECIAL DAY!**

Rev. Djann Johnston's Ordination Service will be held on February 8, 1998, First Christian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. Diann has been Associate Student Minister at Morehead Christian Church. Sunday, January 18, stoles were presented to her from our Church after she completed the morning sermon.

We as a church send our congratulations to Diann on her special day.!

A story from your Global Ministries.

"... one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." (Rom. 12:5, NRSV)

# A BEAUTIFUL BODY

Diane Wicks is a community outreach pastor at St. George's Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. The church reaches out to the homeless and unemployed with programs such as a Friday night soup kitchen and support group, entrepreneurial ventures like recycling, and a weekly inner healing workshop. A newspaper Diane initiated three years ago, Homeless Talk (written and sold by the homeless) now has a distribution of 28,000 a month.

The church held a memorial service for one of their members, Gilbert, last September. A Ugandan, Gilbert died from tuberculosis. Since he had no medical insurance, but especially because he was not a citizen, the hospitals were "not very welcoming," Diane reported. "Even South Africans who can't pay are treated very badly, but with 'foreigners' it is worse."

At Gilbert's memorial, congregants shared their feelings about his life and death. As it happened there was a British television crew nearby at the same time filming a story on the hostile treatment of foreigners (from Africa) in South Africa. In the midst of so much xenophobia, Diane said, "That Sunday reminded me of what a special place St. George's is. Of the people who shared their remembrances of this Ugandan, one was from Zambia, two from Cameroon, two from South Africa, one from the U.S. Each person in their own way recognized our sense of belonging, of connection -- across race and class and language and culture. What a beautiful body of Christ we made that day."

You make the difference . . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

**GLOBAL** MINISTRIES

February 1998

Sunday :	 Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5:00 pm YOUTH MEETING CYF/CHI RHO Elders visit home-bound	7:00 PM PHOEBE BUTTON CIRCLE	12:00 NOON BIBLE STUDY		7:00 PM PARLOR WORSHIP COMMITTEE			
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4:30 PM ALL YOUTH VALENTINE PARTY SUPPER SERVED		12:00 NOON BIBLE STUDY					VALENTINE'S DAY
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12:00 NOON DEACONS MEET AFTER CHURCH -BRING BROWN BAG LUNCH		12:00 NOON BIBLE STUDY					·
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FELLOWSHIP DINNER 12:00 NOON -CHURCH Bring salad/soup or dessert	7:00 PM Executive Meeting 7:30 PM BOARD MEETING	12:00 NOON BIBLE STUDY	· · .	ASH WEDNESDAY		. <del>.</del>	
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# **NETHERTON ON DEAN'S LIST**

Hanover College sophomore Ashley Jane Netherton has been named on Dean's List for the fall term.

Ashley is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Netherton.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

December 30, 1997

It is difficult to know where to begin in saying thank you for all the tangible gifts - the money, the pottery, the party, the time and energy and enthusiasm of the past months. Most of all, though I will keep my memories of friendship and the love among you as you served Christ and each other. Thank you for letting me be a part of that.

Much love, Marie

# NEW CUSTODIAN AT FCC

Our new custodian is Wanda Fultz. She and her husband live on US 60 East and together operate a greenhouse. She is enjoying her work at First Christian Church. She is also employed by the Prebysterian Church. If you see her in the building say "hello".

# FRIENDLY PLACE HAPPENINGS

The year 1997 was very productive at Friendly Place. In July we had three regular clients now we have ten!

On the 4th of July we had a picnic on the front porch. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and lots of fun.

August - September -October gave time to sit on the porch and do crafts there.

Mid-October was a good time for us to work on crafts for a fall festival. Many handcrafted items were made. Some of the crafts were sold and other's were given as gifts.

November came and we began planning Thanksgiving dinner. Families were invited to enjoy the festivities.

All eyes and thoughts were on Christmas in December. Plans were made for our Christmas menu, tree and gift exchange. We entered our tree with its handmade ornaments in the Woman's Club contest at the courthouse and won first place!

As we look forward to 1998 we really need volunteers to help make our program successful. We need those who can sing, play instruments, and share their talents with us. (784-4836)

Donna Frederick Director

# A MARRIAGE IN OUR CHURCH

Alan Blair Evans and Stephanie Jean Johnson were married on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of December 1997, at Morehead First Christian Church. Stephanie is the daughter of Anthony and Darlene Johnson Oakley, Alan is the son of Albert and Kay Blair Evans. Best wishes to Alan and Stephanie.

# **GET WELL WISHES**

Morehead First Christian Church extends get well wishes to Gertrude Hall, mother of Kenny Hall. Mrs. Hall has suffered a stoke and needs our prayers. She is a patient at UK Medical Center, Lexington.

# TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.....FROM Mark, Cara, Taylor and Turner Cash 50 Well Lane, Gayton Heswall, WIRRAL L60 NG

in the past 6 weeks the Cash family has certainly had it's share of things to deal with but with the help of friends and family we are pulling through. Thanks to everyone for giving emotional support, physical support, prayers, doing laundry, running errands, doing research, baby-sitting, feeding us, doing our Christmas shopping, helping to make sure Taylor managed to experience Christmas and her 2nd birthday, and aiding Taylor in mourning the absence of her little brother. We could not begin to list the number of things that have been done for us to help us thought this horrifying experience. I'm sure many of you do not even realize the things you have done that have meant so much.

Meningitis is an unbelievable devastating illness that has altered all of our lives for the However, we are so very thankful future. Turner is still able to be with us to laugh and giggle and be a part of our lives. As most of you know, he suffered some strokes during the initial days of the illness that left him unable to do most of what he could before. With much physical therapy, hard work on his part, love and prayers he is now able to sit up, eat and blay again. The future will tell us what long term disadvantages he will have to deal with. However, he is now trying to crawl and play patty cake which are new for him. So...we are very optimistic that with help he will recover and by preschool will be unidentifiable from any other child.

We have learned Turner has a severe hearing loss and he will receive his hearing aids in the near future. We hope this will restore his hearing enough to aid him in the development of speech and communication. If his aids assist him but not well enough to

understand speech, we have already stared the ball rolling for cochlear implants. In the past 1 1/2 years these have shown to be of great assistance for a lot of children.

We will close this letter by once again giving thanks for all the love, prayers and support our family has received. We continue to ask you to include Turner in your prayers as we still hold hope that he will continue to improve daily. We will be returning to England within the next few weeks as soon as the doctors give us clearance. At this point, we do not know long term plans but will be putting Turner's special requirements first in making these decisions. We suspect that the next six months will be very hectic as Mark has now been away from work for two months (can you imagine how high the stack is on his desk?) and we must assist Turner with the long list of recommendations given to him. We will be doing lots of research and teaching, perhaps even learning and using some sign language until we are confident in Turner's ability to hear. So...if you don't hear from us as much as before ....please understand we're diligently working hard to ensure Taylor and Turner are experiencing as full and exciting life as possible. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

With our deepest thanks.
The Cash's



# THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION

Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia plant. Not only did it grace our home during the Christmas season, it continues to bring us pleasure even into the new year.

We thank you also for the warm and loving way you have welcomed us into your fellowship. Our lives and our ministry continue to be enriched here at First Christian Church, Morehead.

Again, many, many thanks.

Mary and Ken Sipley

# A SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Morehead First Christian Church for the beautiful poinsettia. I appreciate your kindness. When I look at the poinsettia it reminds me of the love of our church. Thank you for your continued support as together we serve our Lord and make Morehead First Christian Church a place where His presence is truly felt.

Thanks.

Linda Bryant

# THANK YOU!

I want to say "thank you" for the beautiful poinsettia that I received from you at Christmas. It has been a pleasure to work with such fine people. Thank you.

Darlene Perkins

# DR. KING'S TRIBUTE

Morehead State University faculty, staff and students joined together for a tribute service at Morehead Christian Church on Tuesday, January 20. Rev. Watson served as host for our church. Refreshments were served by ladies of the church following the evening service.

### **REJOYSINGS -**

Ken Sipley Choir Director

If you have looked closely in the bulletin, you have noticed a small but significant change. The word "interim" no longer appears before my name. As you well know, interim can be periods of inaction (but not always). Now that I am no longer the interim, you may begin to see changes in the music brogram, such as:

- 1. Watch this space every month. I intend to write a column in which I will comment on various aspects of church music. It may be about an anthem (or anthems) we are singing. It may be a story of an old or new hymn. It may be a sharing of my philosophy of church music. I invite your comments and questions. I'm always looking for new material.
- 2. New choirs. It's time to broaden our musical program. In the near future we will hopefully be adding a full-time children's choir, at least one bell choir, and, perhaps, other groups as the need or desire arises.
- 3. New Choir members. You have probably already noticed one or two faces in the adult choir. Look for more. Also, don't be surprised if someone asks you to sing with us. We're always looking for new people to share the joy we find in singing. If you feel you can't sing, or can't sing very well, don't let that hold you back. We provide on-the-job training.

Thank you for your kind comments. Mary and I appreciate all the nice things you have said about our music. I pass them all on to the choir. After all, they are the ones who do all the hard work.

To God be the glory...Praise the Lord





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 5:00 P.M. CYF/CHI RHO

Education Committee will meet with youth. Education will have meeting to plan youth program.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
4:30 P.M.
ALL YOUTH
VALENTINE PARTY - SUPPER



FEBRUARY 2 - 7:00 PM PARLOR PHOEBE BUTTON MEETING

FEBRUARY 4 - 7:00 PM-PARLOR WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 15 - 12:00 NOON
DEACONS WILL MEET - BROWN BAG
LUNCH. - FELLOWSHIP HALL

FEBRUARY 22, SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP DINNER (NOON)
BRING SOUP/SALAD/ OR DESSERT
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE SPONSOR

FEBRUARY 23, MONDAY
7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD
7:30 PM BOARD MEETING

BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY - 12:00 NOON
A pause in the middle of the week to
become re-focused on God

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(606) 784-4836 **MARCH**, 1998 MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351

# **PASTOR'S PEN:**

When I was growing up and people in the church talked about the season of Lent. mv brain heard vouna "lent," It didn't make any sense to me to think about giving up something to remind me to clean out my belly button when I took a bath. Besides, that was something those Catholics did. certainly not something we did at First Christian Church in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Historically. Lent was not observed by Church. primitive the Early Christians came together each week in great expectations that the risen Christ would return very soon. Their time was spent by praying, breaking bread together and sharing in the apostle's memory of Jesus' time on earth.

time At the after Christ was resurrected grew longer and longer into fading memories, efforts, various made to counter the arunbelievers guments

made who scoffed at programs of church and the Christian hope of reading to Christ's return. Time is not fixed in the realm of the Holv.

Even a thousand vears is but a day in the Lord's Still. eve. **Christians** had to make it one day at time on earth. So. as I understand it. time, over

the Church made modifications, especially in one's preparation in becoming a member and how one repented for sins committed. Out of this came the season we-call "Lent".

"Lent" is a time (40 days) to "be reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of **Jesus** Christ and the need we all have to renew our baptismal faith" Handbook of the Christian Year, p., 112) It is the time when many Christians examine their spiritual development and give more time to devotional reading, to serve in the

community, and to special worship services. in this way "Lent" becomes time far

> arowth in service. in service both te Ged and to others.

LENTEN VESPER SERVICE

**WEDNESOAY** 7:00 - 7:30 P.M. Morehead Christian Church

(Informal)

Many Christian churches now observe in some wav the period called "Lent."

time of the It is church vear and one that can be very meaningful. During "Lent" we will have 30 minute vesper services as we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem. The last Wednesday before Easter there will be a community worship service starting at 7:00 **Maundy Thursday** will give you another opportunity to focus on Christ's journey to the cross as we will worship together. On Good Friday, First Christian Church will host a service and I will be preach-Please use this ing. "Lent" wav

preparing yourselves for the Easter event as we proclaim the risen Christ.

# WORSHIP COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Interested in what

goes on in a committee meeting? The Worship Committee met on February 11, with Rev. Watson. plans were developed for the March Installation Service. In addition to special needs for the Installation, several areas of support are needed on Sunday mornings, such greeting, ushering and assisting the Acolytes. Request for support will be reviewed during the upcoming meeting of the Deacons. The inclusion of lay persons in the services will continue. Music selections will continue to be varied to address the wide interest of individuals in our congregation. Arrangements are being made for special musicians. Wednesday Vespers are planned for the Lenten Season. Services will be informal, 7 - 7:30 p.m. and individuals will be contacted for participation. Ways to involve the congregation in planning are being explored. The congregation is encouraged to contact any

of the committee memhers to share favorite meaningful hymns. scriptures or devotionals, a personal offering participation. The List of Church Committees is posted on the bulletin church office board. Worship Committee members are: Jeanne Huie (Chair), Di Walke, Yvonne Baldwin, Gail Tinale. Natalie Caudill and Sarah Ex-officio Chanev. members are: Rev. Watson. Ken Sipley and Mary Sipley.



Morehead First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

cordially invites your

presence and prayers for the ordination service of

> Rev. Bill Watson, Senior Minister

on Sunday, March 22, 1998 227 East Main Street Morehead, KY at 10:45 A.M.

Lunch will follow service



Excitement is in the air at Morehead First Christian Church as we review the final plans for the Installation Service of Rev. Watson, Senior Minister. We are approaching this special day with anticipation and prayer. church will be host to several out of town quests and a pot-luck meal will be served in Fellowship Hall. Please schedule this day on vour calendar as one of the important dates in the life of Morehead First Christian Church! If you are unable to attend we request that be with us in you prayer.

# \$\$\$\$\$ GREAT NEWS!

Morehead Christian
Church gave the largest
Week of Compassion
Offering in recent memory in the amount of
just over \$1,000.00!!!

# **SYMPATHY TO:**

Lurlene Penix Alfrey on the death of her son, Gene Austin Alfrey, on February 1, 1998, at the

# March (Season of Lent-Feb 25 - April 12)

1998

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February 10, 1998

Bill Watson First Christian Church 227 E Main Street Morehead, KY 40351

Dear Bill:

Please extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the church for holding BMF and Week of Compassion giving in 1997 close to your excellent 1996 level of giving.

Your congregation gave \$8,688.96 in 1997 down from \$9,021.05 in 1996 (a decrease of only 3.68%). Week of Compassion giving was \$304.00 in 1997 compared to \$346.00 in 1996. However, your giving to Reconciliation was up 9.97%. \$342.00 in 1997 compared to \$311.00 in 1996.

I am very proud of your gifts to the larger church. I am also proud of Hazel Green's performance. As a district we had a 2.42% increase in BMF giving in 1997.

Thanks again for all your efforts.

Most Singerely

en Poage, Associate Minister Kentucky Appalachian Ministry Winter Haven Hospital in Winter Haven, Fla. Funeral services were held on February 6, at the Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel, Morehead, KY. with Rev. Bill Watson and Rev. Jeff Fannin officiating.

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Sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Raye Landolt on her death, February 6, 1998. She was the wife of Rev. Arthur Landolt (who preceded her in death) who served Morehead First Christian Church 1938 - 1943 as minister.

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Our most sincere sympathy surrounds the family of Boone Townsend, father of Scharline Whidden. Mr. Townsend died on February 12, 1998, with funeral services held at Herald Stewart Funeral Home Chapel, Mt. Sterling, on February 15.

# THANK YOU....

Thank you for the beautiful stoles which you gave for ordination. The spray of flowers you provided at the ordination service was beautiful. The service was perfect. I wish each of you could have

seen it. Take care of each other and God bless you.

Diann Johnston

TO MY CHRISTIAN CHURCH FAMILY:

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, food, beautiful cards, love and concern shown to me and my family at the loss of our loved one, Gene Austin Alfrey. I would also like to add a special thanks to Rev. Bill Watson.

Luriene Penix Alfrey

# **CHURCH FRIENDS**

Thank you for your many expressions of concern at the death of my Father. Your visits prayers, cards. and calls meant much to my family. Your was kindness greatly appreciated.

Scharline Whidden

# REJOYSINGS! Ken Sipley



As far as I know, this is the first time First Christian Church, Morehead, has had a "Director of Music." Some of you may be wondering what the director does besides direct the adult choir. First as the job description says, the director of music is responsible for administering and supervising the entire muprogram. includes being accountable for the funds in the music budget, and supervising the other personnei in the music Right now. program. the only other "personnel" is my wife. (Those of you who are married know just how successful I will be in supervising her.)

As more choirs are added, the director of music will be conducthimself (or ing them herself, as the case may be), or for obtaining, training, and retaining volunteer directors. The first step in this direction has already been taken. Hedy Caldwell has agreed to be the director of our newly formed children's She will be assisted by Shannon Hemminger, music education maior MSU. The choir is now

rehearsing at 9:30 A.M., Sunday mornings for its premier performance on Sunday, March 22 (Bill Watson's service of installation.) If you know of any children who would like to sing with this group, have them at church this coming Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Part of the job of the director of music which does not appear in the job description is that of music educator. It's a role I take very seriously. I believe it is my responsibility not only to educate the choir singers to sing to the best of their ability, but also to educate the congregation in the breadth and depth of church music. Not all of you will like all of the anthems we

will be singing, but each one of you will hopefully, help you grow in appreciation of what church music is and can be. One thing is certain the more often you attend, the more likely you are to hear anthems you like.

**Ken Sipley** 

To God be the Glory!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/06 Melanie Hatfield
3/09 Lee Chaney
3/11 Linda Bryant
3/12 Chelsea Allen
3/14 Jim Fred Cassity
3/14 Jean Mack
3/24 Chloe Calvert
3/25 Ron Waike
3/27 Johnathan Havs

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Evelyn Teater
Rev. Robert Bradley
(Ashland CC Minister)
Turner Cash
Bonnie Carter
(Many unnamed
requests)



(All Youth)

COOKOUT SUNDAY, MARCH 15

> 3:30 P.M. THOMAS' HOME

(Kite making fun) with (Glenn Johnston)

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MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

APRIL, 1998

# FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN....

A workman of the great chemist Michael Farady accidentally knocked a silver cup into a solution of acid. It was promptly dissolved, eaten up by the acid. The workman was terribly disturbed by the accident. The chemist came in and put a chemical into a jar, and shortly all the silver was precipitated to the bottom. The shapeless mass was lifted out and sent to the silversmith, and the cup was restored to its original shape. if a human genius can do a thing like this, why should we doubt that God can raise the dead?

We are again at the most crucial time of the year for the church. The central point in history for Christians is the crucifixion and resurrection of the Christ. I sat for a long time trying to put into words the meaning of Easter when I ran across the following by Paul Hovey.

"The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word. On Friday night it appeared as if evil were the master of life. The holiest and most lovable One who had ever lived was dead and in His tomb, crucified by the order of a tyrant without either scruples or regrets. He who had raised the highest

hopes among men had died by the most shameful means. A cross, two nails, a jeering mob of debauched souls, and a quick thrust of a spear had ended it all. Those hours when His voice was stilled and His hands were quiet were the bleakest through which the race has ever lived. If Caesar could put an end to Jesus, then no man could dare aspire or hope again. Hope, in such a world, could be nothing better than a mockery. Then came Easter morning and the glorious word: "He is risen!" And evil's triumph was at a end. Since that hour when Mary in the garden first discovered the staggering fact of victory, no man whose heart was pure and whose labors were honest has ever had reason to fear or despair if he believed in the Resurrection."

May you be blessed this Easter season.





Regional Assembly
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky
August 13-15, 1998 Frankfort, Kentucky

EASTER LILIES ARE RE-QUESTED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11 BEFORE 12:00 (NOON)

EASTER LILIES SHOULD BE WRAPPED IN WHITE FOIL, WITH WHITE RIBBON.

CALL THE OFFICE.\_\_ BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 WITH MEMORIAL NAMES.

# REJOYSINGS

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Many of you have told me how much you appreciate the music the choir has been singing. I thought, this month, I would share with you the way I choose the anthems the choir sings.

The first consideration is the text. Unlike instrumental musicians, singers have to perform words. They are, at the same time, our blessing and our curse. Words are our blessing because, by singing them, we can make our music say more than purely instrumental music. We bring a double message--musical ant textual Words are our curse because we have to make sure we enunciate them well enough so that our audience can understand what we are saying. When I choose a text I make sure it says something which I feel is important to

say. Does it speak to me? Will it speak to the choir and to the congregation? Is it good poetry? Next I consider the melody. The melody is the most memorable part of the music. It's what you sing when you sing along with the radio. Does the melody support and enhance the words? Does it make the words more meaningful? Is it singable?

When I get to the harmony and the accompaniment I'm stuck. I can do a pretty good job of hearing the music in my head, but-I use one of two methods. Many times music publishers will send tapes of anthems to the church as a promotional tool. When Mary and I were on a trip in January we listened to five of these tapes. Some of the anthems you will hear come from these tapes.

If I have copies of music but no tapes I use my other method. If you can't play piano marry a pianist. As you well know, Mary is an excellent player. We sit down and play through a lot of music. Luckily, we agree most times on what we like and what we don't.

As I have said before, if you don't like what we sing this week, come back next week....On balance, I believe you will like most of the anthems we sing. If you do, tell the choir. If you don't tell me.

Ken Sipley, Director of Music

To God be the glory....Praise the Lord

Betty Walke was recently a patient at St. Claire Medical Center. She was experiencing a heart problem and was kept as a patient for observation. Betty is home and continues to be seen at First Christian Church as she does much volunteer work. Betty is known as "Betty Crocker" to the Bible Study group because of her help with the lunch.

Martha Conn, grandmother of Dianna Pettit Reynolds is a patient at St. Claire Medical Center. We continue to keep her and the family in our prayers.

# RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Morehead Church Members and Friends are invited to a retirement reception for Albert H. Evans on Friday, April 10, 1998, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Camden Carroll Library, Morehead State University. Al has been a member of Morehead First Christian Church for 18 years, served the church as deacon and Secretary of the Board and an active participant of the Bible Study group. He can be found on Monday mornings changing the Church sign as he volunteers his services to the church.

### **SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO:**

Bill Huie and Darlene Perkins on the great a great paint job Bill Huie painted the entrance to Fellowship Hall, and Darlene painted the walls downstairs near the bathrooms and the bathrooms. We salute these two people on jobs well done!

### THANK YOU

Dear First Christian Friends,

Kenny and I appreciate very much the prayers and support of our church family during the time of his mother's illness and death.

Betty Hall

# PLEASE NOTE!! CHURCH BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1998

Executive Board - 7:00 PM Church Board - 7:30 PM (Meeting one week early)

# **ABOUT MARIE**

Marie Palmer has accepted a call to minister the Antioch Christian Church in Lexington (5362 Paris Pike) beginning on May 1. May God bless her and give her much success and happiness as she begins her ministry at Antioch. She remains in our hearts at Morehead First Christian.

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# **DIANN ACCEPTS CHURCH**

Diann Johnston accepted the call as senior minister at Colonial Heights Christian Church, 295 Dunlop Farms Blvd., Colonial Heights, Virginia. She will begin her ministry on April 13. Let us keep Diann in our prayers as she begins her ministry.

# **LET'S TAKE A PICTURE!**

We have many varied and interesting activities taking place in our church. The Evangelism Committee has provided a disposable camera for our use in recording these events. You may find the camera in the Evangelism Committee's mailbox in Linda' office. Please feel free to use this camera at any time. Let's photograph our activities and church family!

FOUND IN CHURCH: LADIES BLACK LEATHER GLOVES! GLOVES ARE IN THE OFFICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL UMBRELLAS AND A CAP, UMBRELLAS AND CAP ARE HANGING IN FOYER OF FELLOWSHIP HALL, WHEN APRIL SHOWERS COME - YOU WILL NEED YOUR UMBERAL.

### **SYMPATHY**

Sympathy is extended to Mayme Smith's family on her death on March 6, 1998 at St. Claire Medical Center. Surviving are one daughter, Agnes Williams, four granddaughters, Debbie Caudill, Leslie Williams, Sandi Smith and Becky Smith Maxwell. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 9 at Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Watson and Dr. Jack Ellis officiating.

Our concerns and prayers to the family of <u>Fred</u> <u>Cassity</u> on his death on March 5, 1998 at his home after a long illness. He was the brother-in-law of Gracie Cassity. Services were held on March 8 at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel.

Our love and concerns are also shared with Kenny and Betty Hall on the death of Kenny's mother, Gertrude Hall. She died on March 8, at Life Care Center. Funeral services were held on March 11, at the Northcutt & Son Funeral Memorial Chapel. with Rev. Ben Furman officiating.

John Keller Back II, of Henderson died on March 24. He was the son of John Back and the late Joan Kegley Back. He is survived by two brothers, Stephen and Joe and a sister, Martha Back Jackson and a son, Andrew John Back. Graveside services were on April 2, at Brown Cemetery with Rev. Bill Watson officiating.

Jessie Allen Harlowe, daughter of the late John and Eva Sexton Allen, died in Lexington, on March 27. She was the sister of Hubert and Robert Allen.

Sympathy to the <u>W. David Brown</u> family on his death on March 12. He was a distinguished journalist and retiree of Morehead State University and a Journalism Professor. He was founder of MSU journalism program. Survivors include two sons, and five daughters. His son Phillip Brown and wife Hope, and grandsons, Ryan and Drew attend Morehead First Christian Church. Their address is: 1965 Cranston Road, Morehead, KY

# **GET WELL GOES TO:**

<u>Faith Fannin</u> has undergone successful carotid artery surgery. Faith is home and continues to recover. Let us keep her in our prayers. Her address is: 227 Knapp Avenue, Morehead.

Ada June Thompson's mother has been a patient at St. Claire Medical Center. <u>Dorothy Coyle</u> had a pacemaker implanted. She is still under medical observation.

Bonnie Carter is recovering from knee surgery. We continue to keep Bonnie in our prayers as she continues to recover from her surgery.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL -9:45 WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.	,	BIBLE STUDY -12:00 NOON				

# HOLY WEEK EVENTS

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. First Church of God Tabernacle

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 P.M. First Christian Church

# WAY OF THE CROSS WALK

Friday, April 10, 11:00 A.m. First Christian Church Parking Lot

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE Friday, April 10, 12:00 A. M.

First Christian Church

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE Sunday, April 12, 7:00 A.M. First Baptist Church

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 A. M.

Morehead First Christian Church 유 유 유 유 유

MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN 227 EAST MAIN STREET MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY 40351 节节节 1998 EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 15

(Envelopes are attached)

BIBLE STUDY: BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1998 - BUT WILL MEET TUESDAY, APRIL 14, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

BRIAN REGISTER will appear in Recital on April 13 - 8:00 P.M., Duncan Recital Hall, Morehead State University. Brian will be performing with the University Chorus on April 16, - 8:00 P.M. Duncan Recital Hall, MSU. Brian is a graduate of MSU and was organist at First Christian Church.

# THE ECHO

#### MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**MAY 1998** 

TROM THE PASTORS PEN...

We live in a fast moving world, especially as the Internet expands. I have mixed feelings about the directions we are moving in regards to relationships. I will speak more about this in a future article. While computers can enhance our learning and can bring the world into our homes and communicating with others easier and faster, the effect can be one of isolation. Still, to keep up with the changing times, even the church needs to learn how to use this tool to spread the Gospel or become itself isolated even within the community in which it serves.

Every once in a while I read something on the Internet that is very thought provoking and points to profound insight for my own spiritual journey. The following piece, written by J. Todd Jenkins, is an example of how the Internet can help to clarify a spiritual issue.

### MARGINS....

Marginal is the term used to describe something or someone that is on the edge. Anything from ideas to people to property can be marginal. The general connotation that goes with this definition of marginality is negative. A marginal idea is one that teeters on the edge between reason and insanity. Marginal people are ones who are near the edge or outside the circle. Marginal places are those where we would prefer not to reside. In this mode of thinking, the center-as the opposite of the margin - is the desired dwelling place.

Yet, throughout Scripture, God is much more concerned with the marginal people and places than those who are sure that they are at the center. At every turn, the surprise of the biblical narrative is that the marginalized are called to the center of God. The firstborn is passed by, in favor of another child. A clan of slaves becomes the nation of Israel. A young shepherd boy becomes Israel's king. The king of the Jews is born, not in Jerusalem, but in lowly Bethlehem. Tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners surround Jesus.

The printed word is also depended on margins. The blank space around the edges and between the words is what make the printed characters readable. A Hebrew professor once told me that when the scribes copy the Torah they have a special prayer that is said for each letter that they draw, because each letter is holy. But the white space between the letters and words is also holy for it allows us to see the letters and words. Without the blank space-without the margin, the letters and words would run off the page and be difficult, if not impossible to read.

It seems to me that our disdained for the margin and the marginalized is antithetical to the gospel. In fact, the margin just might be the place where we can most easily experience God's presence. There, at the margin and with the marginalized, the characters of our lives are kept at bay, so that we can experience the presence of the One who embraces and encompasses both margin and center. Could it be that, for God, our sacred, protected center is considered the margin, and our dreaded margin is considered the center? Stranger reversals have happened.

# HELP: UMBRELLAS NEED OWNERS

Two more umbrellas have been added to the collection of "church umbrellas" If you have misplaced a ladies aqua colored umbrella or large MSU umbrellas - call the church.

### ABOUT OUR FOLKS

Sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Eades Davis on the death of her grandmother, Ida Eades. Funeral services were held on April 16, in Central City, Kentucky.

Those who attended worship service on Easter shared in the celebration of Paul J. and Mabel Carr Reynolds rededicating their lives to Christ. Sixty-three years ago on Easter they were baptized Surrounded by the church family and all their family it was a special moment in their lives and the lives of the church family.

Rev. Bill Watson's mother, Ann Watson broke her hip and recently had surgery. She is in need of our special prayers as the aging process continues to be a part of her life.

Lola Belle Blair has been a patient at St. Claire Medical Center for medical treatment. She is home and continues to need our prayers.

Dr. Leonard Burkett, former professor and Department Chair of Education at Morehead State University died the week of April 12th. He was a friend of many in our congregation. Let us keep his wife, Alene and son Jeff in our prayers. Address is: Highway 1664, Nancy, KY 42544

Our concerns and prayers continue for Katherine Caudill, Lurlene Alfrey, Randy Wells, George Bradley, Esther Gray, John Back, Lola Belle

Blair, Mary Adkins and Darlene Perkins and her family. Her father, Mr. Read, of Nashville is recovering from a stroke.

### A SPECIAL JOY

Timothy and Jodi Bobbitt are proud parents of a son, Joshua Timothy Bobbitt, born on March 19, 1998, 8 lbs and 2 ounces. Tim continues to serve as pastor of a small church in Argentina. The church also includes a center which provides services for the neighborhood. Jodi continues to work at the Community Center in La Tablada. She is involved with health education. Jodi is a R.N. and is taking a little time off to be with Joshua. When she goes back to work, Joshua will stay in the child care center, located in the Education Building near the Church. They will spend three more years of service as missionaries. Their address is:

Timothy and Jodi Bobbitt Garcia del Rio 3114 (1429) Buenos Aires Argentina, South America

DIANN JOHNSTON: Special thoughts and prayers are for Diann Johnston as she begins her ministry at Colonial Heights Christian Church in Virginia on April 15.

MARGE PALMER remains in our thoughts and prayers as she begins her ministry at the Antioch Christian Church, Lexington on May 1.

#### CANE RIDGE DAY

AUGUST 29, 1998 -10:00 - 3:00 P.M. Christian Church (DC) Celebration time

Worship)

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ELECTING
NEW DEACONS AND
BOARD OFFICERS.

## AND THE LORD ADDED:

Ryan Lee Brown, son of Hope and Phillip Brown, and Joseph Stanley Hamilton, son of Connie and Trent Hamilton, made their confession of faith and received the Lord's Baptism - during the Easter worship service on April 12, 1998.

PHOEBE BUTTON CIRCLE
MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1998
7:00 p.m.
(Church Parlor)

QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 24 - 28, PURDUE UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 3:30 P.M. - YOUTH WILL BE PREPARING FLOWER BEDS AT THE CHURCH FOR THE SPRING SEASON. Jack and Scharline Whidden will be helping.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8 - 11

(Evening)

# ACOTLYES T T

Special thanks to the Acotlyes of Morehead Christian Church! They are a special part of our worship experience. We salute the following for a job well done!

# JOSEPH HAMILTON ABBEY ALLEN KAITLYN REYNOLDS

# A CHURCH NEED!

There is a need for the church that is not covered by the present budget. It is an updated computer for the secretary. Currently, the present computer is not able to support needed software, is not compatible with the minister's computer, and is putting a strain on the secretary's time.

The cost of the computer is estimated at \$1,100 or less. This will include monitor and needed software. is there anyone who can help fill this need? Please call Rev. Watson if you can help.

# REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The 1998 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky is planned for August 13-15, in Frankfort. Make plans to attend. Registration information is available from the church office.

# IF YOU GO INTO THE HOSPITAL

PLEASE CALL, OR HAVE SOMEONE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, SO OUR MINSTER CAN PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CARE.

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#### MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**JUNE 1998** 

# THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

On May 21, 1998 the minister conducting the special service for the people in Springfield, Oregon, after the shooting at Thruston High School, started his sermon, "People ask me, 'why did this happen?' I don't know!"

There are no clear cut answers to the rash of shootings this school year. There are some theories coming forth, but no answers. As a nation, we are in shock. In six different communities lives have been changed forever. The reality that no community is safe is slowly sinking in.

It is difficult to think that this could happen in Morehead or Rowan County. That is the probably the same thing people in Paducah, Kentucky and Fayetteville, Tennessee also thought when they saw what had happened in other communities.

One question I heard that certainly will be echoed. Where was God on May 21? God must have forgotten Thurston High School. It is inconceiveable for me to think God caused this to happen or that God abandoned the community of Springfield.

Within fifteen minutes of the shooting paramedics were on the scene attending to the wounded. Within an hour all those wounded had been transported to two hospitals and at least two students were in surgery. Professional counselors, clergy, and those trained in stress debriefing had offered their expertise and scheduled sessions with the students and parents. Condolences from around the world poured into Springfield. Major television news carried in depth reporting. Member of Congress looked for ways the government could curb the violence.

God had not abandoned Thruston High School God was there dressing wounds, wiping tears and combating evil in our human world.

Bill Watson

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# LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR JUNE

June 7 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-32 Psalms 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

June 14 I Kings 21:1-8, 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

June 28 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Luke 9:51-62

# PARTY BEING PLANNED

New Years Eve, 1999, is only 20+/-months away. The Evangelism Committee is wanting to plan an all church "Watch Party" for sometime the week before the turn of the century. We would like 8 - 10 people to serve on a subcommittee to plan that event. People from all age groups are encouraged to volunteer for this committee. Please see Darlene Perkins or Rev. Watson if you would like to help plan this event.

# PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE FORMED

At the request of Rev. Watson a Pastoral Relations Committee has been formed. The purpose of this committee is "to provide an ongoing dialogue for the nurture and support of the Senior Minister. This committee will provide feedback to the Senior Minister for the enhancement of his/her ministry to the congregation. Members should consider both positive and constructive criticism of ministry performance and a sounding board for the Senior Minister for his/her areas of concern."

The committee is comprised of Betty Hall, Dan Thomas and Dr. Charlie Tingle.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The Education Department has planned Vacation Bible School for June 8 - 11 at 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. for preschool through Grade 6. The theme this year will be The Story of the Bible: How the World's Best Selling Book Came to Be. Supper will be provided. Hedy Caldwell will teach us new songs. Pre-School (3-7 years) teachers will be Ann Buckner and Natalie Caudill. Youth (8-12 years) class teacher will be Wayne Caldwell. Crafts will be directed by Connine Hamilton and helpers. June 11th we will go to Marge and Dan Thomas' farm for hiking, fishing and a cookout. All children are encouraged to bring a friend and Grandparents may wish to bring their grandchildren. Registration forms are in the church office and due by June 7th.

# REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Register now before it's too late! Don't miss out on one of the most exciting events of this year. Register now for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Regional Assembly - August 13 - 15, 1998, Frankfort, Kentucky. Call the office if you have any questions.

### **THANK YOU**

I just wanted to thank the church for the book for graduation and for being my new church since my move to Morehead.

Kevin Clark

First Christian Church Friends.

Thank you for the lovely flowers, nice cards, visits and calls during my surgery. I do appreciate all you do so much and I enjoy fellowship with you.

Katherine Caudill



# A SPECIAL BLESSING......

A rosebud was placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 10 in celebration of the birth of Emma Lee Banks. Emma Lee was born on May 1, 1998, 7 pounds and 10 ounces and 18 inches long. Proud parents are Lisa Blair Banks and Patrick Banks, grandfather is Dr. Don Blair.

EASTER OFFERING MOREHEAD CHURCH TOTAL \$638.00

### **GET WELL WISHES TO:**

Betty Lane had surgery and is improving. We extend get well wishes to Betty. Her address is: 122 Daniels Avenue, Morehead, KY.

Turner Cash, son of Mark and Carra Cash has completed his "Cochlear implant surgery and is back home in England. He will remain under the care of Doctors in England. Let us keep Turner in our prayers.

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#### SYMPATHY TO:

Joyce Wolford Calvert died Tuesday, April 28, at the St. Claire Medical Center. She was preceded in death by one son, Jeffrey Bruce Calvert. Surviving are her husband, John B. Calvert, Jr. and one son, Jerry Calvert.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, May 1, at the Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Watson officiating with the burial at the Lee Cemetery.

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Esther Woods Grey died Thursday, May 21 at Life Care Center. She and her late husband, Lenoard Grey, owned and operated Dixie Grill from 1942-1968. She was preceded in death by her husband Surviving are one son, Robert L. Grey.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 24 at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Rev. Bill Watson officiating with burial at the Lee Cemetery.

### FRIENDLY PLACE NEWS

We are pleased to inform you that Friendly Place Adult Care has met all the requirements for Adult Day Care Center certification. We extend our congratulations to the program in meeting the requirements. A certification document suitable for framing was mailed to the center. Donna Frederick is Director of the center. Telephone number is: 780-0426. Friendly Place is in great need of volunteers!

# AND THE LORD ADDED .....

Natalie Caudill placed her Associate Membership in Morehead First Christian Church.

Natalie has been very active in our church, we welcome her into our church family.

### REJOYSINGS

By Ken Sipley

Remember all those choruses we used to sing in Sunday School? Every week we'd open the combined portion of Sunday School by singing several choruses. As a middle school-aged student (we didn't have middle school back then, of course) I can remember my dad leading those choruses. He was, and still is, a good song leader. After we had sung enough choruses and collected that week's birthday pennies for Jesus (if your church never did this I'll be glad to fill you in) we went to classes, feeling pretty good about ourselves and everything else.

Singing does that. It makes you feel good. There is some research out there that says singing makes you feel better both because it is a healthy physical activity, but also because it is emotionally fulfilling. What a shame for those people who have been told they can't sing! They miss out on a chance to improve both physical and emotional health.

The truth is that everyone can sing. Unless they have severe hearing problems, or have something physically wrong with their voice box (an extremely rare occurrence), everyone can learn to sing in tune and well enough to join in song without having to worry that the people in the row in front often will leave church That's why I always feel sad to look out in church and see some people not singing the hymns. I believe they miss so much--and only because someone, somewhere, sometime told them in some way they couldn't sing.

But I digress. That's another column. I really wanted to talk about Sunday School Choruses I'm purposely not listing any of the ones I used to sing, because I would like you to give me a list of your favorites. I'm planning something. I'd like to arrange a piece for the choir to sing some Sunday, which might give you a chance to sing along, too. If you have any choruses you remember from Sunday School, write the names down on a piece of paper, and either hand them to me, or leave them in the Music mailbox in the office. Please be sure to put your name on the list so I can get in touch with you if I need words.

Let's aim for this to happen sometime in August. I'll need about a week to do the arrangement, and about two weeks to teach it to the choir. I'll put a June 30 deadline on your list. Get them to me by that date and I'll try to get at least one of your favorites included.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY---PRAISE THE LORD

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

There will be a brief meeting of the deacons after church to decide on a chair for next year, and to set an agenda for the year. This is an important meeting!

### **CWF PICNIC**

Sunday, June 14 - 5:00 p.m. Home of Marge Thomas - Bring a salad. Come for fellowship and fun! All women invited.

### INSTALLATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 28, Installation of Officers and Deacons during morning Worship Service. Requesting that all new deacons and church officers be present for service

# **BIRTHDAY TIME - JUNE**

Scharline Whidden	June 01
Bill Watson	June 05
Perry Allen	June 13
Betty Walke	June 15
Wayne Caldwell	June 26

# **FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21**

Plans have been made to have red and white carnations to decorate the sanctuary on Father's Day. All those who desire to give \$2.00 to place a carnation in the bouquet (in memory or honor) for their father or a special man in their life are encouraged to do so. – Give money/check to Neva Griffith, CWF Treasurer by June 16.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION BOUQUET Contained 41 white and 47 pink carnations.

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# Board of Directors & Deacons Morehead First Christian Church May 3, 1998

President - Anne Buckner
Vice President - Dan Thomas
Secretary - Dianna Reynolds
Treasurer - Glenn Johnston
Assistant Treasures:
David Perkins
Betty Hall
Shirley Parker
Wayne Caldwell

<u>Deacons 7/1/1998 - 6/30/2001</u> Three Year Term

Alta Blair
Wayne Caldwell
Ronald Caudill
Albert H. Evans, Jr
Connie Hamilton
Jeanne Huie
Dianna Reynolds

Honorary Deacons

Troy Burgess Billie Jean Clayton

# **DEACONS SERVING IN JUNE**

Debbi Glass
Donna Corely
Dan Thomas
Ken Sipley
Jim Fred Cassity
Shirley Parker

CWF BARGAINS!

COOKBOOKS - \$5.00

NOTECARDS - \$2,00

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Education Committee would like to thank those who have spent all or part of this past year teaching Sunday School. Those persons include Wayne Caldwell, Glenn Johnston, Jack Whidden, Dan Thomas, Debbi Glass, Marge Thomas, Di Walke, Maura Carew, Connie Hamilton, Dianna Reynolds, Donna Corley, Darlene Perkins, and Linda Bryant.

These are classes available. We hope everyone will take advantage and attend a class that is of interest to you.

### SEEKERS CLASS - MEETS IN PENIX ROOM

Wayne Caldwell Teacher Bible Oriented discussion -Studying the Gospels this spring.

### G.C., BANKS CLASS - MEETS IN CHURCH PARLOR

Glenn Johnston - Jack Whidden Teachers Use standard Bible Study curriculum from Christian Board of Publications

### **HEARTHSIDE - MEETS IN FRIENDLY PLACE**

Dan Thomas Teacher
Discussion class of contemporary social
problems and how we deal with them in a
Christian life.

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS - MEETS ON THIRD FLOOR

Di Walke Teacher Will be using lectionary based study that follows sermon scriptures.

# **GRADES 4 - 6.-MEETS ON THIRD FLOOR**

Teacher rotates by units Lectionary study material with craft and activity time

# PRESCHOOL GRADE 3 - MEETS ON FIRST FLOOR

Teacher rotates by units

Lectionary study material with craft and activity time.

### **NURSERY - MEETS ON FIRST FLOOR**

Maura Carew attendant/teacher
Young children below school age story time - crafts - activity



# BRING A FRIEND AND COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### AIR CONDITIONER

We at First Christian Church are certainly enjoying the comfort afforded by the new air conditioning system recently installed. Special gifts toward paying for this new system are still being received, \$ 100 on Sunday, May 24, for example. If you wish to contribute toward paying for this new system, just place your contribution in the offering and mark it air conditioner fund. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### STOCK MARKET ACCOUNT

First Christian Church has been given a number of shares of IBM stock recently. In order to receive this gift, we have opened an account with Smith Barney. If you are interested in giving stock to the church, you may contact the church office, or the treasurer, Glenn Johnston, concerning the details involved in transferring the stock to the church's account.

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MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JULY & AUGUST ISSUE

# From The Pastor's Pen

I got back from my week of vacation to a stack of mail. Among the various items was a monthly newsletter from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pension Fund. A regular feature and one that I religiously read is the report of those minister's spouses and other pension fund members who have retired, or on disability, and are receiving disability, those returning from disability to active service, have died in active service or died in retirement.

Coincidentally, the membership files at Morehead First Christian Church are being updated. Those who are no longer members here are being moved to another file area. The files contain personal information about family, newspaper articles, awards and other recognitions. Several files have instruction for the person's wishes for their funeral service; hymns, favorite scripture, memorabilia. poems. requests, and participants from members to pallbearers.

It is very useful to have this information on hand when someone dies as the family may be unaware of one's wishes for their funeral service. The minister conducting the service can have insight as to what to include in the homily. It is however, like a will. It needs to be updated whenever changes occur.

If you have filled out a personal preference card for your funeral service, this would be a good time to update it. If you have not filled out one of these cards, you might consider making out one. It is one way of easing the burden for the family and ensuring your wishes for the service to be conducted.

I find that for most people with whom I come in contact have difficulty in talking about death, especially when it comes to their own. That is understandable. There are some who think they will never die. For many, it is out of sight and out of mind. I have no fear about dying. My faith says the next life will be better than this one. The fear I have is leaving loved ones and how it will happen.

The Bible tells us that we have no idea when the "thief" will come, we need to be ready. My understanding of that is we should live the best life we can. That is pure stewardship, a way of thanking God for the life we have.

Bill Wat

CHURCH

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, 27

MOREHEAD CITY PARK

# **GRADUATES:**



<u>Kevin Clark - Bachelors Degree in</u> Business & Management MSU

Alan Blair Evans - Bachelors Degree in Health & Physical Education MSU

<u>Teri Giles</u> - Masters Degree in Counseling - MSU

Melanie Hatfield - Bath County High

<u>Lee Ann Jones</u> - Masters Degree in Behavioral Science - MSU

<u>Craig Simpson</u> - Bachelors Degree in Radio/Television - MSU

William Matthew Collier - Bachelor of Science in Biology from Centre College. Has been accepted by U.K. Medical School in the fall of 1998. He is the son of Rhonda & Bill Collier of

Lexington and grandson of George & Jean Hill.

# **WEDDINGS**



Kimberly Carter and Donald Blair, II were married on June 27th at three thirty in the afternoon at the First Christian Church. Reception followed at Sheltowee Trail Country Club. We extend best wishes to Kimberly and Donald.

# **ABOUT OUR FOLKS**

Virginia Landreth & Mark Etherton invite you to their wedding at two in the afternoon on Saturday, the fourth of July nineteen hundred and ninety eight at The First Christian Church Morehead, Kentucky. Reception following the ceremony

Get well wishes are extended to: Oran Teater on his recovery from Open Heart Bypass Surgery. At the time of printing the ECHO he is a patient at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead. His home address is: 133 College View Court, Morehead.

Get well wishes to <u>Betty Walke</u> as she continues to recover from Gallstone Surgery. Betty is home and doing well. Her home address is: 76 Spring Street, Morehead.

**BIBLE STUDY NEWS!** Bible Study will take a recess for the months of July and August and will start back on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 1</u>. Enjoy your summer time. Good summer reading would be the book of John.

### **DEACON VIEWS:**

Al Evans and Donna Corley will be the co-chairs for 1998 - 1999. Reminder that those that have <u>not</u> completed their "schedule sheet" may give sheet to Al or Donna as soon as possible. <u>Deacons serving in July are:</u> Al Evans, Ron Caudill, Wayne Caldwell, Alan Baldwin, Glenn Buckner and Neva Griffith.

Betty Hall and Linda Bryant prepared communion for the month of June. Scheduled to prepare communion in July are: Gracie Cassity and Karen Ross.

### PARTY BEING PLANNED

New Years Eve, 1999, is only 20+/months away. The Evangelism Committee is wanting to plan an all church "Watch Party" for sometime the week before the turn of the century. We would like 8 - 10 people to serve on a subcommittee to plan that event. People from all age groups are encouraged to volunteer for this committee. Please contact Darlene Perkins or Rev. Watson if you would like to help plan this event.

#### LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

There is an umbrella convention that is taking place in First Christian Church. (The staff was not invited.) If you know of an umbrella that may be attending -it is time to take it home with you - the meeting is over.

### **REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Regional Assembly - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - August 13 - 15, 1998 - Frankfort, Kentucky. Call the office if you have any questions.



<u>ECHO</u> - WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN AUGUST - SUMMER BREAK.

If You go into the hospital please

call or have someone call the church office, so our minister can participate in your care. We appreciate all calls that inform the staff of how we can be of service to you or your family.

# OFFICERS & DEACONS

May 3, 1998
Congregational Meeting
Morehead Christian Church

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Assistant Treasurers Anne Buckner
Dan Thomas
Dianna Reynolds
Glenn Johnston
David Perkins
Shirley Parker
Betty Hall
Wayne Caldwell

<u>DEACONS:</u> 1998 - 2001 Alta Blair Ron Caudill Connie Hamilton Dianna Reynolds

Wayne Caldwell Albert H.Evans,Jr Jeanne Huie

HONORARY DEACONS: Troy Burgess

Billie Clayton

# First Christian Church Family,

A special thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits at the time of Bill's surgery and recovery.

They were much appreciated by Bill and Pucky.

The Bradleys



We hope this note finds you well. We are enjoying our work here in Argentina, and we are enjoying our time with Joshua. We are staying fairly busy, although we did take enough time to see Kentucky win the National Championship in basketball. We keep you in our prayers and apprecite the same.

Tim, Jodi & Josh Bobbitt

Address:

La Familia Bobbitt
Garcia del Rio 3114
(1429) Capital Federal
Republica de Argentina
South America

E-Mail holatya@cpsarg.com

### STOCK MARKET ACCOUNT \$\$\$\$

First Christian Church has been given a number of shares of IBM stock recently. In order to receive this gift, we have opened an account with Solomon, Smith, Barney. if you are interested in giving stock to the church, you may contact the church office, Glenn Johnston. the treasurer. involved concerning details the transferring the stock to the church's account.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was June 8 - 11. We had a fun four days studying the Bible, making T-Shirts, scrolls, and other crafts, singing songs, and enjoying food supplied by many members of the congregation. The last evening we had a picnic at City Park - s'mores were a big hit! Thank you to all of those who brought food and those who helped plan and carry out the program. Publicity - Eva Johnston, Opening/Closing - Bill Watson, Crafts -Connie Hamilton and Brenda Watson, Meals - Debbi Glass and Dianna Reynolds, Music - Hedy Caldwell and Marge Thomas, Class lessons: Anne Buckner, Natalie Caudill and Wayne Caldwell, Assistants: Kristi Davis, Samantha Davis, Jessi Petti, Donna Corley, Dan Thomas and Bill and leanne Huie.

### <u>DATES TO PLACE ON CALENDAR</u>

THURSDAY, JULY 14 - 6:30 P.M. EVANGELISM COMMITTE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 5:00 P.M. EDUCATION COMMITTEE





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## PRAYER FOR TODAY:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you, and I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that as I do this you will lead by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always. Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my peril alone.

- Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

# MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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JAN TRUELOCK,

STUDENT ASSOCIATE MINISTER

MYRON DOAN, ORGANIST

WANDA FULTZ, CUSTODIAN

LINDA BRYANT, SECRETARY

#### MUSIC HAPPENINGS.....



At the August Church Board meeting Myron Doan was voted (unanimously) as Church Organist for Morehead First Christian Church.

Words of appreciation were expressed for Myron.

The committee continues to seek applicants for position of Choir Director – Director of Music.

This has been a time to enjoy congregational hymn singing. If you have a song you would like selected for hymn sing – please call the office.

The Newsletter is being published on a new program. A gift of money was provided for new computer equipment for the church office.

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Oh! She is learning? Be

quiet - really .. poor soul!

#### PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

ELDERS MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. - 7:00 P.M.



An Elders retreat is being planned for November,

ELDERS 20-21, 1998.

WATCH FOR THE BOOK SALE! BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK FOR YOU TO SELECT AND PLACE A ORDER.

READING IS A PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE:

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE TIME AT MOREHEAD FIRST

CHRISTIAN CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 4.

(Great Christmas gifts)

# CAMP WAKON' DA-HO YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND — OCTOBER 3-4

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

What: YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Where: Camp Wakon' Da-Ho in Casey Co. Kentucky

Who: A young adult is anyone 18 - 30

Cost: \$25.00 (Call Office for Information)



# About Baby Turner Cash:

Dear Folks of First Christian Church:

Several of you have asked about and followed the good recovery of Baby Turner Cash, from dreadful meningitis. Thank you for your concern, caring, prayers and words and gifts of hope. Many prayers were felt. Thank you to Elizabeth Reffitt, R.N., Reverend Watson, Dr. Marie Palmer, Emily Tingle, Dr. & Mrs. Nelson Grote, and Neva Griffith. Turner is a calm, happy and fun baby.

Both children are attending Montessori nursery school three mornings per week. Cara drives Turner (on the left side of the road) one day a week, one hour away to Manchester, England for a whole afternoon of sound language and play therapy. Turner uses a hearing-aid for his left ear. His cochlear implant device serves his right ear. (The meningitis affected his hearing at nine months)

We both feel deeply sad that Baby Turner needs his "hearing helper", but thank heaven that his life lives on.

The family has a church now in Heswall village. Can you believe that the church was built in the 1300s! It looks over to North Wales.

As they say in England "May you and those that you love be heirs to the good graces of God".

Sincerely and prayerfully, Ann Mayhew and Family

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR** (September)



SEPTEMBER 1 - BIBLE STUDY RESUMES - 12:00 (NOON) LUNCH SERVED)

SEPTEMBER 13 - ELDERS' MEETING - 7:00 P.M. (Parlor)

SEPTEMBER 20 – SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING – 4:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 20 - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - 5:00 P.M. (PARLOR)

SEPTEMBER 20 - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING - F. Hall

SEPTEMBER 23 – EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING – PARLOR

September 27 – Potluck Church Picnic – 4:00 p.m. – City Park

#### THANK YOU FROM MARY & KEN

#### Dear Congregation:

Thank you so much for the lovely reception. As usual, we enjoyed the chance to fellowship with our friends at First Christian. The desserts were wonderful (we overate, as usual), and we loved the gift. We both enjoy Archambault's work very much. It will be a treasured memory of our time in Eastern Kentucky, and our time with you.

Above all else, we thank you for a wonderful four years. You have blessed us with your friendship, your love, and your deep faith. We have grown

with you, rejoiced, and mourned with you. Having shared all these experiences, you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

We are not severing the bonds of Friendship, only stretching them a little. The "tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love" is still there, only a little longer. You now know that you have friends in Memphis, and we know we still have friends in Morehead.

God bless, Ken and Mary Spinney 2233 West River Trace Dr. Apt. # 6 Memphis, TN 38134

## ABOUT OUR FOLKS:

#### SYMPATHY GOES TO THE FOLLOWING:

BESSIE PERNELL on the death of her sister, Mary Adkins. Mary died on July 29. Funeral services were held on July 31, Northcutt & Son Funeral Home.

<u>PAULINE GENTRY</u> on the death of her son, John David Bach. John died on Thurs

day August 6, 1998. Funeral services were August 11, Lane Stucky-Gray Funeral Home.

RUTH BRADLEY on the death of her brother, John Allen Clark.

MAY WILLIAMS on the death of her brother, George Waggoner, of Grayson.

#### THANK YOU.....

A special thanks to members of our church family who met at ADUC during Morehead State Registration to welcome MSU students to Morehead and First Christian Church.

#### **CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits and food at the time of our illness and surgery. We have been blessed by your caring.

Evelyn & Oran Teater

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

SONI GRIFFITH & NORMAN LYTLE were married July 27, Negril, Jamaica. A reception celebrating their marriage was held on Sunday, August 16th at Sheltowee Trail Country Club, Morehead. Soni and Norman's address is: 900 Mitchell Lane, Morehead, KY 40351

<u>DIANNA WALKE</u>, English teacher retires

After 27 years in Rowan County. Best

mishes to Dianna on her retirement!

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Rev. Watson will hold a meeting for those wanting to be a part of a small group in spiritual development!

FIRST MEETING

September 20, 4:00 PM Friendly Place



#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* POTLUCK PICNIC . \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** CITY PARK

(Meet at 4:00 - Eat at 5:00 PM) Activities include: Hayride & Square dancing. Come and have fun!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME.....

Are you attending Sunday School? There is a class for everyone.

Education Committee met on Saturday, September 29 and cleaned Sunday School Rooms. The committee members are:

Marge Thomas, Donna Corley, Eva Johnston, Connie Hamilton and Dianna Reynolds. The committee is working very hard to meet the needs of our church.

The Church Board voted at the August Meeting to hire Janice Truelock as our Student Associate Minister. She is a LTS student.

- JANICE TRUELOCK WILL

**BE STUDENT ASSOCIATE** 

MINISTER FOR

MOREHEAD!

Jan will be with us - September 13!

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a call about a date for your small small church group, consider your opportunity to minister to others in our church.

**GROUPS** 

Next Evangelism Meeting: SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30 P.l...



(606) 784-4836 SEPTEMBER 1998

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# PASTOR'S PEN.....From Bill Watson, Sr. Minister

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What an unusual summer this has been. With the exception of a couple of weeks, the weather has been very pleasant. School is back in session as well as our fall programs at the church. Tuesday noon Bible Study will focus on the Gospel of John for the immediate future. Our new Student Associate will begin with a meeting with all youth and parents/guardians. A new offering for those who are seeking spiritual development will begin before the end of the month.

The season of fall usually indicates a slowing of growth, a shedding of leaves leading to dormancy. Here at First Christian it is a season of wakening and newness. As with anything that is starting, there is the excitement of possibilities and the fear of change. That is normal.

Some changes have already taken place. Lots of lay participation in the worship service is one of those changes. With the addition of a new student associate, this will decrease some. I appreciate all those who have been willing to take part in the worship experience and lead the congregation in Greetings/Announcements, the Call To Worship and Reading Scripture. The one fear among people is speaking in public. It is not easy to speak in front of the congregation, however, (speaking from experience) there is more forgiveness in this setting when mistakes are made than other forums.

God calls us to take part in creation and for those who have been able to lead in worship it has enriched the experience of all who have come. If I have not called upon you yet and you wouldn't mind serving as a lay leader, please let me know. If I call and you say no, I will accept that and not pressure you to do something you don't want to do. There will be other opportunities for service.

# Special points of interest:

- PASTOR'S PEN
- Fall Church Picnic
- FALL SCHEDULE
- STUDENT ASSOCI-ATE MINISTER SE-LECTED
- BABY TURNER CASH

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## FROM THE PASTORS COMPUTER KEYBOARD....

# Special points of interest:

- PASTOR'S PEN
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- STEWARDSHIP DAY
- POTLUCK MEAL
- ELDERS RETREAT
- ABOUT OUR FOLKS
- ASSOCIATE WORDS
- WEEK OF COMPASSION
- DISTRICT CHURCH PICNIC
- BAPTISMS

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SPIRITUAL
DEVELOPMENT
MEETING

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 P.M.

(PARLOR)

We have two new staff people. Jan Trulock and Bill Utterback. Both are students at Lexington Theological Seminary. How fortunate we are to have both these people who have heard a call to the ordained ministry. Neither of them come straight out of high school to an university and then to seminary. While there are some who still follow this path, more often than not, the average student in seminary these days are second or even third career people. In my own case, it was 17 years between graduating from Transylvania University and entering Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. There are advantages and disadvantages to those entering theological study at a later age in life.

The advantage is a wealth of secular experience that enriches their ministry. Jan comes to us with an extensive background in social work, social service counseling, working with families in crises and advocacy. Bill's background includes extensive work in music and as an educator. They have responded to a call from God to use their talents in a ministry. Both the bitterness and the sweetness of life have been tasted. They have, as the song says, "seen life from both sides now," and are seeking to fulfill the educational requirements and field education prior to graduation and ordination.

The disadvantage is people expecting them to have had vast experience because of their age. This can cause disappointment with folks in the congregation when mistakes are made or when needs go unmet.

Jan's primary ministerial job description with us is to work with the youth program. She will also develop opportunities for university students and young adults. At the same time, she needs opportunities for experience in ministry beyond her primary ministry. Hospitals/ nursing homes, visitation, baptism, weddings, funerals, Weddings, funerals, member visitation, preaching and teaching. Some of these experiences may not come her way while she is with us, but I will try and give these to her while she is here even if it is a shared experience. She will be working 16 - 20 hours per week average and will be living next door at Friendly Place primarily on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Bill has been hired to be the choir director. This is his main focus. Since he is a student and needs the field education as well, I hope to be able to provide him with ministerial opportunities. Unless special music is planned or other circumstances require it, he will be here only on Sundays.

I will be their field education supervisor as well as their administrative director. If you have any suggestions as to how their learning experience can be enhanced, please let me know. Their student status goes both ways. I am sure that they will be teaching us as we try and help them to become experienced ministers.

Bill

The Sacrament of Baptism Service for Andrea, MaryKatherine, Marilyn and Aliza Mote-Yale was on September 5, 1998, at Morehead First Christian Church.

The Sacrament of Baptism Service for Hope and Phillip Brown was on October 4, 1998, Morehead First Christian Church.

Let us give Andrea, MaryKatherine, Marilyn and Aliza, Hope and Phillip support as they try to walk in the pathways of Christ.



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#### DISTRICT CHURCH PICNIC

The annual District Church Picnic will be held at Shelter #2 on Dewey Lake in the Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg, KY, October 11, at 3:00 P.M. Meat, bread, condiments, plates, and cups will be furnished by the District.

Everyone is to bring a covered dish and your own drinks. There will be lots of singing, getting re-acquainted and story-telling with Bob Bradley and Bill Watson.

**DATE:** OCTOBER 11, 1998

<u> TIME: 3:00 P.M.</u>

PLACE: JENNY WILEY STATE PARK, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY

## ABOUT OUR FOLKS:

#### GET WELL WISHES TO:

#### ELWOOD PERNELL:

Elwood had Open Heart By-pass Surgery on September 17 at St. Joseph Hospital. He is improving and home. His address is: 846 Clearfield Street, Morehead, KY. We continue to pray for his recovery and for Bessie as she cares for him.

#### **MARY ALICE JAYNE:**

Get well wishes to Mary Alice. She was hospitalized but is improving and home. Mary Alice's address is: 215 Tippett Avenue, Morehead, KY.

LOLA BELLE BLAIR: is able to be out and about and continues to be concerned about other people. We wish her continued improving health.

EVELYN AND ORAN TEATER - Great to

see them in Church! Their address is: 133 College View Court, Morehead, KY. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

JANE CAUDILL had surgery at St. Claire Medical Center. At this writing she is in Room 364 for more medical testing. Let us keep Jane in our prayers. Address is: 321 North Wilson Avenue.

<u>MARTHA CONN</u> – grandmother of Dianna Reynolds needs our prayers as she experiences the aging process.

Many unmentioned prayers for people who are experiencing extensive medical testing, or carries a heavy load of responsibility. People who are ill do not always want their names to be listed, but we realize there are members/friends that need our prayers and words of encouragement.

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#### WORDS FROM THE ASSOCIATE . . .

Let me begin my inaugural newsletter by saying "Muchos Gracias" - Thank you very much! Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. Thank you to the youth and children for the shower of doves and the musical New Year. I appreciate your patience and understanding as I find my way and work with you all to develop the kind of children's youth, and young adult ministries that are consistent with your vision of church and the call of God to God's people.

I look forward to weekly, unstructured gatherings with the youth and to "Story Time" for children - small and tall. The first "Story Time" will begin October 4, at 3:00 p.m. with bells, snacks, activities and a story from the Bible. Our stories will include not only the Bible stories we all hold dear, but also stories of the Christian life and stories from the lives of our people. Activities will include games and singing. When we learn our stories, we also need to learn our songs that express faith in a unique way. Hopefully, through the year we will learn about people of faith from the ancient land of Palestine, United States and other countries. Our next youth gathering will be October 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Place. All junior and senior high students are invited for movies, snacks and a lock-in (or part of the evening) We will share simple vespers story and a little bit of our faith journeys.

Triennium comes to Kentucky November 20 – 22 at the Lexington Center and Hyatt in downtown Lexington. Two youth are already registered and I hope others will join us. If you did not receive information in the mail, or want to know more, please contact me through the Church Office. This is a phenomenal event where over 1000 (yep, One Thousand) youth gather to share in worship, story, song, dance and study. The scheduled speakers are leaders in the CC (DOC) churches and have many years of experience in youth ministry. I hope all our young men and women between 6th and 12th grade will take part. I will be the chaperon and have made arrangements for some of my male friends to provide room space for any guys who go.

As we look forward to Advent and Christmas, there will be many opportunities for children and youth to share with the congregation and with the community. I urge us all, no matter how young or old, to come together and share the spirit.

Jan

# FALL SCHEDULE

#### OCTOBER DATES

OCTOBER 03 YOUTH LOCK-IN AT FRIENDLY PLACE

OCTOBER 11 DISTRICT MEETING - JENNY WILEY PARK - 3:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 18 MEN'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

ALL YOUTH GROUP MEETING - MUSIC/REFRESHMENTS/

PLAY AND STORY TIME - 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 3:00

OCTOBER 25 STEWARDSHIP DINNER - FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

TIME CHANGE - SET CLOCKS BACK!

OCTOBER 26 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDY - LUNCH SERVED - 12:00 NOON - 1:00 P.M.

#### **ELDERS RETREAT TIME**



An Elders retreat
is being planned
for November,
20 - 21, 1998,

**ELDERS** Carter Caves

WE JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF TYLER PAYTON FANNIN, BORN ON AUGUST 19, 1998 SON OF TYLER AND MISSY FANNIN GRANDSON OF LARRY AND BARBARA FANNIN

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS OCTOBER 25 TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS FOR SUNDAY!

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#### THANK YOU!

Dear Rev. Watson.

Bob and I would like to thank you and your congregation for offering prayers for him when he was hospitalized.

He is recuperating well, doing most of the things he was doing before.

We know all the prayers that went up for him surely helped.

Bob and Alberta Ellwood

## **WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT**

UPDATES: The week of September 4, 1998 the Church Wold Service Emergency Response Officed issued a Tropical Storm/Hurricanes 1998 appeal to its member communions to raise an initial \$100,000 to respond to humanitarian needs caused by Tropical Storm Charley and Hurricanes Bonnie and Earl, and to support the relief and recovery efforts of local interfaith. Week of Compassion is responding with an initial grant of \$6000 to CWS. Church World Service is assisting "Del Rio Recovers" the local interfaith that is organizing to provide pastoral care, case management, home repair and rebuilding and other recovery needs. In Del Rio At least 23 families in Del Rio Christian Church and the pastor

were affected with major losses.

MOREHEAD FIRST
CHRISTIAN
CELEBRATED
WORLD -WIDE
COMMUNION SUN-

DAY!

A Special Day for the Congregation on October 4, 1998. Worship Service emphasis was placed on Baptism Service and Holy Communion.





The Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next week.

All ladies that would like to become mothers meet with the minister in the study following morning worship service.



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1998 STEWARDSHIP
POTLUCK MEAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
12:00 (noon)
AFTER MORNING
WORSHIP SERVICE

PLEASE JOIN US! BRING VEGETABLE, SALAD OR DESSERT

MEATS AND DRINKS
WILL BE PROVIDED.

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#### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

#### PROPOSED 1999 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

PERSONNEL		WORSHIP	
Minister's Compensation	\$50,428,00	Bells	\$100.00
Convention and Educational Exp.	1,000.00	Piano Tuning	200.00
Secretary	11,025,00	Organ Maintenance	1,500.00
Associate Minister's Compensation	7,800.00	Choir Supplies	750.00
Choir Director	4,000.00	Communion Supplies	450.00
Organist	3,500.00	Printed Materials	900.00
Custodian	2.184.00	Seasonal Decorations	225.00
Nursery Attendant	1,040.00	Candles and Flowers	800.00
Workman's Compensation	1,350,00	Guest Musicians	300.00
Employer's OASDI	1,284.00	Miscellaneous	200.00
Employer's Medicare	310.00	TOTAL WORSHIP	\$5,425,00
Honoraria	300.00		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$84,221.00	EDUCATION	<del></del>
<u>ADMISTRATION</u>	· · · ·	Sunday School Supplies	\$600.00
Supplies	\$2,200.00	Bible School	300.00
Postage	600.00	Youth	500.00
Telephone	1,350.00	Camp/Youth Meetings	500.00
Copier Supplies & Maintenance	1,800.00	Gifts	125.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$2,025.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$6,050.00	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	\$1,000.00
PROPERTY		OUTREACH	
Maintenance	\$19,156.00	Church Finance Council	\$6,000.00
<u>Utilities</u>	8,000.00	Human Concerns	1,500.00
Insurance	3,600,00	Ky, Council of Churches	100.00
TOTAL PROPERTY	\$30,756.00	Friendly Place	2,000.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP	\$250.00	TOTAL OUTREACH	\$9,600.00

TOTAL PROJECTED 1999 EXPENDITURES \$139,327.00

### MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

( Disciples of Christ)

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# FROM THE PASTORS COMPUTER KEYBOARD....

Every Church I have been associated with has a different way of doing financial stewardship. No matter how a church does a stewardship campaign, it all boils down to an accountants basic formula of income – expenses = bottom line. The church is not in the business of profit. Therefore, the bottom line ideally is "0." The business of the church is ministry.

The perfect way, the ultimate way, the most responsible way of planning the budget of a church is for the various committees to meet, look at what ministries they plan to do during the year, figure the fixed expenses, insurance, staff, etc., estimate supplies, utilities and maintenance and then ask for the money to meet the planned budget. Very few churches do it this way.

Most churches seek pledges and then, based on projected income, finalize their budgets. No matter which way it is done, it all boils down to income – expenses = bottom line. Said another way, the amount and quality of ministry is dependent upon the congregation's commitment to their local church. First Christian Church is capable of many significant ministries. If you have not already turned in your pledge, would you please take time to add your hopes and dreams for this next year and turn your pledge in to the office. For the first time in recent memory, the youth of this church are also making commitments of time, talent and money for 1999.

The members of First Christian Church have generous compassionate hearts when it comes to known needs. The outreach of this congregation, when budgeted giving and over and above giving are combined, totals over 10% of income. It is hard to imagine what ministry could be accomplished if each person tithed to a tithing church.

Sincerely,

# A NOTE FROM BILL

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received here at First Christian Church. I felt right at home! I look forward to "Making Joyful Noise to the Lord" with ALL of you in the coming months.

A little about me. I am a native Iowan, but have lived in Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. Form 1976-1979, following college, I spent 6 years teaching music in public and parochial schools. In 1982, I spent a year "on the road", as music manager for one of the traveling casts of "Up With People", spending 3 months in Mexico and the rest of 11 months in various parts of the U.S. It was during this vear that I received my "first" call to ministry, in musical form. I received a masters of music degree in 1985, doing a thesis on Christmas music. My first music ministry position was in Quincy, Illinois, where I began working on a specialized music degree through the United Methodist Church. In 1990, I moved to Bloomington, where I was the minister of music in a United Methodist Church, of over 2,000 in membership. In 1996, I began to feel the need to explore possible callings in my life. I left Illinois for Wisconsin, where I worked in a variety of part-time jobs, and listened. I received a calling to pastoral ministry in December 1997. At this time, I had joined the Dane County Disciples of Christ Church in Madison, and after a lot of prayer and talking, I have become a student at LTS, where I am working on my masters of divinity. This is a fast tour of my life, but ask me questions, I will answer them!

My goal here is to build a choir of joy, again "Making Joyful Noise to the Lord." I need your help. The choir is in need of any and all who like to sing. I have been contacting men in the congregation, but ladies are welcomed also. This is a great way to give to your church and to your God. Please prayerfully consider lending us your voice for an hour a week, Sunday nights from 6:00 – 7:00. Don't worry if you can only "carry a tune in a bucket"....I have PLENTY of buckets. The only audience we are attempting to please is God! I hope to see you on Sunday nights. Oh, we know how to have fun, too!

Shalom....Bill Utterback

WORDS FROM THE ASSOCIATE.....

Advent is almost upon us. As we begin in preparation for the season of joy, how de we find ways to keep Christ the center of our lives? In all our busyness, how do we recreate the magic of the Christ story?

Two of the many ways we can do that are the Advent Workshop and the Children's Workshop.

Advent Workshop will be Wednesday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. and will end with the first Vesper Service of the season. Advent Workshop is for young and old alike. We will begin with a simple supper and them take new Christmons and repair old ones for our tree and to take home. This is a great way for children and adults to share together. Volunteers are needed to help with craft tables, please see Jan for details.

Children's Worship will be December 20 during Sunday morning worship. The program will be centered around "The Friendly Beasts," a look at the nativity through the eyes of the animals. There are lots of songs and spoken parts, from the angel chorus to playing a drum. All children and youth are needed to help present the story. Kids need to attend practices during youth and children's time, 3:00 p.m., November 15, December 6. Dress rehearsal will be announced later.

Jan

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 7:00 P.M. JOHNSON CHURCH OF GOD STEWARDSHIP DINNER A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who helped with the stewardship dinner. A special thank you to Chlotean Calvert for the beautiful table decorations!

#### ABOUT OUR FOLKS.....

Sympathy is extended to the family of Violet C. Severy, Crown Point, Indiana, formerly of Morehead on her death on Sunday, October 18. She was a retired Professor of Music at Morehead State University and former Organist of Morehead First Christian Church. Many members will remember her beautiful organ music. Services were Tuesday, October 20 in Merrillville, IN.

#### **GET WELL WISHES TO:**

Hubert Allen on his recent surgery at St. Claire Medical Center. It was great to see Hubert at Worship Service Sunday, November 1. We pray for him as he continues to recover.

Get well wishes to Elwood Pernell as he continues to recover from heart bypass surgery. He continues to improve and feel stronger each day.

Elwood's address is: 846 Clearfield Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351

George Hill was recently hospitalized at St. Claire Medical Center.

#### BLESSED IS A GRANDCHILD.

A rosebud was placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 11 in celebration of the birth of <u>Raven Lynn</u>, born on October 5, 1998. She is the daughter of Lee Mitchell and Eric Evans. Raven Lynn is the granddaughter of proud grandparents, Darlene and David Perkins.

A rosebud was placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, October, 18, in celebration of the birth of <u>Gabriel Alan Taliaferro</u>, son of Shelley and Daird Taliaferro of Morristown, Tennessee. Grandparents are Karen and Ray Ross of Morehead, and Bemis Sluss of Lake Wales, Florida. Great grandmother is Grace Cassity.

Pearl Patton proudly announced the birth of a great grandson <u>Dylan McKinley</u> born October 29, 1998, weighing 8 lbs. Parents are Stephanie and Eric Trogden of California and Saudi Arabia.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During the month of October and Sunday, November 1. We have welcomed five members into our church family.

Hope and Philip Brown: Hope united with our congregation by confession of faith and baptism. Philip united with our congregation by baptism and transfer of membership from Faith Presbyterian Church in Morehead. Hope and Philip have two sons, Drew and Ryan.

Thomas Daughtery transferred his membership from Central Christian Church in Lexington on Sunday, October 25. Tom is employed by the Rowan County School System as Director of Pupil Personnel.

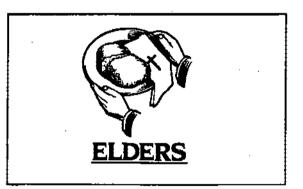
Myron Doan placed associate membership with our church on Sunday, October 11. Myron is a member of Mt. Moriah Christian Church, Butler, Kentucky He is Dean of Students, Morehead State University and is our church organist.

Bill Utterback placed his associate membership on Sunday, November 1, with Morehead First Christian Church. Bill transferred his associate membership from Dane County Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Madison, Wisconsin. He is a student at Lexington Theological Seminary and our church choir director.



As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives for him, rooted and build up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

THANKSGIVING OFFERING WILL
BE COLLECTED ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22



ELDERS RETREAT TIME!

FOR NOVEMBER 20 – 21, 1998 CARTER CAVES PARK!



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#### LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT SEASON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

"LESSONS IN CAROLS" - CHOIR CHRISTMAS DINNER CELEBRATION (Following morning worship)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**DELIVERING BASKETS** 

CAROLING, REFRESHMENTS AND SPECIAL VISITOR (TBA)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

(Calendar of events will be mailed later)

# ADVENT VESPERS 7:15 P.M. WEDNESDAYS,

DECEMBER 2 - 7:15 PM DECEMBER 9 - 7:15 PM DECEMBER 16 - 7:15 PM (Casual dress -30 minutes)

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS - WILL BE IN YOUR MAIL - SOON!

### ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM NOAHS' ARK

- 1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 2. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
- 3. Don't listen to critics do what has to be done.
- 4. Build on high ground.
- 5. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 65 Two heads are better than one.
- Speed Isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snalls.
- 8. Learn to float with the tide.
- Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
- 10. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
- 11. When it gets really deep, don't sit there and complain shovell!
- 12. Stay below deck during the storm.
- 13. Remoter that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- 14. If you have to start over, have a friend by your elde.
- 15. Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
- 16. Don't miss the boat.
- 17. No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.

You make a living by what you get...

You make a LIFE by what you give





More and more groups inside and outside of the church are using our facilities. Please call the church office as soon as you schedule your meeting or wish to reserve space. If your event/meeting is not scheduled on the main calendar in the office, you may find the space being used by someone else. If you schedule an event/meeting and then change it, please call the office and notify staff of the change.

**OFFICE - 784-4836** 

# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Each year at this time, the

Each year at this time, the churches of Rowan County collect food for those in our community who may be in need. Our assignment this year is....

CANNED FRUIT JUICE DRINK MIX INSTANT COFFEE INSTANT TEA

Please bring your food contribution to the church and place in box located in foyer— downstairs.

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MR & MRS PAUL REYNOLDS 557 HUNTER LANE MOREHEAD KY 40351 HAVE A GOOD FALL!

# November

1998

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SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:45 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 - WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL 3:00 ALL YOUTH MEETING	) 7:00 - PHOEBE BUTTON CIRCLE	2 12:00 BIBLE STUDY 3 LUNCH SERVED	7:00 SPIRITUALITY GROUP 4	10:00 CAREY-WILEY CIRCLE 5	6	7
9:45 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 - WORSHIP SERVICE 12:00 JAN'S LAY COMMITTEE 6:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:05 WORSHIP COMMITTEE	8	9 12:00 BIBLE STUDY 10 LUNCH SERVED	7:00 SPIRITULITY GROUP II	12	13	14
9:45 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 - WORSHIP SERVICE 2:00 ALL YOUTH MEETING 3:00 EDUCATION COMHITTEE	2:00 STAFF MEETING	6 12:00 BIBLE STUDY - 17 LUNCH SERVED	7:00 SPIRITULITY GROUP 18	19	ELDERS RETREAT - 20 CARTER CAVES	ELDERS RETREAT 21 CARTER CAVES
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ADVENT BEGINS 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL	29	00				

# **SHARING AND GIVING TIME**

## **NOVEMBER 29**

Blankets, towels, sweatshirts, mittens, hats and socks

## **DECEMBER 06**

Personal care items, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, brushes, combs and etc.

## **DECEMBER 13**

Toys - Check list in Fellowship Hall

## **DECEMBER 20**

Food items

DECEMBER 19 (SATURDAY)
GIFTS WRAPPED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

# DECEMBER 20 (SUNDAY) GIFTS DELIVERED

Cash donations may be given to Dan Thomas to help with the giving to those that are in need.

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

# MOREHEAD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTORS COMPUTER KEYBOARD....

One of the most difficult assignments any seminarian can get is to explain the Incarnation to a panel of professors who have in their power whether or not to allow one to graduate from seminary. It is a difficult assignment to do scholastically. However, I found a story recently I could have used to defend my position. Perhaps the story will help others understand the Incarnation, God coming to life as a human in the form of Jesus Christ.

The land of Persia was once ruled by a wise and beloved Shah who cared greatiy for his people and desired only what was best for them. One day he disguised himself as a poor man and went to visit the public baths. The water for the baths was heated by a furnace in the cellar, so the Shah made his way to the dark place to sit with the man who tended the fire. The two men shared the coarse food, and the Shah befriended him in loneliness. Day after day the ruler went to visit the man. The worker became attached to his stranger because he "came where he was". One day the Shah revealed his true identity, and he expected the man to ask him for a gift. Instead, he looked long into his leader's face and with love and wonder in his voice said, "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to eat my coarse food, and to care about what happens to me. On others you may bestow rich gifts, but to me you have given yourself!"

Have a blessed Advent.

Bill Watson, Senior Minister

# A NOTE FROM BILL

#### SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 1998

This Advent and Christmas season, there will be two special programs given as worship services by our Adult Choir and Children's/Youth program:

Sunday, December 13 — The Adult Choir will present "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" during the 10:45 A.M. worship time. The service comes to us from King's College in England, and is approximately a century old. The story of Christmas is told through the reading of scripture, interspersed with carols, sung by the choir and the congregation. Rev. Bill Watson, who will serve as the worship leader, will also be telling a story following one of the lessons. Jack Whidden has graciously accepted the role of the narrator, telling the scripture stories. It will be a wonderful service of music and scripture, one you don't want to miss!!!

Sunday, December 20 – Our Children's/Youth program will lead us in worship this morning. The young people have some surprises in store for you and you won't want to miss this service either. Other songs include "The Little Drummer Boy", "The Angel Band", "Away in a Manger", plus music on hand bells. Special hand bell music will be offered by Sarah Chaney and Liz Reffitt as well as a vocal solo by Samantha Davis.

Come celebrate this musical Christmas gift with us!

Shalom.....Bill Utterback

## ADVENT EVENTS CALENDAR 1998

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NOVEMBER 29	ADVENT SEASON BEGINS
DECEMBER 01	
) [	YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!
DECEMBER 02	ADVENT VESPER - 7:15 PM
DECEMBER 06	ALLYOUTH WILL MEET - 3:00 PM
DECEMBER 09	ADVENTVESPER - 7:15 PM
DECEMBER 11	POINSETTIAS DELIVERED TO
i   	CHURCH - PENIX ROOM/ 1ST FLOOR
DECEMBER 13	"A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS &
	CAROLS" - 10:45 A.MWORSHIP/
1	MUSIC - FELLOWSHIP DINNER
DECEMBER 16	ADVENT VESPERS - 7:15 P.M.
DECEMBER 19	WRAPPING GIFTS/BASKETS
DECEMBER 20	CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - 10:45 A.M.
	BASKETS DELIVERED – NOON
	CAROLING - 5:00 P.M FOLLOWED
! !	By Light Meal – Special Guest –
! [ 	(SANTA)
DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 10:00 p.m

# 1998 CHRISTMAS <u>SPECIAL DAY OFFERING</u>

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1998

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!

#### **CHRISMON TREE**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:00 P.M.
TREE WILL BE PLACED AND
DECORATED IN THE
SANCTUARY YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



CONTACT JEANNE HUIE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

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#### **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—DECEMBER 11. Please instruct your florist to use white paper and white ribbon. They should be placed in the Penix Room near the entrance door on the ground floor.



### <u>"A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS &</u> CAROLS"

WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE CHOIR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1998 10:45 A.M. – SANCTUARY

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS MEAL
FOLLOWING MUSIC/WORSHIP
SERVICE
12:00 - NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL
(FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Meat and drinks will be furnished

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Our prayers and sympathy is expressed to the family of Mary Alice Jayne on her death, November 11, 1998 at St. Claire Medical Center at the age of 86 years. She was the widow of William Legrande Jayne. The congregation was saddened by her death. Mary Alice was a member of our church. She was active in C.W.F. and attended Bible Study and was historian of the church and has held many offices.

Get well wishes are extended to George Hill as he continues to recover from heart by-pass surgery. George had surgery at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington and will continue his recovery at the home of his daughter, Rhonda Collier of Lexington. We send get well wishes to George! George's address is: 439 North Wilson Avenue, Morehead, KY - Rhonda's address is: 1105 Chetford Drive, Lexington, KY 40509.

Lewis and Cara Higgins will be moving to Louisville.

<u>After December 5th their address is: 2306 Cherian Drive,</u>
Louisville, KY 40299 – telephone # 502-297-0117

#### SECRET PLACE - 1999

COPIES OF THE SECRET PLACE DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE - LOCATED ON THE TABLE, SECOND FLOOR - NEAR ELEVATOR.

THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES 1999
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE
SAME LOCATION - AS LONG AS SUPPLY
LASTS - (MORE COPIES MAY BE ORDERED)
CONTACT LINDA - OFFICE - 784-4836



1999 OFFERING
ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH
(on right as you
enter the front door)

MAY
THE WARM
GUIDING STAR
DRIVE FROM YOUR
LIFE EVERY SHADOW:
MAY THE GLAD SONG OF
ANGELS FIND AN ECHO IN
YOUR HEART; MAY THE SPIRIT
OF WORSHIP IN THE HEARTS OF
THE WISE MEN, AND THE SIMPLE
FAITH OF THE SHEPHERDS BE,
AS ONCE MORE, YOU CELEBRATE
THE

BIRTH OF THE

KING!



# ADVENT VESPERS 7:15 P.M. WEDNESDAYS,

DECEMBER 2 - 7:15 PM

**DECEMBER 9 - 7:15** 

PM

**DECEMBER 16 - 7:15** 

PM

(Casual dress - 30 minutes)



#### ADVENT IS A TIME FOR PREPARING.....

Our ears to hear the delicate rustle of Angel wings,
Our eyes to see the Star,
Our feet to hurry quietly to the stable,
Our knees to bow humbly before Him,
Our minds to comprehend,
Our hearts to receive the gift which
God has graciously prepared for us all.

#### ADVENT BOOKS

Advent Devotional Booklet "Partner's In Prayer" 1998 Advent Season are in the mail. It is the hope of First Christian Church that our church family will enjoy making the advent devotional a part of each day of the Advent season. Call the office - 784-4836 - If we missed you.

In what is the worst natural catastrophe to strike this hemisphere in the last 200 years, the countries of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala are facing the staggering task of burying the more than 11,000 killed, searching for the thousands more still missing, providing food and shelter to more than one million made homeless, fighting off epidemics, and rebuilding economies that have been set back decades.

The Anglican bishop of Honduras' plaintive plea, "please help what is left of my country," is truly an appeal for the entire region. Week of Compassion is responding. Emergency grants have been rushed to local church partners in the region - partners who are on the frontline of relief and recovery efforts and in urgent need of our assistance. WOC is supporting a Church World Service appeal to raise \$250,000 for shipments of humanitarian aid valued at \$2.5 million. Disciples are making special contributions to WOC for hurricane relief, preparing much needed recovery kits for CWS, and volunteering to join medical and reconstruction work teams.

Before Mitch ever struck, 1998 was already one of the busiest and costliest years ever for Week of Compassion. Funds are urgently needed for the shipment of emergency food, medicines, water purification systems, generators, and blankets, as well as for long-term recovery needs of rebuilding homes, schools and clinics, restoring farms and family businesses, and providing pastoral care to the hundreds of thousands trying to cope with this indescribable disaster. Your prayers for the people of Central America and your gifts in support of the church's relief efforts are crucial.

Thanks and God bless, Johnny Wray, Week of Compassion Office.

#### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Christian Social Services will be serving many families that have lost their homes due to fire. Last year 43 families were served with items to help them reestablish their new homes.

<u>CCS</u> needs to replenish their stock of dishes, silverware, glasses, pots and pans, sheet sets, pillows, blankets, and quilts. Small appliances like crock pots, coffee pots, hot plates and electric frying pans can give a family the ability to cook before they have the means to buy a stove. There never seems to be enough sets of beds-twin sets are needed most. Other furniture like couches, chairs, tables and dresser are always needed. Call 784-5329 to arrange for a furniture pick-up.

Also, remember CCS when you're packing away summer clothes and bringing out your winter clothes. If you haven't worn it in a year, couldn't someone else make better use of it? You can drop things off any time CSS is open - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 - 4:30, Friday 10:30 - 4:30 and Saturday 10:00 - 3:00.

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# SEASONS GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS!

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