

THE ECHO

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MOREHEAD, KY

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2002

Pastor's Pen

Well Done Faithful Servants

My, how time has passed. It seems so recent I was unpacking boxes in the 100-degree heat. Now, Christmas and New Year's are here and its time to look back and celebrate and look forward and plan. Let's leave the planning till next month. Today lets just celebrate!

- Let's celebrate the beauty of the sanctuary this Christmas Season – Thanks everyone for your efforts.
- Lets celebrate the 99 people that were in worship Sunday. We're still looking for the one.
- Let's celebrate the great job our choir and music leaders do each Sunday.
- Let's celebrate the great and many meals we've enjoyed.
- Let's celebrate our successful Stewardship Program and it's hope for the year ahead.
- Let's celebrate our Children's Program.
- Let's celebrate that we can make this list of things to celebrate go on and on.

The Lord has been good to us all. So many folks here at Church have been faithful to the Lord and each other.

At time like this, looking back, we hear and rejoice in those words from God:

"Well done, good and faithful servants, good job in 2001."

In His Service,
Rev. Dr. John Dunstan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2001

"The Birthday of Jesus" may not have been The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, but it was well done, well attended and crowd-pleasing.

Twenty-eight youth and adults collaborated to present the first nativity pageant in several years. Over 50 audience members supported the Education Department's production, which was accomplished with only one rehearsal and everyone providing their own costumes.

Following the program, a Santa Party in the Fellowship Hall provided treats and a special visit from a big man in a red suit.

Thanks to the following for their participation and support:

Joseph and Abby Hamilton, Kaitlyn and Makayla Reynolds, Abbey, Chelsea and Amy Allen, Amanda Pettit, Samantha Davis, Kristi and Olivia Skaggs, Lee Chaney, Josh and Justin Jones, Peggy Reynolds, Joe Macke, Lara Allen, Rex and Sarah Chaney, Wayne Caldwell, Bob Bradley, Donna Corley, Mickey Reffitt, Scharline and Susan Whidden, Molly Dunstan, Wilma Grote, and Dianna Walke.

Pictures will be in the February Echo.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Please join in taking down the Christmas decorations Jan. 6th at 2:00pm.

CWF

Please contact Kathy Williams at 780-4784 about going to Quadrennial in June.

POINSETTIAS

This is a list of Poinsettias placed in the sanctuary.

In Memory of Loved Ones **Jane & Harold Holbrook**

In Memory of Alex & Edith Conyers **Eva & Glenn Johnston**

In Memory of Ken Hall **Kenny & Betty Hall**

In Memory of Oran Teater **Family**

In Memory of Glenn Walke **Family**

In Memory of Sara & Otto Carr **Family**

In Memory of Rondal Hart **Family**

In Memory of Tom Queen **Family**

In Memory of Margie & Wathan Gullet **Family**

In Memory of Steven Grote **Grote Family**

In Memory of Ralph Cassity
Grace Cassity

In Memory of Donna Scott
Elana & David Scott

In Memory of Allen Cane
Elana & David Scott

In Memory of Anna C. Clay
Family

In Memory of Dr. S.E. Reynolds
Family

In Memory of Anna & Ben Penix
Lurlene Alfrey

In Memory of Kenton & Francis Penix
Lurlene Alfrey

In Memory of Austin & Gene Austin
Alfrey
Lurlene Alfrey

In Memory of David Lee Alfrey
Lurlene Alfrey

In Memory of Dorothy & C. D. Corley
Sandra Corley

In Memory of Dr. C. Louise Caudill
Susie Halbleib

In Memory of William Mack
Jean Mack

In Memory of George Burgess
George, Cathy, Chase, Taylor &
Troy

In Memory of Alice Cox
The Ravenscrafts at Atkinson Florist

Deacons For January

Pat Adkins	Jim Fred Cassity
Bessie Pernel	Dan Thomas
Abbey Allen	Lara Allen

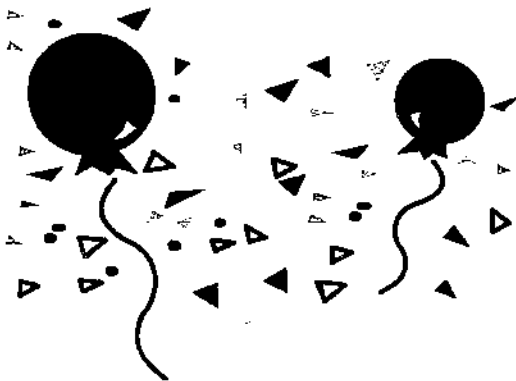
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GIFTS

In Memory of Oran Teater-2001

Katherine Caudill
John and Dot Collis
Harold and Jane Holbrook
Tom Daugherty
Regina Mack
Paul J. and Mabel Reynolds
Tommy and Neva Griffith
Ron and Natalie Caudill
Peggie Reynolds
Jack and Peggy Bizzel
Shirley Parker
John E. Collis
Tom Daugherty
Kenneth and Ruby Vencill
Harold and Jane Holbrook
Mark & Tammy Glasser
Proc & Bobby Caudill
Ted & Ginny Pass
Regina Mack
Pearl Patton
George & Jean Hill
Gracie Cassity
Kenny & Betty Hall
Agnes Williams
Steve & Patsy Wright
Nelson & Wilson Grote
Hubert & Delia Allen
Billie Jean Clayton
Glenn & Eva Johnston
Fran Helphinstine
Rex & Sarah Chaney
Joseph & Dianna Reynolds
Jack & Blandena Landreth
Scott Wilburn
Dorothy J. Walter
Charles J. & Scharline Whidden

Harry & Anne Mayhew
 Joey & Barbara A. Thomas
 Mary Hope Walker
 Jo Ann Wells
Rowan Co. Science Dept.
 Debbie Howes
 Claudia Hicks
 Arv Allen
 Claudett Edie
 Tammy Collins

I hope everyone had a wonderful
 Christmas and may this New Year
 be filled with much joy and peace.



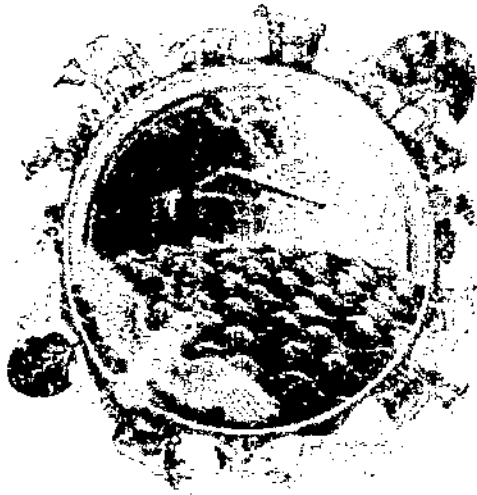
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY'S IN
 JANUARY**

Jo Landreth	1/1
Samantha Davis	1/2
Steve Williams	1/3
Jane Holbrook	1/4
Nelson Grote	1/6
Harry Mayhew	1/8
Elwood Pernell	1/8
Glenn Johnston	1/16
Joel Link	1/17
Debbi Glass	1/21
Tommy Griffith	1/25
Don Blair	1/26
Alan Evans	1/26
Virginia Etherton	1/27
Mickey Reffitt	1/27
Joey Thomas	1/27

God Bless You

Secretary's Notes

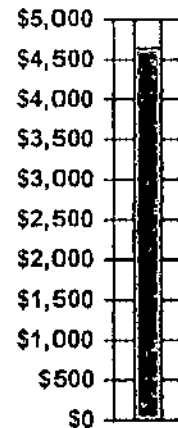
The Heifer Project International



Heifer Project Update

We now have donations of more than \$4500 toward the \$5000 needed for completion of our ARK. We are very close to meeting our goal.

Donations toward the Heifer Project provide animals and animal care instructions to worthy recipients. Recipients then become self-supporting and share this giving model with others in need.



Christmas Family Project 2001

The Spirit of Christmas

First Christian Church's "Family Christmas Project 2001" provided food, new clothing, and gifts for a total of 93 individuals (59 children and 34 adults).

Children's ages ranged from four months to 18 years.



Project Donations

Support for the project included \$3,695 in cash as well as numerous donations of time and talent, personal care items, blankets, food, toys, and other gift items.

No one benefited more than those who participated in the project!



Special thanks to:

Connie Hamilton and Shoppers,
Dianna Reynolds and Wrappers,
and the
Delivery Elves.



Basic Mission Finance (BMF)

Christmas donations to BMF were collected between Sunday December 16th and Sunday December 23rd.

The next special offering for BMF is during "Week of Compassion," February 17-24.

Fifth Sunday Offering

collected on December 30th will go to support the Christian Church Homes of Kentucky. Donations will be reported in the February Echo.

First Christian Church

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Enter To Worship, Depart To Serve

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FEBRUARY 2002



Pastor's Pen

What did you get for Christmas?

The really memorable Christmas gifts, I think, are the ones that loved ones give us and they come as a total surprise. Because someone loves us they plan carefully and skillfully. They don't need to spend much but in some case they spare no expense. It fits. It's the perfect shape and color. We need it. But we just didn't think to get one for ourselves. God gave me that kind of gift this year. A brand new quadruple-bypass for my heart. As with any amazing gift even as I write this, I can't believe I got one. I'm still partially in shock.

The bible says there is nothing like a New Heart. I think God was referring to qualities of the heart and not actual new physical pieces. (Like the ones from my arm and leg, etc.) A New Heart nonetheless could do us all some good. Bypassing the hardening of the attitudes and thought processes, a fresh supply of forgiveness, acceptance, joy, gratitude, long suffering, faith, hope, love peace and justice would do a world of good for our divine circulatory systems. But you know what? I think it is easier for the surgeon to fix my heart then it is for me to change it. Changing hearts is tough! But it can be done.

Over and over the Bible (Word of God) calls us to pay attention to our Hearts: what we think, what we say, what we plan, what we feel, what we want, what we are committed to. Simply put, it is Jesus who teaches us: **Blessed are pure in heart for they shall see God.**

Pray with me that this year our church individually and as community of believers discovers a great awakening of the Heart.

By His Grace,
Rev. Dr. John Dunstan

Life is an adventure in forgiving
Norman Cousins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Christian Church would like to congratulate Myron Doan on his 12th consecutive win with the MSU Cheerleaders. The coed squad took 1st place at the National College Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. Way to go!

Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Deacons. If you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions please notify Wayne Caldwell (784-7632).

God loves you. Pass it along.

BEAN SUPPER

Ash Wednesday, February 13th 6:00pm
Bean supper and Lenten games in
Fellowship Hall. Followed by Ash
Wednesday Service in Sanctuary.

CWF

Blessing Box Offering will soon be taken
to the **Spring Conference** to be blessed
and used by BMF. All Ladies of the
Church are invited to participate in the
Blessing Box Offering.

Please contact **Kathy Williams** at 780-
4784 if you would like to go to
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**A little smile adds a great deal to your
face value**

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**Listening is at the Heart of our
communication with God**

FEBRUARY

Saturday Feb. 2 – Celebration to honor
Warren Cooper at the
High school 4:30-6:00

Sunday Feb. 3 – Dr. Jack Ellis will be
Ministering for FCC.

Wednesday Feb. 13 – Ash Wednesday &
Begin season of
Lent

Sunday Feb. 17 – Begin week of
Compassion

Deacons For February

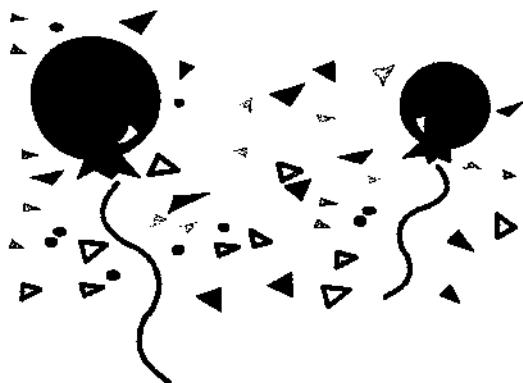
Neva Griffith
Linda Bryant
Fran Helpinstine
Scharlene Whidden
Bill Huie
Lee Chaney

**Minds are like parachutes – they
only function when open**

LIVING MEMORIAL FUND GIFTS

In Memory of Kenny Hall, Jr.
Asa and Nancye Hall
Mark Hall
Amy Hall

In Memory of Dr. N.C. and Edith Marsh
George and Mary Frances Marsh
Cunningham



Happy Birthday's in

February

Camuel Hart	2/1
Barbara Thomas	2/3
Joseph Hamilton	2/9
Peggie Reynolds	2/9
John Dunstan	2/13
Glen Buckner	2/17
Betty Hall	2/17
Hedy Caldwell	2/18
Norman Lytle	2/20
Elizabeth Davis	2/21
Betty Lane	2/24
Billie Jean Clayton	2/26
Daryl Pepper	2/26

God Bless You

***Trust in him at all times; ye people,
pour out your heart before Him: God is
refuge for us***

With Heartfelt Thanks

I had quite a Christmas/New Year surprise. Quadruple bypass surgery is a real learning experience. Some of you all have gone before me in this experience and know what I mean. I hope all that are sick or surgically challenged in our congregation receive the same TLC that I have received.

Thanks for your support----
Gracefully, John Dunstan

***Soft is the Heart of a child. Do not
harden it***

Secretary's Notes

The Church received a Thank You card from Jan Trulock for the beautiful plant that the Church sent for her father Warren Flowers.

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**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS
OF
"THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS"**
Presented by First Christian Church Education Department



Mary (Kaitlyn Reynolds), Baby Jesus (MaKayla Reynolds) and Joseph (Joseph Hamilton) .



Shepherds (Josh Jones, Amanda Pettit, Samantha Davis), Wise Ones (Abby Allen, Lee Chaney and Justin Jones.)



Gabriel (Abby Hamilton) and Cherub (Olivia Skaggs).



Angels (Chelsea Allen & Amy Allen), Innkeeper (Joe Macke) and Innkeeper's Wife (Peggy Reynolds).



Wiseman (Justin Jones).

Bible Study Report

Tuesday – 12:00pm – 1:00pm

January 29, 2002

We are currently discussing The Second Letter of Peter first chapter. There were nineteen people in attendance. Ham, beans, cornbread, boiled potatoes and banana pudding and pie were served.

Discussion - Are we chosen to serve God or is it our decision to serve Him? In the times we live in today it seems we find ourselves having to work much harder at being a good Christian. But, the harder we work at it the more we are rewarded for our good work.

Next week – Second letter of Peter Chapter two.

Prayer Requests

Earl McBrayer Family
Gaye Osborne - Hospital
Grace Cassity - Home
John Lewis Family
Paul Cox - Hospital





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The Christian Journey

Often the Christian life is compared to a journey: a journey to the Promised Land or through the wilderness. A journey not of miles, but of Christian characteristics. Developing a Christian faith, life, community and a response of witness are usual goals.

A few years ago a book was published. The title was Journey Inward, Journey Outward. The author wrote about how for some people the inward journey seems more natural and important. For others the outward journey of witness, evangelism and service seems more natural and important.

The correct answer to this dynamic condition is that authentic Christian discipleship is a balance between the inward life and the outward life: moving within ourselves and toward others. I John 10 reminds us, "He who loves his brother abides in the light and in it there is no cause for stumbling." Reaching out to others, our brothers and sisters in Christ, is a necessary discipline.

Sometimes it may not feel natural or comfortable. If it were natural, comfortable or easy God would not have to keep reminding us to reach out.

We so often build those comfort zones, comfort groups and comfortable habits. Particularly in the season of Lent, God calls us to give up some of our self-imposed isolation and reach out. This Lenten season, let's develop our inner lives, but if these better lives aren't actively witnessing can they ever get a grade better than a C.

Journey inward, journey outward – spirituality and witness are a winning combination.

Gracefully,
Rev. Dr. John Dunstan

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Natalie Caudill
Donna Corley
Bessie Pernel
Glenn Buckner
Sarah Chaney**



March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 24th – Palm Sunday

**March 25th – Ex. Board meeting 7 p.m.
Gen. Board meeting 7:30 p.m.**

**March 28th – Maundy Thursday service
at the FCC at 7:00 p.m.**

**March 29th – Prayer Vigil at the FCC
beginning at 8:00 –
midnight
Good Friday service at
12:00 noon at the FCC.**

**March 30th – Easter lilies to be
delivered to the FCC between
10:00 a.m.
and 12:00 p.m.**

March 31st – Easter Sunday

LIVING MEMORIAL FUND
GIFTS

In Memory of Oran Teater

Norman and Soni Lytle

Jan Trulock

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Smith

Dr. and Mrs. Ballard Cassady

In Memory of Stella Glover - 2002

Larry and Barbara Fannin

George and Mary Frances Cunningham

Fran Helphinstine

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Shirley Parker

Mary Margaret Reynolds

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Remember Me at Resurrection Time

Jesus hung out with many different types of people. Along his earthly journey he initiated healings, changes in natural phenomena and in the case of his friend Lazarus, a rising from the dead.

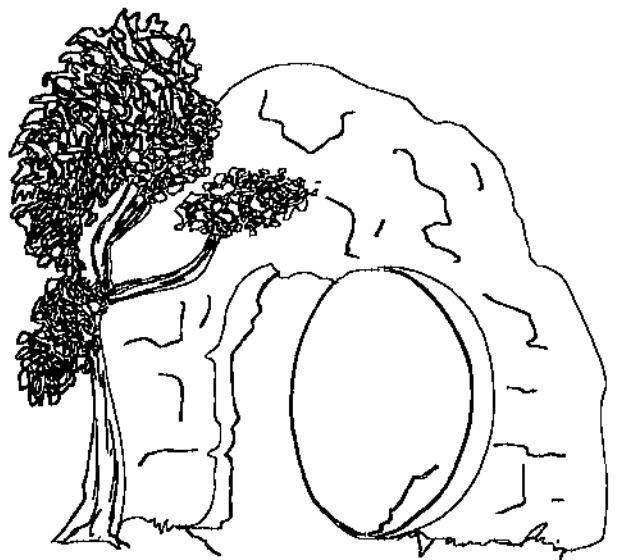
But even miracles are temporary. The blind eyes that regained their sight wore out after awhile. The storms that were quieted returned to the lake. Lazarus died a second time.

There was one bright fellow who played his cards just right. We only know him as a thief who was crucified at the same time as Jesus. Amid the strain and pain of the Golgotha experience our thief, hanging there, turns his head to Jesus and requests, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Then Jesus makes him the best offer conceivable: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Eternal life is the one miracle that lasts forever and forever is a long long time.

I have never advised anyone to follow the example of a thief in the midst of his execution. But in this case he had it right. (Luke 23:42)

"Jesus, remember me at resurrection time." Paradise sounds like a wonderful place to hang out with Jesus forever.

Gracefully at Easter time,
Rev. Dr. John Dunstan



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CWF

The applications for the **Spring Conference April 20th in Ashland, KY** are in the church office on the desk. **Registration fee is \$10**

and payable to CCK. If you have any questions please contact **Kathy Williams at 780-4784.**

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April 6th – Foolish Follies

April 7th – Daylight Savings time begins

April 20th – Spring Conference in Ashland, KY

April 21st – Birthday Potluck Dinner

THANK YOU FIRST CHRISTIAN FAMILY

On Sunday, March 10, we announced our desire to participate in the Rowan County Youth Ark Project for Heifer Project International. On Sunday, March 24 we collected your "30 Pieces of Silver." We are proud to announce that you contributed **\$1,140**. Thank you for helping us and people around the world.

There will be a special dedication ceremony on Sunday, April 14, at St. Claire Medical Center. All participating churches will be represented and you are invited to attend. There will be more information about this later.

Happy are those who consider the poor; The Lord delivers them in the day of trouble. Psalm 41:1

Thank you, again!
The Young Disciples

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Bible Study Report **Tuesday – 12:00pm –1:00pm**

March 26, 2002

There were approximately 17 people in attendance. A choice of cheeseburgers or chicken sandwiches with a potato bar was served for lunch. A birthday cake and apple pie for dessert.

The scripture we are currently covering is I John. This seems to be a particularly difficult book or letter of the bible to discuss.

The biggest focus of I John is sin. Everyone sins sometime in his or her life; it's called human nature. But is there a difference between big sins and little sins? What would be considered a mortal sin?

GOD IS LOVE

Bulletin Board

The Christian Messenger
Christian Echoes
The Messenger
The Christmount Voice
Disciples World
The Cane Ridge Bulletin
Visions
Upcoming events

(You will find these items posted on the bulletin board in the church office.)



There is a mistake in the church directory for Kathy Williams e-mail address. The correct e-mail address is kathy_williams@msn.com

Easter Lilies

In Memory of May Williams
 Todd, Jennifer, & Sarah NeSmith

In Honor of Katherine Caudill
 Todd, Jennifer & Sarah NeSmith

In Memory of Bill Mack
 Jean Mack

In Memory of Mabel Barber
 Woodrow Barber

In Memory of L.D. Fannin
 Family

In Memory of George Burgess
 Family

In Memory of Harry Herrington
 Teresa McFarland Family

In Memory of Otto & Sara Carr
 Family

In Memory of Anna C. Clay & S.E. Reynolds
 Peggie Reynolds Family

In Memory of Helen C. Patrick
 Creed, Richard, Kay & Family

In Memory of Glen R. Walke
 The Family

In Memory of Oran C. Teater
 The Family

In Memory of Ralph Cassity
 The Family

In Memory of C.G. Clayton
 Billie Clayton

In Memory of Rev. Thomas Cole Phelps
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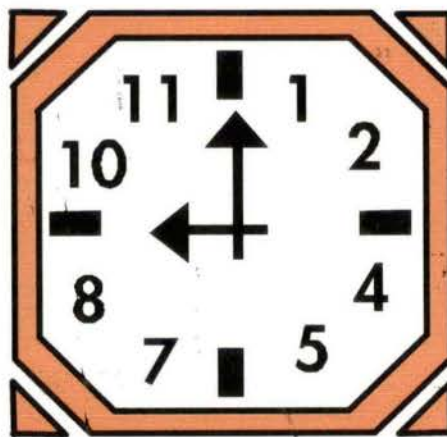
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In Honor of Lucille Little
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Forget
Daylight
Savings
Times
Begins
April 7th.

Set
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Ecclesiastes

In our Bible Study group on Tuesday we were giving suggestions for the next Book of the Bible we wanted to study. One of our folks, her name withheld to protect the guilty, suggested Ecclesiastes. My first thought was, o man, I think I could spend the rest of my life pondering the puzzles of Ecclesiastes. There are only 12 chapters but the small sayings and riddles could be debated, analyzed and repeated over and over.

But the idea of Ecclesiastes stuck in my mind. As I think about church life and life in general there probably isn't a better summary than the 3rd chapter.

*For everything there is a season and a time
for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to mourn and a time to dance.
A time to keep silence and a time to speak.*

All of these times come; are experienced,
are processed and the next time comes.

As Paul wrote, God in Christ Jesus is reconciling the whole world unto himself.

All of our times and experiences on the one hand, fit into God's time and purposes on the other. It is often too big for us to see the big picture. But faith keeps us moving through our times until we and our times are reconciled also.

What can we say about changing events and changing times: All things work for good for those called to the Lord's purposes.

Spend a few minutes in Ecclesiastes and see what you can make of it all.

Gracefully,
John Dunstan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATION SUNDAY

If you have local family members who will be receiving diplomas/degrees this spring, please notify the church office by Sunday, May 5th.

MOTHER'S DAY

A carnation bouquet will be in the sanctuary. Each carnation in the bouquet will be in memory (white) or honor (pink) of a gracious lady. To place a carnation in the bouquet is \$2.00. You may pay and/or call Neva Griffith, CWF Treasurer, at 784-7973. Deadline for placing orders is May 5, 2002.



Contact **Kathy Williams** if you would like to go to **Quadrennial** in June.

FLOCKS

We are in the process of updating the flock list - if you would like to participate in a flock and are currently not in one please contact Laura in the Church office. The flock is a group of Church members and friends who are under the leadership of an elder. The purpose of the flock is to disperse information regarding the congregation and to host Church activities.

DEACONS FOR MAY

Donna Corley

Dan Thomas

Fran Helpinstine

Neva Griffith

Jim Fred Cassity

Pat Adkins



May 12th – Graduation Sunday

May 12th – Mother's Day

May 12th – 1st Sunday observance of Pentecost Special Day offering for BMF.

May 19th – 2nd Sunday observance of Pentecost Special Day offering for BMF.

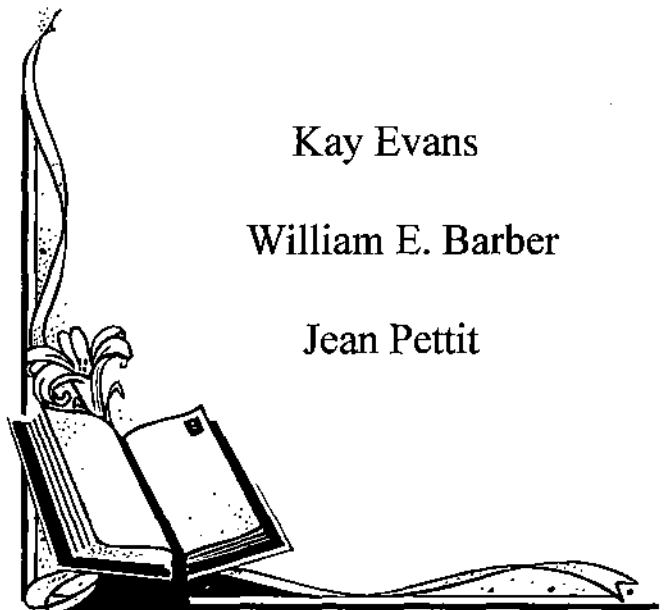
May 27th – Ex. Board and General Board Meeting

Death Announcements

Kay Evans

William E. Barber

Jean Pettit



With Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Kay Blair Evans express our appreciation to the church family for your calls, cards, food, flowers, memorial gifts, MG Foundation gifts, prayers and words of encouragement that you shared with our family. A special thank you to all the ladies that prepared and served the meal for the family and friends following the service. Your love and individual caring give us strength for your awareness of the disease Myasthenia Gravis. Continue to keep our family in your prayers.

Albert, Alan, Stephanie, Brian and Robyn Evans

Happy Birthday's for MAY

Sarah Chaney	5/03
Mabel Reynolds	5/04
Amy Allen	5/11
Dianna Reynolds	5/11
Michael Porter	5/14
John Quesinberry	5/15
Dianna Walke	5/16
Ashley Netherton	5/17
Anne Mayhew	5/19
Troy Burgess	5/19
Larry Netherton	5/20
Missy Fannin	5/21
Mary Evelyn Teater	5/25
Faith Fannin	5/29
Al Evans	5/31
Rebecca Hart	5/31

God Bless You

LIVING MEMORIAL FUND **GIFTS**

In Memory of Mabel Barber
Woodrow Barber

In Memory of Kay Evans
Jack and Peggy Bizzel
Shirley Parker
Tommy and Neva Griffith
Regina Mack
George and Jean Hill
Fran Helphinstine
Etta Jane McCarty
Ival and Linda Bryant
Hubert and Delia Allen
Paul and Suzanne Blair
Gracie Cassity

In Memory of Mary Northcutt Powell
Regina Mack

In Memory of John Thomas
Regina Mack

In Memory of Oran Teater
Billy and Bonnie Wise

Bible Study Report

Tuesday – 12:00pm –1:00pm
Lunch served

Announcement

The first Tuesday of each new month will be brown bag lunch day.

April 23, 2002

There were approximately 19 in attendance. Fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and green beans were served for lunch. Lemon cake and ice cream for dessert.

The topic for discussion was Jude. Jude is believed to be a brother to Jesus. This book of the Bible is actually a letter from Jude to the people.

In this letter, Jude is expressing to the people how there are people among us who deny God. He speaks about people who defile the grace of God and continue to wallow in lust and immorality.

Jude concludes by writing to the people of God to remember the predictions of the apostles of Lord Jesus Christ. "In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lust." (Jude 18) Jude continues on to say that these are the worldly people who are devoid of the Spirit.

But, if you build up your faith, pray in the Holy Spirit and try to help someone to understand the grace of God, some day we can all hope the world will be a better place for everyone.

Laura Copher
Secretary

HAVE FAITH



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(You will find these items posted on the bulletin board in the church office.)

New Disciples Magazine

The Disciple, the older magazine for the Christian church has retired. A new magazine, Disciples World, is on the horizon. The publishers are looking for subscribers to support this new communication's instrument for the denomination.

If the church orders 20 or more copies the cost is \$10.00 per copy per year. If the church orders 10-19 copies the cost is \$15.00 per copy per year. A single subscription is \$22.00 per year.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the new Disciple World please contact the church office (784-4836) and let us know.

Church Directory Correction

Walter Carr's Birthday is October 26.



FROM EVERYONE AT
FIRST CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

THE ECHO

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MOREHEAD, KY

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 6

JUNE 2002



Pastor's Pen

Vision

A pastor friend of mine went to the eye doctor. His eyes had apparently changed and things didn't look the way they used to look. He was wearing his contact lenses, having left his glasses at the office. As he entered the doctor's office, dust from a cleaning machine hit him smack in the face. He went in the rest room and removed his contacts to reduce the irritation.

Later

When the doctor came in the examination room he asked to see the pastor's glasses. "I left them at the office," the pastor answered. "Are you wearing your contact lenses?" the doctor asked. "No," replied my friend, "they were dirty."

In his amazement the doctor commented – "Are you going around these days uncorrected?"

"Oh no," replied the pastor in all innocence, "I have a wife and three kids."

Biblically speaking the idea of vision has at least 2 dimensions. The most obvious is "to see" what is around us in the present time. A second dimension of spiritual vision is "to see" what God

is calling into being (i.e. to have a vision of the future).

As we prepare to enter a new church year (July 1) let's develop some vision for the future. If we try to go forward while primarily looking backward it is doubtful we will fulfill any significant vision.

Who and what is God calling our people to be and to do? What empowerment does God have waiting for us? Let's all stop by the spiritual eye doctor and like Paul says:

"Letting go of what lies behind, press forward to the upward call in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Gracefully,
John Dunstan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER 'S DAY BOUQUET

On Father's Day, June 16, 2002, a carnation bouquet will be placed in the sanctuary for decoration. Each carnation in the bouquet will be in memory (white) or in honor (red) of a special man. To place a carnation in the bouquet the cost is \$2.00. You may pay and/or call Neva Griffith. **The deadline is June 10, 2002.**

MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET

On Mother's Day, May 12, 2002, a carnation bouquet was placed in the sanctuary in honor and memory of the gracious ladies of yesterday and today. The pink carnations were in "honor" and the "white" were in memory. There were 79 white carnations and 90 pink carnations for a total of 169 carnations.

CWF

One Sunday afternoon 14 women gathered in the Fellowship Hall to reorganize Christian Women's Fellowship. Magazines called **New Day for Christian Women** will be given to all churchwomen for their use and discussion this next year. Please mark the following dates and join other churchwomen for fellowship, discussion and Outreach projects for our community and world. You may come to either group, as it is convenient for you and your schedule.

1st Tuesday of each month 10:30 – 11:30a.m.
(bring brown bag lunch and stay for bible study if you wish)
First meeting Tuesday June 4 10:30 – 11:30a.m.

OR

2ND Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
First meeting June 13th 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Read pages 4 – 9 in New Day magazine.

Mark your calendar, July 14th 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck for all churchwomen at Di Walke's home.

CHOIR

The Choir of First Christian Church invites you to a coffee reception in honor of Sandra Derby on **Sunday, June 16, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

SEARCH COMMITTEE

A Search Committee composed of Bob Bradley, Natalie Caudill and Alana Scott has been formed to find a new Choir Director. The Worship Committee co-chairs and Pastor have appointed the Search Committee. Any ideas or suggestions can be given to the Search Committee or called into the church office. We appreciate your help in this important time.

DEACONS FOR JUNE

Bill Huie

Lee Chaney

Abbey Allen

Scharline Whidden

Bessie Pernell



June 4 – CWF meeting 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

June 8 – Clark – DeCecchis Wedding

June 9-15 – Frontier Housing Volunteers

June 13 – CWF meeting 7:00 8:00 p.m.

June 16 – Father's Day and reception for
Sandra Derby

June 19 – 23 Quadrennial in Louisville

June 24 – Ex. Board and General Board
meeting

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GIFTS

In Memory of Kay Evans
Dan and Marge Thomas
Karen and Ray Ross

Happy Birthday's for JUNE

Scharline Whidden	6/01
Philip Brown	6/08
Jo Ann Wells	6/12
Betty Walke	6/15
Matt Baldwin	6/18
Kathy Porter	6/21
Wayne Caldwell	6/26
Susan Whidden	6/29

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board by the front door of the church.)

Happy Father's Day!

**from everyone at First
Christian Church**

**Come and join us for Bible
Study. We would love to see
you.**

**Every Tuesday from 12:00 –
1:00. Lunch served.**

**The first Tuesday of each
new month will be brown
bag lunch day.**

THE ECHO

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MOREHEAD, KY

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 7

JULY 2002



Pastor's Pen

First Things First

The Lectionary for past few weeks has kept the church focused in the gospel of Matthew. Matthew has a tremendous volume of teachings of Jesus.

A major teaching is found in Matthew 6:25-33. A loose translation would read, "Hey, you all don't worry so much about everything (especially stuff). Strive first for the kingdom of God, your father and everything else will be o.k."

As we look around these days everyone is in a hurry: busy, busy, busy. Compare this with the 2nd chapter of Ecclesiastes. – The futility of self-indulgence. The Ecclesiastes dude tried it all. He finally gets around to saying, "Apart from God who can eat or who can have enjoyment?"

Summer is a busy time and it is important not to lose our focus. Those folks who just stay steady on the kingdom's path seems to be a bit happier and more fulfilled than those who chase their own stuff continually. Focus, persistence and a sense of humor go-many good

miles. What if we all paid a little more attention to seeking first the kingdom? Something real strong, powerful and spiritual might just make itself known. The church is all about Kingdom work. Lets keep our focus and see what God will do with it.

Gracefully,
John Dunstan

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not to thine own understanding.*

*In all the ways acknowledge Him
and He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5,6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER 'S DAY BOUQUET

On Father's Day, June 16, 2002, a carnation bouquet was placed in the sanctuary. The carnations represent special men of yesterday and today. Total white (memory) carnations: 61. Total red (honor) carnations: 64. There was a grand total of 125 carnations in the bouquet. Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother.

CWF

Meetings

The next scheduled meetings for CWF are Tuesday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

Prayer Room

Many of us have wanted to create a space to use for individual prayer time at the church. We would like to use part of the class room downstairs by the elevator. If anyone has a comfortable chair, like a rocker, or a floor lamp, they would like to contribute, please contact Kathy Williams at 780 - 4784.

Prayer & Meditation

Several members have talked about meeting once a week for a time of prayer & meditation. If you would be interested please contact anyone in CWF with your ideas of what time & day of the week would work for you.

CWF Potluck

All women of the church are invited to Di Walke's home for the annual potluck dinner, July 14 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

A Search Committee composed of Bob Bradley, Natalie Caudill and Alana Scott has been formed to find a new Choir Director. The Worship Committee co-chairs and Pastor have appointed the Search Committee. Any ideas or suggestions can be given to the Search Committee or called into the church office. We appreciate your help in this important time.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Anyone interested in setting up a website for our church contact Mickey Reffitt or Sarah Chaney at 784- 6712.

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Anyone who is interested in playing church league softball, please notify the church office at 784- 4836 and leave your name and number. We need 12 people to play. Game will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group has decided to change the lunch menu. Beginning in July and continuing through August, everyone is to bring a brown bag lunch. Attendance has been down during the summer months and food that is being prepared is going to waste. Lunch will be served again starting in September.

DEACONS FOR JULY

Lara Allen

Abby Allen

Connie Hamilton

Jean Mack

Bill Huie

Al Evans

Deacons will have a short meeting after church on July 14 to elect a chairman.

ADULT SUMMER EDUCATION CLASS

This summer study involves selections from both Psalms and Proverbs. This quarter's study structures itself in three ways. The first five sessions examine "Songs for Faithful Living." Here, the emphasis falls on a collection of psalms that explore what it means to live faithfully in covenant with God and in community with one another. The next four sessions invite us to "Praise the Creator and Redeemer." Once again, a collection of psalms is used, though in this instance we consider through providence and forgiveness and praise. The final four sessions turn to Proverbs for an overview of wisdom's role in our lives with "Words for the Wise." This concluding section looks not only at the value of wisdom in life, but at how it impacts what we do and say – and even how we care for the vulnerable among us.



July 2 – CWF Meeting 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

July 8 – 11 – Frontier Housing Volunteers

July 11 – CWF Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

July 14 – CWF Picnic at Di Walke's home, all women welcome.

Deacons meeting after church.

July 15 – 19 – Laura Copher, Church secretary, will be on vacation.

July 22 – Ex. Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Gen. Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Landscaping Committee has purchased the brick for the Memorial Garden. If you have not purchased a brick in Memory or Honor of a family member, beloved Sunday School Teacher, past Minister, or Church Member who has helped lead you on your Faith journey, we urge you to do so now. August 1 is the deadline for purchase. You can leave your check and name in the office or contact Natalie Caudill, Connie Hamilton, Eva Johnston, Peggy Reynolds, Jack or Scharline Whidden. Each brick costs \$30. We invite you to walk down memory lane and honor those members lives who have meant so much to you in the past and now.

Happy Birthday's for JULY

Rex Chaney	7/3
Liz Reffitt	7/3
Eva Johnston	7/7
Alana Scott	7/7
Gracie Cassity	7/8
Tiffany Clark	7/13
Donna Corley	7/14
Olivia Skaggs	7/19
Soni Lytle	7/21
Gail Tingle	7/21
Yvonne Baldwin	7/23
Logan Clark	7/25
Ruby Vencill	7/25
Bob Bradley	7/27
Lurlene Alfrey	7/30
Carra Higgins	7/30
Bill Bradley	7/31
Bill Huie	7/31

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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE ECHO

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MOREHEAD, KY

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AUGUST 2002



Pastor's Pen

Wanted Dead or Alive!

Growing up I used to see the above slogan in many a western. There would be a tree, a post or a wall holding a picture of a person, their name and the value of there capture or demise.

For the past several weeks the Common Lectionary has focused the preaching and teaching of the church on Jesus' parables in the Gospel of Matthew.

The parables have two features:

1. While we have time the Kingdom of God is calling us to faithfulness and discovery.
2. When time ends there is a judgment or a separation. Many of Jesus' parables end with the evildoers going to a furnace or a place their teeth are gnashed. The righteous are taken by the angels to be with God.

It seems God wants us:

Dead or Alive —

Put your face on the poster and your name under the picture. Add a great value — like millions. Hopefully, if we follow Him faithfully we'll see Him — now & forever

By His Grace,
Rev. John Dunstan

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
beholding the evil and the good."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWF

Meetings

The next scheduled meetings for CWF are Tuesday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

Meditation Group

Several people are interested in beginning a group of meditation for spiritual reflection and growth. The first meeting will be August 7th starting at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the faith Annex Building. Anyone interested is invited.

Midweek Communion and

Meditation

The Sanctuary will be prepared for communion and a time of quiet meditation from 12:00 noon to 1:00 each Wednesday beginning August 7th. You may come and go anytime during that hour.

CHOIR

We are pleased to welcome as our

Choir Director Dr. Ricky Little. We look forward to sharing gifts that Dr. Little will bring to our music department. Dr. Little will begin work with the Choir on August 25.

ELDERS

This fall the elders will start a new program that will replace the flocks. We hope this will involve more of the congregation in the life of the church. There will be 3 groups:

Hospitality – will host dinners and church social activities.

Communication – this group will help notify the members of deaths, illness, dinners or any other information that needs to be dispersed.

Evangelism – this group will meet and greet new folks at worship and do some visiting. If you would like to be in any of these groups please contact Laura at the church office 784-4836 or Marge Thomas at 784-8138.

We are in hopes that everyone will want to participate – volunteering for a group does not mean you have to do all the group activities but would like to participate in some capacity.

Marge Thomas

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

On September 8 Dr. Kathy Riley will bring us the morning message on spirituality and spiritual development. Later that afternoon she will do a workshop on the same topic for our congregation. Mark your calendar and

plan to come grow with us. We can all use more of the spirit.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Anyone interested in setting up a website for our church contact Mickey Reffitt or Sarah Chaney at 784- 6712.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study focus will be the book of Genesis. Come on out on Tuesday at 12 and bring your Brown Bag lunch.

DEACONS FOR AUGUST

JIM FRED CASSITY

DIANNA REYNOLDS

YVONNE BALDWIN

JOE MACKE

NEVA GRIFFITH

FRAN HELPHINSITNE

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Eva Johnston

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Jack Landreth	8/3
Rob Sloss	8/4
Joyce Hart	8/5
Margaret Davis	8/8
Pauline Porter	8/9
Myron Doan	8/10
Connie Hamilton	8/10
Kaitlyn Reynolds	8/10
Teresa McFarland	8/12
Jeff Bizzell	8/17
Lara Allen	8/18
Ival Bryant	8/20
Jeanie Huie	8/20
Paul J. Reynolds	8/21
Peggy Bizzell	8/21
Harold Holbrook	8/23
Mary Charlotte Pepper	8/23
Charlie Tingle	8/25
Hope Brown	8/26

God Bless You

With Sympathy

The congregation extends their Christian sympathy to Mary Jo Netherton and family upon the death of her mother, Nina Arlene Martin.

New hours for the office

Our secretary, Laura Copher, is taking some classes at Morehead State. In order to help her make her class schedule the board has agreed to change the secretary's office hours. The new hours, beginning Monday, August 12th will be Monday – Friday 9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.



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Oh God...

Oh, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'My heart is moved with pity for the crowd...' He took seven loaves and a few small fish, blessed them and distributed them. About 4,000 people ate their fill." – Mark 8:2-9

Source: www.salesianmissions.org

Submitted by: Mrs. Katherine Caudill



Lurlene Alfrey, Vivian Lewis, Pearl Patton, Donald Bryant – Ival Bryant's brother, Ed Kiser – Natalie Caudill's uncle, Dr. C. Nelson and Wilma Grote.

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active and more mobile than they used to be.



Pastor's Pen

The Visitation

Holy scripture informs us to be prepared and vigilant because we don't know the time of the Lord's visitation. Often, things of God come to us and at us like a thief in the night. A really effective thief, of course, catches us totally by surprise.

I have some really good and funny memories and stories of catching folks by surprise. I've also got some memories and stories about times when I wished I had phoned ahead.

What I'm getting around to is this: during the months of September and October I want to get by to visit as many of our members as I can. I had planned to do serious visitation months ago but when that doctor sawed my chest open and cleaned my heart he greatly inconvenienced my schedule.

Pastoral visitation in the year 2002 isn't like it used to be. People are more

Sometimes it seems half our folks are in Lexington. Sometimes setting up a pastoral visit is about as easy as getting your next appointment at the doctor's office.

So – if I haven't been by your house yet here is my plan. I'll phone and set up a time. I will plan to be there for fifteen to thirty minutes. If we need more time I'll come back. The first visit is mostly to find you. An old preacher told me that for a first visit it's best to be prompt, be friendly and be gone.

I look forward to discovering more about many of our folks as we visit.

When Jesus comes it will be a total surprise: but we can negotiate. See you soon.

By His Grace,
John Dunstan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWF

Meetings

The next scheduled meetings for CWF are Tuesday, September 3 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

MEDITATION GROUP

This group will continue to meet in the Faith Annex building on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested, please come join us.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION and

MEDITATION

The Sanctuary will be prepared for communion and a time of quiet meditation from 12:00 noon to 1:00 each Wednesday. You may come and go anytime during that hour.

COMMITTEE'S

All committee chair's please call the church office and give your name, co-chair's name and all members names. The office is trying to update all

information for the 2002 – 2003 calendar year.

Mickey Reffitt

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

On September 8, Dr. Kathy Riley will bring us the morning message on spirituality and spiritual development. Later that afternoon she will do a workshop on the same topic for our congregation. Mark your calendar and plan to come grow with us. We can all use more of the spirit.

COMMUNICATION

We are starting a new church communications system. If you know of a death illness, joy, prayer request or concern that needs to be shared, please call Laura at the church office 784-4836 or Marge 784-8138.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study focus will be the book of Genesis. Come on out on Tuesday at 12 and bring your Brown Bag lunch.

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Scharline Whidden

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Lee Chaney

LIVING MEMORIAL GIFTS

AUGUST 2002

In Memory of Vivian Lewis

Glenn and Eva Johnston
Harold and Jane Holbrook
Shirley Parker
Agnes Williams

In Memory of Edward Read

Ival and Linda Bryant

UNDIE SUNDAY

Our last Undie Sunday was such a success; the Family Resource Center has asked if we would do it again. Sunday, September 15, 2002 we would like for everyone to bring one package of either girls or boy's undergarments or socks. This time we are targeting teenage girls and boys.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Whitney Franz, daughter of past interim minister Bob Franz, will be married to Andrew Sparks on Saturday, October 5, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky. The custom of open church wedding/private reception will be followed.

**CONGRATULATIONS
WHITNEW AND ANDREW!!**

SECRET PLACE

The quarterly devotional books will be arriving late this month. We apologize for the inconvenience and will let everyone know as soon as they arrive.

Betty Hall



September 2 – Labor Day, church office closed.

September 3 – CWF meeting 10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

September 8 – Kathy Riley, Spiritual Development

September 11 – Remembrance service in Methodist church at 7:30 p.m.

September 15 – Undie Sunday, targeting teenage boys and girls.

September 15 – Worship committee meeting at 7 p.m.

September 23 – Ex. Board meeting at 7 p.m.
General Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

September 29 – Elders meeting 7 p.m.

Congratulations

Jack and Peggie Bizzel will celebrate their 55th anniversary on September 7, 2002.

Happy Birthday's for

SEPTEMBER

William Quesinberry	9/3
Sandra E. Derby	9/4
Woodrow Barber	9/7
Jack Whidden	9/11
Bessie Pernel	9/14
Trent Hamilton	9/15
Kevin Clark	9/19
Mollie Dunstan	9/16
Ruth Sturgill	9/21
Abbey Allen	9/23
Anne Buckner	9/23
Mary Jo Netherton	9/23
Delia Allen	9/24
Bea Landreth	9/25
Ron Caudill	9/28
Harold Holbrook	8/23
Mary Charlotte Pepper	8/23
Charlie Tingle	8/25
Hope Brown	8/26

God Bless You

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2002. The church office will be closed in observance. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 2002.

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Deceased

**Mildred Hulman – sister to Aileen
Richard's**

Victor Howard

I can do all things through Christ who Strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



Lurlene Alfrey, Sally Caudill
Vonlehman, Aileen Richards' family,
Kathy Williams and Victor Howard's
family.

New hours for the office

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August 12th will be Monday – Friday
9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

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Pastor's Pen

Trust God

I will lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth. *Psalms 121*

O Lord you have searched me and
known me. Even before a word is on my
tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
Psalms 139

After we read Holy Scripture for
many years and let the message filter
through us – or to use a Kentucky word,
“distill” in us – we discover a few
intimations.

One intimation is that God can be
trusted. From God we can expect help and
not harm. Many of us take that for granted.
That God is constantly willing good for us,
as a good parent for a good child, is a
thought we should feed on every

day. The Bible also affirms that God knows
our hearts. Not just our hearts, but God
knows our thoughts, words, intents and
hopes. Nothing is hidden from God.

If you are wanting to get closer to
God this is all good news. To offer your
life to a Lord who knows you and accepts
you forever is about as intimate as you can
get. When we let these ideas touch our
feelings it feels good.

Take a few minutes today and let
yourself consciously trust God. God may
be waiting for you.

By His Grace,
John Dunstan

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CWF

Meetings

The next scheduled meetings for CWF are Tuesday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is a special day where churches around the world hold communion services to bring awareness of their diversity while at the same time conducting a celebration of our worship of One Lord.

CWF will host a luncheon for the entire congregation after the service. Homemade breads, lunchmeats, cheeses & drinks will be provided. Church members are invited to bring a vegetable or salad dish or dessert.

Emily Hearn will show pictures & give a short talk of her experiences in Jordan where she served in the Peace Corps.

Kathy Williams

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PRAYER ROOM

The Pennix Classroom is available to use during the week for prayer and meditation. There are several different reading sources on the table for anyone's use. These materials will be changed periodically. Please feel free to use this room any time the church is open.

Kathy Williams

LIVING MEMORIAL GIFTS

AUGUST 2002

In Memory of Vivian Lewis
Grace Cassity

In Memory of Margaret Norman
Tommy & Neva Griffith

UNDIE SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who helped with donations. The donations will go to the Family Resource Center this week.

Kathy Williams



October 1 – CWF meeting at 10:30 – 11:30.

October 6 – World Communion Sunday
Guest: Stuart Schneider
Luncheon after service

October 10 – CWF meeting 7:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Happy Birthday's for

OCTOBER

Shirley Parker	10/6
Warren Cooper	10/8
Natalie Caudill	10/9
Pearl Lowe	10/12
Joe Reynolds	10/13
Jan Trulock	10/15
Jean Hill	10/17
Aileen Richards	10/17
Sarah Allen	10/18
Jacob Hays	10/18
Fran Helphinstine	10/19

Walter Carr	10/26
Barbara Fannin	10/23
Charles Pepper	10/26
Hubert Allen	10/30

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Pastor's Pen

Moses the Mediator

The reading from the Common Lectionary recently lifted up an experience from the Old Testament. In Exodus 33: 12-23 the Bible takes us to mount Sinai to witness a conversation between God and Moses.

The story line goes that the people Moses led out of Egypt had built a golden calf. The folks around the Mount had lost their direction. Here where Moses takes on a tremendous role. He becomes a mediator for his people. Moses gets a promise from God. The promise is, "My presence shall go with you and I will give you rest." Moses knew the critical importance of God's presence in the life and journey of his people.

Thinking about the life of God's people today, the thought comes to mind that we need more mediators. All of us could be asking God to send His presence

with us as we work at building up the church. No program or commitment could be more powerful to the future than for God to send the Presence with us.

Moses said to God, "If your Presence will not go, do not send us up from here." That is not difficult to translate into our own lives and the life of our congregation.

Lord send your Presence to us and with us.

This could be a powerful prayer for those of us who would be mediators.

Gracefully,
John Dunstan

"And I will walk among you,
and will be your God,
and you shall be my people."

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CWF

Circle Meeting Changed

November 12

There will be only one CWF Circle Meeting starting in November. The CWF will change its meeting day to the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30. Everyone is invited to stay for the Bible Study at 12:00. There will be no evening meeting.

November Cake Sale

In the past the CWF has sold homemade cookies during the Christmas season. This year, instead of a Cookie Sale, it was decided to have a Cake Sale on November 24, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The cost for each cake will be \$20.00. If you would like to make a cake for the sale please contact Natalie Caudill,

784-7118 and let her know what type of cake you will be baking.

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Neva Griffith
Jim Fred Cassity
Jean Mack
Joe Macke

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James and Etta Jane McCarty

In Memory of Mary Fran Wiley Ewalt

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Fran Helphinstine
Agnes Williams

In Memory of Helen Patrick

Lurlene Alfrey

In Memory of Helen Holbrook Parrard

Tommy and Neva Griffith

Happy Birthday's for November

David Perkins	11/1
Abbey Hamilton	11/1
Bill Davis, Sr.	11/1
Neva Griffith	11/5
Allen Baldwin	11/5
Brad Hart	11/9
Gene McFarland	11/12
Darlene Perkins	11/14
Marge Thomas	11/16
Don Battson	11/20
Pat Adkins	11/23
Irene Botts	11/30

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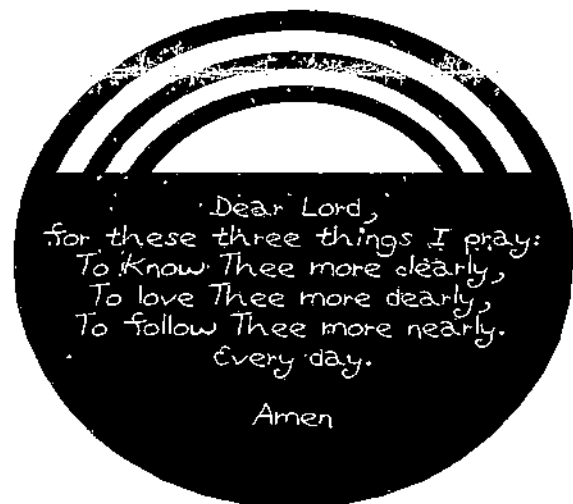
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Pastor's Pen

Little Things Mean A Lot

There are some really big things going on in the world today. Talk about war, the economy, church scandals and bio terrorism. I wish that we could do something about these big issues and problems. Many of us would like to do something big with our lives. But most of us on a daily basis confront medium to small events and situations.

There is, however, great virtue in doing small things well on a daily basis. God does not need all of us doing huge things. God does favor, I believe, many of us doing small things faithfully.

The best chance, perhaps the only chance, we have to change, save or redeem our world is through God in Christ. Every day many many Christians successfully achieve small victories for the Lord. Sometimes we don't realize how our small contributions add up. Kingdom building is an effort for us all every day.

We are in the Thanksgiving, Advent Christmas season. We really do show

our thanksgiving and love to God by the acts of faithfulness and kindness we do each day.

This Thanksgiving season – celebrate the wonderful little things you do for folks and they do for you.

Those who are faithful in small things can be trusted with great things.

Happy Thanksgiving
Rev. John Dunstan

Do not forget to do good and to share with others.
Heb. 13:16

Poinsettias

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The Worship Committee requests that honorary and memorial poinsettias be delivered to the church on Friday, December 13, between 9:30 and 2:00. Please instruct your florist to use white paper and white ribbon. Notify the church office so that a list can be prepared for the bulletin.

Heifer Project

If you would like to contribute to Heifer Project in honor or memory of someone or for a Christmas gift, give check labeled or marked for Heifer Project – gift cards may be obtained from Marge Thomas.

STEWARDSHIP

The 2003 Stewardship campaign is underway and your help is needed.

The committee has decided to mail out pledge cards in this month's ECHO. also included is an envelope that you can use to mail back your Pledge card.

It is very important to the committee and the church that these Pledge cards are returned as soon as possible. The Church Board has received a draft of the 2003 budget. This budget needs your pledges to complete the data.

Your pledge of money to the church is not set in stone and may be readjusted any time during the year with a written note to the Church Treasurer.

Your prompt return of the Pledge cards is greatly appreciated by the FCC in finalizing the budget for 2003.



Thank you Notes

To all the members of Morehead First
Christian Church,

Your thoughtfulness and
remembering Lucille with flowers is
appreciated by the Caudill family.
Cille was very fond of all of you.

Sincerely, *Proc Caudill*

Thanks for all the nice cards,
beautiful flowers, candy, calls, visits
and prayers that I received during my
recent illness. I really appreciate all of
you.

Katherine Caudill

Dear Friends of Mamaw,

We appreciate so very much the
wonderful meal you prepared for us
before the funeral service. The
kindness, warmth and caring you
shared with us, was healing to our
hearts.

Sincerely,
Jeannie, Leigh, and Daryl Alfrey

All of the family would like to thank you
for your thoughts and prayers. Lucille
really loved the church and Morehead
a great deal.

Thanks again for your kindness.
Charles A. Caudill

Local Christmas Outreach 2002

Schedule

Dec. 1

We need the following items brought
in:

Blankets
Towels
Washcloths

Dec. 8

We need the following items brought
in:

Gloves
Sweatshirts L, XL, XXL
Hats

*All these items are for adults.

**Toy list in the Fellowship Hall –
Please sign up.

Dec. 14

9:00 a.m. – We need people to help
with wrapping the gifts in the
Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 15

Please bring in the toys that you have
signed up for wrapped and labeled.

Dec. 22

Please bring in non-perishable food
items such as – canned fruits, vegetables,
beef stew, soups and pasta.

Deliver to families after church.

*We need wrapping paper.

*If you would like to shop Dec. 11,
call Connie 784-7859.

*Cash donations may be given to
Connie Hamilton or Dan Thomas.

Our Church On TV

On Sunday, November 10 at 9 a.m. First Christian Church began a worship T.V. program to reach out to our community. Our worship service is seen on our local channel on Sunday's from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This is a great way to get our church and worship out to folks in our area. Please tune in and check us out. Also, the cost of the program is \$200.00 a month. If you would like to contribute to, as they say, "keep us on the air" please call the church office at 784-4836. and let us know.

Christmas Dinner

On Dec. 8th after church we will have a church dinner. Bread, meat & drinks will be furnished. Bring your favorite Christmas dish or dishes and join us. come join your church friends in the Christmas spirit. A Christmas potluck dinner.

Up Coming Events

The 2003 Regional Men's Choral Retreat will be held at Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington on January 31 – February 2, 2003. All Disciples men are welcome. Registration forms are in the church office.

Dates for Women

Women's Choral Retreat – February 21-23, 2003. First Christian Church Owensboro, KY. Registration deadline January 6, 2003.

Spring Conference dates begin in March. See the bulletin board in the office for details.

Dr. John Dunstan

Picture Directory

Our congregation will be working with Olin Mills Studio to produce a new church directory. This book will have pictures of the church, our members and some of our activities.

Olin Mills's photographers will be in the church on January 31 and February 1. This is a Friday and Saturday.

Please make the time to come and get you picture made. We want the whole church family in our new book.

Dr. John Dunstan

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Scharline Whidden

Dianna Reynolds

Bessie Pernell

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Glen and Anne Buckner

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Happy Birthday's
for December

Alta Blair	12/01
Katherine Caudill	12/01
Pearl Patton	12/02
Bill Davis, Jr.	12/03
Larry Fannin	12/06
Rosella Abner	12/06
Jack Bizzel	12/19
Jeremy Skaggs	12/22
Kristi Skaggs	12/28
Ira Copher	12/29

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