

THE ECHO

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MOREHEAD, KY

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JANUARY 2003



Pastor's Pen

A Word to the Wise

They saw the child with Mary; and they knelt down and paid homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11).

The passage from Matthew of the three wise men who traveled a distance to honor the Christ child is one of the beautiful events of Christmas. We don't know their names, but every year Christians around the world honor these wise men because they were led by God to honor Jesus. They not only saved their gifts, they also followed God's leadership faithfully to do their work gratefully.

I often think of these wise folks, their faithfulness and their gifts as I watch you around First Christian Church. This past year so many people have faithfully brought their gifts to honor Jesus. We've been a little short on gold, frankincense, and myrrh. That's ok Jesus didn't need any.

But Jesus has needed all the acts of devotion and support. Jesus has needed the music, the helping thoughtful deeds, the concern for each other, and the glory you have brought to God. Often, you send gifts of money to the church and no one except the treasurer, you and God know. Sometimes I think those loving gifts done in secret are God's favorites.

We have had a good year at First Christian Church. Because of what you've done and God's blessing Jesus has been again honored. Keep following His star. It leads to a very special place.

Merry Christmas
---Wonderful New Year
Dr. John Dunstan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Teachers

Needed:

The Christian Education department needs Sunday school teachers to work with the children of all ages in our Sunday School Program. If you are willing to teach in this children's ministry please contact Di Walke or John Dunstan.

CWF

The next scheduled meeting for CWF will be Tuesday January 14, 2003 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Poinsettias

IN MEMORY OF

- Loved Ones
- Alex & Edith Conyers
- Oran C. Teater
- Glenn R. Walke
- Sara & Otto Carr
- Rondal Hart
- Tom Queen
- Margie & Wathan Gullett
- Steven Grote
- Ralph Cassity
- Anna C. Clay
- Dr. S.E. Reynolds
- Dr. C. Louise Caudill
- Boone & Jane Caudill
- Paul & Lucille C. Little
- Bill Mack
- Mabel Barber
- George Burgess
- C.G. Clayton
- L.D. Fannin

FROM

- Harold & Jane Holbr
- Eva & Glenn Johnston
- Family
- Family
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- James & Etta Jane McCarty
- James & Etta Jane McCarty
- James & Etta Jane McCarty
- Jean Mack
- Woodrow Barber
- Family
- Family
- Family

IN HONOR OF

Betty Walke

FROM

Glenn & Eva Johnston

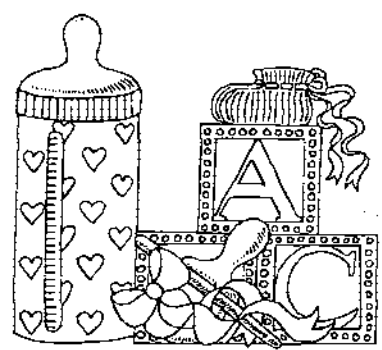
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BIRTHS

On December 12, 2002 Audrey Elise Evans was born to Alan and Stephanie Evans. She is the granddaughter to Albert Evans. Congratulations to the Evans family from FCC.

Ceremony

James and Etta Jane McCarty would like to give an open invitation to the all their friends for the wedding of their son Michael McCarty and Bride to be Sherry Swym, daughter to Sheila Clinger.

This joyous event will take place January 4, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Christian Church. Please come and join them at this momentous occasion.

Our Church On T.V.

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.

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 of 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' 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 your picture made. We want the whole church family in our new book.

Dr. John Dunstan

Deacons For January

Bill Huie

Jim Fred Cassity

Lee Chaney

Mickey Reffitt

Elizabeth Reffitt

Sarah Chaney

Living Memorial Gifts

December 2002

In Memory of Chloe Calvert

Pearl Patton

In Memory of Lurlene Penix Alfrey

William and Margaret Jones
Harold and Jane Holbrook
Jan Trulock

In Memory of Dr. N.C. and Edith Marsh

George and Mary Frances Cunningham

In Memory of Robert Helphinstine

Tommy and Neva Griffith
Shirley Parker
Ruby Vencill
Kenneth and Barbara Vencill
Glenn & Eva Johnston

Happy Birthday's for January

Jo Landreth	1/1
Wilma Grote	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
Tommy Griffith	1/25
Don Blair	1/26
Alan Evans	1/26
Virginia Etherton	1/27
Mickey Reffitt	1/27
My Thomas	1/27
David Abner	1/31

God Bless You

Thank You

Fran and Rob Sloss and Ginny and Woodie Reeves thank all members of the First Christian Church congregation who supported us with prayers, attended visitation and/or funeral, sent flowers or cards or made donations in honor of our beloved father Robert Helphinstine. We are very thankful for our very loving church family.

Bulletin Board

Christian Echoes
The Messenger
The Christmount Voice
Disciples World
The Cane Ridge Bulletin
Upcoming events
Retreats to attend
Thank You notes

(You will find these items posted on the bulletin board by the front door of the church.)



Lisa Blair Banks, Nelson & Wilma Grote, Lon Oliver, Betty Walke, Margaret Davis, Lola Belle Blair, and Tommy Griffith.

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

Notes

**First Christian Church would like
to wish everyone a joyful and
prosperous New Year.**

**The Church office will be closed on
New Year's Day January 1, 2003.
Regular hours will resume on
January 2, 2003.**

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FEBRUARY 2003

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education

The Education Department would like to thank the following people who helped with **The Real Twelve Days of Christmas:**

Maddy and Wayne Caldwell, Sarah Chaney, Mike and Liz Reffitt, Sandy Gullett, Mary Whidden, Elana Scott, Mabel Reynolds, John and Molly Dunstan, and Ron Walke.

Participants included: Joseph Hamilton, Abby Hamilton, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Abbey Allen, Amy Allen, Chelsea Allen and Lee Chaney.

CWF Meeting(s)

The next scheduled meeting for CWF will be Tuesday February 11, 2003 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and stay for Bible Study.

Midweek Communion And

Meditation

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CWF Spring Conference

Retreats

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CWF Spring conference date: March 15 at Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington. See Kathy Williams for registration information.

Dr. John Dunstan

2002 Christmas Project

Facts and Figures

Once again our Christmas Project was a huge success, thanks to Connie Hamilton and all her helpers.

This year we served a total of 27 families – 105 people (71 children and 34 adults). Twenty-one families received clothing and food baskets, 6 more received food baskets only and 71 children received a variety of gifts.

Total donations amounted to \$4,047 (\$3,068 cash and \$979 known non cash). These figures do not include expenditures by individuals for the children's gifts nor food items brought in by individuals.

Deacons For February

Al Evans, Bill Davis, Pat Adkins, Bessie Pernell, Fran Helphinstine, Scharline Whidden.

Living Memorial Gifts

January 2003

In Memory of Betty Walke

Paul J. and Mabel Reynolds
Ken and Betty Hall
Fran Helphinstine
Ruby Vencill
Glenn and Eva Johnston
Shirley Parker
Nelson and Wilma Grote
Jack and Scharline Whidden
John and Dot Collis
Harry and Anne Mayhew
Harold and Jane Holbrook
Hunter and Virginia Black
C.M. Fields
Marion Hondel Allen
Jean Doyle
Samuel Stevenson
Jack and Jo Landreth
Katherine Caudill
Jack and Peggy Bizzel
Gracie Cassity
Mary Margaret Reynolds
Ival and Linda Bryant
Ron and Natalie Caudill
Tommy and Neva Griffith
Dan and Marge Thomas
Mary Evelyn Teater
Paul and Gail Ousley
Rex and Sarah Chaney
Glenn and Anne Buckner

Ada June Thompson
 Larry and Barbara Fannin
 Billie Jean Clayton
 Virginia Landreth-Etherton

Peggie Reynolds 2/9
 John Dunstan 2/13
 Glen Buckner 2/17
 Betty Hall 2/17
 Hedy Caldwell 2/18
 Norman Lytle 2/20
 James McCarty 2/20
 Elizabeth Davis 2/21
 Betty Lane 2/24
 Billie Jean Clayton 2/26

In Memory of Robert Helphinstine

Jack and Scharline Whidden
 Glen and Anne Buckner

In Memory of Lola Belle Blair

Paul J. and Mabel Reynolds
 Glenn and Eva Johnston
 Jim and Etta Jane McCarty

In Memory of Anna Black Kiser

Ival and Linda Bryant

God Bless You



Nelson & Wilma Grote, Margaret Davis,
 Kathy Williams and Mildred Hutchinson.

Thank You

The Family of Betty Walke would like to thank the entire congregation of FCC for their love and support during her extended illness and death. Your inquiries, visits, cards, and general concern for her welfare while she was still living showed you to be the loving friends we knew you were. Your attention to us after her death (visits, cards, kind words, food, a lovely luncheon) again revealed you to be the best of Christian friends. God bless you.

Dianna and Ron Walke, Daryl and Lee Ann Walke Pepper, Anna Cecile, Mary Charlotte, and Charles Dexter Pepper.

Notes

Happy Birthday's
For February

Muel Hart 2/1
 Barbara Thomas 2/3
 Joseph Hamilton 2/9

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MARCH 2003

PASTOR'S PEN

Where's The Power

Looking out the window today provides an unusual sight. Trees are covered with ice. Snow and sleet are falling in heavy blankets. Everyone passing by has hats pulled down and ear muffs at work.

The radio and newspaper are full of rials about flood warnings and power outages. The electrical power at the church was out for Sunday's service.

In the balance of power, Mother Nature seems to be showing her great strength.

I can't help remembering the biblical story of another place and another time. Jesus was in a boat with some of His disciples and a storm approached. No snow or ice, but a storm at sea in a small boat certainly reveals the balance of power between mother nature and the occupants of the boat.

Jesus must have been very tired; He was sleeping. His friends woke Him up. With a few words and probably a gesture or two the storm was calmed and the waves subsided. The disciples were amazed to discover where the real power was.

Often it is when we seem to have little or no power that we turn to the real source of

power. We wake up our faith and listen for the Lord to speak a word.

Soon the ice will melt, the electricity will come back on and we will regain our illusion of power. Sometimes we have to thank the storms for our "wake up calls". Jesus said, "I have come that they might have eternal life." Now – that is real power.

As we think about our lives today and tomorrow let's remember the source of our real power and keep a good connection.

Praying you are warm and well---

Dr. John Dunstan

*He giveth power to the faint:
and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.*

Isa. 40:29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons For March

Donna Corley
Glen Buckner
Joe Macke
Jean Mack
Dianna Reynolds
Yvonne Baldwin

CWF

Meeting Date Change

Please note that for the month of March we will be changing the meeting to the 1st Tuesday – March 4.

Blessing Box Offering

It is always good to “count your blessings”. Even now, with concerns of world events and our own personal struggles, we can still find blessings in our lives. Look back over the past year and consider all the times you have thanked God. Some of you may have been placing coins in a box each time you had a prayer of thanksgiving. Some may have a different way to count how they have been blessed. It is now time to collect these offerings. They will be taken to Spring Conference for the dedication with other CWF groups for the Disciple Mission Fund (formally Basic Mission Finance). Please bring your offering to CWF meeting on March 4th or give them to our treasurer Neva Griffith.

CWF Project

Church World Service, the Indiana-Kentucky Region, is putting together “Gifts of the Heart” kits. These are school bags with supplies given to children of need. Their goal began at 3,500 kits but has grown to 4,500 because of the response they received. To aid in uniformity different churches and others have pledged certain items. These will be assembled into kits in the spring.

We have pledged: 500 new pair of blunt scissors, 166 12” rulers with metric measures and 25 school bags.

Mabel Reynolds has made the school bags. Bring your donations of scissors or rulers on any of the next Sundays of March and April. Look for the blue container marked CWF Project “Gifts of the Heart”.

Spring Conferences

Theme: Feed My Sheep

March 15	Crestwood in Lexington
March 29	Shelbyville
April 12	Erlanger

Kathy Williams will be attending these conferences. However, more of our ladies are needed to represent the church. It would be wonderful if we had enough women to attend each workshop. Hopefully, we would come back with some exciting new ideas to share with the congregation. This is a rare opportunity to worship and learn with other women of

Youth Project

Once again the youth of FCC are participating in the county-wide fundraising for Heifer Project. On the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, the youth will present detailed information during morning worship.

faith. The dates given are for the ones that are closest to us this year. Perhaps there is a date that "works" for a few of us. Spring Conference is also the time that each CWF brings their Blessing Box monies to be dedicated to God's work in the world.

Workshops included are:

Foods of the Bible
Music Feeds the Soul
Nutrition, Junk Food & Children's Health
Feeding the Soul--the X Generation
"And God saw that it was good"

Kathy Williams

Ash Wednesday, March 5

The members of Faith Presbyterian Church will be joining us for a Bean Dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us for good food, fellowship and worship.

Betty Hall

Board Meetings

The Executive Board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and the General Board meeting is held at 7:00 p.m., on the fourth Monday of the month unless otherwise notified. Everyone is invited to attend the General Board meetings.

Mickey Reffitt

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Thank You Card(s)

The family of Lola Belle Blair acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

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George and Mary Frances
Cunningham
Harry and Anne Mayhew
Agnes Williams
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In memory of Goldie Keeys
Katherine Caudill
Ival and Linda Bryant

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the many kindnesses you extended to my family during my mother's death.

The food you provided at the visitation was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Alice Akin

We are doing OK and we appreciate all your calls, cards, letters and e-mails. I had 35 stacked up when I got back on-line today and Wilma and I read every one of them.

Thank you,
Nelson & Wilma Grote

Happy Birthday's For March

Joe Macke	3/1
George Hill	3/1
Jonathan Hays	3/2
Jim Fred Cassity	3/4
Tyler Fannin	3/5
Melanie Hatfield	3/6
Lee Chaney	3/9
Dana Quesinberry	3/9
Linda Bryant	3/11
Chelsea Allen	3/12
Regina Mack	3/14
Allen Thomas	3/16
Vivian Carpenter	3/19
Ron Calvert	3/26

Ron Walke 3/26

Stephanie Evans 3/30

Please correct Joe Macke's birthday in
our Church Directory.

God Bless You

Birth Announcement(s)

A son, Lucas R. Hart, was born
Wednesday, February 19, to Brad and
Rebecca Hart. Lucas is also welcomed by
a brother, Camuel Dean Hart.

A daughter, Alayna Grace, was born
Tuesday, February 25, 2003 to the family
of Hope, Phillip, Drew and Ryan Brown.



Nelson & Wilma Grote, Margaret Davis,
Kathy Williams, Mildred Hutchinson, Neva
Griffith and Amanda Baldwin.

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APRIL 2003



Pastor's Pen

Obviously, God's ways are not our ways yet. One of the most beautiful passages in the Old Testament makes this apparent: "...they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Is 2:4)

Isaiah and his people were not strangers to war. Looking back over human history, war has almost been a part of the human condition. Today we just turn on the television and we can bring smart bombs and laser guided missiles right into our homes: better technology, same old war.

If this war and its suffering has taught us anything perhaps it is that we must be more vigilant about keeping the peace. When the shooting slows and peace appears, let us all pray and work to insure that the peace is not as temporary as this current war. Let us pray that the ground in Iraq which has been hallowed by so much blood and destruction can yield a beginning of peace in that part of the world. Let us pray the might of America can be as influential and effective in making peace as it can be in making

war. Let us pray that we are closer to Isaiah's vision and not further away.

Isaiah had many words from God. Other words for us to heed are:
"...for thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel." (Is 30:15)

In returning and rest you shall be saved, in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Let us pray our current war is the beginning of a lasting peace.

By His Grace,
Rev. John Dunstan



Catch the Spirit!

At the March Board Meeting a decision was made to host quarterly programs in various areas starting in April.

Each quarter we will be scheduling an activity/event and hope that many of our members, their families, friends from other churches, and guests will participate.

We will have:

1. Property Day to work on, repair, and love our church with some fellowship included. Please contact Joe Macke at 780-7492.
2. Youth Activity for our young folks and those of other congregations and friends. Please contact Di Walke at 784-8106 or Jeanne Huie at 783-1393.
3. Spiritual Growth opportunity provided by our pastor or a program he has set up.
4. Hospitality Dinners hosted by various church members. Please contact Rex and Sarah Chaney at 784-8027.

5. Field Trips to be a variety of activities including: ballgames, plays, dinner out, museums and concerts.

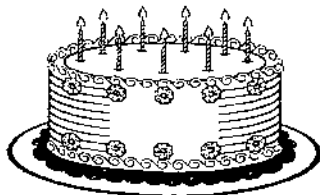
If you would like to help with any of these areas or have ideas for some of them call Marge Thomas 784-8138. or Jeanne Huie at 783-1393. Let's make this year one in which we grow and share with our church and each other.

Watch the Bulletin and Echo for dates and times of upcoming events!



Fellowship Dinner

The church will have a Fellowship Dinner on Palm Sunday, April 13 after morning worship. Meat, rolls and drinks will be provided. Bring salads, vegetables or desserts. Di and Ron Walke, Sandy and Johnny Gullett, Donna Corley, Ronnie and Natalie Caudill, and Mabel Reynolds will be the hosts. Anyone else who would like to help, please call the Walkes at 784-8106.



Birthday Dinner

There will be a Birthday dinner celebrating Pentecost and your birthday, June 8, following morning worship service. Cakes will be provided for each month.



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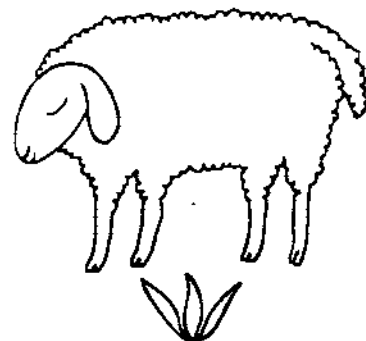
CWF Meeting

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Heifer Project INTERNATIONAL®

Heifer Project animals (and training in their care) offer hungry families around the world a way to feed themselves and become self-reliant. Children receive nutritious milk or eggs; families earn income for school, health care and better housing; communities go beyond meeting immediate needs to fulfilling dreams. The idea of giving families a source for food rather than short-term relief has continued for more than 50 years. As a result, families in 115 countries have enjoyed better health, more income and the joy of helping other. Fifty-five of those projects are in the United States; five are in Kentucky as close as Carter and Morgan counties. Don't forget your **30 Pieces of Silver** April 13.

The Young Disciples





Ladies Pre-Easter Prayer

Breakfast

There will be a pre-Easter prayer breakfast held at the Clearfield Tabernacle First Church of God Woodrow Hall Fellowship Center Saturday morning, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. All Ladies are invited. contact 784-6760 for more information.

Shirley Parker



Easter Lilies

Please have Easter lilies delivered to the church on Friday, April 18, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Call the church office by Wednesday, April 16, with the necessary information so that a list can be compiled.

FCC Website

The new website for FCC is www.TCS4you.com/church/MAIN.htm Questions and comments may be directed to Sarah Chaney at 784-8027.



MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET

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/call Neva Griffith, CWF Treasurer, at 84-7973 and/or Laura Copher, FCC Secretary, at 784-4836. The deadline for placing order is May 2, 2003.

Join Us For Communion

Every Wednesday there will be Communion served from 12:00-1:00, in the sanctuary. Please take this time to come and have meditation and prayer for yourself, your loved ones or someone else you know who may need prayer.

Child Advocacy Course

Safe Church Network will be meeting at the Catholic Church, April 7, 2003 from 6-8 p.m., for training in child advocacy. If you are interested in attending please contact the church office at 784-4836.

DEACONS FOR APRIL

- Donna Corley
- Pat Adkins
- Lee Chaney
- Scharline Whidden
- Jim Fred Cassity
- Glen Buckner



- April 6th – Daylight Savings time begins.
- April 8th – CWF Meeting at 10:30
- April 13 – Palm Sunday Fellowship Dinner.
- April 18 – Good Friday and delivery day for Easter Lilies.
- April 20 – Easter Sunday

LIVING MEMORIAL GIFTS

MARCH 2003

- In Memory of Marie Smith
Glenn and Eva Johnston
- In Memory of Goldie Keeys
Glen and Anne Buckner
Ival and Linda Bryant
Tommy Griffith and Neva Griffith
- In Memory of Willard Martin
Tommy and Neva Griffith

In Memory of Mildred Hutchinson
Fran Helphinstine

In Memory of Arnold Reffitt
Fran Helphinstine

Happy Birthday

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Kathy Williams	4/13
Jeremy Hatfield	4/16
Elaine Bradley	4/17
Kenny Hall	4/18
Dan Thomas	4/22
Blake Fannin	4/23
Emily Tingle	4/23

God Bless You

*Renew Your
Faith
This Easter*

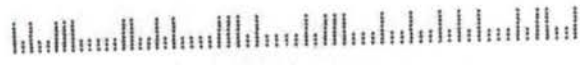


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The Echo Newsletter

Services

9:45am – Sunday school classes begin

10:45am – Worship begins

6:00pm – Choir Practice

Staff

Rev. Dr. John Dunstan, minister; Laura Copher, secretary

Dr. Ricky Little, choir director; Hedy Caldwell, organist;

Joe Macke, building maintenance; Kristi Skaggs, nursery attendant

Office – 784-4836 or disciple@mis.net

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MAY 2003



Pastor's Pen

Easter- God's Big Day of Revelation- Resurrection Day.

Easter Sunday was a great day at First Christian Church of Morehead. The weather was beautiful, the worship was great and 155 Christians showed up to celebrate Easter together. This Easter was a big day.

Easter for us is always reflection and participation in the really big Easter Day. The first Easter. God showed us a new thing on Easter Day. Jesus was raised from the dead. Another great thing we pick up from the Jesus story is that each of us can have life eternal through Jesus Christ.

Many of us have heard about eternal life for so long that it becomes a thought and loses the power of its reality. To actually die and then be given new life by God's Power. That is a good deal.

I guess each of us will not truly know what resurrection means to us until it is our turn to come out of the grave. Then it will be of ultimate importance.

Jesus lives! He is alive! We have seen Him!

These statements were the first exclamations of a new understanding and experience of life in God. Life does not end in death.

The apostle Paul goes so far as to taunt death: O death, O grave, where is your sting, where is your victory?

The victory over death is in God's power shown in Christ Jesus! When each of us experiences this victory, won't that be a great reflection on Easter Day.

See you in Worship,
Rev. John Dunstan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May meeting for CWF has been changed to May 20 at 10:30.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Please turn in the names of those in our church family who will receive high school, college or graduate diplomas this spring by Monday, May 12. We would like to recognize those scholars in church on Sunday, May 18, at the beginning of morning worship.

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 2, 2003.

Annual Birthday Dinner

The Birthday dinner will be June 8 after church. Bakers are needed for the 12 birthday cakes. Please contact Sarah Chaney if you would like to fix a cake for a particular month.

CWF

Total for Blessing Box Offering this year was \$373.00. This is an increase from last year's total of \$331.70.

HEIFER PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's 30 Pieces of Silver giving campaign for Heifer Project International. Our total was \$900. Heifer Project Memorial Gifts were made in memory of Ken Hall, Arnold Reffitt, Harold Lancaster, Lois Anderson, and Florence Busroe. The Rowan County Youth total was \$6,300. Thank you.

The Young Disciples

CONGRATULATIONS

The members of FCC would like to congratulate John Gullett, son of Johnny and Sandra Gullett, for receiving the Margaret Heaslip Memorial Scholarship and also for being the recipient of the Outstanding General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry awards. John will also be the commencement speaker this spring.

Congratulations also to Dr. Ricky Little for receiving the MSU faculty award for Distinguished Creative Productions.

Birth Announcement

The members of FCC would like to congratulate Marge and Dan Thomas on the birth of their new granddaughter, Margaret Elizabeth. She weighed in at 8lbs & 11-1/2oz. Parents are Susan Thomas and Grant Alden.

Nominating Committee Report

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DEACONS FOR MAY

Mickey Reffitt
Al Evans
Jean Mack
Sarah Chaney
Fran Helphinstine
Bessie Pernel

Thank You

Thank you to Joe Macke for organizing our Property Clean-up Day. Ten people were able to attend and help with cleaning our church. Great job everyone!

FCC Members

LIVING MEMORIAL FUND
GIFTS FOR APRIL 2003

In Memory of Marie Smith
Glen and Anne Buckner

In Memory of Mae Montjoy
Bill and Phyllis Bradley
Ken and Betty Hall

In Memory of Mildred Hutchinson
Glen and Anne Buckner

In Memory of Arnold Reffitt
Ken and Betty Hall
Glen and Anne Buckner
Tommy and Neva Griffith

In Memory of Lois Anderson
Katherine Caudill
Ron and Natalie Caudill
Glen and Anne Buckner

In Memory of Eunice McKnight
Rex and Sarah Chaney
Bill and Margaret Davis
Jack and Scharline Whidden
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Jack and Jo Landreth

May Calendar

May 11 – Mother's Day

May 20 – CWF meeting at 10:30a.m.

May 26 – Memorial Day

May 19 – Ex. Board at 6:30 and
Gen. Board meeting at 7:00.

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Submitted by,
Mabel Reynolds

Happy Birthday

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
Scharline Whidden	6/01

God Bless You

A Little Christian Humor

1. Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.
2. Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
3. It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
4. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
5. When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
6. People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and back of the church.
7. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
8. Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
9. The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up an audience: "And in conclusion."
10. If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
11. Not only are the sins of the fathers visited upon the children, but nowadays the sins of the children are visited upon the fathers.
12. God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
13. To make a long story short, don't tell it.
14. If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington, DC.
15. Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
16. Peace starts with a smile.
17. I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?
18. A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.
19. We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
20. Outside of traffic, there is nothing that holds this country back as much as committees.

Submitted by *Shirley Parker*

HAPPY *Mother's Day* 

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JUNE 2003



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Annual Birthday Dinner

Remember that June 8 is the Birthday Dinner for our church! Please bring a salad or vegetable on that Sunday and look forward to tasting a piece of cake made by the following generous folks!!

Cakes for Birthday Dinner
January – Wilma Grote
February – Mollie Dunstan
March – Kathy Williams
April – Glenn Johnston
May – Lara Haney
June – Scharline Whidden
July – Yvonne Baldwin

August – Mabel Reynolds
September – Betty Hall
October – Fran Helphinstine
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Events of Note in the KY

Region

Men

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Heritage Trek Begins

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Susan Whidden	6/29

God Bless You

Happy Father's Day!

From everyone at First Christian Church.

Coming Attraction – Summer 2003

Heritage Trek: A Walk Through Disciples History

Sunday, June 15 – August 31

Fellowship Hall

9:30 – 10:30

(Light breakfast for early birds)

June 15, 22	The Early Years 1796 –1832
June 29, July 6	Growing Pains 1833 –1873
July 13, 20	A New Generation 1874 – 1905
July 27, Aug 3	A Choice of Direction 1906 –1919
Aug. 10, 17	Organizing for Ministry 1920-1968
Aug 24, 31	Restructured for the Future 1969 +

Come join the fun and learn our Disciples Heritage as our church family (all ages) gathers before church to fellowship and learn.

Can you answer these questions: In what year did the great meeting at Cane Ridge occur? What kind of cross is on the chalice symbol? What two US Presidents were Disciples?



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Birthday Cake Dinner

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Tommy and Neva Griffith

Reflections on Cane Ridge Day

June 28, 2003 on a beautiful sunny summer day, several Church members attended the Annual Cane Ridge Day in Bourbon County. The drive through the beautiful countryside displayed God's handiworks. The group was elated to see so many

groups of people visiting with each other on the grounds of our Historical Cane Ridge Shrine. Harold Tackett, a former Morehead Christian Church minister, gave welcome and innovation. David Dick was the morning speaker and introduced Kenny Roseberry, of Paris. He discussed his newest book, *The Scourges of Heaven*, a historical novel of prejudice and plague of cholera in Kentucky. He emphasized how the cholera affected the spreading of the gospel.

Picnic lunch was enjoyed on the grounds of Cane Ridge. The Backroom Bluegrass Band was the entertainment. The sharing of entertaining music continued as groups from churches across Kentucky shared their musical talents.

Robert Cueni, President of the Lexington Theological Seminary, presented the closing remarks. The words were the perfect ending to a day shared with members and friends of Christian Churches in Kentucky. Surely, the presence of the Lord was in this place.

*Submitted by
Mabel Reynolds*

Deacons for July

Yvonne Baldwin
Bill Huie
Glen Buckner
Joe Macke
Scharline Whidden
Al Evans

Deacons for August

Happy Birthday

July Birthdays

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

August Birthdays

Jack Landreth	August 3
Rob Sloss	August 4
Joyce Hart	August 5
Margaret Davis	August 8
Myron Doan	August 10
Connie Hamilton	August 10
Kaitlyn Reynolds	August 10
Jeff Bizzel	August 17
Ival Bryant	August 20
Peggy Bizzel	August 21
Paul J Reynolds	August 21
Harold Holbrook	August 23
Charlie Tingle	August 25

God Bless You!



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Pastor's Pen

Answered Prayer

Do you ever have a prayer answered? I mean answered with a clear "Yes!" Shortly ago there was a situation for which I was praying. A perfect outcome, in my opinion, seemed improbable yet possible. Well, let me tell you, to most people it really wasn't a big deal but everything fit together perfectly. It was one of those—"Thank You, Lord" moments.

It always touches my heart when people are helped, supported and blessed by what can only be understood as answered prayer. Somehow being before God in sincere and humble prayer puts things in proper perspective. This is not demanding, controlling or insisting prayer; but asking, probing and cooperating prayer. When this kind of prayer is answered it is always a bit of a religious experience. I hope that each of us are in prayer daily for ourselves, our families and our concerns. It is also very important that each of us daily be in prayer for our church. No other single thing can be more important for the spiritual welfare of our congregation than for us all to be in daily prayer for First Christian Church in Morehead. Prayer works from the inside out and the outside in. Prayer changes situations and people. Prayer builds churches.

As you finish reading this please take a moment and offer a prayer for our church. Then repeat this at mealtime each day for the next month. This new diet and exercise could do wonders for our fellowship and our walk together to follow Jesus. Seems like all the great spirits do a lot of praying. Join the crowd.

In His service,

Fall Kick-Off

The Christian Education Department is pleased to announce FCC member Dr. Alma Scott will present a four-part series on the Middle East and Islam during the month of September. These classes will be in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30.

Sept. 7—The Middle East Before Muhammad: A Brief Overview

Sept. 14—Muhammad and the Message

Sept. 21—The Quran, Sunna and Sources of Theology and Law

Sept. 28—Video: Islam: Empire of Faith

We hope you enjoy the new look of The Echo!

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Upcoming

Special

Sunday

Sept. 14

- Church Picnic
- Installation of New Deacons
- Casual Sunday



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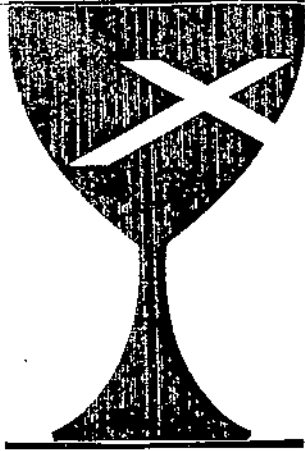
Fifth Sunday Offering

This Sunday, August 31, will be a fifth Sunday. All gifts designated for this offering will be sent to the Christian Homes in Kentucky. You may designate that the gift is for the Fifth Sunday Offering on your check, or you may place it in one of the envelopes in the bulletin. These homes provide valuable assistance for the elderly as well as the children who have little or no choices, and they are the result of someone's vision that has grown into a very useful service.

Calendar for September

*-Every Wednesday-
Communion from noon til one.*

- 9- C W F meeting 10:00 am
- 14- Installation of
Deacons and Elders
- 14- Church Picnic at Sheltowee
Country Club
- 14- Casual Day
- 28- Reconciliation Offering Day
- 29- Executive board mtg. 6:30 pm
followed by General board mtg. at
7:00 pm.



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Pastor's Pen

Money and the Church

Sometimes the words church and money seem almost opposite. We can think of the church as spiritual, Godly, and having to do with things eternal. Money, on the other hand, is a here and now reality.

Jesus talked a good deal about money. One of the most famous quotes from scripture, "where your heart is there is your treasure also," points out the connection between our church and our money. Jesus obviously places a high priority on the value of God's work eternally and also right here and right now.

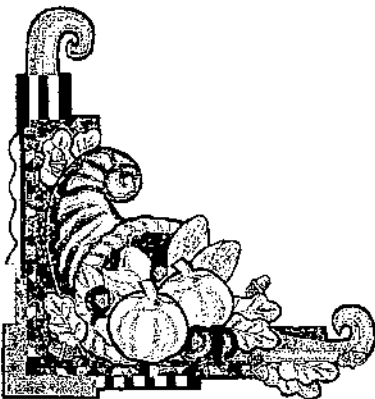
The connection between the heart and the pocketbook is a very strong reality in these times. The church at every level—local, regional and national is experiencing hard financial times. There are a lot of cutbacks and downsizings going on these days. Times are tough and getting tougher in the financial world of the church. Here at First Christian we have been spending more than we have been taking in. This happens sometimes in the summer. Folks are moving around and priorities change for awhile.

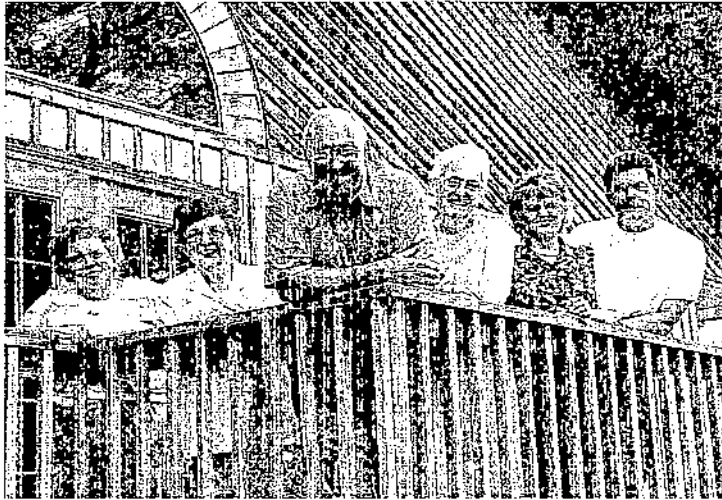
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Fall is upon us, let us celebrate God's beauty and bounty.





**Smiling Faces
Gather at the Picnic**

Pictured L to R:
Bessie Pernell, Mabel Reynolds,
Glenn Johnston, Eva Johnston,
Della Post and Scott Post

Upcoming Opportunities for Christian Education

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

**Communion of Saints: A History of How
Sacraments Developed**

Dr. J. D. Reeder

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

That the World May Know — video tour of the Holy Land with emphasis on how Biblical customs and cultures help us better understand what God wants from us today.

December 7, 14

The Star of Bethlehem

Dr. Jack Whidden

December 21

The packing of Christmas boxes

All times are 9:45-10:30 Sunday mornings before church.

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astor's Pen continued...

The time has come and the year is here to look at our value of God's church and its mission. If we want to keep up, all of us need to think and pray about our responsibility, our ability and our values. If we all step up and do our part we can be a strong force against this down turn in church financing.

I don't talk about money as much as I probably should. On the other hand, it is such a joy to see the church prosper and be responsive to God's call and claim on every part of us.

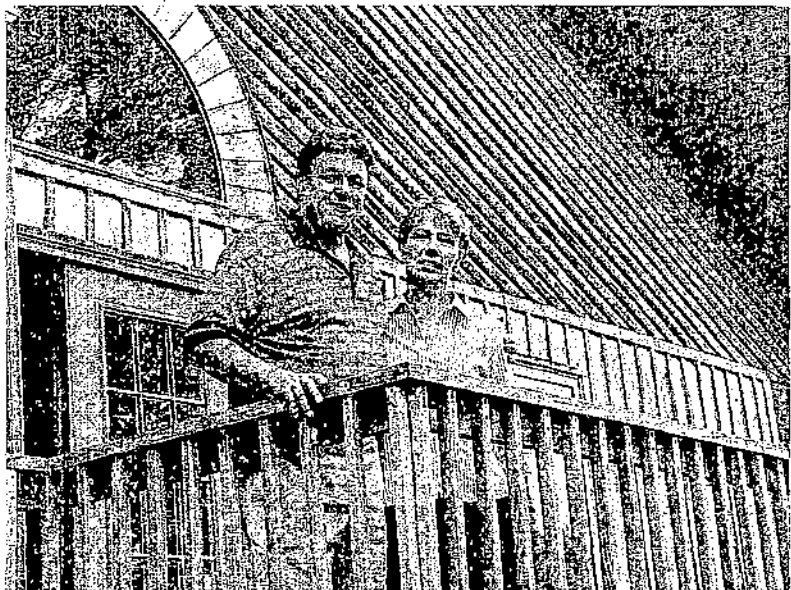
A wise woman recently said to me, "the only way I can take it with me is by investing it in God's eternal work." Is she right?

I would not be faithful to scripture if I didn't remind us every now and then that God calls us to respond with our time, talent and treasure. I suppose it could be summed up in a simple question, "where is your heart" good and faithful servant?

Just a reminder. God Bless,



Rev. John Dunstan



Rev. Dr. John Dunstan and his wife, Mollie,
enjoy the fellowship at the picnic.

Millennium Dream

-Unknown author

Living Memorial Fund

for September

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Pearl Lowe

Kenneth and Betty Hall

Most of us spend the first six days of each week sowing wild oats, then go to church on Sunday and pray for crop failure.

-F. Allen

Belated congratulations

go out to

Paul J and Mabel Reynolds

60 Years of Marriage

September 18



The daughter of comedian Groucho Marx was once denied admittance to an exclusive country club swimming pool with her friends because she and her family were not members. Realizing what had happened, embarrassed officials sent the Marx family an apology and an application to join. Groucho declined the invitation with the comment, "I wouldn't want to belong to any club that would have me for a member."

Someone still tried to smooth over the incident by persuading the comedian to allow

an application to be submitted for membership. The country club was embarrassed further when the application was denied. The reason? The Marx family was Jewish and the club was "restricted."

True to form, Groucho wrote back: "My wife is not Jewish. Can she go swimming and let our daughter wade up to her waist?"

I love his sense of humor, but Groucho effectively shines a spotlight on the prevalence and absurdity of prejudice. He must of felt, as did Isaac Newton so many years ear-

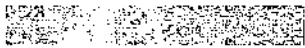
lier, that we *build too many walls and not enough bridges.*

I yearn for a time when we courageously break down those walls that divide and build wide bridges between one another. I long for a super-highway of compassion and acceptance spanning our differences to unite all humanity as one. I dream of a new millennium where people will be finally connected heart to heart and mind to mind.

And I will do my small part to make that future come true.

Give a Brush Donation

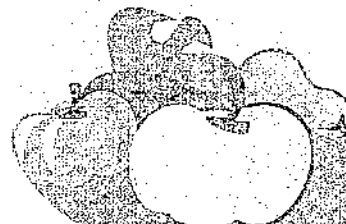
The CWF is once again helping the Church World Service. This year we are collecting new toothbrushes for health kits. If you recall, last year we gathered school supplies. The goal we have set is 500 pieces. The collecting will continue into Spring. We hope everyone will pick up a toothbrush while shopping and bring it in. This is an easy task and so many will profit from this small gesture. We hope to exceed our expectations, and with your help, we will.



Capital Fund Rewiring Project

Just a few words as a reminder and an update on the rewiring of the church. We have ended the first quarter of the repayment cycle, and have paid \$246.33 in interest on the note at the People's Bank. We have had responses to the article in the last Echo where I suggested we could repay this money in two years if we just put forth a little effort. Some have set up a regular schedule of payments it appears, others have given more than once with no pattern evident to me, while one gift is large enough to suggest it is given as a perceived share of the total debt. Some of the members of the Board are included in this discussion of givers, but the majority of the membership of the Board is lacking in establishing any evidence given. Most of this project is not in evidence to remind one that we have had a major expenditure—no elevator in a new tower or shiny new carpet in the sanctuary. As treasurer, I appreciate those of you who have responded to my request to get started on retiring this debt. What I do to motivate the rest of the congregation to participate?

-Glenn Johnston, Treasurer



Sometimes God has
to put us flat on our
backs before we are
looking up to him.

Free Lunch!

Sunday, October 5

Immediately after Church

featuring

Hot Dogs

With All the Fixin's

**There will be a cookout
in the dining area**

You can't do any better than
great food and
great fun!



Happy Members Gather for the Camera

L to R:

Joyce Hart, John Gullett, Ann Hyden,
James Gullett, Sandy Gullett and Dan Hyden



October Birthdays

- 6- Shirley Parker
 - 8- Warren Cooper
 - 9- Natalie Caudill
 - 13- Joe Reynolds
 - 17- Jean Hill
 - 17- Aileen Richards
 - 18- Sarah Esther Allen
 - 18- Makayla Reynolds
 - 19- Fran Helphinstine
 - 23- Barb Fannin
 - 26- Walter Carr
 - 30- Hubert Allen
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Calling All Bakers!

It's getting close so get out your cookbooks! We are talking about the annual Holiday Cake Sale on Sunday, November 23. You can delivery as many homemade cakes as you wish. These cakes will be sold for \$20.00 each. If you would like to purchase a cake and are unable to come to the sale, you can call us at 784-4836 and we can make arrangements to get a cake to you. All funds raised will go to support CWF efforts.

Local Support Needed

We received a request from the office of the Rowan County Treasurer. They are planning their annual City/County Christmas Dinner on December 4 at the Carl Perkins Center. This evening is when they honor the employees who do all of the jobs around Morehead that we take for granted.

The committee organizing this event is asking for donations of cupcakes, brownies and cookies. Please call the Treasurer's office at 784-4211 and show your support for this event.

This is another small way we can make a big difference in community fellowship.

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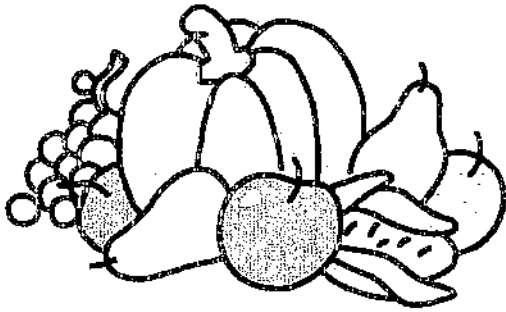
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June 8—*Feed My Sheep*

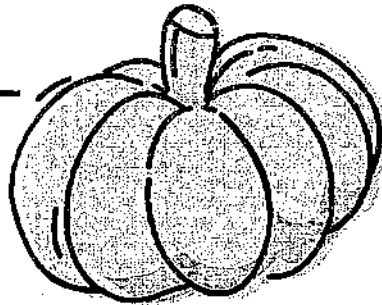


Acorns and Pumpkins

An old poem describes a woman walking through a meadow, meditating on nature. While strolling about, she came upon a field of golden pumpkins. In the corner of the field stood a majestic, huge oak tree.

She sat under the oak tree musing on the strange twists in nature which put tiny acorns on huge branches and huge pumpkins on tiny vines. She thought to herself, "God blundered with Creation! He should have put the small acorns on the tiny vines and the large pumpkins on the huge branches."

Nodding off, the woman stretched out under the oak tree for a nap. A few minutes after falling asleep she was awakened by a tiny acorn bouncing off her nose. Chuckling to herself, she rubbed her nose and thought, "Maybe God was right after all!"



As time goes by,
we need to
remember those
folks who are unable
to get about. Give
someone a call, send
them a card or go by
and visit. This will
make their day a
little brighter, and
yours, too.

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Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

October Events:

- 5- World Communion
- 5- Reconciliation Day
- 16- MSU Homecoming
Parade 6:30 pm
- 18- MSU Homecoming
Football Game
- 17-21 General Assembly
in Charlotte, NC
- 27- Board Meeting-
7:00 pm

October is Ministerial
Appreciation Month

Daily Bread for All

The ICWF has shared yet another way we, as Christians, can help our fellow man. There has been a website developed which, when visited, provides food for the hungry people of the world. This site has many sponsors. The more sponsors you "click" on, the more donations are provided. Each "click" contributes 1.1 cups of staple food for the hungry. **PLEASE NOTE:** By clicking on these site, you **WILL NOT** receive "spam" or be put on other solicitation lists. Each visit to the site is informative and motivating. We urge you make this part of your "daily bread" routine. So little for so much. We can make a difference.

You can access the site at: www.thehungersite.com



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Pastor's Pen

Let's Go Fishing

When I was a kid my father would take us fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. There was no limit to the number of fish you were allowed to catch. Some days we would come home with forty or fifty nice fish. Some days we came home a bit sunburned and tired. The one common theme in the experience is that I am glad we went. Rain or shine, fish or no fish, fishing with the family was fun and I still have great memories of the efforts we made.



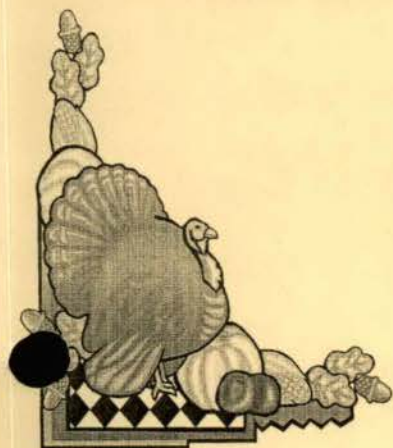
Sometimes we forget that God through Jesus has called all of us to be fisher people. Jesus called fisherman and told them that he would have them fishing for people- like you and me.

Fishing is a primary job for us as followers of Jesus. Even as you read the previous sentence some doubt may have come to you about your ability to influence others toward Jesus-fishing. It seems we have developed some real "hang-ups" about reaching out and touching others for Christ. So often we internalize and selfishly personalize our Christian faith that we just don't share it anymore.

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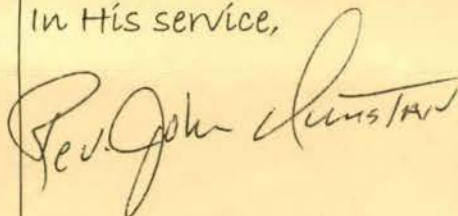
If you need a reason to go fish for others, try this one—"God wants you to." Sometime a personal word to a friend or a neighbor catches a fish, sometimes it doesn't. That's fishing.

An old beggar once told a preacher, "I ask everyone I see for a quarter." The old preacher replied, "I bet you get some rejection." "Yeah," said the beggar, "But often I don't, you never know."

If you haven't been fishing for folks for awhile, it's time to get your line wet.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people," said Jesus. Are you making the effort to follow and fish? Today is a good day to start. The excuses and rationalizations you may be hearing in your mind right now are not coming from God. Just start. You'll be glad you did and so will someone else.

In His service,




Kids enjoying the beautiful flowers during the hot dog cookout -

Pictured: Kaitlyn Reynolds, Kristi Skaggs, Logan Clark, Charlie Pepper, Makayla Reynolds and Olivia Skaggs.

Upcoming Opportunities for Christian Education

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

That the World May Know— video tour of the Holy Land with emphasis on how Biblical customs and cultures help us better understand what God wants from us today.

December 7, 14

The Star of Bethlehem Dr. Jack Whidden

December 21

The packing of Christmas boxes

All times are 9:45-10:30 ~~Sun~~ Sunday mornings before church.

Black and Gold Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes
Which God gave me to hold
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black,
And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded his words, and in the two boxes
Both my joys and sorrows I store
But though the gold became heavier each day
The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black
I wanted to find out why
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."
He smiled a gentle smile at me,
"My child, they're all here with me."

I asked, "God, why give me the boxes,
Why the gold, and why the black with the hole?"
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
the black is for you to let go."

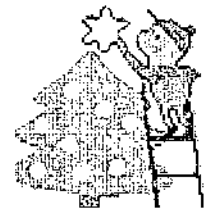
- Author Unknown

*The glory of Christianity is to
conquer by forgiveness.*

-W. Blake

Great Opportunity for Fellowship

The Annual Dressing of the Christmas Tree has arrived! Everyone is invited to participate in decorating our immense tree. Even if you don't think you can handle a ladder, there are many more jobs which you can do sitting down. The holiday event will take place Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 pm. We hope to have a great turnout—the more the merrier!



New ornaments are needed for the Christmas tree. In the past, ornaments were made (or purchased) for the tree by youth groups and families of the church. For anyone interested in adding a new ornament for the tree, the ornament needs to be a Christian symbol in gold and/or white. Advent Celebration booklets are available in the church office. Your ornament can be brought to church at anytime and left in the office or added to the tree after our workday on November 23rd. If you need more information please call Jeannie Huie.

Living Memorial Fund

for October

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Earl Gene Johnson

(uncle of Natalie Caudill)

Ival and Linda Bryant

Update on Rewiring Project

The membership is responding favorably to the need for eliminating the loan for rewiring the church building. As of October 26, over \$5000 has been received toward this debt. Again, there are those who have given "up front" and those who are budgeting it over an extended period. Any way you want to do it works for me, and as treasurer, I appreciate your responses. All I seek is support from each household so that we may say, "We have paid off the \$24,000 debt on the rewiring project."

-Glenn Johnston

Katherine Caudill, our beloved church friend, will be turning 88 on **December 1**. Everyone wish her Happy Birthday on this special day!



Rex and Sonny were the grill masters!



Cookout a Blockbuster!

Over 100 hot dogs were cooked and only 4 remained after the fun Scout Appreciation cookout on October 5th. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who donated desserts and side dishes to make this event a huge success!



The Scouts and church members sample all of the delicious treats!

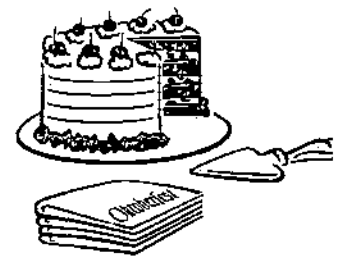
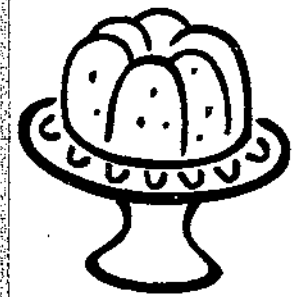
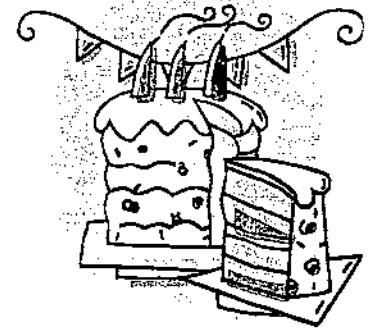


The leaders enjoyed the dinner.

Still Calling All Bakers!

The annual Holiday Cake Sale is coming!!! These homemade cakes will be sold for \$20.00 each after services on November 23rd. We ask that all cakes donated be put in disposable containers. It would be greatly appreciated if we could keep a running list of what will be brought. Please contact Virginia at the office 784-4836 and let her know what type of delicious goodies you will be bringing. This will insure a wide selection. Someone will be available on the morning of the 23rd to help label your cakes. Everyone is anxious to see what will delight us this year!

If you are unable to attend the sale but wish to purchase a cake, please call Virginia at 784-4836 and she will make arrangements to get you a cake.



Deacons for November

Jeannie Huie
 Al Evans
 Bessie Pernel
 Linda Bryant
 Jean Mack
 Yvonne Baldwin

Mission to Peru

The United Methodist Church is planning a return mission to Puerto Bermudez, Peru, June 11-20, 2004, and are inviting community members to take part. They will minister as well as delivery spiritual and medical care in the name of the Jesus.

The dates are June 11-20, 2004, and the approximate cost of the trip is \$1300 per person. Please contact the Methodist Church at 784-5626 as soon as possible to receive more information so they may begin making arrangements.



November Birthdays

L Y A D S R U H T U O M Y L P
 P O T A T O E S T O R R A C S
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 S M I R G L I P F E A S T B S

ASPARAGUS	INDIANS
BISCUITS	LINCOLN
BREAD	MUFFINS
CABBAGE	NOVEMBER
CARROTS	PARADES
CORN	PECANS
CRANBERRY	PILGRIMS
DESSERT	PLYMOUTH
DRESSING	POTATOES
FAMILY FEAST	PRAISE
GRACE	PRAYERS
GRATEFUL	PUMPKIN
GRATITUDE	RELATIVES
GRAVY	ROAST
HARVEST	STUFFING
HERBS	TURKEY
HOLIDAY	WORSHIP

- 1- David Perkins
- 4- Abby Hamilton
- 5- Alan Baldwin
- 5- Bill Davis, Jr.
- 5- Neva Griffith
- 12- Gene McFarland
- 14- Darlene Perkins
- 16- Marge Thomas
- 20- Don Battson
- 30- Irene Botts



A special thank you goes out to Ron Walke. Ron has spent numerous hours sanding and refinishing the front doors of our church. This was a job that had to be done, and Ron was kind enough to step up to the plate. These doors have been on the front of the church since the 1960's. Give Ron the credit for doing such a wonderful improvement to First Christian Church!

Congratulations to Etta Jane and Jim McCarty on 25 years of marriage on November 23. What a great celebration!

We would like to get a head start on our Christmas Outreach. We are in need of the following:

- *Gloves
 - *Hats
 - *Sweatshirts
 - (these items must be in adult sizes)
 - Also:
 - *Non-Perishable canned items such as corn, beans, peas, fruit, soup, beef stew, macaroni, etc....
 - *Blankets
 - *Christmas Wrap
 - *Empty boxes for wrapping
- Bring all items to the church and we will store them until we are ready to pack.
Thanks!

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Williams Attends Retreat

CWF President Kathy Williams attended a special CWF retreat at Jenny Wiley State Park on October 4 and 5. She not only represented our church but donated a lovely gift basket of Morehead souvenirs which was assembled by the CWF group. The basket included donated items from several local businesses including Ole Thyme Sweet Shoppe, Root-a-Bakers, Bluegrass and More and Good Shepherd Printing. These baskets were auctioned to raise money to support missions of the Woman - to- Woman programs in Cuba, Russia, Philippines, India and other poor countries. These missions aid the needs of women in these impoverished places. Over 100 women from 14 churches attended.



The FCCM CWF was able to send two quilts to Louisville to aid in the Christian Church Homes of Kentucky mission projects. These quilts will help individuals and families in need.

2004 Budget

It's that time again! Fortunately, we have gotten through another year, and it is past time to prepare the budget for the coming year. If things go as planned, we will mail a proposed budget to you sometime in November. David Perkins and Glenn Johnston have taken the bull by the horns and are going to collect the data from the chairs of the committees and put it into budget form. By the way, the opportunity is still open for someone to take over the chair of stewardship.

Now a few words about how time affects the value of our gifts. If the cost of things is increasing at the rate of 2% per year, each dollar you gave five years ago is worth only \$.91 this year. Inflation has grown the cost of that \$1 five years ago to \$1.10. We are creatures of habit, even when we give to the church. So, please consider the affect of inflation on your giving, and if you have been giving a fixed amount over a few years, you are supporting the budget a little less each year. If we all give at our ability to give level, this congregation will have few or no problems with its finances.

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November Events:

- 16 & 23- Thanksgiving Offering
- 23- Cake Sale
- 23- Tree Assembly
2:00
- 24- Board Meeting-
7:00 pm
- 30- Fifth Sunday Offering

Advent begins

Nov. 30

Rowan County Storybook Christmas

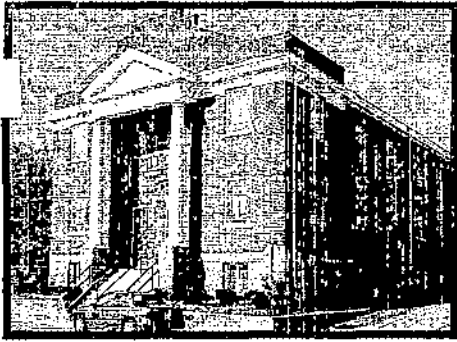
Rowan County Storybook Christmas is a project aimed at distributing new books to disadvantaged children under the age of 18. The project, sponsored by the Adult Basic Education and Literacy Board, asks citizens to donate books or money to buy books. The books will be distributed through Rowan County Christmas.

You can help by purchasing books and dropping them off at the MSU Adult Learning Center at 316 East Main St., the County Extension Office at the Courthouse or one of the many drop sites located in various businesses and churches throughout the community. Monetary donations can be mailed to Storybook Christmas, c/o MSU Adult Learning Center, 150 University Blvd., Box 1337, Morehead, KY 40351. Deadline is Dec. 1. For more info call the Center at 783-2871 or the Co. Ext Off. at 784-5457.

Donation Helps

Scholarship Fund

The Lexington Theological Seminary has had an increase in enrollment this fall, according to Rachel Smith Childress, the Registrar and Director of Student Services. The Seminary "strives to prepare faithful leaders for the church." The First Christian Church of Morehead gave \$571 towards tuition assistance at the Seminary this year and this donation has been applied to the scholarship portion of the overall tuition budget. It feels great to know that our offering has helped a student get an excellent Christian education.



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You Are Important

Yesterday at worship we had a strong attendance, great music, warm people, good preaching and a moving communion service. I believe the total spiritual experience was one of meaning and beauty.

I have talked with a few folks and tried to understand what was special about services yesterday. I asked the question, "What was different about yesterday's service?", and I noticed a common theme in the replies. The experience of having a sanctuary that was almost full made a big difference.

Sometimes we say to ourselves that our being at church worship doesn't matter that particular Sunday. Mentally and physically we take a Sunday off. The truth of the matter is when you are not here it matters a lot.

When you bring your presence to worship on Sunday you are saying and doing a great service for your church. Your presence on Sunday says:

Worship is important

My church friends and family are important

My connection with the Lord is important

I am a part of this faith community

See, I am here.

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Please don't underestimate the importance of you taking your place in the pew on Sunday mornings. It really matters to us all.

Scripture tells us that where two or more are gathered He is in our midst. That is true. But, when the sanctuary is full we feel it more powerfully.

One strong way that you can show your love for God, his church and your church family is to realize how important your presence is on Sunday mornings. Thanks for being here yesterday. Please come out and support your church in this season of advent.

Your presence in worship is important to God.

In His Service,

Rev. John Dunstan



Upcoming Opportunities for Christian Education

December 7, 14

The Star of Bethlehem

Dr. Jack Whidden

December 21

The packing of Christmas boxes

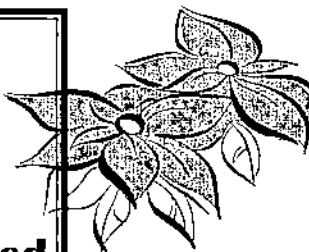
All times are 9:45-10:30 Sunday mornings before church.

Celtics Rule !

The fifth and sixth grade basketball team sponsored by First Christian Church is on a streak. Showing a 5 and 0 record the "Celtics" are currently the undefeated residents of first place in the recreational league. Coach Dunstan and Coach Cyrus are looking forward to the second half of the season and hope the boys can keep up the pace they have started. If you want to come out and see the team in action just call the church office for game times.

Cake Sale a Big Slice of Generosity

A huge thank you to all who baked, purchased and contributed cash for the annual cake sale this last Sunday. It was wonderful to see an all church effort for this fundraiser. The C W F raised \$475.00. We want to thank you again for the tremendous support. The C W F will keep everyone to date as to who will benefit from this event.



Christmas Offerings will be Dec. 14th and Dec. 21st.

What Can I Give Him?

*"What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?*

*If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,*

If I were a wise man

I would do my part

Yet what can I give Him?

I give my heart."

-Christina Rossetti

Correction:

Betty Lane's birthday was accidentally listed on the incorrect day. Her birthday was actually on November 4th. We are sorry for any inconvenience or confusion.

Happy belated birthday,
Betty.

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**Living Memorial Fund
for November**

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N.C. & Edith Marsh

*Mary and George
Cunningham*

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Rev. Stephen T. Dunstan

Ival and Linda Bryant

*Tommy and Neva
Griffith*

Jack and Peggy Bizzel



The sanctuary is gearing up for the holidays

Members Honored for Their Volunteer Efforts

Troy Burgess and Glenn and Eva Johnston were recently honored for their giving efforts with the St. Claire Regional Medical Center's Hospice organization. These giving people were part of a group who were given special recognition during National Hospice Month. If you are interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer, call 784-6986.



Dianna Reynolds has a nephew who is in the armed forces who will not be home for the Christmas holidays. If you would like to send him a card, letter or a note to let him know we have not forgotten our service men it would surely be appreciated. His address is:

PFC Pettit, Michael L E-3
A.Co/8—101st AVN REGT
101st A BN DIV AASLT
Unit # 96157
APO AE 09325-6157

**Deacons
for December**

Bessie Pernel
Donna Corley
Dianna Reynolds
Jean Mack
Fran Helphinstine
Dan Thomas

**Everything's Coming
Up Tulips!**

The landscaping committee has recently planted 210 tulips in front of the church and in the memorial garden. Spring will bring us more color and beauty to enjoy!



2003 Local Christmas Outreach Schedule

Sun. Nov. 30 – Collection of items begins

Sun. Dec. 7 – Dinner (toy list)

Sun. Dec. 14 – Bring wrapped toys in

Sun. Dec. 21 – Deliver gifts and food / assembly of food baskets

*Wed. Dec. 10 – 8:00 pm Dollar Store to shop

*Fri. Dec. 12 – 6:00 pm Church members and MSU girls to wrap (We need wrapping paper)
Bring in these items:

Sun. Nov. 30 –

1st week – gloves, mittens, socks, hats (for any age)
sweatshirts S – XXL (adult size only)

Sun. Dec. 7 –

2nd week – Blankets, Christmas wrap, towels,
washcloths, sheets, linens (household)

Sun. Dec. 14 –

3rd week – Bring in wrapped toys from toy list

Non-Perishable items – canned and boxed items: peas,
Corn, beans, soup, fruit, beef stew,
macaroni, etc.

Sun. Dec. 21 –

Deliver gifts and food immediately after church service

- We need volunteers for all phases – contact: Connie Hamilton – 784-7859

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



December Birthdays

- 1 Alta Blair
 - 1 Katherine Caudill
 - 2 Pearl Patton
 - 2 Karen Ross
 - 6 Larry Fannin
 - 6 Rosella Abner
 - 19 Jack Bizzel
 - 19 Jimmy Reynolds
 - 22 Jeremy Skaggs
 - 28 Kristi Skaggs
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Christmas Travelers

Christmas recalls the story of travelers propelled by the unhurried rhythm of their animals:

We three kings of Orient are
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Why did these wisemen undertake such a journey?

A tall astronomer, advisor to the Persian king, springs from his midnight vigil in the palace courtyard. "Casper, come! Look along the rod I've sighted toward the constellation of the Jews." Casper peers into the blackness. "Do you see it? That brilliant star is new tonight! It must signify the birth of a mighty king."

A soft whistle escapes him as he spots it. "There it is!" He is talking rapidly now. "I've read ancient Hebrew scriptures which tell of this ruler's star." Rising, he announces, "We must see him. We must go!"

Traversing the caravan routes of Persia, Babylon, and Syria for 1200 miles, they ford broad rivers, pass ancient cities, cross barren deserts. Three months they trek westward, day after day, "following yonder star."

In Jerusalem they inquire, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Worship? So the Babe is more than a king!

Now they follow the shining star till it rests over a simple Bethlehem home. At early dawn neighbors gather to watch the richly-robed travelers dismount. Joseph meets them at the door.

"We've come to see the child, the King." The wise men fall before the Babe, faces to the floor, royal counselors doing homage, worshipping the Christ child. Outside, their servants unload weighty chests from the camels and set gifts before the King. Heavy fragrances of frankincense and myrrh mingle to fill the room as one by one the boxes are opened.

A touch of the boy-child's tiny fingers, a final longing look, and the men rise to go. Camel bells soon fade in the brisk morning air.

We, too, travel at Christmas, visiting family and friends. Yet, like the wisemen, the most important journey we make these hectic holidays is to draw nigh Jesus himself with the gift of our hearts.

-Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Upcoming CWF Schedule and Topics

- Dec. 9— *The "Care Package"*
- Feb. 10— *The Face of Christ*
- Mar. 9— *Be a Giver*
- Apr. 13— *Wisdom for the Task*
- May 11— *Living by the "Bread of Life"*
- June 8— *Feed My Sheep*

Here is the schedule for future CWF meetings. We will remind you each month of the next meeting and lesson. If you are in need of a copy of the *New Day* journal, please call the office at 784-4836, and we'll see you get one. Thanks!

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Thanksgiving 2003

Our congregation furnished ten food baskets for Christian Social Services to distribute to families in our area. Some of the church youth shopped for the designated items on Sunday, November 24th. The food baskets included ham, yams, potatoes and gravy, cornbread, onions, stuffing, jello, marshmallows, brownies mix, canned and fresh fruit.

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food baskets totaled \$355.00. The check out receipts for the completed project totaled \$350.31.



*Kaitlyn Reynolds, Abby Hamilton, Tyra Sparks,
Mary Charlotte Pepper, John Dunstan*

Local Christmas Outreach



Christmas 2002: Betty Hall, Natalie Caudill, Eva Johnston

First Christian Church's "Family Christmas Project" is well underway. Names have been provided by the Family Resource Centers in Rowan County. Shoppers and elves are being briefed. There is a rumor that Santa may appear sometime during the festivities. The schedule for the Advent Season Giving is listed below.

Cash donations may be given to Connie Hamilton or Dan & Marge Thomas. Donations for 2002 exceeded \$4180.00

The project also needs wrapping paper for gift items and boxes to transport gifts and food items to the families.

If you would like to help with any phase of this project, please contact Connie Hamilton.

December Dates for Local Christmas Outreach

- November 30 - Gloves, mittens, socks, hats (for all ages) sweat shirts S—XXL (Adult sizes)
- December 7 - Blankets, towels, wash clothes, sheets, household linens
Toy List sign up in Fellowship Hall following Christmas Cantata (Christmas Dinner)
- December 10 - Shop at Dollar Store at 8:00 PM
- December 12 - Gift Wrapping at church at 6:00 PM with MSU Girls Basketball Team
- December 14 - Food item: Canned fruits and vegetables, Beef Stew, macaroni, Non perishable foods
- December 21 - Deliver Gifts following Sunday service



Christmas 2002: Mabel Reynolds