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“Christ First Makes a Difference”

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Save the Date!

“THE BIG EVENT”

For the Whole Church

Sunday, July 25th

Special Services 8:30 & 10:40

Catered Lunch and Afternoon Session 12:00-4:00

**Come hear what folks are saying about FCC and be part
of exploring & shaping our future!**



News from the Administrative Board

At our June 7th Administrative Board Meeting the following individuals were voted and accepted into new Leadership roles.

Aaron Sciascia	Vice Chair
Norman Graves	Permanent Fund Trustee
Gary Westerfield	Permanent Fund Trustee

A presentation from the Vision Team was given showing where we are in our Vision Process and announcing “The Event”. The Event will be a Catered Lunch following the 10:40 worship service on July 25th to discuss the results of our 360 survey and to take next steps. Next Board meeting will be 8/2/2010.

Serving Schedule for July



Date	8:30 Service Elders Serving	10:40 Service Elders Serving
7-4-10	Diana Botner Anna Land	Dale Byers Gary Westerfield
7-11-10	Doug Whitlock Ron Coffman	Bob Biggins Steve Gamble
7-18-10	Kim DeCoste Reid Singleton	Bruce Begley Jan Tunnell
7-25-10	Scott Browder Paul Hale	Glenn Birkett Reid Singleton

FCC July Birthdays

Kyle Cormney	July 1
Billy Herbst	July 1
Melony Lane	July 1
Lindsey Wagner	July 2
Ben Herbst	July 2
Kristyn Powell	July 2
Edgar Story	July 2
Connie Byers	July 4
Jill Cornelison	July 6
Elbert Hudson	July 6
Jackie Goucher	July 7
John McKinney	July 7
Ann Rhodus	July 7
Shirley Deane	July 8
Ann Ray	July 8
Lois Richards	July 10
Preston Worley	July 10
Grace Fritz	July 12
Katie Gandolfo	July 13
Dylan Poindexter	July 13
Sara Rupard	July 13
Alice Jane Ballew	July 14
Dorie Combs	July 14
David Stapp	July 14
Betsy Burch	July 15
Cameron Gibson	July 15
Miranda Wells	July 15
Gary Abney	July 16
Charles Gibson	July 17
Will Snell	July 17
John M. Davidson	July 18
Sara Byers	July 19
Trent Renfro	July 19
Ron Snider	July 19
Lee Anne Browder	July 21
Doris Coffman	July 21
Martha Davidson	July 21
Michael Noland	July 21
Mason Hamrick	July 23
Marie Fore	July 25
Kendall McCormick	July 26
Mary Ann Goucher	July 27
Bobby Herbst	July 27
Reid Singleton	July 27
Mary Eva Price	July 29
Donald Ray	July 30
Shawn Brewer	July 30
Chris Upchurch	July 31

Home Communion, July 11: Scott Browder, Reid Singleton, Richard Bendure, Dale Byers, Bruce Begley, Tommy Congleton, Carey

McCready Service, July 18: Bobby Herbst

Diaconate 8:30 Service July: Jim and Sandy Clark

Diaconate 10:40 Service July: Betsy Burch, Richard Cobb, Rob Congleton, Jillian Fichitola, Kevin Goehrig, Betsy Grise, Randi Herbst, Brent Horn, Carla Horn, Sandy Hunter, Bruce McIntosh, Rosalind McIntosh, Mike Noland, Lloyd Rhodus, Fanny Rice, Aaron Sciascia, Traci Sciascia, Kay Stapp, Leslie Stapp, Mike Stapp, Laura Weitkamp

Diaconate Team Leaders July: Jillian Fichetola, Mary Jane Ginter, Ron Ginter

Communion Preparers July: Bruce Begley and John McKinney

Bus Drivers July: Ron Coffman and Lloyd Rhodus

Greeters: July 4: Mary Lillian Abney and Coleman Turpin
July 11: Bud and Eunice Lee
July 18: Mary Tipton and Betsy Burch
July 25: Hank and Linda Everman



Happy Birthday to You!

CHURCH MEETINGS...

- Leadership Meeting, Mon., July 26
No Board or Elder Meetings in July



Billy Glenn and Mimi Turpin are hosting the Church Family Picnic/Cookout on Sunday, August 22, beginning at 4:30. The event will be held at their farm - 522 Peacock Rd. Transportation will be available from church to their farm. Let the church office know if you will need a ride. Dust off your best recipes and plan on joining with your church family at the Turpin Farm.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HOST DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

EARLY BIRD PRICE FOR FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY!

**Special pricing for the month of June:
(\$85.55 - make checks to church)**

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

CONTACT DR. BETSY FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

WHAT: First Christian Church is planning to sponsor Financial Peace University this Fall for people interested in learning about finances and living a debt-free life. This program is by Dave Ramsey, a well-known TV and radio personality who loves God and encourages people to live within their means and create a financial atmosphere in which they are no longer burdened by debt. He has created a series of 13 lessons which will guide you through the process of learning how to achieve this goal. The lessons are presented in DVD format of 1 hour, followed by a short period of discussing the questionnaire which accompanies each lesson.

WHEN: An introduction to Financial Peace University will be held following church on Sunday, August 1 in fellowship hall. Anyone who is interested in the program can get an overview before committing to the series. The 13 week program will begin on Tuesday, August 24 and will be completed on Tuesday, November 16. It will start at 6:30 pm and end about 8:30 pm. Child care will be provided. Lessons will be held at our church.

COST: The total fee for a family, couple, or an individual is \$99.51. (no break for singles) The deadline for submitting the fee is August 8.

WHO: Skip and Holly Cowell will be facilitating the discussion periods. Please call them at 625-1709 if you have any questions.



We have a new team who will assist in coordinating church events, potlucks, and use of the kitchen. Vicki Daugherty and Kathie Bettler will co-chair this team; volunteers include: Jan Barnes, Pam Powell, Diana Botner, Jenni Glenn, Norma Robinson, Doris Coffman, Carol Coffman, and Jim Cox. Thanks for your willingness to serve! And thanks to Sue Ann Herbst for her many years of leading the Service Group.

W.O.W. For Widows/Widowers

Hosted by FCC
Open to the Community
Guests welcome!

**JULY 6 - 11:30 a.m. Koto's
Japanese Bistro
in Richmond Centre**

*Save first Tuesdays for WOW!
Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5,
Nov. 2, and Dec. 7*



The Kentucky Region of the Christian Church is having a Men's Spiritual Retreat July 16-18. Bobby Herbst is planning to attend and would like other Men from First Christian Church to attend. It will be held at the St. Meinrad Arch Abbey in St. Meinrad Indiana. We will be leaving from the Church at about 2:00pm Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. The cost is \$195.00. What a wonderful way for the Men at FCC to get away for a Spiritual weekend. Please contact Bobby Herbst for details at 625-9036 or 859-200-5755. Registration must be in Regional office by June 25th. Let's get a BIG group together to attend.

DISCIPLES 101

For newcomers & those
wanting a refresher...

**Introduction to Who We Are &
What We Believe & Practice**

**Next Class: Sunday, July 11
9:45 a.m.**

Pastor's Office



Larry and Jennifer Bernhard transferred their membership to FCC on June 6. The members of their Entheos Sunday School Class joined with Larry and Jennifer as they came forward.



GRACE GATWOOD

October 8, 1917 - February 5, 2010

A memorial service will be held in celebration of the life of Grace Gatwood at FCC on Thursday, July 1 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation with the family will be from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. prior to the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Sunday School Teachers are needed for next Fall. Our children's classes will officially begin on August 15th. We are seeking teachers who have a calling to teach and who enjoy working with our young people. We need two teachers for each of the following classes: 3-4 year olds, 5-7 years olds, and 8-10 year olds. Although teachers will prepare their own lessons, all supplies will be provided and additional support will be given by the Sunday School Design Team. Please consider this special opportunity! Contact Tina Stegemoller, Corrie Rice, or Stephanie McCormick for more information.

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The 8th Annual First Christian Church Golf Scramble will be held on Wednesday, August 4th at The Bull At Boones Trace Golf Course.

All proceeds from this event go to the FCC Youth Programs. Entry forms are available at the welcome center in the church narthex and the church office. The entry fee is \$50 per player and includes the lunch provided after play.

Mark this date on your calendar and start rounding up your foursome. The four-person team can be either all women, all men, or a mixture. There will be team prizes as well as many prizes for men and women to be announced later.

Tee time will be 9:00 a.m.

Todd Christian, Golf Pro at The Bull At Boone Trace, and his staff are planning to make this an enjoyable event as well as a benefit to our Youth Program.

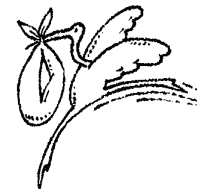
For further information, contact the church office or co-chairs Ron Ginter (200-2556) and Bob Herbst (623-1363).

MEMORIAL GIFTS

- Bill Hesselberth*
- James Hesselberth
- Jacque Penfold
- Kathleen Daniels
- Pat Hesselberth
- Nancy Garriott
- E.R. Begley*
- Verda Coy
- Charles P. Griggs*
- William Griggs

In Loving Memory

Prayers to the family of Mossie Wood Ballard who passed away on June 6. She was the widow of Harry Ballard.



WELCOME BABY!

John J. and Kris Davidson welcomed bay Calvin John Davidson on May 28. The proud grandparents are John and Sharla Davidson. Their address is 1418 East Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46201.



HEAVENS TO BETSY



For the past several months, the congregation has been participating in Surfing the Edge, a process for transforming the church into a missional congregation. To become more missional means turning the church inside out—to become more involved in what God is doing in our neighborhoods and communities.

In the 1950-60's, churches were booming. Congregations could open their doors and people would flock to the flock. The church was the center of society for worship and social encounters. Those days are gone and that is not longer the reality. So much has changed since then and churches around the country of various denominations are declining and closing. Many have become inwardly focused, using resources and energies on survival of the institution.

The transformation process involves looking at our church through the 360 survey responses and exploring what it means to be church in this time and place. It involves experimenting with ways of reaching out beyond ourselves. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) encourages churches to do that very thing, exploring together what the church should look like and be doing for this generation. Other regions are closely watching what we are doing here in Kentucky, through this transformation process.

We strongly encourage the participation and input from everyone in the church at "The Big Event" on Sunday, July 25th. Dr. Greg Alexander, our Regional Minister, will be here for morning worship and to lead us through the afternoon sharing session, listening to and reflecting upon the responses in the 360 survey and beginning to look at experiments for ministry. Your gift of an afternoon will mean a lot for the future of our church. Beyond that, we will also have small groups that will meet to continue this process.

These are exciting times as we work together in the creative image of God. Plan now to take part in this important event!

Blessings,
Betsy

THANKS TO BLOOD DONORS!

First Christian Church had 16 blood donors in the month of May, with 36 points—two were first time donors. Thanks to all of you and to Aaron Sciascia and the Blood Drive Team

LOCKS OF LOVE

Some members of the church, along with Dr. Betsy, are growing their hair for Locks of Love, for donating at VBS in August (Thursday, Aug. 5th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.) at White Oak Pond... or for next year or the year after. One even has a braid cut over 50 years ago that she plans to bring and donate! Thanks to NV Salon, who is providing hair stylists for this event! Spread the word!

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. The prostheses provided help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

GUIDELINES FOR DONATING:

- Hair that is 10" long, clean and dry.
 - Hair that is colored or permed is acceptable. Colored hair is not usable if it is colored over bleached hair.
 - Hair cut years ago is usable if it has been stored in a ponytail or braid.
 - Hair that has been bleached/highlighted is not usable. If the hair was bleached years ago and has completely grown out it is fine to donate.
 - Hair swept off of the floor is not usable
 - We cannot accept dreadlocks. Our manufacturer is not able to use them in our children's hairpieces. We also cannot accept wigs, falls, hair extensions or synthetic hair.
 - Layered hair is acceptable if the longest layer is 10 inches.
 - Curly hair may be pulled straight to measure the minimum 10 inches. .
- Gray hair will be accepted and sold to offset the manufacturing costs.



ACCORDING TO STEPHANIE



One of the youth recently asked me a serious, yet loaded question: “I know what you do for the church on Sunday, but what do you do the rest of the week?” I was really intrigued by his question. I think most folks, especially the youth, would probably wonder the same thing. The congregation and various groups observe the practices of the pastor during corporate worship, teaching Sunday School, and sometimes leading youth meetings; yet, all of these things occur on Sunday. What in the world could possibly keep us busy during the other thirty-some-odd hours during the work week? That is an excellent question.

I explained to him that I probably spend about one day of each week focused on Sunday School. That includes meeting with the Design Team on Tuesday mornings, working on a lesson plan, gathering materials needed for snacks or crafts, coordinating with teachers, and preparing the space. This I must do even if I won’t be there a particular Sunday. If the work week is shortened by holiday or vacation, it is a challenge to get it all finished.

I spend a good deal of time each day, which varies according to need, on communication. I answer e-mails, send Facebook notifications, and make necessary phone calls. Much of my job entails enlisting volunteers, so it seems I am constantly on the phone asking someone to help out with something! I also spend time each month working on written items like Courier articles, Youth News, calendar items, etc. Of course, if we have special events like V.B.S. and mission trips, communication increases.

Another large fraction of my time is spent in meetings. Just a few include weekly staff meetings, Sunday School Design Team, and choir/handbell rehearsal. Leadership Council, Board Meetings, Young Adult fellowship, Christian Education Ministry Team, and Youth Ministry Council usually meet monthly. Betsy and I also attend clergy meetings, both here and in Lexington, and participate with other pastors in Surfing the Edge pastor-leader development. I meet regularly with other Associate Ministers in the Region on the Youth Ministry and Young Adult Cabinet. I also attend a female clergy Peer Learning Group in Corbin. There are always other things that come up in the life of the church which I am happy to attend. One month I counted that I was at church 13 evenings for various different events; that is not uncommon.

I always endeavor to spend a portion of my day in my office reading the One Year Bible, praying, and following several on-line bible studies that I enjoy. I also challenge myself to remain current by adhering to a reading plan. I am currently reading *Leadership on the Line* by Ronald A. Heifetz and Marty Linsky and *Faith Seeking Understanding* by David Migliore. I always have a stack of books waiting to be read!

Although I do not get to visit folks in their homes or meet for coffee nearly as much as I would like, I do make time to visit those who are hospitalized, ill, or who experience difficulty. As pastors, Betsy and I approach each week with our priorities. Our ideal plans can be altered as emergency situations require more urgent attention. That’s all just part of life in a community such as ours. I spend time preparing children’s sermons, pastoral prayers, and communion meditations. I am not yet comfortable with leading worship without notes, so I work on those throughout the week. Worship preparation increases if I need to preach in Betsy’s absence, during Advent/Lent, or if there is a special focus (Youth Sunday).

Friday is typically my day off. I view taking a day off every week as an ethical mandate that helps me be better prepared physically, mentally, and spiritually for ministry. Pastors work on Sunday, so if I am fortunate I can take off Friday and Saturday to create a weekend for myself. Sometimes this does not work out, and I always try to “swap” a Friday with another day. I usually don’t check Facebook or e-mails on Friday or Saturday, which means if you need to contact me please give me a call.

I know my job does not sound very exciting. I, like the youth who asked the question, was surprised when I began full-time ministry at how quickly days, weeks, and months can get absolutely packed with items to do and events to attend. The one thing that makes it all so enjoyable is that I love what I do. Although I don’t get the satisfaction of seeing my work produce results right before my eyes, I am satisfied knowing that this work plants seeds for future realization. It is an awesome job to serve God and the church.

FCC Richmond Staff

Dr. Betsy Goehrig, Senior Minister | Rev. Stephanie McCormick | John Stegner, Director of Music
Linda Hensley, Organist | Brenda Young, Custodian | Connie Adams, Administrative Assistant

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PRAYER GARDEN TO BE SITE FOR SPREADING OF ASHES

Pat Hesselberth has chosen the church's prayer garden as the site where her husband Bill Hesselberth's ashes will be spread, with a plant to be placed there in his memory, during a private family service. We will look into getting a wall plaque or marker, where individual names can be added for Bill and others who become part of this lovely prayer garden. This is a beautiful and natural way to return to God's earth, surrounded by the House of the Lord, in a place of prayer and meditation that can be visited at any time.

A Word from Week of Compassion about the

Gulf Oil Spill

We have received a number of calls regarding ways that people can help respond to the devastating oil spill along the Gulf Coast.

1. The actual clean up effort is dangerous. We do not want to expose untrained volunteers to that level of toxicity. Nor do we have the capacity to train a large number of people in those skills.
2. Our primary partner in this sort of disaster is Church World Service. They, like many other organizations, are still figuring out the appropriate way to provide help, and are having conversations with fishers, shrimpers, and aid partners on the coast to see the best way to provide aid.
3. As is our protocol when disasters occur in a region of our church, we have been in touch with the Great River Region about this. They are currently identifying and cataloging needs to which we can respond.
4. We are still monitoring the situation. The nature of the damage done by an oil spill is different from other disasters such as earthquakes, and tornados. How the spill affects personal property and people's livelihoods may require a different type of response or assessment. If there are needs our friends and congregations can identify--specifically--please let us know so we can respond.