

THE CALLER

FCC Family Welcomes Bob Stegall by Amy Mitchell

We are pleased to inform you that Bob and Kay Stegall have excitedly accepted the offer to come to Shelbyville and to serve First Christian Church during our interim period. Tennessee was once "home" for both, so the idea of returning for a

while appealed to them from day one of visiting our church.

Bob was born and raised in the Humboldt area. He accepted the call to study ministry during his senior year of high school, where he and Kay had already

become friends. He attended Johnson Bible College while serving churches at Crab Orchard and Newbern, Tennessee. Bob and Kay married during his senior year at JBC, and upon graduation Bob served First Christian Church in Bells, Tennes-

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The Services of the Table by David M. Chism

One of the things I love about being involved in a Disciples church is the emphasis given to the Service of the Lord's Table. Throughout most of church history, there has been speculation and even controversy over the nature of this sacred act of worship. Many questions have been asked, such as: Is the institution of the Lord's Table purely symbolic, or is it something more? Does anything *supernatural* happen to the consecrated bread and wine? How is God's presence made known? Without attempting to rehash any of these age-old questions, I would suffice to say that there is great mystery and great beauty in what Christ, on the night He was betrayed, called us to do.

In speaking of this ordinance (or sacrament, depending upon the context), there are three terms that western churches have used. All three terms have cherished validity. I now share these terms with you:

Lord's Supper (δείπνον – DIPE-non)

The *Lord's Supper* is perhaps the most familiar of these three concepts. The term *supper* immediately calls to memory the picture of the Last Supper which Christ shared with his disciples in the Upper Room. Observances of the Lord's Supper are not unlike that of funeral observances. There is reverence, solemnity, and earnest *remembrance* of the

sacrifice that our Savior made.

Communion (κοινωνέω – koin-o-NEEH-a)

Communion is another good term that is used. *Communion* invokes a sense of community to the act of the Lord's Supper; it invokes a realization that *I am not the only one* who drinks of this cup. Many congregations opt to drink from the same chalice as a way of enhancing this sense of community. Practicing Communion (*koinonia*) is a way of remembering that the family of faith *shares* the gifts of God's grace. When the cup is held aloft, it is signifying the shedding of blood—not just for me in my pew, but for all those around

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Financial Snapshot (/—/)

General Budget needed per month	\$
General Budget received in February	\$
Building Payment per month	\$
Building Accounts received in February	\$

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see.

Bob eventually felt called to learn more about scripture, theology, and history, so he enrolled in Vanderbilt Divinity School. Alex Mooty, Regional Minister at that time, presented his name to FCC of Springfield, Tennessee. Bob was offered the job and commuted to Vanderbilt. Bob was ordained by the Tennessee Region in 1966 at Central Avenue Christian Church in Humboldt; he then accepted the call to move to Memphis and serve Macon Christian Church. Eventually Bob and Kay accepted an offer to move to Florence, Alabama, and serve First Christian Church there. While there, Bob enrolled in Lexington Theological Seminary to learn more about the practice of ministry and graduated with the degree Doctor of Ministry in 1978.

In 1987 Bob and Kay moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, to serve First Christian Church. This was a large church

with several staff, two educational buildings, a sanctuary, an office building, and a gym. There was a community day care kindergarten with 120 students. Weekly meals and fellowship events were held, which included a seven week program they initiated known as MANNA (Meeting and Nurturing Needs Altogether.) Bob attended leadership training workshops and was presented the Congregational Growth Consultant Certificate signed by Herb Miller. He served on the Board of Pastoral Care at UALR. Bob says his hobby of fishing prospered while in Little Rock, thus he and Kay became well known for hosting fish fries. She earned the name “Hush Puppy Queen” and he was named “Catfish Daddy.”

Upon retirement in 1997, Bob and Kay moved back to Tusculumbia, Alabama, where they built their dream house, “Greenbo,” affectionately “named after the place that Forrest Gump kept going home to after all

his runnin’ around.” Their regional minister, John Mobley, has blessed them with 11 other interim ministries. Some of the groups Bob led at these churches include MANNA, Parables of Mayberry, History of Disciples of Christ, and Preparing for Baptism and Church Membership. Recently Bob signed a Clergy Colleague Covenant with both the Tennessee and Alabama / Northwest Florida regions for a 10-month group study about church transformation. He is in the covenant with Tennessee Regional Minister, Glen Stewart, and the Alabama/Northwest Florida Regional Minister, John Mobley.

Bob and Kay have 3 children, all graduates of Univ. of North Alabama; two work in education and one is a nurse. They have 4 grandchildren. The Stegalls came highly recommended by both John Mobley and Glen Stewart, both of whom said Bob is very similar in style and personality to our former interim minister, George Wagner.

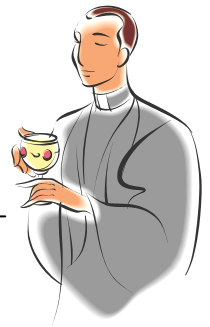


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me, and for all of those who claim the name of Jesus Christ.

Eucharist (εὐχαριστέω – yoo-kah-ris-TAY-oh)

Despite popular opinion, *Eucharist* is not an exclusively Roman Catholic term; it’s a Greek term straight out of the New Testament. It is a celebratory term meaning *to give thanks*. To celebrate the Eucharist is to celebrate the blessed hope that we will one day drink the cup anew in the Kingdom of God.

While studying in Florida, I frequently worshiped in an Episcopal church, where the rector often referred to the service of the Table as “party time!” Although there is definitely a need for grave reflection (as is promoted by the Lord’s Supper concept), there is also a call for thankful celebration. For, in the presence of Christ, we experience mercy, healing, and divine grace.

The purpose of this article is not to endorse one concept over another; rather, to endorse a balanced diet of all three. The Lord’s Table is a place not just for partying, but a place for sincere remembrance and reflection. It’s not just a place for me to worship as an individual, but a place for the Church to worship as a community. It’s not just a place for a funeral, but a place for joyful celebration and thanksgiving for the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

For more, visit these related passages: Mark 14:23-25; I Cor. 10:16-18, 11:17-34; Rev. 22:1-3, 17.



WORSHIP AND WONDER

Ages 3 year olds through 5th grade will meet each Sunday during the season of Lent to worship together as we all prepare for the Mystery of Easter. Lesson plans are as follows:

April 3	Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42
April 10	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet	John 13:2-17
April 17	Jesus the King	Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-44, John 12:12-19
April 24	Jesus is Risen: Appearance to Mary Magdalene	Mark 16: 1-11

Who's Cooking?: On the Rise

Friday, April 8, 5:30-8:30pm

Guest Chefs: Bonnye and Donnye Fields

First through Fifth Graders come join us this special evening as we make our own pizza dough and more. Invite your friends for this time of feasting and fellowship. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 6 by either signing the Clipboard at the Communication Center, or by emailing or calling MJ at 616-542-4094 or maryjanefcc@bellsouth.net

4/5th GRADE MINISTRY: Hiking

Sunday, April 17, 1:00-4:30pm Hiking either to Machine Falls located at Short Springs Natural Area in Tullahoma or Old Stone Fort in Manchester depending on group's decision. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 13.

WOM Children's Offerings for April

- ◆ Preschool – Kindergarten with Chase Smith in room 2.
- ◆ 1st – 5th Grade with Tera Davis in room 4. Tennis shoes required!
- ◆ 5th Grade Optional Study with MJ in her office. "Honoring God with Heart, Body, and Soul: The Gift of Sexuality"

Nursery Schedule

April 3	Gerrell Haynes	April 10	Kayleigh Caldwell
April 17	Hilda Smith	April 24	Ellen Taylor

Thank you for serving in this vital ministry!

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULES: The Spirit of Jesus Christ Comes Alive at Bethany Hills!

Bethany Hills Camp and Conference Center is located on 300 acres in Cheatham and Dickson County. Many consider Bethany Hills to be "Holy Ground". The magnificent landscape offers a beautiful picture of God's creative genius in Middle Tennessee. The camp features a Chapel by the Lake, an "Upper Room," a campfire area, a fellowship area, and study areas. The camp also has a recreation hall, a swimming pool, ball field, hiking trails, and a *good ole-fashioned fishin' hole*. The beauty of all of these locations attests to God's presence and love. Participants grow as Christians and return to their daily lives renewed and ready for the challenge of faithful living.

Please prayerfully consider letting your child attend this camp. Let MJ know if your child or youth is interested in attending one of the camps (paying close attention when all materials are due into the Regional Office). See the schedule on the next page.

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER CAMPS

Unity Camp, Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30

Unity Camp (formerly known as Family Camp) May 27 – 30 (Memorial Day weekend) is for individuals, couples, or small groups. There will be Bible study and structured activities such as crafts. The pool and canteen will be open during certain hours. Participants may plan to take hikes, fish (bring own equipment), play basketball, read, or do whatever. Campers will worship together every night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for \$115 per person (\$375 family cap). Children under 4 come with no charge but all children under 18 must be supervised. **Registrations must be postmarked by May 17.**

Discovery Camp, Wednesday, June 1 - Saturday, June 4

Discovery Camp (Directors – Christine Rebelo and Andy Hudson) This camp is for children who are finishing 2nd and 3rd grades. The theme for the camp is *Got Spirit?* Creek walking, swimming, playing games, singing, worship, and Bible study will all be part of camp. **Postmark deadline is May 20.**

CYF Sunday, June 5 - Saturday, June 11

CYF Conference (Directors – Cara Doidge and Thom Schuyler) A full week of camp that will include Bible study, games, swimming, crafts and all kinds of outdoor activities. There will also be a keynote speaker. The week will conclude with a dance and the traditional senior banquet. 10th, 11th and 12th graders attend this camp. **Get registrations postmarked by May 26.**

Chi Rho Camp, Sunday, June 12 - Friday, June 17

Chi Rho Camp is for students finishing 6th and 7th grades. This year's camp will be directed by Rev. Kara Foster and Rev. Megan Huston. The *Got Spirit?* Theme will be used and Bible study will focus on two Psalms and four New Testament scriptures. Games, swimming, singing and crafts will all be part of this camp. **Registrations must be postmarked by June 2.**

8'ers Camp, Sunday, July 3 - Saturday, July 9

Eighter's Camp is a biblically-based sex education camp. CLER Ministries has an established curriculum written by ordained minister, the Rev'd Linda Goddard. Only students finishing 8th grade attend this camp so the small ratios of counselor-to-camper allow for lots of small group time to explore ideas and create an atmosphere for bonding during this wonderful outdoor experience. Note: Camp falls during July 4th. **Registrations postmarked by June 22.** Camp is directed this year by Sherry Kail and Rev. Mike Lehman.

Firsters Camp, Thursday, July 14 - Saturday, July 16

Firster's Camp is an introductory camping experience for kids exiting Kindergarten and 1st grades. Camp directors are Jenny Kail Tritt and Rev. Frits Havercamp.

Junior Camp, Sunday, July 17 - Friday, July 22

Junior Camp (directed by Rev. Amy Cates and Rev. Trey Flowers) is for kids leaving 4th and 5th grades. Their theme also falls under the *Got Spirit?* curriculum and will be a good mix of fun and seriousness. Worship, communion and outside activities will complete the week.

In the Life of the Church

Two Breakfasts in the Month of April!

As a special blessing to the congregation, the Men's Club will be serving breakfast twice this month. Proceeds will help raise money for the bus/van fund. Make plans to attend breakfast on both April 10 (7am) and April 24 (following Easter Sunrise Service).

A Special *Thank You* from the Staff

To the members of First Christian Church:

It is a privilege to be called to serve at FCC. We are always willing to serve wherever is needed. Thank you for your gracious gifts of gratitude! We feel highly appreciated.

Serving Christ together with you,

Anne & Mary Jane

Flower Cross for Easter

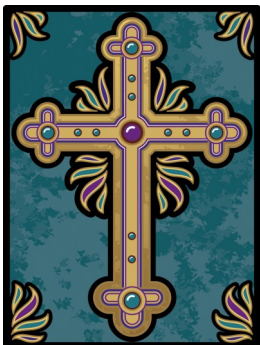
by Missy Eakin

Last Easter Sunday, many of us participated in placing flowers and greenery in the PVC pipe/chicken wire-covered cross. What began as a black, rough and unattractive shape evolved into a powerful symbol of rebirth once it was covered in beautiful, fresh spring flowers and greenery. We smiled and enjoyed its beauty during the Easter service. Our hearts were touched and our understanding of the Resurrection was underscored as the cross was carried down the aisle and out onto the front porch.

The idea of a Flower Cross for Easter is not a new one. Many congregations use the bare/undecorated/chicken wire-covered cross in worship throughout Lent. Others simply use the cross on Easter morning to highlight the promise of new life offered in His resurrection. In either application, the contrast between the starkly bare cross before it is decorated and the living, flowering cross of Easter Sunday is awesome. Dramatically and visually, the Flower Cross represents the new life we celebrate as we witness the very instrument of death and endings transformed into life and new beginnings.

On this Easter morning, remember to bring flowers, branches from flowering shrubs or green branches to decorate the Flower Cross. If our early spring weather leaves your yard without bulbs and shrubbery blooming on Easter morning, then magnolia leaves, boxwood, clumps of long, green grass tied securely or tree branches with young leaves will serve as perfect additions. We hope that everyone who comes to worship on Easter morning will add something to the Flower Cross. There will be extra items available for those who forget or for our visiting guests.

I am already imagining how beautiful our Flower Cross will be during our worship on Easter morning!



Spring Women's Retreat

by Wilma Beam

On March 18-20, seven ladies attended our spring women's retreat at the Sisters of Mercy Retirement Home in Nashville. All in attendance experienced a thought-filled but well-rested mind, body, and soul. For those of you who have been before, you know of what we speak. For those of you who have not yet been, we invite you to our fall women's retreat September 30 - October 2. The *Sisters* look forward to seeing us as much as we look forward to seeing them; just ask JoAnn, Tamra, Kristie, Sally, Janie, Elaine, or Wima—we would be thrilled to fill you in. Come and join us in the fall.

2011 General Assembly

July 9-13, Bridgestone Arena

Register early for the Disciples' General Assembly. More info is available on a poster (front and back) located on the bulletin board in the church communication center.

DWM Update by Janelle Douglass

The next Disciples' Women's Ministry's regular meeting will be April 12 with Helping Hands at 9:30am and lunch provided by Circle III at 11:30am. Program begins at 12 noon.

The program will be presented by residents of the Next Step Home (transition home). Four or five of the ladies will be with us to tell their stories and how much the home means to them. You will learn how the caring support of local churches and volunteers helps them in their recovery. Join us and bring a friend to meet these ladies.

Call me (before Thur. 3/24) at 684-7816 if you have questions.

Word of Thanks

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful baby shower and for celebrating Frank Huston with us. We love you all so much and are very grateful to be part of the First Christian Family.

In Christ,

Benji & Amy Philpott

Memorials

MARY ARNOLD

Betty & Martha Arnold
 Roy & Janie Bartlette
 Tommy & Wilma Beam
 Jimmy & Brenda Clark
 Rose Marie Clark
 Evelyn Coffey
 FCC Disciples Women's Ministry
 FCC Adult Sunday School Class
 Mrs. Normanda Huffman
 Marvin & Cheryl McBee
 Myrtle Price



GEORGE DYE

Rose Marie Clark

EDWARD C. HUFFMAN, SR.

Jimmy & Brenda Clark
 Charlie & Mai Coffey
 D. Davis
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Grissom
 Lois Diane Hunt
 Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Johnson
 Bill & Merriam Pietkiewics

RAY COFFEY

Bryce & Rachel Dixon

MRS. CORDER

Jimmy & Brenda Clark

MARTHA VANNATTA

Jimmy & Brenda Clark

Stew & Cornbread
 April 3
 Following Worship
 (Also Meet & Greet Bob and Kay)

Maundy
 Thursday
 April 21
 6pm

Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Service
 "Flower Cross"
 Breakfast

Prayer Concerns of the Church

Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

Mary Arnold
 Cecil Cleek
Glen Oaks Assisted Living
 Mildred Bobo
Christian Care Center

Milbrey Eakin
 Melba Henry
Carriage House Inn
 Opal Summerall
Donaldson Place
At Home
 Billy Gunter

Normanda Huffman
 Mike Jorgenson
 Miles McCullough
 Annette Palmer
 Amy Philpott
 Bill & Naomi Thompson
 Ted York

April Birthdays

4	Preston Hall	10	Cornelia Riddle	18	Phil Womble
	Buddy Haynes		Elise Troupe	22	Sandy Gilmore
5	Blake Cannon	11	Mary Lynn Prince	23	Eric Richardson
6	Curtis Morton	13	Sally Bellar		Katie Landers
	Marilyn Parker		Beth Parameswaran	25	Courtney Price
	Larry Price	14	Lucy Mitchell	26	Lisa Adams
9	Key Bobo		Dale Reese	29	Diane Kelly
	Kristie Caldwell	16	Cortney Warren		Dolly Sharp
		18	Ray Crouse		

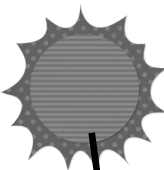
April Elders

Tim Harwell
 Stephen Philpott

April Deacons

Amy & Jeff Mitchell
 Kay & George Dennis

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2 8am-12pm T-ball signup	Youth and Women's Bible Studies on Sundays 5:30pm Call for more information
3 11:30am Choir Stew and Cornbread Meet and Greet Bob Stegall	4 7am-C.B.S. (Community Bible Study) All Day Soup	5	6 ☼	7 9:30am Christian Travelers: Barn Dinner Theatre	8 5:30-8:30 Who's Cooking?	9 8am-12pm T-ball signup	
10 7:00am Men's Breakfast	11 7am-C.B.S. 5:30pm Civitan	12 9:30am Helping Hands 11am D.W.M.	13 ☼	14	15	16 9am-2pm Stitching	
17 8am-Elders' mtg. 4pm—Hiking 6pm—Community Palm Sunday @ F.C.N.	18 7am-C.B.S.	19 Circle I Circle III	20 ☼	21 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm	22	23 10am-12pm Egg Hunt Eakin Farm	
24 	25 7am-C.B.S.	26	27 ☼	28 9am Office Closed- Staff mtg.	29	30	

Easter Sunday Schedule of Events
 Sunrise Service 7am
 Breakfast 7:45am
 Resurrection Service 10am

☼ Wednesday Schedule
 5:30pm Fellowship Meal (?)
 6:00-7:15pm Classes
 (check specific offerings)
 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Hopefully you've already signed up for this, as reservations have already been made
 Meet April 7 at 9:30 at the church
 Cost for food and show is \$27 + gas tip

April 3 Stew and Cornbread
 Immediately following Worship
 Fundraiser for Christmas Cantata
 Individual—\$6 Family—\$18