

From the Pastor's Pencil



A young man named Sam Obenchain came forward during worship on Sunday, January 22, to become a new member of our church. Sam is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Harris Middle School. We are proud and blessed to welcome Sam to First Christian Church!

I'd like you to know how and why Sam came to our church. There's an important and inspiring lesson here for all of us. Sam is a close friend of Kayleigh Caldwell, Tripp Reed, Chase & Cory Smith, and other young people of our church. Their friendship, good example, and personal invitations led Sam to visit our church and then to join our church. We are very fortunate to have young families and such amaz-

ing youth here at First Christian Church!

If our youth can invite people to come to First Christian Church and to become part of our community of faith, we adults ought to be able to do so as well. Your personal invitation is the best way to spread the good news of the Gospel and to grow our church.

I'll bet than many of our members would like to invite people they know to come and worship with us but might not feel comfortable doing so. After all, religion can be a very personal and delicate topic. So, how do we invite people to church without feeling uncomfortable or making *them* feel uncomfortable? Let me offer four suggestions:

First, having a brand-

new pastor at FCC gives you an opportunity to share that information with people as a bit of *news*-when people ask you, "What's new?" or "What's goin' on?" You might say something like, "Well, we've got a new preacher at my church. He just started here on January 1st. Last Sunday he talked about ____ (fill in the blank). I think you'd enjoy his message."

Second, you can invite people to attend special events like Wednesday on Madison, Manna, quilting, or a book club, or invite kids to a youth activity like *Who's Cooking?*. Your acquaintances might feel more comfortable and more willing to attend a special event at our church than to make a commitment to come
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January Budget Corner

General Budget needed per month	\$23,887.83
General Budget received in January	\$23,864.11
Building Accounts received in January	\$ 2,139.00

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and worship with us before they've gotten to know us a little.

Third, remind our children and young people to fill out "Pastor, Come See Me" cards when they are participating in an activity like a sport, concert, or play they'd like me to attend. If possible, I'll come and support our youth, and I'll also get to meet and invite more people in our community that way.

Fourth (and most important), live your life in such a way that people will see the light of Christ shining in you. If people see friendliness, helpfulness, happiness, and love flowing out of you, they will want to find out what you have that they might be missing. Then you can share with them what Jesus and First Christian Church mean to you and invite them to come to church as your guest.

I hope and pray that we will all work together to fill our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. We have a lot to offer the people of Shelbyville. First Christian Church might be the best-kept secret in town, but now it's time to share the Good News with our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Please bring someone to church with you this week!

Glad to be your pastor,

Rev. Tom Bierovic

February Scripture and Sermon titles

Feb. 5 Matt. 5:13-16 *The Flavor of Salt, the Color of Light*

Feb. 12 Matt. 5:1-10 *And That's the Way It Is*

Feb. 19 Matt. 17:1-9 *It is Good for Us to Be Here*

Feb 26 Matt 4:1-11 *Into the Wilderness*

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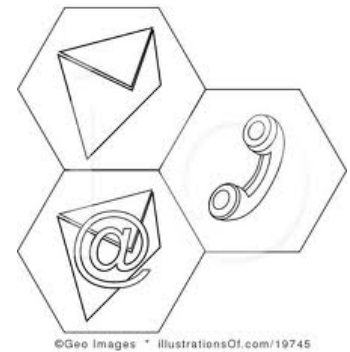
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Wednesday on Madison for 2012 Continues through February 15, 2012

Our winter Wednesday on Madison (WOM) sessions are off to a great start and will continue through February 15. We will continue to provide a fellowship meal for \$6.00 at 5:30 pm catered by Anita Fields. Small groups will follow the meal from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please call the office if you need a ride.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH OFFERINGS

CHILDREN: Ring and Sing

Shana Pitts and Heather Conditt - Room 11

A new serving opportunity for the children is being offered. They are learning how to play hand chimes and they are plan to share in Worship in the near future.

LITURGICAL DANCE: Lord's Prayer

Amy Philpott, facilitator - Room 7

"Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp." Psalm 149:3 NIV

Liturgical dance continues for our 6th-12th graders. They will share this worship expression of the Lord's Prayer in worship Sunday, February 1.

Nursery will be provided for our younger children under Barbara Thompson's leadership.

ADULT OFFERINGS:

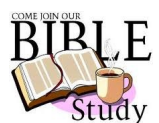
CO-ED: Gospel of Mark

Rev. Tom Bierovic

Bring your Bible and join in this offering as Tom continues to lead us in a study of the Gospel of Mark in the Cross & Chalice room.

Women's Study: Parables

Each week a different facilitator will lead our time of prayer, sharing, Bible study and discussion of the parables meet in the parlor.



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Wednesday on Madison cont'd

Feb. 1st	Good Samaritan Janelle Douglas	Feb. 29	“A New Season” Susan Derryberry Rev. Tom Bierovic
Feb. 8th	Parable of the Ten Virgins Lynne Farrar	March 7	“A New Day” Anita Fields Mitzi Crick
Feb. 15th	Parable of the Great Feast Mitzi Crick	March 14	“A New Life” Kobe Simmons Owen Womble Frank & Janelle Douglas
SNOW POLICY: If schools are closed, WOM are cancelled.		March 21	“A New Beginning” Ray & JoAnn Smith

MANNA

MANNA resumes:

February 29 for 4 weeks. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner and we will finish at 7:00 pm.



Children's and Youth Ministries

Worship and Wonder Schedule

Worship and Wonder will be offered on 2nd and 4th Sundays in January for children ages 3 years old through fifth grade.

February 12 : Lenten Puzzle

February 26: Jesus and the Children
Luke 18:15-17

Who's Cooking?

MJ's Recipes from her Past

When: Friday, Jan. 6th

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

All children in 1st through 5th grades (and their friends) are encouraged to participate in cooking, eating and fellowshiping. In addition to our special feast, we will be making soup for others!



RSVP by Wednesday, February 1

Pre-K & Kindergarten

PAJAMA PARTY

Children are to wear their pajamas today for our activities, devotion and games. Our devotion will be “A Night-time Prayer” and continuing “Does God Have a Favorite Color-maybe it's BLACK!”

RSVP by Wednesday, February 1

4th and 5th Graders: Fork's Pike Pottery Studio Sunday, February 19 1:15-5:00 pm



Jonathan Griffith has invited the 4th & 5th graders to spend an afternoon creating various pottery pieces at his studio in Murfreesboro. Wear appropriate clothing and keep in mind the studio may be chilly. Parents are welcome to come also. Plans are to take the church van or carpool

RSVP by Wednesday, February 15

Children's Ministry Meeting Thursday, February 2

6:30-7:30 pm

Purpose: to discuss ministry possibilities, including Vacation Bible School.

The meeting is not limited to parents but is open to all adults interested in our ministry for children. If you will need childcare, please let MJ know by Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Bethany Hills Spring and Summer Camps

“The Spirit of Jesus Christ Comes Alive at Bethany Hills Camp!”

It's not too early to make plans for participation in the Spring Youth Retreats and the Summer Camping Experiences for both children and youth.

As the church office receives more information, we will pass it on to you! Going to such a beautiful church camp is a life long experience.

In the Life of the Church

Disciples Women (CWF)

First Christian Disciples Women will have their regular monthly meeting on **February 14, 2012.**

Helping Hands will begin at 9:30 am, followed by Fellowship time at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at 11:30.



Men's Group (CMF)



This month, the Men's Group will be hosting a Valentine's Day breakfast for the congregation on February 12, 2012. The breakfast will be a fundraiser to raise funds to have our beautiful steeple cleaned. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and good food! Please sign up by Feb. 8. Sign up sheet is on the Communication table.



Elders Meet

Elders will meet on Sunday, January 19 at 8:00 am

Sunday Night Women's Bible Study

Tamra Smith will continue to teach the Sunday night Bible Study at 5:00 pm at the church.

Circles Meet

Circle IV will meet February 7

Circle I February 21, 2:00 pm at the church

Circle III February 21, 6:00 pm at the church

Prayer Concerns of the Church

In Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

Celebration Way

Cecil Cleek

Alpha Philpott

Christian Care Center

Mildred Bobo

Carriage House Inn

Melba Henry

Milbrey Eakin

Donaldson Place Nursing Home

Opal Summerall

Glen Oaks

Mike Jorgenson

Valley View Health & Rehab

Joyce Boggs

In Hospital

Harton Hospital

Ron Vannatta

At Home

Janie Burke

Billy Gunter

Brenda Hancock

Normanda Huffman

Miles McCullough

Pete Phillips

Dale Reese

Don Smith

Earlene Stallings

Ted York

Quilter/Sewing Group

"Little Dresses for Africa" are in their final step of completion. Come join in the fellowship as we work on these dresses. What a great way to learn how to sew if you are not experienced with a sewing machine!

Soldiers Project Update

Thank you for your support and generosity! Together we were able to brighten 12 soldier's lives last month! Valentine boxes are in the works now and the following items are being collected until Wednesday, February 8: Valentine cards, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped candies, snack food, crackers, word/puzzle books and personal notes from you and monetary donations to defray the cost of mailing. A soldier collection center has been set up in the Gathering Area. Thank you for supporting our troops!

Bonnye & Donnye Fields, Amy Philpott

Congregational Play Night

Saturday, February 18, 6:00-8:30 pm

Family and friends of all ages are invited to come and play cards, games or just spend a time of sharing together.

Bring your favorite games and cards. Others will be provided. Ping Pong Room open and there are some group activities in the works!

Nursery will be provided for the little ones.

Please sign the Play Night clipboard on the Communication Center Table to assist the Christian Education Committee to plan for how many are coming.

Bringing a finger snack to share is optional. Come one, come all and invite a friend!

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Feb. 5 Mitzi Crick

Feb. 12 Janie Burke

Feb. 19 Rachel & Karley Simmons

Feb. 26 Kathy Harwell

In the Life of the Church cont'd

Spring Women's Retreat

by Wilma Beam

Mark your calendars for the FCC Women's Retreat that will take place March 9, 10 & 11. We will stay at the Sister's of Mercy retreat center in Nashville (close to the Opryland Hotel). All rooms are single occupancy with private baths. We will have times of study, fellowship, fun, and solitude throughout the weekend. The cost is \$110.00, plus the cost of the craft we will do on Saturday afternoon. This cost also includes two nights' lodging and six meals. There are only 18 private rooms, so only 18 can attend the retreat. It is definitely worth the time and money to go.



If you would like to reserve your place, or if you have any questions, call the Wilma Beam.

etc. Items need to be at church by Wednesday, May 23 in order for them to be priced.

PLEASE NO CLOTHES! You may consider donating your clothes to a local organization of your choice.

We need willing bodies to assist in pricing and setting up the sale as well as cleaning up. The sale will be held on the front lawn of the church. In the event of rain, the sale will be held inside in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Kathy Harwell, coordinator, or Mary Jane Heuer.

Installing our New Senior Minister



Rev. Tom Bierovic will be installed as the new Senior Minister of First Christian Church on Sunday, February 19, during our morning worship service. Dr. Glen Stewart, the Regional Minister for the Tennessee Region of the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ), will lead the Installation Ceremony.

Please make plans to attend this special service as we continue our journey of faith together toward a new and joyful future at First Christian Church.

There will be a fellowship meal following the worship service.

Meals on Wheels

Are you looking for a way to serve God and your community in 2012? I have the answer: Meals on Wheels. We need someone to take a route on Tuesdays. It requires about 30-45 minutes of your time, but you will be blessed and meet some wonderful people! Please contact Wilma Beam at 684-2527.



Blood Drive



You will note on the calendar there is a blood drive being held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 11 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The need for blood is great! Please participate.

Children's & Youth Yard Sale

DATE: Sat., May 26

TIME: 7:00 am—1:00 pm



Folks, it's time to look through your closets, garages, sheds and under beds for those unwanted items and donate them to the Yard Sale. Proceeds will go to Children's & Youth ministries. We are accepting items in good, working condition: furniture, toys, cooking utensils, dishes, appliances, .

February 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	GROUNDHOG DAY 9:30 am CBS 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Meeting	3 5:30 pm Who's Cooking	4 10:00 am PreK-K Happening
5 7:30 am Men's Breakfast	6	7 Circle IV meets	8 5:30 pm Wednesday on Madison 7:15 pm Choir	9	10	11 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Blood Drive
12 8:00 am Congregational Breakfast	13 7:00 pm CBS	14 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:00 DMW	15 5:30 pm Wednesday on Madison 7:15 Choir	16 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Quilting	17 6:00 pm 4/5th	18 6:00 pm Congregational Play Night
19 8:00 am Elders Meet 1:15 4/5th Pottery Trip	20 7:00 pm CBS	21 2:00 pm Circle I 6:00 pm Circle III	22 5:30 pm Wednesday on Madison 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 9:00 am Staff Meeting	24 7:00-12:00 pm Youth Game Night Fellowship Hall	25
26	27 7:00 pm CBS	28	29 6:00 pm MANNA			

February Birthdays, Elders, and Deacons



February Birthdays

- 1 Pete Phillips
- 2 Bethany Morton
- 3 Carol Price
- 5 Cade Caldwell
Leighton Reed
- 8 Henry Hulan
- 9 Brenda Clark
- 12 Cheryl McBee

- 14 Cindy Hall
- 16 Tim Harwell
- 18 Mark Cannon
- 21 Joyce Bell
Daniel Farrar
- 25 Susan Davis
- 27 Evelyn Coffey
Sandy Craig
Susan Price

- 28 Josh Crouse
- 29 Leaman Fields

February Elders

- Frank Douglas
- Wayne Schumann

February Deacons

- Roy Bartlette
- Shana Pitts
- Ellen Taylor
- Nichole Yockey