

Message from Interim Bob

Wednesday on Madison

Wednesday on Madison is a wonderful Blessing. Anita Fields prepares a fantastic dinner for just \$6.00 a plate or \$18.00 for a family. What a bargain! We eat at 5:30 pm so that reduces stress after a long day.

One of our classes is "Jesus Christ Thru the Eyes of a Woman" in the gospel of John, taught by Kay Stegall. The Schedule is:

- Oct. 2 Mary, Mother of Jesus
- Oct. 12 Samaritan Woman at the Well
- Oct. 19 Woman Caught in Adultery
- Oct. 26 Sisters, Mary and Martha
- Nov. 2 Woman with Vial of Perfume
- Nov. 9 Mary at the Cross
- Nov. 16 Mary Magdalene

The class for men is, "Disciples of Christ Thru the Eyes of a Man." We are watching videos in the Parlor:

- Oct. 12 Alexander Campbell
- Oct. 19 Fred Brenning Craddock
- Oct. 26 Dick Hamm
- Nov. 2 Newell Williams
- Nov. 9 Dan Moseley

Nov. 16 Discussion of Disciples of Christ Goals at FCC

Beginning November 30, our Wednesday night offering will be "Christmas Advent MANNA" and will continue through December 21.

The children are preparing a "Christmas Musical under the direction of Shana Pitts and Heather Conditt. They practice in the Room 4. How blessed we are at First Christian Church, Shelbyville to have wonderful, talented and exciting children. God is good! Classes meet from 6 to 7 pm.

Join us anytime you can for Wednesday on Madison. You can call in Reservations for the meal.

Interim Bob

November Messages: Happy Thanksgiving!

- Nov. 6 Jesus Had a Plan
Luke 8:1-15
- Nov. 13 Jesus was Tested
John 6:1-14, 25-33
- Nov. 20 Jesus Could Add
Luke 6:43-45, Kings 4:1-7
- Nov. 27 Jesus Encourages Thanksgiving
Luke 6:1-6

October Budget Corner (through Oct. 23rd)

General Budget needed per month	\$27,395.75
General Budget received in October	\$17,239.75
Building Accounts received in October	\$ 880.00





Fall Back for Daylight Savings

Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 am **Sunday, November 6th**. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



Letter to First Christian Church Shelbyville Members

This year has been a year of great change in our congregation. We have lost a number of members and with their leaving we have also lost over \$100,000 in giving. As a result of this financial short fall, the board in a recent meeting found it necessary to abolish the position of Associate Pastor. David Chism was released with a 60 day severance package.

This realignment became necessary as a result of the Pulpit Search Committee identifying a candidate for our vacant Senior Pastor position. The Church Board recently approved the unanimous recommendation of this committee to extend an offer to Reverend Thomas Bierovic to be our next minister.

Reverend Bierovic and his wife Laurel will be in worship with us on Sunday, October 30, 2011. We will have a pot luck luncheon that day which will give all of us a chance to meet the Bierovics and get to know them better. We will

then have a business meeting following church service on Sunday, November 6, 2011 to vote on calling Reverend Bierovic as our pastor.

We are in the process of putting next year's budget together for your approval. If giving remains the same, we should be able to keep the present staff and call Reverend Bierovic. The Pulpit Search Committee feels very strongly that God has led the Bierovics to us and they are the right choice for our congregation.

With God's help and all of us pulling together, we can continue to serve God's Kingdom in Shelbyville, TN.

Sincerely,

Wayne Schumann, Board Chairman

Thanksgiving Offering



The Thanksgiving offering funds the different learning institutions of our denomination. The education we choose reflects who we want to become. More and more, students who want to make a difference in the world are

choosing Disciples higher educational institutions. At the 21 theological institutions, universities, and colleges related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), students discover vast opportunities to educate the heart,

the mind, and the soul. The Thanksgiving offering will be taken up on Sunday, November 13 and 20. Please give generously.



Words of Encouragement

by Mitzi Crick

When was the last time you encouraged someone? When was the last time you received encouragement? Do you need encouragement? Do others need encouragement?

Each of us can move toward more spiritual freedom and joy as we share Christian words of ENCOURAGEMENT with each other. Often the insight of a fellow Christian can be “just what the doctor ordered.” Words of encouragement remind us we are not alone. We are a family in Christ and are called to encourage on another!!!

Recently, we held a Women’s Retreat at the Sisters of Mercy Convent. During our time together, we studied how God calls us to encourage others and how we can find encouragement through our Christian relationships. Women of all ages and backgrounds, from First Christian Church, spent time studying God’s word and fellowshiping with on another. We spent the weekend studying, praying, laughing, crying and eating lots of great food. It was a blessing to share time with other Christian women and focus on our walk with Christ.

*Would you like to spend time with God and your fellow sisters in Christ learning more about your spiritual walk with Christ? Would you like the opportunity to spend quiet time in a beautiful setting reflection on your relationship with Christ? Would you like an opportunity to spend time worshipping God without the interruption of daily life for a weekend? If your answer is yes, then join us **February 24, 25 & 26, 2012 for our next retreat!** Do not miss this opportunity to share time with your sisters in Christ! For more information, contact Wilma Beam or any of the other ladies who attended the fall retreat.*

**Attending the retreat were: Wilma Beam, Sally Bellar, Janie Burke, Kristy Caldwell, Mitzi Crick, Lynne Farrar, Amy Mitchell, Elaine Philpott, Megan Reed, Iris Schumann, JoAnn Smith and Kay Stegall..

Spirituality/Silent Retreat

If you are a mature male or female ages 17 and over, you are invited to experience a spirituality/silent retreat in the peaceful countryside of rural Tennessee.

Where:

Bethany Hill Camp
1080 Bethany Hills Road
Kingston Springs, TN 37082

When:

Friday November 18, 2011 at 6:00 pm to Sunday November 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Cost:

Disciples Church members \$110, Non-Disciples \$120. Cost includes lodging, and meals. Bring snacks, if desired.

Bring:

Bible/reading material, sweater or Jacket, pencil and paper/notebook, bed linens/pillow/blanket, comfortable clothing, towel/washcloth/toiletries, rain-umbrella, yoga mat and block.

For more information, email Rev. Ami Fletcher at faenzaa2001@yahoo.com or call 615-347-6905

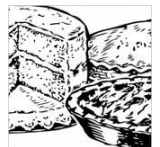
Peace by Piece Quilting Ministry



Join us on Thursdays, November 3rd and 17th as we learn various quilting patterns. No experience is required and we love to have folks who can share their sewing skills with us. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm. Children are welcome to join us to learn with us. See Mary Jane if you have any questions.

FCC Bake Sale

*We need to let you know
That it is time for us to show
The talents of good Christian women, Oh rejoice
And tell everyone with your voice
Give heed to what we say,
Our bake and craft sale is on its way
Now hear ye of this bliss,
Men may also join in this
With your crafts and cooking list
Bring your goodies to the church on Friday evening between
4:00 pm and 7:00 pm or Sat. morning before eight
And please don't be late.
So tell it everywhere that Saturday, November 13th is our
Bake & Craft Sale day
And one can buy their goodies for the holiday.*



—Written by Ruth Cartwright

FCC Bake Sale cont'd

The annual DWM (CWF) Bake & Craft Sale is **Saturday, November 13**, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. DWM welcomes the baked goods and crafts that you donate to their sale. Please bring these items to the church, using the back



door, during the following times:

Friday, November 11
from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 12
from 7:00 to 8:00 am

Please come out and buy some goodies on November 12.

The proceeds go to local outreach programs for First Christian Church.

Wednesday on Madison and MANNA Updates

Our fall Wednesday on Madison (WOM) sessions will continue through November 16.



Beginning on November 30, MANNA returns for four weeks. WOM and

MANNA are opportunities for fun, food, fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

WOM Meal

Each WOM session will begin at 5:30 pm with a meal in Fellowship Hall catered by Anita Fields. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 per person, \$18.00 per family. There will be a sign up form in the Sunday Worship Bulletin or you may call the church office on Monday to reserve a meal.

Adult Offerings:

"Through a Woman's Eyes" led by Kay Stegall which is a study of the Gospel of John. Class meets in the Cross and Chalice Room.

"Disciples of Christ through the eyes of Men" led by Bob Stegall. Class meets in the Parlor.

Christmas Around the World

Shanna Pitts and Heather Conditt

Children and Youth are rehearsing for *"Christmas Around the World"* in Room 4. These rehearsals will continue through Wednesday, December 7. The children will perform their annual Christmas Musical during morning worship on Sunday, December 11.



Nursery

Barbara Thompson

The nursery will also be available for young children below 4 years old for those not participating in the musical.

MANNA Returns

MANNA returns on Wednesday, November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.

Two people have been asked to share their faith testimonies each week. We will also have a fellowship meal consisting anything you choose to bring, whether it be a potluck dish from home or something purchased such as fried chicken, tacos, chips, fruit and so forth. You are encouraged to invite someone, or even offer them a ride. MANNA—food for body, mind and spirit.

Thanksgiving Outreach Project

Outreach Committee/Youth Group

Thanksgiving Outreach Project

For the next 4 weeks, the Youth Group will be collecting food to put into Thanksgiving baskets for families in our community. Please help us make this holiday special for several families by bringing the following non-perishable food items to church with you:

October 30: Breakfast items- cereal, oatmeal, grits, granola bars, jelly, etc.

November 6: Fruit and Vegetables

November 13: Carbohydrates- macaroni and cheese, rice, dry beans, peanut butter, crackers, Ramen noodles, etc.

Thanksgiving Outreach cont'd

November 20: Main Dishes-tuna, “helper meals” that include the meat, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles, canned soups, etc.

November Youth Schedule

The Youth meets Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm. Youth activities for November are as follows:

- Nov. 4-6 Chi-Rho Fall Retreat at Bethany Hills
- Nov. 20 Deliver Baskets—time TBA
- Nov. 27 No Youth meeting

TRO (Teens Reaching Out)

Our youth will be serving those in our congregation who need help in their homes or around their yards. If you know of a need, please contact Johnny Reed at 931-492-0062. Once we receive a request, we will schedule a time to go and serve those in need.

FIREPROOF

Fireproof practices on Monday from 5:00-6:00 pm. Ashley Reed will be helping with the band for one hour each week. Be sure to be a few minutes early and be ready to begin practice at 5:00 pm sharp. We want to make the most of our time with Ashley!

The Advent Season Begins Nov. 27



Intergenerational Advent Celebration

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 27 from 3:00-6:00 pm.



Our local Good Samaritan is in dire need of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. You may place donated items in the Good Samaritan box in the

church Gathering Area. There is also a collection box in the gathering area for monetary gifts. We are continuing to collect money to be able to purchase a truck load of food. The cost of a truck load of food is only \$500. Thank you!

We will kickoff the season of Advent with fellowship, devotion, activity stations, food and more.

The fellowship celebration begins at 3:00 pm with a devotion and carols in Fellowship Hall.

We will have various craft and activity stations:

- Card and tag making
- Bird Seed Milk Carton House
- Greenery for your Advent Wreath-bring your own base and candles
- Christmas Cards & Ornaments
- Matchbox Bible Ornament
- Family Hands
- Children in *Christmas around the World* will be making six different ornaments for themselves and the musical.
- Additional Crafts

This is an opportunity for the entire church family to interact and commune together.

If you are willing to assist with the crafts or with the children’s crafts project, please come and share your presence with the children and adults.

Please make plans to attend!

Bring Finger or Snack Foods for refreshments.

If you don’t do crafts, just come and **fellowship!** Need:

Small milk cartons, empty matchboxes, wooden chopsticks; please give items to MJ.

If you need a ride, please call MJ so it can be arranged.



A number of dishes have been left behind in the kitchen from our pot luck dinners etc. They will be in the Gathering Area on Sunday, November 6. If one of your favorite plates or baking dishes is missing, it may be here at the church! Any dishes left behind will be donated to the Yard Sale items.



Children's Ministries



Sunday School

Don't forget-Sunday's from 9:00-9:45 a.m. there are great teachers waiting for you and your children.

Nursery for those under 2 years olds with Barbara Thompson.

3, 4, 5 year olds - Daryl and Amanda O'Neal in Room 2

K – 1st Grade – Rachel Farrar in Room 3

2nd – 4th Grade – Jeff and Amy Mitchell et al. in Room 4

W & W Schedule

Worship and Wonder meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for 3-year-olds through fifth graders.

November 13

Preparing for Advent:
Prophets Isaiah 9:2

November 27

Advent: The Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

NOTE: During Advent, we will meet each Sunday except December 11th.

Who's Cooking?

Donna Pitts

Fri. Nov. 4th 5:30-8:30
1st-5th Graders.

A special treat is planned this month with Dani Grace and Kathryn's grandmother will be our guest cook. Join us as we prepare meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peach cobbler,

rolls and more. Invite your friends and bring your \$2.00. Sign up by Wed. November 2nd.

PRE K-Kindergarten

Happening:

(3 year olds through kindergarten)

Does God Have a Favorite Color? Purple

Saturday, November 5th
6:00-7:30 pm

This is rescheduled from last month.

WHAT: Bible story time, games and crafts and more are planned. Children are encouraged to wear some-



thing purple, however, not necessary if they don't have purple!

WHERE: Gathering Area before going to Room 2 for our activities and Bible story.

Invite friends and please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2nd.

4th and 5th Graders: Food Baskets

When: Fri. Nov.18

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Children will plan the Thanksgiving meal and then go shopping for items to put in a food basket for a special family.

Each child needs to make a

donation and with their money, along with money received from others. We will be our spending this money for the meal supplies.

Donations are appreciated from the congregation to assist us in this ministry.



Please
SIGN UP
by

Wednes-
day, No-

ember 16th if your child is going to participate.

Baby Jesus

Where is Baby Jesus? Several years ago, the Christian Education Committee began a Baby Jesus ministry. Members of the congregation will be hosting the Baby Jesus for 24 hours during Advent before delivering Baby Jesus to another household. The host member will choose the next household to receive Baby Jesus. Each household is encouraged to record their thoughts, feelings and experiences in a journal that goes with Baby Jesus. It is not a requirement that "host" households contain children. A list will be provided with previous hosts. Whoever has Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve will bring Baby Jesus to our Christmas Eve service. Please call Mary Jane Heuer if you have any questions, 615-542-4094.



In the Life of the Church



Nursery Volunteers

November 6 - Ellen Taylor

November 13 - Rachel & Karley Simmons

November 20 - Kristie Caldwell

November 27 - Kobe Simmons



Board Meeting

The general board will meet **Sunday, December 18** immediately following Worship in the choir room.

DWM (CWF)

The Disciples Women's Ministries (DWM) will meet **Tuesday, November 8** in the fellowship hall. Helping Hands will begin at 9:30 am. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am, followed by business and program. The program will be presented by Eddie Clark who will be sharing experiences he and his daughter, Anna, experienced while on a mission trip to Kenya.



Men's Breakfast

The monthly men's breakfast will be held Sunday, November 13 at 7:30 pm. Please join us and bring a friend!



Elders Meet

The Elders will meet Sunday, November 20 at 8:00 am in the Truth Seekers classroom.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following worship on November 6 to vote on calling Reverend Tom Bierovics as our Senior Pastor. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Church Women United

When: Friday November 4, 1:30 pm

Where: Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church
Pleasant Grove

Prayer Station

The next time you are at the church, take a minute to stop by the prayer station that is set up in the Gathering Area. There is a new theme every month. It is a nice way to clear your mind of worldly worries for a few moments and to focus on our Lord Jesus Christ.



Prayer Concerns of the Church

Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Celebration Way

Cecil Cleek

Alpha Philpott

Christian Care Center

Mildred Bobo

Carriage House Inn

Melba Henry

Milbrey Eakin

Donaldson Place

Opal Summerall

Lynchburg Nursing Home

At Home

Billy Gunter

Normanda Huffman

Miles McCullough

Pete Phillips

Earlene Stallings

Ted York

Hospital

Centennial-Nashville

Dale Reese

Harton Hospital-Tullahoma

Mike Jorgenson

We Mourn the loss of

Robert Lawwell, the brother of Janie Burke



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm Circle IV meets	2 WOM! Wednesdays on Madison: Nov. 2 Nov. 9 Nov. 16 Nov.23 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal	3 CBS Quilting Class	4 Youth Camp- ing weekend 5:30 pm Who's Cooking	5 6:00 pm Pre K-K Happenin
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 AM</i>	7 7:00 pm CBS	8 DWM 9:30 Helping Hands 11:30 Lunch and program	10 CBS	11 4:00-7:00 pm drop off items for Bake Sale	12 9:00 am - Noon Bake Sale	
13 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	14 7:00 pm CBS	15 2:00 pm Circle I meets 6:00 pm Circle III meets	17 CBS 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Quilt- ing Class	18 6:00-8:30 pm 4th & 5th Graders "Food Baskets"	19	
20 8:00 am Elders meet Youth deliver Food Baskets	21 7:00 pm CBS	22	23 NO WOM NO Choir	24 Thanksgiving CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25	26
27 3-6pm Advent Celebra- tion	28 7:00 pm CBS	29	30 5:45 pm MANNA	Sundays: 5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Group 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study		

November Birthdays

3rd David Boggs Paula Burks Lisa Jorgenson Josh Philpott	9th Kayleigh Caldwell
4th Jennifer Vannatta-Hall	10th Charles Carney
5th Ashley Cannon Shauntae Powers Nancy Tillett	12th Miriam Pietkiewicz
6th Scott Hall	13th Kasie Caldwell Tabitha Lewis Opal Summerall
	16th Phoebe Jorgenson Dani Grace Pitts Kathryn Pitts
	23rd Donya Whitfield

November Elders

Henry Hulan
Marvin McBee

November Deacons

Amy Mitchell
Jeff Mitchell
Rachel Simmons
Chris Simmons