



THE CALLER

Wednesdays in October by David Chism

With the Celebration in our rear view mirrors and the fall season officially upon us, there is no shortage of involvements available here at First Christian. If setbacks have prevented you from being a regular attender, now is the best time ever to jump back into action! Here is a breakdown of our exciting fall opportunities.

“Through a Woman’s Eyes”



Available to anyone who would like to attend is a Bible Study from the Gospel of John. This study includes Scripture reading, teaching moments, time for questions and discussion. Each session will conclude with a brief time for worship. The title for the class is "Through a Woman's Eyes." Kay Stegall will be leading this group in learning about 7 pivotal encounters that Jesus had with some of the women we are all familiar with--from Mary, His mother and the wedding at Cana, all the way to the visit with Mary Magdalene in the garden of Gethsemene.

RightNow: Lead Beyond Our Walls

This will be an eight week study beginning October 5 that I will lead myself. We will have several famous guests to come and share from their hearts. Max Lucado, Tony Evans, and several other megachurch pastors will be speaking to us right here at First Christian Church!* (continued on next page...)

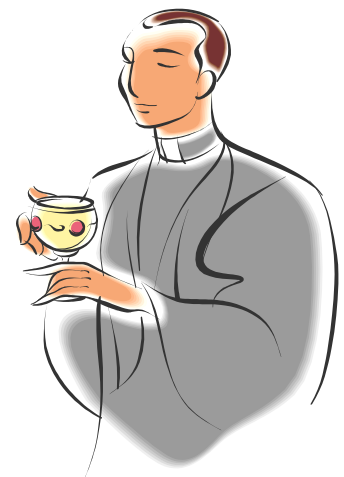


*Max Lucado, Dr. Evans, and the other megachurch pastors have already arrived via UPS, but will unfortunately not be signing autographs during Wednesdays on Madison.

October Sermon Series by Bob Stegall

October Sermon Series "Bless Your Heart"

- 2 Count Your Blessings Psalm 23
- 9 Called to Bless Genesis 12:1-9
- 16 Share the Blessings Luke 6:37-45
- 23 Multiply the Blessings John 6:1-13
- 30 Sowing for Blessings Ecc. 11:1-6, Ps. 33:21



The premise of the curriculum is quite simple. Most of us live our lives outside the walls of the church. We have agreed as a church that we need to be making disciples of those outside our own building (First Christian Church Core Value 1.4). This often happens in unconventional ways. RightNow is designed to get us all thinking about spiritual leadership at church, at home, at work, and at school.

RightNow is open to all those interested. Sunday School teachers, circle group leaders, elders, deacons—all those in a position of responsibility—are especially encouraged to be a part of this experience.

RightNow SESSIONS:

- 1 – Is It Worth the Trade
- 2 – Enhancing Small Groups
- 3 – The Church Has Left the Building
- 4 – Baptized by Fire
- 5 – The Authority of the Church
- 6 – Don't Give Up
- 7 – The Meaning of Work
- 8 – Outlive Your Life

“Around the World”

The family of First Christian Church is especially thankful to Shana Pitts, who is putting together a Christmas Musical for children and youth of all ages. The program will feature music, drama, and the whole works.

New Casual WOM Format

The format for Wednesday on Madison will remain mostly the same as it has been

in the past, with notable exceptions. At 5:20, we will bless the food and open the buffet line. We realize most people will not be able to make it here by 5:20. That's quite all right! We're opening the line at 5:20 to maximize our fellowship time so that classes can begin promptly at 6:00. We're encouraging everyone to come and go as they please. Food will remain available even after 6:00 until Anita and our fine chefs decide that it's time to close up. Since RightNow will be meeting in the fellowship hall, attendees can continue to munch during the lesson.



How Do I Get Involved?

Starting October 2, there will be a meal reservation ticket in your Sunday bulletin. To ensure availability of your plate, please make use of the ticket. Please note that in order to keep the cost of the meal affordable for everyone, we have made it a rule that signing a meal ticket obligates you to pay for your meal even if you end up not attending.

As for the class offerings, clipboards are available right now (pardon the pun) on the table outside the office. These forms give us a general idea about how many will be attending the classes, and how much literature to purchase.

For children up to four years of age, nursery will be available.

All W.O.M. classes will begin at 6 and will end between 7 and 7:15 to allow for choir rehearsal. If you wish to participate in any of these, please sign up on the roster sheet outside the church office. For RightNow there is an optional workbook available to purchase for \$10. For “Through a Woman’s

Eyes" each student will be provided a folder and will receive "homework" to do prior to each session.



Cattle Call for Chancel Choir!

I wish I had a dollar for every time someone with a decent singing voice would come up to me and say, "I can't carry a tune in a bucket." C'mon, folks!

I may not know much, but of this I am sure: God is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory, and He's asking a few good men and women to step up to the plate and participate in choir this fall. Singing praise through song is a good and biblical thing to do.

Plus, singing in our choir is an experience that is neither difficult nor intimidating. Just show up at 7:15 this Wednesday night and I will personally provide both bucket and lid.

Thompson to be Honored

by Amy Philpott

On October 23 we will celebrate a very special saint in our church family, Ms. Barbara Thompson. For 35 years Ms. Barbara has devoted her Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to the children of our church by serving in the nursery. On October 23, we will be honoring Ms. Barbara during the service with a ceremony that will involve all of the children she has kept (young and old) over the years. To help, we ask for all of Ms. Barbara's "kids" to be in attendance and to meet in front of the chapel prior to the service. Following the service, we will host a covered dish luncheon. For more information, or if you would like to help,

please contact Missy Eakin or Amy Philpott (931-536-4434).

Remembering Saints of Old

by Elaine Philpott

First Christian Church says goodbye to two former members who were notable pilgrims in the journey of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Mary Ellen Winkler of Dallas, Texas died August 1, 2011. She was the wife of John Park Winkler who served as First Christian's minister from 1957 - 1964.

Mary Ingle McGill Shelton of Ft. Worth, TX died December 10, 2011. She grew up in First Christian and became the wife of Gentry Shelton, Professor at Brite Divinity School, Ft. Worth, TX.

Mary Ingle was listed as a "Timothy" or "Priscilla" of our church in the 1966 Centennial history of our congregation.

Circle IV Lunch

by Amy Mitchell



Ladies, ladies, ladies! Come one, come all! Please join Circle IV on Oct. 29 from 11-1 for lunch. We will feed you and provide an amazing guest speaker, Mrs. Kay Stegall. She will speak to us about "Lessons Learned in Pottery Class."

Please don't miss this opportunity to be surrounded by friendship & fellowship. Bring a friend!

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
Mathew 25:35

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What: Lunch

When: Saturday, Oct. 29, 11 am-1 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: You want to be fed in more ways than one

Please call or email Amy if you plan to attend so the group will know how much food to prepare.

amitchell@webbschool.com

Peace by Piece

by Mary Jane Heuer

On Sunday, September 18, a new ministry began: Peace by Piece, a quilting fellowship! We have decided to learn how to make a Nine Patch Square that can be used in several ways: one square for a quilt, a pillow top, a wall hanging, or a table runner. Our first fellowship is on Thursday, October 6 from 6-8pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to participate, please call MJ to set up a time to catch up on what you missed.



Supply needs: Fabric: All fabric should be 100% cotton, machine wash, dry and iron

Light and dark material 1/4 yard each of two contrasting 100% cotton or cotton blend fabrics, 44-45" wide OR 2 contrasting Fat Quarters. If you have scrap material are blocks will be 4 1/2" and you will need enough to cut 4 blocks of one material and 5 blocks from the other General material guidelines...but up to you

:-) No stripes or plains

:-) No directional prints

Solids are easy to work with, so you could use one solid & calico or print. Once you decide what you are making the top for, we will make a list of other materials you need.

Come join in the gift of each other's presence as we sew our lives together while we learn to quilt! God's guidance as we begin this new ministry that is open to all ages.

Nursery Schedule

by Mary Jane Heuer

Sunday, October 2 Amy Mitchell

Sunday, October 9 Kathy Harwell

Sunday, October 16 Mattie Ray Wiser

Sunday, October 23 Lucy Mitchell

Sunday, October 30 Mitzi Crick

Tenth Annual Trunk or Treat

by Mary Jane Heuer

Ten years ago we started Trunk-or-Treat as a safe alternative to trick-or-treat. So, this October 31 we are returning to our roots by just having trunks. This way, individuals can come here and yet still make all those other stops to relatives and friends!

Depending on temperature we will have either hot cider or lemonade to quench your thirst!



I am looking for individuals to provide friendly decorated or undecorated trunks filled with treats: whether candy, fruit or cracker snack packs, stickers, boxes of juice, chewing gum, instant package of hot cocoa mix or popcorn. Non-food suggestions include fast food coupons, small toys, and balls, to name a few.

You are encouraged to decorate your car using a Bible story or verse theme. Trunks need to be parked on ball field by 6:15 p.m.

If you prefer to hand out candy versus having a trunk, that is wonderful!

Please let sign up if you are willing to provide a trunk, serve the beverage, and assist in parking cars. Inserts will appear in bulletin later this month!



A Service of Baptism Renewal and Remembrance

by David M. Chism

Baptism means a great many things to a great many people. We as Disciples of Christ have adopted the belief that baptism is a transaction between God and our soul, wherein God *imparts* through the Spirit the gifts of grace. We believe that baptism is more than an empty symbol; it is a reenactment of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In baptism, His experiences becomes our experiences.

We also believe that baptism has a purging and cleansing effect. Through baptism we are brought into the full fellowship of the global church, and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission of the church.

Please be in attendance the Sunday of November 6, when we celebrate a special service of Baptism Renewal and Remembrance, a day we will we remember the moment we were baptized into Christ and celebrate His matchless grace and mercy.

Sunday School Update

by Amy Philpott

The Senior High Sunday School Class will kick off October by studying the history of hymns and comparing them to their contemporary counterparts. So many times we just open our hymnals and sing the words off the page that we never take the time to actually think about what the words mean. It is our hope that this study will help our teens focus on the meaning of these powerful words and help them enrich their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

October Deacons

Nichole Yockey Shana Pitts
Ellen Taylor Bonnye Fields

October Elders

Wayne Schumann Kristie Caldwell

Memorials Given



September Budget Report

General Budget needed per month	\$27,850
General Budget received through Sept. 20	\$17,142
September Building/Maint. Contributions	\$1510

The Children's Section

by Mary Jane Heuer

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

3, 4, and 5-Year-Old's Class is currently studying about God under the leadership of Daryl and Amanda O'Neal. Some of the upcoming themes include God Takes Care of Everything, God Never Changes, God Watches Over Us, and God is So Good.

Kindergarten through First Grade will be focusing on God as well during the month of October. Jennie Nash will their teacher.

Second, Third and Fourth Grade is studying about the Bible through a variety of activities. Jeff and Amy Mitchell lead this class.

WORSHIP AND WONDER

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to participate in Worship and Wonder on the second and fourth Sunday in October. Children will leave the sanctuary following the Children's Moment or when announced.

October 9th David the Shepherd Boy 1 Samuel 16: 1-23

October 23rd David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1-54



WHO'S COOKING? Ministry for First through Fifth Graders

Friday, October 7 5:30-8:30 pm

Eat a small snack before you come. Bob Bellar and Eric Richardson will be our special guests as they lead us in cooking breakfast in the evening. Meal will include eggs, sausage, country ham and biscuits.



The evening includes dinner preparation and enjoying our cooking, devotion time, time with our guest cooks and games. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 5th. Each child is asked to bring a \$2.00 donation if possible to help defray the cost of this ministry. Be sure to invite friends!

PREK-Kindergarten (3 year olds through kindergarten) Happening:

Does God Have a Favorite Color? Maybe it is purple like the grapes we like to eat!

Saturday, October 8, 2011

6:00-7:30 pm

WHAT: Bible story time, games and crafts are planned. Children are encouraged to wear something purple. This is, however, not necessary if they don't have purple!

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

Invite friends and please RSVP by Wednesday, October 5th.



CCF-4th & 5th Graders: Bonfire and Hayride



Christian
Children's
Fellowship

WHEN: Friday, October 21, 2011

WHERE: Stephen & Elaine Philpott's farm. Meet at church at 6:00 pm to ride the van. We will return to church at 8:30pm.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: Sign up for one of the food items on sign up sheet and RSVP by Wednesday, October 19th. If you are bringing a friend, MJ will need a church permission form filled out prior to leaving parking lot.



Prayer Concerns of the Church

Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

Celebration Way
Cecil Cleek

Christian Care Center
Mildred Bobo
Alpha Philpott

Carriage House Inn
Melba Henry
Milbrey Eakin

Donaldson Place
Opal Summerall

At Home

Lisa Adams
Billy Gunter
Normanda Huffman
Miles McCullough
Pete Phillips
Dale Reese
Earlene Stallings
Bill and Naomi Thompson
Ted York

Others

Mike Jorgenson
Rhonda Reed
Ruby Taylor

October Birthdays

1 Mike Jorgenson
2 Lynn Riddle
3 Mark Potts
Ron Vannatta
4 Randy Simmons
5 Allison Haithcote
6 Annette Palmer
8 Bo Melson

12 Mary Jane Heuer
Benji Philpott,
Suzanne Sutton
13 Kathy Reed
16 Leland Arnold
Janie Bartlette
19 Gay Ervin
22 Tripp Reed

David Riddle
24 Doris McNamee
25 Virginia Ann Haynes
26 Rachel Martin
Johnny Reed
28 Brenda Brewbaker
29 Owen Womble



October 2011

WOM -- WEDNESDAY ON MADISON EACH WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 World Communion Sunday	3	4 Circle IV	5 WOM	6 CBS	7 Who's Cooking?	8 PreK Happening
9 Men's Breakfast	10	11 Helping Hands/ DWM	12 WOM	13	14 Youth: Casting Crowns Concert	15
16 Board Elders	17	18 Circle I Circle III	19 WOM	20 CBS Staff mtg. 9am	21 Christ Celebration	22 Christ Celebration
23 Christ Celebration	24	25	26 WOM	27 CBS	28	29 Circle IV Lunch
30 No Youth Group	31 Trunk or Treat					Youth: Bonfire

Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday from 7:15 to about 8:15 pm. We are looking for new members. Please prayerfully consider involvement in the FCC choral ministry.

Christ Celebration
Calsonic Arena
Featuring Dennis Swanberg
October 21, 22, 23 - 7pm
Free Admission

WOM Schedule and Offerings

This semester's W.O.M. is designed for people to come and go as they please.

- 5:20 Food is blessed, and line is opened
- 6:00 Classes begin, with food still available
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal begins

RightNow: Lead Beyond Our Walls, led by David M. Chism

Open to Everyone

Through a Woman's Eyes, led by Kay Stegall

Open to Everyone

Around the World Christmas Musical, led by Shana Pitts

Open to All Children and Youth

Nursery for children up to age 4

October Youth Activities

by Kathy Reed

Sunday evening youth group always meets from 5:00 - 7:00. The *Fireproof* youth band practices every Monday from 5:00 - 6:00.

Sunday, October 2 - Youth Group

Sunday, October 9 - Youth Group

Friday, October 14 - Casting Crowns

Must pre-purchase tickets. See Reeds.

October 15-16 - CYF Fall Retreat

Sunday, October 16 - Youth Group

Sunday, October 23 - Youth Group

Saturday, October 29 - Bonfire

Sunday, October 30 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Regional Transformation

by the Christian Church of Tennessee

For over a year, the Christian Church of Tennessee has been engaged in *transformation conversations*. Today, the results of the Spring listening conferences are on the region's website, ready for your review and comment:

<http://www.ccdctn.org/transformation-themes.html>

Our next step in transformation process will be a visioning retreat. The retreat will be held simultaneously in four locations across the region. We will be connected by technology and at the table with a common loaf of bread.

When: Sunday, October 16, 2011

Locations:

Lindenwood, Memphis

New Covenant, Nashville

Northside, Knoxville

Rockwood



Times

2:00-5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

3:00-6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Focal Question:

What will the Christian Church in Tennessee look like as we grow into God's unfolding vision for the church in the world?

You can also provide your insights regarding transformation through online methods, including:

An online survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K5QRLY9>

Facebook Posting:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=275282539153887>

We invite the entire region to participate in transformation by attending the retreat, posting your thoughts on Facebook or completing the online survey. Come, let us vision and dream dreams together for God's transformative power in our region.

Editor's Note:

Following the worship service on Sunday, October 16, there will be a van prepared for

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a trip to Nashville. We plan to attend a simulcast of the Christian Church of this "Regional Transformation." For those who would like to participate in the visioning process, but are unable to make the trip, we encourage you to make use of the online surveys.



Wheels Available

by Bob Burke

The Men's Group does more than just eat breakfast every third Sunday. The group exists to help meet various ministry needs of the church. They would like to remind the FCC family that they are available to provide transportation to those who are in need of such things as doctor visits, supply runs, and the like. If you are in need of wheels, please contact any member of the men's group or call the church office.

Word Search by David M. Chism

I Cor. 12:12 - The Body is one, but has many members.

How many members can you find below? LAST NAMES ONLY, ALL DIRECTIONS

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