



## From the Pastor's Pencil

In our co-ed class during our winter session of *Wednesdays on Madison*, we studied Celtic Christianity—the beliefs and practices of the ancient Christians in Britain, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

We read and discussed the book *Water from an Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life* by Kenneth McIntosh, listened to Celtic music, and wrote Celtic prayers and poems.

Members of the class included Joyce Bell, Tom Bierovic, Roxanna Francesconi, Lynn Hulan, Benji Philpott, Elaine Philpott, Eric Richardson, Ray & JoAnn Smith, Mattie Ray Wiser, and Dennis & Kay Young.

The prayers we wrote to “the Angel of God who has charge of me” are printed below. I hope that reading these prayers written by members of our Church family will be a blessing and an inspiration to you as we begin the Season of Lent and prepare our hearts and minds for Easter!

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a worthy destination before me  
 Be a guiding star above me  
 Be a level path below me  
 Be an encouraging friend behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a sweet journey before me  
 Be a shielding canopy above me  
 Be a cool brook below me  
 Be a gentle breeze behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a stumbling-block mover before me  
 Be a conduit of God's light above me  
 Be a sure path below me  
 Be a strong shield behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

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O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a guiding force before me  
 Be a shining lamp above me  
 Be a strong force below me  
 Be a caring friend behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a light shining before me  
 Be a breath hovering above me  
 Be a firm rock below me  
 Be a touch moving firmly behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be an open highway before me  
 Be a still sky above me  
 Be a lighted path below me  
 Be a cherished memory behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a guiding light before me  
 Be a warm sun above me  
 Be a steady path below me  
 Be a gentle breeze behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

O Angel of God, who has charge of me,  
 Be a beacon of hope and light before me  
 Be a canopy of stars above me  
 Be a carpet of lush grass below me  
 Be a gentle, guiding hand behind me  
 Today, tonight, and forever.

#### MARCH SCRIPTURES

3/2 Matthew 17:1-9  
 3/9 Matthew 4:1-11  
 3/16 John 3:1-17  
 3/23 John 4:5-42  
 3/30 John 9:1-41

Glad to be your pastor, FCC—

*Rev. Tom*

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## WORSHIP AND WONDER



Worship and Wonder will meet the second and fourth Sundays this month. Worship and Wonder is for children ages 3 years old through fifth grade. Children will be hearing and experiencing sacred stories of the Bible and a time of worship. They will then follow Mary Jane to our worship room off the Fellowship Hall where parents can pick them up following the Worship service.

March 9      Lenten Puzzle and The Unmerciful Servant      Matthew 18:21-35

March 23      Man At the Door      Luke 11:1-13

## Nursery Volunteers

Nursery is provided during the Worship Service for our infants through four year olds.

March 2      Kay Young  
 March 9      Mattie Ray Wisner  
 March 16      Jennifer Carden  
 March 30      Janie Bartlette



## KIDS NIGHT OUT: "DINNER & GAME NIGHT"

**Friday, March 14, 5:30-8:00 pm**

Dinner will be easy to prepare. There will be lots of group games, cards, and board games. Join our guests, invite your friends, and enjoy the fun and fellowship. RSVP to Mary Jane by Wednesday, March 12.

A huge note of appreciation to all the volunteers who have served in the Children's Ministry! Praise God for your willingness to share your time, your love of God and to share your gift of presence with the children. Thank You!

## ROCK AND ROLL EASTER EVENT



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12, 3:00-5:00 pm for a family Easter celebration for our community families. There will be games, music, crafts, and an egg hunt. All activities will center on the Resurrection. A hot dog dinner will conclude our celebration! More details in weeks to come, so be sure to pray for this ministry and say "Yes" when asked to serve.

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Friday, March 7 at 1:00 pm, First Christian Church will host "Church Women United." Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Please plan to attend if possible.

## WEDNESDAY ON MADISON

The spring session begins March 12 and will continue through April 9. If there is enough interest, we will have a potluck meal before classes.

Rev. Tom will lead a co-ed class on the study of St. Francis of Assisi. In his introduction "*The Road to Assisi*" by Paul Sabatier, Jon Sweeney writes, "It is not simply that Francis's ideals are worth recounting, but that his life was so extraordinary. He was fully human—like each of us in our awkwardness, insecurities, and fear—but he was also perhaps the purest example we have seen of a person striving to do what Jesus taught his disciples."

The class will begin at 6:00 pm in the Cross & Chalice room. Please join us as we learn about the life of one of the greatest and most humble of all Christians—St. Francis of Assisi.

Laurie Bierovic will lead a Women's Study based on the book *Songs of the Heart: Reflections on The Psalms* by Joan Chittister. In her introduction, Sr. Joan says "The secret to living a full and happy life lies in learning to sing new songs." The Psalms have been sung for thousands of years, but still bring comfort and peace to us today. We will read and discuss five psalms, each offering a spiritual retreat from the stresses in our daily lives.

Mary Jane will facilitate "Handbells and Amazing Science Devotions." We will meet in Gathering Area at 6:00 pm....then we are off to the Choir Room to join Brandon as you prepare for Sunday offerings of music. WOW! What a great way to serve God! Then we are off to Room 3 to explore the Bible, learn more about God through five different science experiments or tricks.

Worship in Motion will continue to meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Please contact Amy Philpott or Shanna Pitts for more information.

Choir rehearsal is at 7:15 pm.

## THE SIGNS OF WORSHIP

"The Signs of Worship" meet each Monday from 6:00-7:00 pm. Any girl interested in participating should attend.

### Disciples Women (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet March 11, 2014. Helping Hands will meet at 9:30 am, and CWF at 11:30 am. We will have a program by Rev. Tom, who will give us a demonstration of the Native American Flutes and teach us about the spirituality of the music. Lunch will be provided.

### Men's Group (CMF)

The Men's Group will have their Men's Breakfast Sunday, March 9 at 7:30 am. All the men in the church are encouraged to come to enjoy a good meal and fellowship.

### Elders Meet

The Elders meeting this month will be March 16 at 8:00 am.

### Board Meets

The Board will meet Sunday, March 16, at 11:15 am following Worship.

### Circles Meet

Circle I - Tuesday, March 18, at 2:00 pm at the church.

Circle III - Tuesday, March 18, at 6:00 pm at the church.

Circle IV - TBA

## AUSTON PEAY UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

We are proud to announce that the Austin Peay University Chamber Singers are on tour and will be at First Christian Church on Sunday, March 9 at 7:00 pm. The Chamber Singers is the only collegiate ensemble in Tennessee selected to perform at this coming April's TMEA Conference to be held in Memphis. They are 32 strong and will sing sets based on Psalmody, Americana, Pain and Poison, and Crossing the Borders.

The Membership Committee will be hosting a meal for them prior to the concert. We will also collect a "Love Offering" for the group to help with their travel expenses.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

As we move into the season of Lent, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 6:00 pm. Nursery will be provided for infants through 4 year olds.

## SPRING AHEAD!

Don't forget to turn your clock ahead before going to bed Saturday night, March 9



## Prayer Concerns of the Church



### In Hospital, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

*Celebration Way*  
Alpha Philpott

*Christian Care Center*  
Mildred Bobo  
Mary Lynn Prince

*The Heart Remembers*  
Melba Henry

### At Home

Sandy & Terry Craig  
Rhoda Gunter  
Brenda Hancock  
Buddy & Virginia Ann Haynes  
Miles McCullough  
Bo Melson  
Curtis Morton  
Freida Newell  
Annette Palmer  
Susan Price  
Albert Smithson  
Earlene Stallings  
Naomi Thompson  
Ted York

### We mourn the loss of Milbrey Eakin

### In Memory of Milbrey Eakin

Dot Allen  
Tommy & Wilma Beam  
Bob & Sally Bellar  
Joyce Boggs  
Rose Marie Clark  
May Dean Eberling  
Martha Fox  
Rebecca Jennings  
Edna King  
Martha & Max Krenson  
Don & Marilyn Lewis  
Anne McMahon  
Charles & Karen Sue McDonald  
John & Susan Peterson  
Ainslie Tatum

### In Memory of Leo Reed

Dr. Lana Beavers, MD

## February Budget



General Budget needed per month	\$23,860.25
General Budget received in February	\$21,135.00
Building Accounts received in February	\$2,040.00
Week of Compassion	\$963.00



# March 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 6:00 pm <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> 7:15 pm Choir	12 9:30 am CBS	7	8
9 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Chamber Singers Concert	10	11 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am CWF	12 <b>WOM</b> 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm classes 7:15 pm Choir	13 9:30 am CBS	14 5:30 pm Kids Night Out	15
16 8:00 am Elders meet 11:15 am Board meets 6:00 pm Christian Ed meets	17 	18 2:00 pm Circle I 6:00 pm Circle III	19 <b>WOM</b> 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm classes 7:15 pm Choir	20 <b>Spring Begins!</b> 9:30 am CBS	21 5:30 pm Kids Night Out	22
23	24	25	26 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm classes 7:15 pm Choir	27 9:30 am CBS	28	29 Youth Lock In
30	31					

## March Birthdays, Elders, and Deacons



### March Birthdays

- 3 David Caldwell  
Stephen Philpott  
Lita York
- 5 Phil Womble
- 7 Kateland Ellis  
Kathy Harwell
- 8 Rhoda Gunter

- 11 Missy Eakin
- 12 Ellen Taylor
- 13 Brady O'Neal
- 15 John Carlton  
Landon O'Neal
- 19 Roger Sinuefield
- 22 Mary Jane Sinuefield

### March Elders

- Bobby Newell
- Linda Yockey

### March Deacons

- Eric Richardson
- Chris Simmons
- Rachel Simmons
- Shirley Smith