

From the Pastor's Pencil



On May 11, we'll celebrate Mother's Day. But, of course, you already knew that!

We might not remember the birthdays of all our family and friends; we might forget anniversaries; we might fail to do something special for our sweetheart on Valentine's Day -- but almost everyone remembers to honor their mother on Mother's Day.

On Mother's Day, we send a card and make a phone call, if that's the best we can do because of distance or circumstances. If possible, we visit our mother, take her out to her favorite restaurant for dinner, or send her a bouquet of flowers.

Of course, even if our mother has passed away, we remember her on Mother's Day. It's one of those days when we reminisce with family and friends about our mothers--how good they were to us, all the things they did for us when we were growing up, all the lessons they taught us.

My mother, Mary, passed away nine years ago at the age of 84. She was born in a small village in Scotland called Kilmarnock. Her father, Thomas Phillips, emigrated from Scotland to America when she was an infant. Thomas found a job and rented a small apartment in Harvey, Illinois, and then brought his wife and my mother to America.

My mother met my father, Frank, when they were classmates in high school. They married a few years after they graduated and spent the rest of their lives together, raising three sons and building a hardware business.

My mother enjoyed reading mystery novels, watching soap operas on TV, playing piano, gardening, and doing home improvement projects like painting and wallpapering.

She took care of her mother, who lived with us for the last several years of her life, and she took care of my father when he suffered a heart attack and a stroke.

My mother was a very devout Roman Catholic her entire life. She prayed the Rosary every day and went to Mass every Sunday.

I remember one Sunday when we were on vacation in Florida, we went to church to attend Mass, but the church was already packed with worshippers. There was not even any more standing room available.

My dad thought we should just say our prayers outside and then head for the beach, but my mom wouldn't leave the church. We stood outside the church for an hour, taking turns looking into the church through a small window that gave us a partial view of the altar so we could at least see some of the Mass even though we couldn't hear anything or receive Holy Communion.

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April Budget

General Budget needed per month	\$23,860.25
General Budget received in April	\$20,018.00
Building Accounts received in April	\$340.00
Easter Offering	\$429.00

My mom thought it was important to go to church--even when we were on vacation, even when we had to stand outside and look in through a window!

Of course, I left my family's Roman Catholic beliefs behind when I was just a teenager, and I'm 100% Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) now, which is a good thing since I'm your pastor!

But I'll always remember that my mother loved God and Jesus, that she prayed for at least an hour every day, and that she wouldn't miss church even if her whole family had to take turns watching the service from outside through a small window on a hot, humid morning on our Florida vacation.

I hope to see you all in worship here at First Christian Church this Mother's Day! Make it a happy and blessed day for you and your family!

Glad to be your pastor, FCC--

Rev. Tom

MAY SCRIPTURES

May 4	Luke 24:13-32
May 11	Acts 16:9-15
May 18	Psalm 23
May 25	John 14:15-21



WORSHIP AND WONDER

Worship and Wonder will meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Worship & 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.

May 11 Jesus is Risen: The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:1-35

May 25 The Resurrection: Appearance to the Ten Luke 24:36-49

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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

May 4	Ashton Crick
May 11	Ellen Taylor
May 18	Blaire Cartwright
May 25	Rachel Simmons



LEGOS

Do you have extra Legos floating around your house? If you do and don't want them any more, Mary Jane can use them for a 13 week Faith Builders Sunday School for our children. Our adventure starts May 4 and will combine Bible stories with creative block building. At Faith Builders, children will explore:

- ◆ God Calls Us by Name
- ◆ Cross Power
- ◆ We are God's Masterpieces
- ◆ God Created Everything
- ◆ God Is Love
- ◆ The Holy Spirit Makes us Fruitful
- ◆ Building Strong Foundations
- ◆ Books of the Bible
- ◆ A Rainbow of Promises
- ◆ The Calling of Elijah

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to each of you for your contribution of items and time of service for our recent Rock-n-Roll Community Family Easter Event and for the Egg Hunt at the Eakin's Farm.



Praise God for our adults and youth who served in both of these ministries this month. A special thank you to Tera Davis and the Christian Education Committee for their leadership in the Rock-n-Roll ministry and to Missy and Margaret Eakin, our gracious hostesses for the Egg Hunt. What a gift of service and sharing of God's love with His children as we prepare and celebrate Easter! Serving Christ together, Mary Jane.

YOUTH YARD SALE

DATE: May 24

TIME: 7:00 am—noon

All proceeds will help defray the cost of some of the Youths' upcoming Mission Experiences. All donations should be at the church the Wednesday prior to the Yard Sale...the date will be announced soon. If you have large items, give Kathy Harwell a call. It would be helpful for large items to be picked up the week of the sale due to limited space here at church. Clothes accepted.

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 in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP in MOTION

Thank you to all who generously supported Worship in Motion's Bake Sale. We raised over \$300! \$100 will be donated to First Christian Church's Building Fund.

Our next offering is scheduled for May 18. We will be doing a mash up of 5 different songs that are all nominated for KLove's Song of the Year.

Songs will include modern worship songs as well as traditional hymns. If you have a song you would like to see us offer, please let us know. Worship in Motion practices Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the sanctuary and always welcomes new members. **NO DANCE SKILLS REQUIRED.** For more information please contact Amy Philpott or Shana Pitts.

PARENTS...Here's a great opportunity for our families to help children. Would you and your children like to join Mary Jane for the one mile walk for kids? If so, please let her know by June 1 so we can get registered. After the walk, we could go out for breakfast together, but make sure you eat before the walk!



WHAT: 5K run (or walk) + 1 mile fun walk for kids

WHEN: June 28 at 8 am. One-mile **Fun Run Start Time is 8:15 am**

WHERE: Frazier McEwen Park in Tullahoma (This is in conjunction with the Tullahoma Get Fit! Initiative.)

WHY: All proceeds will benefit CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Bedford, coffee and Franklin counties. **MANY** children in these three counties **DON'T** have a voice unless CASA is involved. Your support is much needed.

COST: One-mile fun Run Registration is \$10 before June 6 or \$15 by the day of the race. To register a child under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must register and enter his/her date of birth.

THE SIGNS OF WORSHIP

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

ANOTHER THANK YOU!

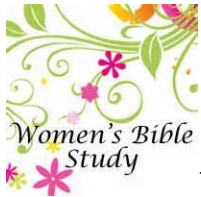
Another "thank you" to Missy and Margaret for providing the wire mesh cross form for us on Easter Sunday. What a beautiful cross we had this year thanks to the efforts of everyone bringing flowers and helping to build the cross! It gets more beautiful every year!



LOST, BUT GOD FOUND

April marks the last month for our Lost, But God Found ministry. We all did a great service to all of our “adoptees” and I want to thank all of our volunteers for all their prayers, cards, visits, and emails. Tera Davis

ATTENTION LADIES!



Women's Bible Study

Yes, summer is a busy time for everyone and many church activities are cancelled during the summer months. However, Mary Jane will be available to teach a 6 week study on Tuesday evenings for those interested. She will facilitate the last book in the “Simply Relevant” series, “A Taste of Freedom/Self Control.” The description on the back cover states: *Imagine how sensational it feels to be free: free from guilt...free from anger...free from unhealthy desires (including food)...and so much more! It's all about developing self-control and experiencing the abundance of life God promised us. Let God's Word come alive in you, and be set free—celebrating your new-found freedom with yourself and your friends! Experience 6 friendly and fun sessions that guide you in discovering how to develop self-control by listening to God.*

If you are interested in this class, please call the office or contact Mary Jane directly.

Disciples Women (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet May 13. Helping Hands will meet at 9:30 am, and CWF at 11:30 am. Lunch will be provided.

Men's Group (CMF)

The Men's Group will have their Men's Breakfast Sunday, May 11 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 will meet May 18 at 8:00 am.

Board Meets

The Board will meet May 18 at 11:15 am following Worship.

Circles Meet

Circle I - Tuesday, May 20, at 2:00 pm at the church.

Circle III - Tuesday, May 20, at 6:00 pm at the church.

Circle IV - May 19 at 6:00 pm at the church

Prayer Concerns of the Church



In Hospital, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

Carriage House

Mary Lynn Prince

Celebration Way

Alpha Philpott

Christian Care Center

Mildred Bobo

The Heart Remembers

Melba Henry

At Home

Joyce Boggs

Rose Marie Clark

Charles Coffey

Terry & Sandy Craig

Rhoda Gunter

Brenda Hancock

Buddy & Virginia Ann

Haynes

Miles McCullough

Bo & Harriett Melson

Bethany Morton

Curtis Morton

Annette Palmer

Susan Price

Albert Smithson



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	1 9:30 am CBS (last one until August)	2	1 3
4	5	6	7 6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day 7:30 am Men's Breakfast	12	13 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am CWF	14 6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	15	16	17
18 8 am Elders Meet 11:30 am Board Meets	19 7 pm Circle IV	20 2 pm Circle I 6 pm Circle III	21 6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	27 6 pm TBall Parents Meeting	28 6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	29	30	31

May Birthdays, Elders, and Deacons



May Birthdays

- 3 Frank Philpott
- 4 Jimmy Clark
- 5 Wallace Hancock
- 7 Rhonda Reed
- 8 Chris Simmons
- 9 Tom Hulan
- 10 Alix Harwell

- 11 Bonnye Fields
Donnye Fields
Sarah Riddle Caperton
- 16 Andi Hawell
- 21 Carol Crouse
- 22 Ruby Taylor
- 24 Tera Overcast Davis
Cory Smith
- 25 Ted York

- 29 Iris Schuman
- 30 Amy Philpott

May Elders

- Marvin McBee
- Rhonda Reed

May Deacons

- Tera Davis
- Amy Mitchell
- Jeff Mitchell
- Shirley Smith