



# THE CALLER

## A Note From Our Pastor

Nearly everyone in the country will be unified this Sunday, February 7 for a few hours as we collectively gather around our moving picture screens (TV, computer, tablet, and/or phones) to watch a football game known as the Super Bowl. For many, the fellowship of the table with family and friends and the spectacle of the commercials will be as, if not more, important than the game itself. Whether you watch the Super Bowl for the entertainment or the game, enjoy the time, but don't forget that what is experienced is not normally the way we live our lives -- but a fun, special occasion that allows us to be distracted for a little while. That morning in worship, I will offer a special Super Bowl day prayer to keep our faith focused on what is most important for our lives as people of faith.

Moving forward, Lent begins on February 10 with Ash Wednesday. There will be a special Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Lent is a 40-day journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb. Lent helps us prepare for the radical act of God in raising Jesus from the dead.

This year's Lenten theme in worship will be about helping each member of the Body of Christ to re-center our life together on the teaching and practices that help all disciples of Jesus live the covenant of baptism. I invite you to come and be a part of the Lenten journey and to invite others to walk with us for these 40 days.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day to think about our humanity and the frailty of life. The burned ashes from previous year's Palm Sunday palms will be imposed on our foreheads as a reminder that from the dust we were created and to the dust we will return when we die. It is from the acknowledgement that we are dust in God's hands that we begin to see what God can do in us and through us and for us -- as we are deeply known and loved by God.

Come to the Ash Wednesday worship and be reminded of God's activity as we sing songs, hear the words of God's promise through scripture, receive  
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## January Budget Corner

General Budget needed per month	\$22,522.67
General Budget received in January	\$22,134.10
Building Accounts received in January	\$ 150.00

Communion, and have ashes imposed upon our heads in the sign of a cross. These acts and these symbols have power and bring deep meaning to our lives.

As we walk on our Lenten journey together, may you come to know God and God's love for you more deeply this year. There is power in joining together as a community of faith. When we challenge one another, we can do great things. Opening our lives to God's grace opens us to greatness beyond our imagining.

I'll see you Sunday.

Kyle



### GAME NIGHT & SOCIAL RE-SCHEDULED

Our Congregational Game & Social Night has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 6, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. As originally planned, we will have soup, sandwiches and cookies. A new sign up sheet will be passed around again this month.

Please plan to join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship. You are also more than welcome to bring a friend. Hope to see you there!



#### **In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living**

*Carriage House Inn*  
Rose Marie Clark  
Melba Henry  
Mary Lynn Prince

*Glenn Oaks*  
Albert Smithson

*Brookdale Senior Living*  
Cornelia Riddle

*Life Care—Tullahoma*  
Lisa Adams

#### **At Home**

Linda Carden  
Sandy Craig  
Terry Craig  
Brenda Hancock  
Buddy Haynes  
Virginia Ann Haynes  
Miles McCullough  
Curtis Morton  
Annette Palmer  
Leighton Reed  
JoAnn Smith  
Ted York



## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery is provided during the Worship service for our infants through four year olds. Barbara Thompson is our wonderful and dedicated Nursery staff person, who is in her 39th year at First Christian Church!

February 7	Kay Simmons
February 14	Ellen Taylor
February 21	Jane Bartlette
February 28	Mattie Ray Wisser

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Worship and Wonder: Children ages 3 years old through fifth grade are welcome to join Donnye and Bonnye Fields following the praise hymn the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month for their own special time of worship in the Worship and Wonder room and sometimes in Class Rooms 2 & 3.

February 7	Worship and Wonder
February 21	Worship and Wonder

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school for adults, children & youth from ages 4 through 12th grade.

## BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Kyle will be facilitating a Wednesday evening Advent Bible study beginning on February 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

## WEEK OF COMPASSION

The Week of Compassion offering will be collected February 21 and 28. Week of Compassion works through a remarkable network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures that our response to humanitarian needs in the world is efficient, effective and faithful. Through these partnerships Disciples are able to join a tapestry of caring that brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world. Please give generously.

## Disciples Women (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet February 9 beginning with Helping Hands a 9:30 am followed by CWF at 11:00 am. A light lunch will be provided. There will be a program given by Mac Howell.

## Elders Meet

The Elders will meet Sunday, February 21, at 8:00 am.

## Circles Meet

Circle I - Tuesday, February 16, at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.

Circle III - Tuesday, February 16, at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Area.

## Men's Group



The Men's Group will be hosting a Valentines Breakfast for the congregation, Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am. There is a signup sheet on the communication table or you may call the office. RSVP by Thursday, February 11.

## GOOD SAMARITAN

### Food Needs for February

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in January. This month Good Sam is need of hot & cold cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly. Your support is very much appreciated!

## WORSHIP in MOTION

We are proud to announce that Worship in Motion will be returning to practice February 17, at 6pm. New members are always welcome. We will be starting on our Easter Offering. No dance skills required. All ages welcome. Please contact Amy Philpott for more information.



# February 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 9:30 am CBS	5	6
7	8	9 9:30 am Helping Hands 11 am CWF	10 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service	11 9:30 am CBS	12	13
14 8 am Congregational Valentines Breakfast	15	16 2 pm Circle I 6 pm Circle III	17 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	18 9:30 am CBS		20
21 8 am Elders Meet	22	23	24 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Worship in Motion 7 pm Choir	25 9:30 am CBS	26	27
28	29					



## February Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Bethany Morton  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Price  
 5<sup>th</sup> Cade Caldwell  
 Leighton Reed  
 8<sup>th</sup> Henry Hulan  
 12<sup>th</sup> Cheryl McBee  
 16<sup>th</sup> Tim Harwell  
 19<sup>th</sup> Linda Carden  
 20<sup>th</sup> Bob Burke  
 21<sup>st</sup> Joyce Bell  
 Daniel Farrar  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Amy Mitchell

27<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Coffey  
 Sandy Craig  
 Susan Price

## February Elders

Johnny Reed

## February Deacons

Amy Mitchell  
 Jeff Mitchell  
 Dennis Young  
 Kay Young