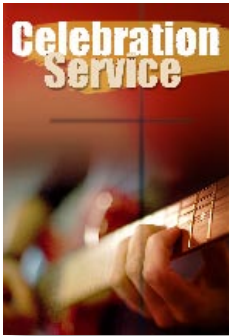


**Join us for worship
on Sunday!**

- **Celebration Service (contemporary) 8:30 a.m.**
- **Sunday school 9:30 a.m.**
- **Sunday Worship & Communion (traditional) 10:45 a.m.**

**or listen to our radio
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FCC Recycling Program

In order to be better stewards of our resources member of our congregation have volunteered to put in place a recycling program in the church building. Bins for paper and plastic have been placed in Fellowship Hall, the preschool wing, and the conference room, and a bin is in the kitchen for metal or foil items. Please make sure to rinse all food or drink from items before placing them in the bins. Volunteers will empty these bins and take the items to the Paducah Recycling Center on North 8th St. We will also take aluminum cans (soda cans) that are currently being collected next to the soda machine, and in the hallway outside the conference room. However, *this is no longer a fundraising effort* -- the cans are not being taken to a for-profit recycling center. Please remember this program is *only for items used inside the church* -- please don't drop off personal recycling items. If you would like to participate in the local recycling program, but can't take the items to the center yourself, please contact Kathy McHaney, campkate@comcast.net.



Going Green Growing Pains

Going Green is great for the environment but it is not always the least expensive. So in an effort to be both fiscally and environmentally responsible we are reducing our weekly Friday mailing to a postcard noting those on our prayer list. The postcards will be mailed *only* to those individuals not on our email listservs. All those on the email list will receive a weekly email update of events and prayer concerns.

<p>Contact us! Phone (270) 443-8251 Website: fccpaducah.org</p>		<p>Become a "fan" of First Christian Church of Paducah on facebook!</p>	 <p>Please recycle your Tower newsletter!</p>
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**"HE IS RISEN;
HE IS NOT HERE."**

— MARK 16:6

**HOLY WEEK
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS:**

- March 28**
Palm Sunday
- March 31, 7 p.m.**
Special Holy Week Praise Service
- April 1, 7 p.m.**
Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae Service
- April 2, 12:10 p.m., FCC**
Good Friday Service
- 40 Hour Easter Prayer Vigil** - Starting at 1 p.m. on Good Friday and running through Easter Morning
- April 4**
Easter Sunday Worship

Palm Sunday and Easter Reminders:

Sunday, March 28 is Palm Sunday. Children are needed for both the 8:30 a.m. service and 10:45 a.m. service for the waving of palms, and all kids will sing a song during worship. Also a reminder for Easter Sunday, there will not be any Sunday School for First Christian. Instead we have a time of fellowship from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall, sponsored by the Worship committee.

Special Holy Week Praise Service, Wednesday, March 31

Holy Week runs from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. It is a week full of worship and remembering what happened in the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry. The praise team is excited to offer a special worship service on Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. This service will be mostly music intermixed with prayer, scripture, communion, and a brief message. The format will be different from our normal Sunday worship. This will be a great opportunity to worship together especially if you will be gone on Easter Sunday. Plus this will be a great time to invite friends to experience First Christian Church.

Lenten Sermon Series

This sermon series is based on William Willimon's book, *Thank God It's Friday: Encountering the Seven Last Words from the Cross*.
 March 28 (Palm Sunday) - *The Seventh Word* - Luke 23:46-49
 April 4 - Easter Sunday

Who will you invite to worship?
Come. See. Discover. Discover the Disciples!

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Despite our best efforts and our best planning life is unpredictable. Just ask anyone who gets wrapped up in March Madness. Basketball abounds this time of year. Whether or not you participate in filling out brackets and watching the games - the odds are you know someone who does. There are an estimated 30 million people who fill game brackets for the men's NCAA tournament each year. Everyone who plays makes an educated or a wild guess as to who will ultimately win the tournament. One learns quickly that life is unpredictable from the tip off of the first game. There is a term often associated when a highly ranked team is upset by lower rated team. That term is "bracket buster." A bracket buster occurs whenever a chosen team that you have chosen to win multiple games loses early on in the tournament. It messes up your whole guess as to who will ultimately win.

Here is a fun fact: Odds of picking a perfect bracket? In 2007, the odds were 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 1. That's nine quintillion to one! How big is that number? It is a billion times as big as 9 billion! Think of it this way: if every man, woman, and child on the planet randomly filled out one million brackets each, the odds would be greater than 1000 to 1 that even one would have a perfect bracket. (<http://www.webwire.com/View-PressRel.asp?aId=28635>)

Numbers like that boggle my mind. I suppose if each of us were to look at our lives and begin to extrapolate all the possible outcomes of our decisions in our daily journeys we might easily become overwhelmed. Then if we were to take all those people who are involved in our lives in one way or another and multiply them into our equations we would see infinite possible outcomes. With an ever growing set of possible outcomes it doesn't take long to figure out that we live in controlled chaos. Most of the time we deal with it pretty well. We manage it. Handle it. Rationalize it. At times, we trivialize it.

Connecting with God

by J. Gottman, Lead Minister

When faced with unpredictability and uncertainty - life's bracket busters - it is comforting to find some certainty. Our certainty comes from a transcendent God who chose to live and walk among us in Jesus the Christ.

In the end, we do our best to make sense out of our lives and this world. When faced with unpredictability and uncertainty - life's bracket busters - it is comforting to find some certainty. Our certainty comes from a transcendent God who chose to live and walk among us in Jesus the Christ.

In Christ, there is redemption. And resurrection! And hope! And life eternal!

I look forward to seeing you this Palm Sunday, during Holy Week, and celebrating together on Easter Sunday! Share the Good News and invite someone to worship with you this next week. Invite someone to Come. See. Discover. the certainty that we find in our loving God.

Blessings and Peace,




Upcoming Sermon Series:

The Kingdom of God is a Party!

This sermon series is based on a book by Tony Campolo entitled *The Kingdom of God is a Party: God's Radical Plan for His Family*.

"Celebrate! Rejoice! Hallelujah! If the Bible uses words like these, then our lives should exude that same vitality. After all, Jesus "partied" with sinners; not in a boisterous unruly manner, but in the spirit of the Old Testament Jubilee in which people acquired a new lease on life. What was important then, and remains so now, is the celebratory attitude that should set Christians apart from the rest of the world.

The Kingdom of God Is a Party is an attitude-changing, spirit-renewing examination of the feeling behind our faith. In this series we will examine why Christians should be the people who

create celebrations wherever they are placed. Whether by words, deeds, or mere presence, Christians can turn life into a festive occasion that will attract the needy, lonely, sick, and oppressed into the arms of a loving God.

Whether at church, work, school, or home, it's time for Christians to get into the party spirit!" (*excerpt from the book jacket*)

- April 11 - Invitations to the Party
- April 18 - Decorating for the Party
- April 25 - Party Time
- May 2 - Turning Church into a Party
- May 9 - Family Parties
- May 16 - Work Parties
- May 23 - The Party Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)
- May 30 - When the Party's Over

WOW! It's Wednesday at FCC!

Here is the schedule of what is offered on Wednesdays, through April.

- ✓ 4 - 5:30 p.m. - K—4th grade Children's Group
- ✓ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday meal (see calendar below)
- ✓ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth Groups
- ✓ 6:45 - Bible Study
- ✓ 7 - 8 p.m. - Praise Team Practice

Menus for April:

- 7 No Wednesday Activities - Spring Break
- 14 Speaker: Paducah Day Nursery; Menu: Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas
- 21 Speaker: Janice Allcock - Ladies Living Free; Menu: BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Buns
- 28 Prayer Service; Menu: Riblets, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans

(all meals include rolls, dessert, and iced tea)

Weekly Prayer Concerns

George Lankton, 272 Old Orchard Rd.

Rupert Stivers, 256 Maxfield Dr.

Pat Cownie, 7040 Contest Rd.

Lewis Lanier, Father of Billy Lanier

Jack Chapman, Parkview Nursing

Mary Pat Price, Mother of Kent Price

Tom & Mary Nell Mathues, Gilbertsville



"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE MAY DIE, HE SHALL LIVE. AND WHOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE."

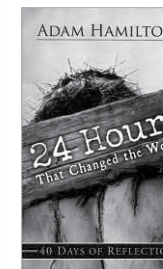
-- JOHN 11:25-26

Sunday School curriculums

(all adult classes are on the upper level)



The Adult Bible Study Class (formerly Knowing the Word class) — Meets in the sanctuary.
World Religions curriculum. According to the website, it compares Christianity with the history, doctrines, and practices of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.



Hot Topics Class — Meets in upstairs classroom
The Hot Topics Class is discussing the book "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. Part of the class time is spent watching Hamilton discuss different venues in the last week of Jesus' life, and part is spent in class discussion. We will continue this series through April.

The Seekers class — meets in parlor.

The Seekers have resumed their study materials called "Seasons of the Spirit."

The Contemporary class — meets in conference room.

The Contemporary class is also using the study material called "Seasons of the Spirit."

Children's Sunday School Current Workshop Rotation (Meets in the lower level)

Focus on the "The Last Supper."

(Sunday School classes begins at 9:30)

Library News

by Ken Bradshaw, bradken@gmail.com

Your church library could use some help. I'm still in the process of entering data into the "card" catalog database for the existing (already labeled) collection. It is here that I'm asking for a volunteer to help with the load. I will sit down with you and show you the software, show you how to enter the basic information from each book. After that part is done, I can proceed with adding the newer donated collections, and add a user database so church members can use the software to check out items. The software is very good, and easy to learn. Not only do I need the help, but it's also a good idea to have a backup person with the knowledge to carry on, just in case. Could YOU be the one? If you're interested, please contact me at bradken@gmail.com. Thanks!

Donating Old Copier to Camp KBY

First Christian has an old copier that is still in fair condition what will be donated to Camp Kum Ba Ya for the camping program.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Needed: food for Spring Break

The Outreach committee is asking FCC members to bring in food for McNabb school children to take home for Spring break. Donated food is needed before **Wednesday, March 31**. We will bag the food for distribution that night after the church dinner. The snacks gathered need to be non-perishable's—nutritious but delicious, no cooking (except for microwave), including drinks such as boxed juice, capri sun, etc.). McNabb Elementary has over 400 students with 90 percent receiving free school lunch. Remember, there is no free lunch on Spring break!

Two Outreach Events to Watch for in May

As you do your spring cleaning remember that the Outreach committee will be hosting a "Spring Cleaning" event next month (May). Church members and friends are asked to bring items to donate to various agencies in town: clothing, small appliances and kitchen utensils, sheets and towels, books, electronics (such as used working televisions and DVD players) etc. We will collect and distribute among various agencies in town who can use these items (PCM, Family Services, Paducah Day Nursery, Project HUGS, etc.). Date for this event will be announced soon!

Homeowner help event coming in May

The Midtown Alliance of Neighbors will be working to help homeowners--elderly, disabled, or with limited incomes--make their homes safer, nicer, more stable on Saturday, May 15 (and surrounding dates). If you know a homeowner who could really use this sort of help, let us know as soon as possible. This valuable work can only be done with the help of caring people.

There are lots of different kinds of help needed, from cooking and serving lunch to the volunteer workers, to heading up a team or a work task, to serving as a go-fer or working with a clean-up, pick-up crew. In addition to folks who can help in a general way, we will also need people with a variety of specific construction skills. If you are interested in participating contact Sharon Poat, 556-0826.

PCM Pantry Report

Paducah Cooperative Ministry has asked us to collect boxed cereal during the months of March and April. Because this item costs a bit more, our goal is 250 units each month. Thanks for your help.



Camp Registration is DUE!

Just a reminder -- get your camp forms in to Erin Miller by April 15!

IT'S TIME FOR CAMP, AGAIN!

Camp Rally April 24 (Rain or Shine) Noon to 3 p.m.

Moms, dads, grandparents and youth of all ages! Come see what KBY has to offer. Deadline is April 16th to register, call the church office to let us know if you would like to go. We will be taking the church van and most likely we will need to take additional vehicles. This will be an excellent time to tour the facility and the grounds, play games, meet people, and have lunch.

There's Music in the Air!

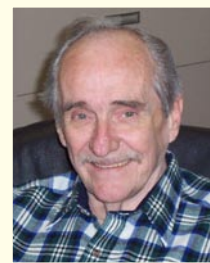
On **Palm Sunday** the children are will sing a the beginning of the service after bringing palm branches into the sanctuary.

The choir is singing two anthems. The first, "My Song of Love Unknown," sung during the regular anthem time, deals with the gamut of emotions experienced during Holy Week. The second, sung during Communion, is a beautiful setting of the text "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Maundy Thursday ~ Tenebrae Service (7 p.m.). The choir will sing "Behold the Darkness," — a series of lessons and readings depicting the setting and feeling of the Last Supper, focusing on the pending darkness associated with Good Friday. There are several people involved, from choir to readers, as well as a mysterious figure from out of the shadows ~ extinguishing candle after candle....until we are left in darkness to meditation on the evening.

Good Friday (12:10 p.m.) ~ There will be traditional Good Friday music, and a small choir this year as well to enhance the mood of that solemn service. They will present the historic chorale, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded."

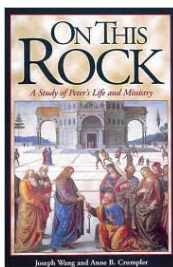
Easter Sunday ~ The Handbells are playing three times on Easter! The choir will present the anthem "Ring the Bells of Easter" and the handbell choir will join them in this spirited anthem. The handbell choir will also play during two of the hymns we sing that morning.



Baptisms on Palm and Easter Sundays

There will be baptisms taking place at both the early and late worship services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. **For those attending the early service - please come directly to the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m.** for the baptisms the next two Sundays, March 28 and April 4. Rev. Gottman will do the baptisms to begin our worship time and then everyone will head downstairs to the fellowship hall to continue in worship.

Class members are (far left): Kayla Tuttle, Alex Wadlington, Eric Whitaker (back), Austin Jones, Chris Shoulders and Lisa Brown; (left, top) Larry Furmann; (left, bottom) Mike Long.



Bible Study continues in April

This month Mariann Lankton will continue the Bible Study based on the book *On This Rock, a Study of Peter's Life and Ministry*. The class starts at 6:45 following the Wednesday evening fellowship dinner. Classes will continue through May 19, except for March 31, and April 7.

"THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS: JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS."

— 1 JOHN 3:16 NIV

CWF News

Cindy Evans of Henderson went to Haiti and the Dominican Republic two years ago. She still is in touch with many of the people she visited with. She showed slides and told of the buildings that are now gone. So much to do. She mainly said that the people just wanted the UN out of Hispaniola two years ago and now wants their help. Times change. The woman to woman program has women who go to other countries to only listen. They do not preach, give money, take any items to amount to much but just listen to the women at set meetings and return home to tell the stories that they hear. It is just sharing what is going on.



- 1** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service; Sanctuary
- 2** 12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service; Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service; UCC Sanctuary
- 4** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service
9:30 a.m. Easter Fellowship Time (until 10:30 a.m.)
10:45 a.m. Traditional Easter Service
- 5** 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive; Fellowship Hall (until 6 p.m.)
- 7** No Wednesday Activities (Spring Break)
- 8** 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Fannie Jones Group; Church Parlor
- 11** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 12** 9:30 a.m. Friends of the Library; Conference Room
12:30 p.m. CWF Group 1; Church Parlor
6:30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting; Conference Room
- 14** 1:30 p.m. Genealogy Group; Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Kids Groups
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
5:30 p.m. Youth Groups
6:45 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 15** 5:00 p.m. HCI Staff Appreciation; Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. District Men @ Murray FCC
- 18** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 19** 6:30 p.m. Patti Turok Group
- 21** 4:00 p.m. Kids Groups
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
5:30 p.m. Youth Groups
6:45 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 22** 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Memorial Gifts

In memory of **Pearline Holt** - W. R. & Betty Sanders, Mary Lee & Kelly Nuckols, Stephanie Copeland, Ann & David Denton, Lewis & Susan Carr, The FCC Chancel Choir.
In memory of **Jim Grisham** - Celesta Wilson

- 23** 5:00 p.m. Quilter's Dinner (Seatings available thru 7:30 p.m.)
- 24** Noon - 3 p.m. Camp Rally, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
- 25** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 26** 6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting; Conference Room
- 28** 4:00 p.m. Kids Groups
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
5:30 p.m. Youth Groups
6:45 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 29** 5:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. West End Neighborhood Assn. Mtg; Fellowship Hall

April Birthdays

- (ZIP is 42001 unless otherwise noted)
- 2** Jo James, 211 Anita Dr., 42003
 - 4** Cathy Warmack, 109 Timothy Dr., 42003
 - 7** Timothy Whitaker, 241 Ridgewood Ave.
 - 9** Aiden Caywood, 1404 Jefferson St.
 - 10** Toni Monroe, P. O. Box 8512, 42002
 - 14** Terri Nelson, 6475 Muirfield Dr.
Chris Shoulders, 565 Eleanor Dr.
 - 15** Barbara Penix, 2145 Apache Ln.
 - 16** Troy Nelson, 6475 Muirfield Dr.
 - 18** John Caywood, 1404 Jefferson St.
Nan Cooper, 1637 N. 10th St.
Sydney Nelson, 6475 Muirfield Dr.
 - 20** Cara Boyd, 140 Cottonwood Ln.
 - 25** Marj Heyduck, 165 Rue Thierry
Rupert Stivers, 256 Maxfield Dr.
Connor Wagner, 3750 Old US Hwy 45 South, 42003

April Anniversaries

- 5** Ben & Erin Morehead, 246 Maxfield Dr.
- 6** Ken & Robin Bradshaw, 500 Oakland Cir., 42003
- 15** Tom & Mary Nell Mathues, 1930 Sledd Creek Rd., Gilbertsville 42044
- 16** Mike & Lynn Long, 370 Little Cypress Rd., Calvert City 42029

Attendance

Early Service, 63; Late Service, 107; TOTAL, 170

Sunday Serving Schedules for April

April 4- Easter Sunday

Elders: Beverly Craig & Bill Cownie
Deacons: Larry Furmann, Billy Lanier, Scott & Julie McKeel
Liturgist: Susie Foreman
Ushers: Paul & Betty Feldsien
Greeters: Heather & Breckyn McKinney
Communion Clean-Up: The Price family
Acolyte: Jackson Long
Time for Children: J. Gottman
Reach Out Communion: Kathy McHaney & Lynn Long; Marj & Chuck Heyduck
Elders on Call:

April 11

Elders: Kay Henry & Alan Boyd
Deacons: Andy & Connie Champion, Allison Clark, Jamie Hagood
Liturgist: Ben Henry
Ushers: William & Susie Foreman
Greeters: Clyde & Sunni Mauk
Communion Clean-Up: Ben & Kay Henry
Acolyte: Lisa Brown
Time for Children: Mary Boaz
Reach Out Communion: Betty & W. R. Sanders; Rhonda Lee-James & Gail Wagner
Elder on Call:

April 18

Elders: Kent Price & Kathy McHaney
Deacons: Lynn Long, Gina Floyd, Pam & Tom Whittemore
Liturgist: Julie McKeel
Ushers: Fred & Norma Hartle
Greeters: Paul & Betty Feldsien
Communion Clean-Up: Pam & Tom Whittemore
Acolyte: Patrick McHaney
Time for Children: Robin Bradshaw
Reach Out Communion: Rupert Stivers & Frank Fletcher; Glenda Distler & Mary Faith Gooch
Elder on Call: Kathy McHaney

April 25

Elders: Marj & Chuck Heyduck
Deacons: Kelly & Mark Atnip, John & Whitney Caywood
Liturgist: Ben Peterson
Ushers: Ivan Doane & Carlyle Phillips
Greeters: Dan & Claire Key
Communion Clean-Up: Kelly & Mary Lee Nuckols
Acolyte: Chris Shoulders
Time for Children: Susie Foreman
Reach Out Communion: Justin Trewolla & Ken Bradshaw; Don & Judy Alvey
Elders on Call:

April schedule extras

Communion Prep & Flowers: John James & Alan Boyd
Pew Pad Pick-Up: Robin Bradshaw & Sherry Wadlington
Fellowship Time: The Worship Committee

Cancer Support Group News

The Cancer Support Group will meet on April 6th in the parlor at 7pm. If you are a patient, caregiver, or affected by cancer in anyway, you are welcome to join us. We provide compassion, concern, and prayer. We are there for you if you need us.

Super Seniors

The Supers Seniors will meet April 7th at 10am in Fellowship Hall. This month, our speaker will be Betty Sanders. She will present a program on the history of our First Christian Church, here in Paducah. This presentation has many pictures and will be a very interesting program. Won't you please join us? Following the meeting, we will go to lunch at the Parlor Restaurant in Lone Oak.

Couple's Enrichment Group

The Couple's Enrichment Group will postpone the next meeting until May 7 due to spring break.

Jackson Oaks Ministry April 25

As a part of our continued ministry of outreach to our community, we will be taking communion to the Jackson Oaks Community on April 25 at 2:00. This monthly service is open to all residents of Jackson Oaks and their friends. All our welcome to come worship and partake in communion. If you our interested helping with this wonderful outreach contact Mariann Lankton.

Monthly Prayer Service April 28

You are invited to come be a part of our monthly prayer service. As always, we will join together for our regular group prayer service at 6:45 p.m. (following the all-church dinner). Prayer lists will be available as you enter the Narthex. Also, the letters for those that will be lifted up in prayer will be ready for you to sign.

Along with our list of prayers of concerns and joys, this month we will be lifting up prayers of support for all of our college students. We will pray for them as they enter a time of finals and end of the semester activities that can get stressful.

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list please contact Mariann Lankton. Please provide her with the person's name, address, and their prayer concern or joy. Each person that is included in our prayers will receive a letter letting them know that they were and will continue to be in our prayers

We hope you will come be a part of this meaningful service. We look forward to having you join us on Wednesday night.

Mariann's phone number 575-9810

Mariann's email address: mlankton@fccpaducah.org