

The Tower

First Christian Church • Paducah, Kentucky

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on Sunday!

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meets at 9:30 a.m.
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Library Corner

by Ken Bradshaw
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In this issue of the *Tower* I wanted to highlight several titles instead of one. All of the works listed below deal with the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Church), for those of you who want to learn more about our faith tradition. Publication dates range from 1932 to 1991. If you want more recent information, let me know and I will try to find newer materials to add to the collection and/or point you to where you can purchase them for yourself.

- *A Case Study of Mainstream Protestantism: The Disciples' Relation to American Culture, 1880-1989*, edited by D. Newell Williams. Chalice Press, 1991. Call number: 286.6 Wil
- *Concerning the Disciples: A Brief Resume of the Movement to Restore the New Testament Church*, by P. H. Welshimer. Standard, 1935. Call number: 286 Wel
- *The Disciples in Kentucky*, by Alonzo W. Fortune. Convention of Christian Churches, 1932. Call number: 286 For
- *Doctrine and thought of the Disciples of Christ*, by Howard E. Short. CBP, 1951. Call number: 286 Sho
- *Journey in Faith: A History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker. Bethany Press, 1975. Call number: 286.6 McA
- *The Search for Identity: Disciples of Christ, The Restructure Years (1960-1985)*, edited by Robert Friedly and D. Duane Cummins. CBP Press, 1987. Call number: 286.6 Fri



Correspond with these campers at Junior Camp July 6-10: Ivory Torbett, Chris Shoulders, Alex Wadlington. Send our FCC campers letters to: Campers Name,

c/o Kum Ba Ya, 4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton, KY 42025

Mission Alignment Committee Report to be mailed in early July

The Mission Alignment Committee will issue its report and recommendations within the next few days. The members of MAC ask that FCC members read it carefully and give it prayerful consideration.



New Elders

Kay Henry and Betty Sanders were ordained as elders on Sunday, June 28. Keep Kay and Betty in your prayers as they begin this new path in their spiritual life.



Monthly Prayer Service Set for July 22

You are invited to come be a part of our monthly prayer service at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 22 in the sanctuary.

Along with our list of prayer concerns and joys, this month we will be lifting our local schools. The start of the 2009-2010 school year is fast approaching and our children will be heading back to school. It is important to remember the students, administration, teachers and staff in our prayers. Education is an important part of a child's life and those that work with the children can make such an important impression on their lives. As we come together we will be remembering them in prayer.

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list please contact Mariann Lankton. Please provide 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.

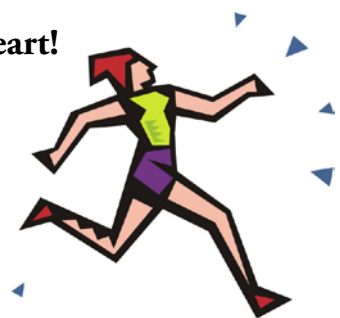
We hope you will come be a part of this meaningful service. We look forward to having you join us on Wednesday night.

Mariann's email address : mlankton@fccpaducah.org

Running, and Giving, strengthens your heart!

Sign up to run, or support a runner in the 8th Annual Fred Paxton Fund Run for Charities July 17 in Paducah. Proceeds from this 5K event go to the Community Foundation of West Kentucky, which includes many community and non-profit organizations in our area. Participants can run or walk the race, and there is a one mile run/walk for kids under age 12.

To find out more, and download an entry form, go to www.ilistpaducah.com/downloads/fundrun2009.pdf.



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Parables From the Gospel of Mark

July 5, Mark 4:30-32, Parable of the Mustard Seed

July 12, Mark 12:1-12, Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

July 19, Mark 13:28-32, Parable of the Fig Tree

July 26, Mark 13:33-37, Parable of the Absent Householder

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Come. See. Discover. Discover the Disciples!

Connecting with God

by Jae Gottman, Lead Minister

"For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ." - Galatians 1:11-12

After having spent the past five months in study and prayer with the Mission Alignment Committee (MAC), these words from Paul have greater meaning to me. In my ten years of ministry, all the really exciting ministries and events that have taken place have had nothing to do with my plans or intentions. Rather, the great things that happen in congregational ministry have everything to do with Jesus revealing a truth and direction that can only come from quiet devotion and focused listening.

In a few days you will receive a mailing outlining the labors of the MAC. Working with this group of committed individuals was amazing. After many of our meetings I would leave with a renewed sense of why God called me into ministry. On many occasions I left feeling down right euphoric! There was a sense of hope for not just our congregation to have meaning and relevance in Paducah but that all mainline congregations could and can re-awaken the unique Spirit of God within their walls and continue doing exciting and challenging ministry in the community.

As you read through the MAC report I pray that you feel God's Spirit moving in our midst. Is this ministry proposal perfect? Of course not. But I believe it to be an excellent starting point to bring all of us into alignment with one another and give us clear direction and focus for the next year.

In our future, I foresee the MAC living on. The board will continue to make the day to day critical decisions that will inevitably arise and the MAC will faithfully spend time praying, listening, and

responding to God's direction for our various ministries. The board and the MAC will work side by side - enhancing and enabling the other to reach their full kingdom potential and making it possible for all who seek to find Christ in this place to do so in a life changing and transforming way.

The beauty of this ministry plan is found in it's simplicity. Anyone from a longtime member to first time visitor can find their place in God's kingdom and immediately jump in and make a difference. First Christian is turning herself inside out to reveal God's love and grace to the world just as Jesus turned the status quo inside out to reveal the power of God in a lost world.

Blessings and
Peace,
J



Weekly Prayer Concerns

Jack Chapman, Parkview Nursing Care

Mary Shoup, Jackson Oaks

Linn Shoup, son of Mary Shoup

Ed Fritts, 125 Springwell Lane

Larry T. Gooch, son of Mary Faith Gooch

Kathy Roehrig, sister of Mike Long

George Lankton, 272 Old Orchard Rd.

Larry Furmann, 1955 Cherry St.

Betty Sanders, 3721 Ramona Dr.



PCM Pantry Report

In July Paducah Cooperative Ministry has asked us to collect canned meals such as chili, Spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc. Our goal is 500 units.

Memorial Giving

In memory of Ann Borgia

Judith O'Donley, Ben & Kay Henry

In memory of Jim Grisham

Gary & Diane Boyarski, Friends and Neighbors on North 36th Street, WKCTC Senior Group, Paducah Junior College, Paul & Betty Feldsien, Celesta Wilson

In memory of Linn Shoup

Ben & Kay Henry, Renee & Steve Tilley, Ed & Barbara Hough, Frank & Jo James

Church Financial Report

Income (Jan. 1 through June 21) \$163,534

Expenses (Jan. 1 through June 21) \$185,925

Super Seniors

This month Everett & Jeane Lyles are leading our senior group to beautiful Giant City State Park in Southern Illinois. We will meet on Wednesday, July 1, in Fellowship Hall to carpool. This is always a fun trip and the food is excellent. Everyone is invited to join us.

Cancer Support

On Tuesday, July 7th the FCC Cancer Support Group will meet in the church library at 7 p.m. If you are affected by cancer in anyway, you are invited to join us. If you are a cancer patient, care giver or a friend our group is here to support you.

Administrative Board Meeting

July 20

The quarterly meeting of the Administrative Board will be held on Monday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The church office will need reports by Wednesday, July 8, in order to include it in the Board packet. Please put this important meeting on your calendar.

Elders to meet July 13

The elders will meet on July 13 at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room. All current elders and emeritus elders are asked to attend. If you have any questions about this important meeting please call Rhonda Lee-James at 554-0626.

Sunday Serving Schedules for July, 2009

July 5

Elders: Marj & Chuck Heyduck

Deacons: Ken & Robin Bradshaw, Georgia Boyd, Pat Cownie, Gina Floyd, William Foreman, John James, Jason McHaney

Liturgist: Mary Boaz

Ushers: Bill & Neva Allen

Greeters: Joe & Betty Wallace

Acolyte: Patrick Wadlington

Time for Children: J. Gottman

Communion Clean-Up: Ken & Robin Bradshaw

Reach Out Communion: Betty & W. R. Sanders; Rhonda James & Sherry Wadlington

Elders on Call: W.R. and Betty Sanders

July 12

Elders: W. R. & Betty Sanders

Deacons: Ben Morehead, Kelly Nuckols, Tom Whittemore, Chris Wadlington, Joe Wallace, Gail & Dudley Wagner, Sherry Wadlington

Liturgist: Mark Atnip

Ushers: James & Kay Anderson

Greeters: Larry & Sandy Wallace

Acolyte: Chris Shoulders

Time for Children: Sunday School Rotation

Communion Clean-Up: Gail & Dudley Wagner

Reach Out Communion: Rupert Stivers & Frank Fletcher; Glenda Distler & Glenda Montgomery

Elders on Call: Rhonda Lee-James and Beverly Craig

July 19

Elders: Rhonda Lee-James & Rupert Stivers

Deacons: Judy Shoulders, Bill & Carolyn Payne, Todd Faulkner Frank & Sue Fletcher, Del & Judy Fleming

Liturgist: Alan Boyd

Ushers: Kenny & Mary Boaz

Greeters: Jane Troutt & Glenda Montgomery

Acolyte: Alex Wadlington

Time for Children: Gail Wagner

Communion Clean-Up: Bill & Carolyn Payne

Reach Out Communion: Justin Trewolla & Ken Bradshaw; Don & Judy Alvey

July 26

Elders: Glenda Distler & Justin Trewolla

Deacons: John & Whitney Caywood, Mark & Kelli Atnip, Andy & Connie Champion, Billy Lanier & Larry Furmann

Liturgist: Robin Bradshaw

Ushers: Ken & Robin Bradshaw

Greeters: Tina Shidal & Vicki Cooper

Acolyte: Chanyng Floyd

Time for Children: Julie Price

Communion Clean-Up: Billy Lanier & Larry Furmann

Reach Out Communion: Nettie Bingham & Georgia Boyd; Beverly Craig & Judy Shoulders

July schedule extras

- **July Communion Preparation & Flowers:** Rhonda Lee-James & Georgia Boyd
- **July Pew Pad Pick-Up:** Sherry Wadlington

July Church Calendar

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| 1 | 10:00 p.m. – Super Seniors |
| 3 | Church Office Closed (4 th Holiday) |
| 5 | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:15 a.m. – Fellowship Time (Fannie Jones Group)
10:45 a.m. – Worship |
| 6 | Junior Camp Begins
12:00 p.m. – Blood Drive |
| 7 | 6:30 p.m. – Praise Group
7:00 p.m. – Cancer Support Group |
| 12 | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Worship |
| 14 | 6:30 p.m. – Praise Group |
| 19 | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Worship |
| 20 | 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board Meeting |
| 21 | 10:00 a.m. – Far West Area Ministers Meeting
6:30 p.m. – Praise Group
6:30 p.m. – Patti Turok Group |
| 22 | 7:00 p.m. – Prayer Service |
| 26 | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Worship |
| 28 | 6:30 p.m. – Praise Group |
| 29 | General Assembly Begins |

July Birthdays (ZIP is 42001 unless otherwise noted)

- 2** Erin Murphy, 4300 Westchester Ln., 42003
- 4** Norma Hartle, 2942 Georgia St., 42003
- 7** Ruth Craig, 401 Cardinal Ln.
Pat Menaugh, 140 Deer Lick Place
Bill Wells, 701 Fairway Dr., 42003
- 8** Mike Long, 370 Little Cypress Rd., Calvert City, 42029
- 12** Timothy Murphy, 567 Canyon Dr. #63, Oceanside, CA 92054
- 14** Dalton Chandler, 6455 Muirfield
- 18** Bill Wood, 135 Phipps St.
- 23** Rachel Whitaker, 241 Ridgewood Dr.
- 24** Lynn Long, 370 Little Cypress Rd., Calvert City, 42029
- 25** Tracie Deaton, 2424 Shawnee Ln.
- 28** Taryn Merideth, 1857 New Holt Rd.
- 31** Ed Hough, 14 Meadow Links

July Anniversaries

- 2** Ed & Joy Silvey, 303 Marsha Dr., Ledbetter, 42058
- 15** Gayle & Sherry Wadlington, 5920 Warrendale Dr.
- 18** Joe & Betty Wallace, 47 Rosebower Ln., Gilbertsville, 42044