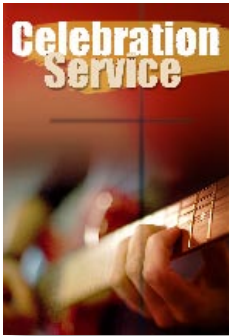


**Join us for worship  
on Sunday!**

- 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 broadcast on 1560 WPAD-AM and 99.5 FM



*Our uplifted worship service for uplifting your life!*

I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did. ~Benjamin Harrison

**Pray for those who serve and served this Memorial Day**

Contact us!  
Phone (270) 443-8251  
Website:  
fccpaducah.org



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## SCENES FROM THE CHURCH PICNIC

The sixth annual church picnic on May 23 was by all standards a huge success. An estimated 350 people attended, overflowing Fellowship Hall, enjoying the bounty of the Holy Smokers barbeque and side dishes provided by our congregation. Three bounce houses gave children a chance to play and great music filled the air for those who wanted to just sit in lawn chairs and enjoy a beautiful evening. More photos are scattered throughout this issue, and you can go online to fccpaducah.org or FCC's Facebook page to see more.



Bring your cadets to voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

## vacation bible school

Evenings, Sunday, June 20 through Thursday, June 24, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration appreciated, but not required. Call 443-8251 to register! Ages 4 through 4th grade.



**Come. See. Discover. Discover the Disciples!**

**S**imple solutions are hard to come by when it comes to daily living. The world is not nearly as black and white as we would like for it to be. Our decisions and the way in which we respond to events within the context of our daily living are complicated - aren't they? Living out our faith as Christians prompts us to ask some tough questions of ourselves. For example, take a moment to reflect with me upon the oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Petroleum products include transportation fuels, fuel oils for heating and electricity generation, asphalt and road oil, and the feedstocks used to make chemicals, plastics, and synthetic materials found in nearly everything we use today. About 72% of the 7.14 billion barrels of petroleum that we used in 2008 were gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel." ([http://www.eia.doe.gov/ask/crudeoil\\_faqs.asp](http://www.eia.doe.gov/ask/crudeoil_faqs.asp))

One of my colleagues raised this issue with the current oil spill problem in the Gulf of Mexico. In his astute assessment there are lots of different fingers being pointed in many directions. Who is to blame? Who is responsible? Is it BP? Is it the construction company that supplied the cement for the oil rig? Is it the policy makers of our country who decided to allow off shore drilling? Or are we (you and me) to blame?

That's when it gets complicated. I, like you, cringe when gas prices rise. I, like you, enjoy traveling from time to time by airplane. I, like you, consume all kinds of plastic ranging from

## Connecting with God

by J. Gottman, Lead Minister

water bottles, to milk jugs, to the plastic used to make my computer printer, to the sandwich bags that hold my lunch, to. . . You get the idea.

I have to accept my share of the blame in what is happening in the Gulf. I have to accept responsibility for the ecological disaster that continues to mushroom and float through our waterways. When a shrimp bed is contaminated, when a bird is covered in oil, when a fish boat captain and crew find themselves unemployed (for who knows how long) I must acknowledge and confess that I am part of the problem.

If I am part of the problem, then the good news is that I am part of the solution. That is what our faith teaches us, isn't it? When I am the problem I make a confession to God. When I confess my problem or sinfulness to God, then I ask God not only to forgive me, but to also help me to become a better, more faithful, Christ-like person. Once I recognize my shortcomings and own them, then I can begin to make changes. I can become the person God intends me to be.

Blessings and Peace,

J.



### Cancer Support Group News

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Tuesday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. If cancer affects your life in any way, you are invited to join us. We welcome patients, caregivers, and anyone who would like to meet with us.

### Super Seniors

Remember the golden age of radio? Remember the big radio sets of the 1930's and 40's? Then you won't want to miss the Super Seniors on Wednesday morning, June 2nd, at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Charles Gibbons will be our speaker and will talk about the radios of that era and will bring some antique radios. His presentation may bring back some memories of those big radios. Please join us for this exciting program. Following the program, we will go to lunch at a local restaurant. Make plans to come!

**Jackson Oaks Ministry June 27** As a part of our continued ministry of outreach to our community, we will be taking communion to the Jackson Oaks Community on June 27 at 2:00 p.m. This monthly communion service is open to all residents of Jackson Oaks and their friends. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful outreach contact Mariann Lankton.



**Rupert Stivers**, 256 Maxfield Dr.  
**Pat Cownie**, 7040 Contest Rd.  
**Jack Chapman**, Parkview Nursing  
**Tom & Mary Nell Mathues**, Gilbertsville  
**Allison Clark**, P. O. Box 7474  
**Hannah James**, 109 Lutes Rd.  
**Sara Holm**, daughter of Larry & Sandy Wallace  
**Vicky Strickland**, Hawes Nursing, Fulton, KY  
**Jessie Gilbert**, 4218 Rustic Ave

### Baby Congratulations

To Dr. & Mrs. Craig Alexander of Lexington on the birth of **Sidney Katherine Alexander** on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are Sue Ann & Kim Morris of Owensboro and great-grandmother Alma Fritts (125 Springwell Ln).

### Monthly Prayer Service to be held June 23

You are invited to come be a part of our monthly prayer service, June 23 at 6:45 p.m.. 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 new Administrative Board Officers.

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

**Mariann's phone number 575-9810**

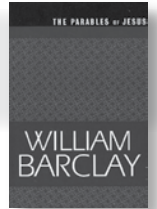
**Mariann's email address: [mlankton@fccpaducah.org](mailto:mlankton@fccpaducah.org)**



### Sunday School curriculums

(all adult classes are on the upper level)

*The Adult Bible Study Class*  
**Now meets in the conference room.**  
*Parables of Jesus curriculum.*



*Hot Topics Class*  
*Meets in upstairs classroom*

The Hot Topics Class will continue the NOOMA Films DVD and discussion series. These are short films covering a topic of spiritual life, set in day-to-day scenarios. The class will watch the film, then have discussion. For more information about the series visit [www.nooma.com](http://www.nooma.com).

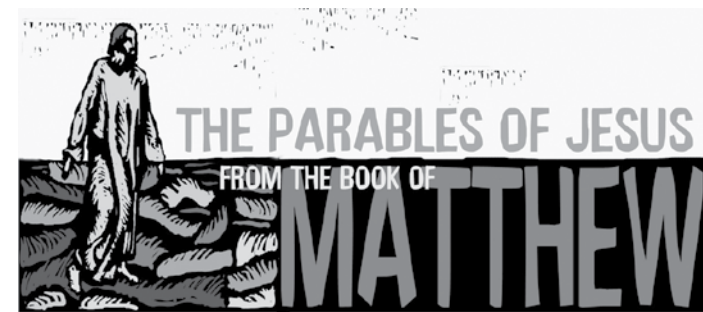


*The Seekers class — meets in parlor.*  
 The Seekers are continuing their study materials called "Seasons of the Spirit."

*Children's Sunday School Current Workshop Rotation (Meets in the lower level)* Focus on "Abraham and Sarah"



**(Sunday School classes begins at 9:30)**



### New Sermon Series for Summer

You are invited to join us for this next sermon series that will explore the parables that Jesus used to teach and enlighten his fellow Jews. Each of the New Testament gospels was written for a specific audience or group of readers. The writer of the gospel of Matthew intended his portrayal of Jesus and his ministry to connect with those of a Jewish background. In this gospel Jesus is looked at as the "new Moses" who is bringing a new set of rules and expectations from God to be shared with those in the Jewish community.

June 6 - *Building Your House on Rock or Sand* - Matt. 7:24-27

June 13 - *Weeds in the Wheat* - Matt. 13:24-30

June 20 - *Hidden Treasures and Priceless Pearls* - Matt. 13:44-46

June 27 - *The Lost Sheep* - Matt. 18:12-24

July 4 - *The Unforgiving Servant* - Matt. 18:23-35

July 11 - *That's Not Fair* - Matt. 20:1-16

July 18 - *My Two Sons* - Matt. 21:28-32

July 25 - *Always a Bridesmaid - Never a Bride* - Matt. 25:1-13

Aug. 1 - *Talent and Treasure* - Matt. 25:14-30

# MINUTE FOR MISSION

## “Spring Cleaning” Event

The “Spring Cleaning” event in May was a *huge* success — far exceeding expectations. A big thank you to all of you who donated clothing, household goods, magazines and books, toys, and much more to Fellowship Hall, where they were distributed on Saturday, May 22 to the following agencies: Family Services, Inc., Hope Unlimited, Paducah Day Nursery, Project HUGS, Lions Club, McNabb Elementary School, Salvation Army, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Bellewood Home.



On Saturday morning Fellowship Hall was overflowing with tables of clothing and other items. By early afternoon volunteers had filled two panel trucks with donations, as well as two pickup trucks, and a trailer.



## Summer FCC shirts available to order!

Order your FCC shirts soon! The membership committee is offering a chance to buy three different types of shirts for you to purchase. Orders need to be in no later than June 6, and can be turned in at the church office. The polo comes in Red or White for \$25 and the runner comes in red for \$25. Both will have the logo stitched on the left front.

We also have a T-shirt in Red for \$10 with church name and large chalice silk screened in white.

I'll take orders through June 6. Payment when order is made is preferred. Checks should be made payable to First Christian Church. Email Mary Boaz at mhboaz@comcast.net or use order forms available at the church.

## PCM Pantry Report



Paducah Cooperative Ministry has asked us to collect gallon and half-gallon food storage bags during the months of May and June.

## Pentecost Offering Reminder

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs – with gifts for this offering divided between each. Fifty percent of gifts received by a region remain in that region, the balance supports the work of general, new church efforts. If you haven't made your special Pentecost gift please do so soon.



Bailey with her new (shorter) hair style at Bello Capelli salon.

Bailey Gottman recently got a new hairstyle and at the same time gave a gift to another child—she donated ten inches of her hair to “Locks of Love.” Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They use donated hair to create high quality hair pieces to children suffering from hair loss. Locks of Love accepts a minimum of ten inches of cut hair (in a pony tail or braid), so Bailey's contribution accounts for her new shorter, but fantastic hairdo! (locksoflove.org)



The total on the youth fundraiser is now up to **\$782** thanks to donations by members that were not at the dinner.

The Youth would like to give a Very Special Thank You to John James, WR Sanders, Betty Sanders, Jason McHaney and all the other adults who helped make the fundraising dinner a huge success. We would also like to thank all the church members and family members who came out and enjoyed the wonderful food that was prepared for us. It would not have been a success without everyone's support.

*Again Thank You All Very Much!*  
Rachel



## Camp Season is Here!

This year we have over 30 kids and parents heading to camps at Kum Ba Ya over the next few months. We encourage you to be in prayer for our campers as they experience God in this way. Campers can receive letters, packages and emails (but no phone calls) at camp. Here is the address & our list of campers:

**Mail: Camp Kum Ba Ya**      **email: kby@ccinky.net**  
**4943 Barge Island Road**  
**Benton, KY 42025**

**CYF June 6-12** (Jae Gottman, director) Chris Waddlington, Haley Boyd

**Chi Rho June 14-10** (Marcia Torbett, counselor) Caylan Torbett, Kayla Tuttle, Patrick Waddlington, Alex Waddlington

**Discovery June 25-27** Quinn and Mark Atnip, Aiden and John Caywood, Devin and Mike Long, Caleb and Ben Peterson, Mason and Eric Romanak, Jenna and Kent Price, Olivia and Dudley Wagner, and Patrick and Jason McHaney

**Junior July 5-9** (Erin Murphy, director) Lisa Brown, Chris Shoulders, Avery Torbett.

**Mini July 9-11** Bailey Gottman, Austin Jones, Jackson Long, Martha McHaney and Joseph Price

## CWF News

The Christian Women's Fellowship installed new officers for 2010-2011 at their meeting May 17. The new officers and committees are:

**President**, Ann Denton; **Vice President**, Nettie Ruth Bingham; **Secretary**, Betty Sanders; **Treasurer**, Glenda Distler; **Reception**, Claire Key, Renee Tilley, Lucinda Rudd, Mary Lee Nuckols; **Nominating**, Glenda Montgomery, Jessie Gilbert; **Service**, Norma Hartle and Glenda Montgomery, (co-chairs) Imogene Williams, Jane Troutt, Pat Cownie; **Ways & Means**, Susan Carr-Chair, Judy Shoulders, Betty Sanders, Mary Lee Nuckols, Julie Price, Bobbie Allen, and Betty Skidmore; **Program, Worship, & Inspiration**, Nettie Ruth Bingham; **Church Friends**, Marj Heyduck, Alma Fritts and Jessie Gilbert



