

**Join us for worship on Sunday!**

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Traditional Worship & Communion - 10:45 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship & Communion - 5:30 p.m.

• Or listen to our radio Broadcast on 1560 WPAD AM and 99.5 FM

Check us out on Facebook & our Website  
fccpaducah.org

**Support the PCM Pantry**

We are collecting peanut butter for the PCM Pantry during November.

**Recurring Monthly Fellowship and Outreach Opportunities**

- 1st Monday** (November 7) - *Blood Drive* from noon to 6PM - Fellowship Hall
- 1st Tuesday**, (November 1) - *Cancer Support Group*, 7 PM in church parlor.
- 1st Wednesday**, (November 2) - *Super Senior Group* (55+) meet for lunch at 11:30 at Bob Evans Restaurant.
- 2nd Saturday**, (November 12) - *2nd Saturday Breakfast* from 8 AM to 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. *Bring your friends and enjoy a great breakfast for a donation.*
- 4th Sunday**, (November 27) - *Jackson Oaks Service* 2 PM. *Everyone is welcome to worship with the residents of Jackson Oaks.*
- 4th Wednesday**, No Potluck this month due to Thanksgiving.
- Prayer Service** - *has been moved to after the dinner on Nov. 9th.*


Check the calendar insert for more information and dates.

**Pack 470 Flag Project**

Our pack is collecting worn US flags as a service project. If you have a flag that is faded or torn, please drop it off at the church office and the pack will add it to their collection and respectfully retire the flags at a ceremony at one of their meetings. For more information please contact Jason McHaney at 442-3426.

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**Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, November 13  
Following 10:45 a.m. Worship**

**Agenda:** to approve the 2012 budget and the new slate of Board members for Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2012

**Splinters from the Board Meeting  
Held on October 24th.**

The Administrative Board met on October 24, 2011. Those present went over minutes, committee reports, fellowship group reports, staff reports and recommendations from the Nominating Committee. After these subjects were discussed, the motion was made to approve the budget as presented by the Cabinet. In that budget, the position of Business Administrator was eliminated (Phil Justice) and all staff salaries were reduced by 5 percent. The motion to accept the budget carried by a vote of 11 for and 7 against. Another motion was made to restore the Administrator position and the staff salaries. The motion was defeated by a vote of 11 to 6. After lengthy discussion, the meeting adjourned.



**Thanksgiving Special Offering**

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. **Your support helps Disciples raise up servant leaders!** (Offering taken Nov. 13 & 20.)



**Join us for the 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Prayer**

The Culinary Arts Class of WKCTC, and instructor Patrick Fletcher, will be preparing a delicious Soup and Salad meal for FCC members and friends on **Wednesday, Nov. 9th** beginning at 5:45 p.m.  
The **menu** for Nov. 9th is: Pumpkin and Black Bean Soup, Clam Chowder, and Sausage, Kale & Lentil Soup, Italian Salad, Cranberry and Walnut Salad, bread, crackers, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$5 per person with a cap at \$20 per family. **Reservations are required!** Patrick and his class **must** have the reservation list by **Friday, Nov. 4th** to purchase supplies, If you plan to attend please e-mail Stephanie at the church office [scopeland@fccpaducah.org](mailto:scopeland@fccpaducah.org) or call 443-8251. The Prayer Service will follow after the dinner (moved due to Thanksgiving holiday.)

**Sunday, November 27**  
at 10:45 a.m. Worship (no 5:30 Worship this week)  
The Worship Committee will meet on Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. to decorate for the Advent Season. All helpers are welcomed. *The children and youth will practice Sunday Morning at 9:30.*

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

## Listening to God. . . By J. Gottman

Lately, I have been thinking about Isaac Newton and his three rules of thermodynamics. Specifically, my ponderings have gravitated toward the first rule. The First Law basically says that energy or matter can neither be created nor destroyed. Simply stated it means that the amount of energy in the universe stays constant. So if energy and matter can neither be created nor destroyed then it begs the question – What happens to it? From a physics standpoint it (matter/energy) changes form. For example think of water. With energy - in this case heat - water changes form from ice (solid) to water (liquid), to gas (steam). All three variations are water, but in different states or forms.



In the life of any group whether it be a social group, a family, or a church, I firmly believe that Newton's first law comes into play. There is energy in each one of us and there is energy in a group. How we choose to use that energy is up to us. Are we going to use our energy in productive ways? Are we going to use our energy to build and create? Are we going to use our energy to bless others? Have you ever thought about the energy that you put out into the world?

A long time ago, I heard a wise person share that two things are contagious in a congregation – excitement and fear. These two emotions are forms of energy. And if energy is neither created nor destroyed then we as a group must always be taking stock of where the balance of our energy is being spent. Are we excited? Are we fearful?

Each of us knows that with good times there will come bad times. For each mountaintop experience there is bound to be a journey in the valley. Individuals and communities like First Christian are judged not by how they handle things when everything is coming up roses. Rather individuals and communities are judged by how they weather difficult times.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come!' (Luke 17:1) First Christian has a long tradition of being the kind of place that perseveres in adversity, learns from it, and grows more faithful. Each of us has a decision to make. Will we choose to be the kind of people who embrace fear and erect stumbling blocks for our fellow travelers? Or will we choose to be the kind of people who are infected with a sense of enthusiasm willing to do whatever it takes to remove any obstacles in our way in order to spread God's good news of love, grace, and acceptance?

My guess is that most people want to spend their time in positive and productive ways that make the world a better place. When we use our various energies in life affirming endeavors we honor God and a beautiful side benefit is that we feel better about ourselves because we are creating the kingdom of God here on Earth.

Blessings and Peace,  
J. Gottman

### Going Global – A Mission Minded Sermon Series

Pick up your ministry passport on November 6 for a whirlwind journey into the world of missions. In Acts 1:8, Jesus commissions his disciples in this way. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." By virtue of our baptism we too are commissioned to be witnesses to the world through our actions. This series will explore how each one of us can put our faith into practice – locally, regionally, and globally.

**November 6** – Going Local  
**November 13** – Going Regional  
**November 20** – Going Global

### Your Vision Committee at Work

The Vision Statement should be approved by the Administrative Board by the time you receive this Tower. We were unable to publish the final statement until its approval. We will send a special mailing to everyone that will have the Vision Statement printed in a format that can easily become "refrigerator art", to be a constant reminder of who we are as a congregation.

We will be meeting with all of the new Administrative Board members who will be taking their respective offices on January 1, 2012, to get their input on developing goals to implement the Vision Statement in a consistent manner. As has been frequently stated, this is YOUR committee and YOUR vision and we need the input of others to assist us in giving direction to the congregation.

While we await the Vision Statement's approval, we respectfully submit to you the following Scripture passages. We ask you to meditate on them; listen to how God speaks to you in these words; pray that we all can achieve the goals to be established based on these words.

*Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [Deuteronomy 6:5]*

*Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all the commands I have given you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." [Matthew 28:16-20]*

Kenny Boaz; Whitney Cassity-Caywood; Larry Furmann; J Gottman;  
Patt Lynch; Kathy McHaney; Eric Whitaker; Rachel Whitaker

### Memorial Gifts

#### In memory of Harold Gilbert

Preston & Lynn Shoup,

#### In memory of Lewis Lanier

Barbara Penix, David & Ann Denton,  
Ben & Kay Henry

#### In memory of Dot Simmons

Barbara Penix, David & Ann Denton, Betty  
Esselstyn, Ben & Kay Henry

#### In memory of Ortis Key

Barbara Penix, David & Ann Denton,  
Ben & Kay Henry

#### In memory of Jim Grisham

Celesta Wilson

#### In memory of Ryan Allen Edwards

Mark & Tammie Edwards

#### In memory of Patrick Murphy

David & Ann Denton

#### In memory of Ella Averitt

David & Ann Denton

#### In memory of Minnie Hall

David & Ann Denton

#### In memory of Ed Nuckols

Ben & Kay Henry

### It's Ladies Night!

Our district Christian Men's Fellowship will meet at FCC Paducah on **Thursday, Nov. 17**, at 7 p.m. The men have declared this a "Ladies Night" and all women are welcome to come and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship. Please sign up at the foyer table if you plan to attend so that enough food may be prepared.

### West Area News

KBY Camp cook, Neda Gilbert, retired after last season. Her wonderful meals will be missed by our campers. She is the mother of two daughters, returned to school a couple of years ago and most recently lost her husband. She will be a new grandmother later this winter, so she is going to take the time to be a grandma and continue her education. We would like to honor her with a gift. Gifts may be sent to the West Area Office, PO Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431. Please note Neda Gilbert on the memo line.

**Glori Cope**

**Thank you** to the choir & Jim Patton for singing "The Lighthouse" on Oct, 16th in honor of my 92nd Birthday and to Joe and Betty Wallace for their gift to the Choir Fund in my honor.

**Bea Chester**

### Youth News



We had a good turnout for the Corn Maze and want to thank Pat Gray for going with us. Eric Whitaker will be going to Madisonville on Nov. 5 for the first WAYC meeting to plan the Ski Thing. More on that when details are available.

### CYFX For Grades 9 through 12

**November 11-13, 2011**

**Hosted by First Christian Church, Bowling Green, KY**

This is an event filled with worship, mission projects, small groups, games, food and fellowship. The cost is \$60 per participant by Nov. 1 and \$75 after that date. **Thank you** to J. C. & Margo Walker for volunteering to take our group to CYFX. Contact Rachel at (270) 217-1924 or [rachel.whitaker@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.whitaker@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

### Next Workshop Rotation – "Christmas Around the World" starting November 13

Workshop Rotation is for all children K- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – we meet on the lower level starting at 9:30 a.m.

#### Bible Verse

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. (Matthew 2:11)

#### Main Idea

God sent Jesus into the world to bring peace to all people and all nations. Today Christians from around the world prepare for and celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus.

#### Objectives

By the end of this unit children will:

- \* hear and experience the story of the magi visiting the Christ child;
- \* experience Christmas customs from around the world;
- \* study the stars and connect to the magi as astrologers of their time;
- \* create gifts to be given to children around the world;
- \* create gifts to be given to the homebound or to a neighborhood food cupboard.

Rotation Leaders for Nov. 13, 20, 27

**Cooking** - Mary Boaz

**Computer** – Rhonda Lee-James

**Video** – Need a Volunteer



### Wednesday Night Children's Group

Children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet each Wednesday afternoon from 4-5:30 p.m. for a snack, games, fellowship, and a Bible lesson. Here are upcoming learning topics:

	<u>K-2nd</u>	<u>3rd-5th</u>
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Samson (Judges 16)	The Big Dare (John 3:16-18)
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Ruth's Kindness (Ruth 2)	Show the Sign (John 13:34-35)
<b>Nov. 16</b>	Saul Becomes a King (1 Samuel 9-10)	Relax (John 16:33)
<b>Nov. 23</b>	No Groups (Thanksgiving Holiday)	
<b>Nov. 30</b>	Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-7)	What is Advent?