

Your Vision Committee At Work

In our continuing efforts to re-evaluate the Mission and Vision Statements of First Christian Church, the committee has identified several key elements that we believe are an essential part of our mission and who we are as Disciples of Christ. These elements of our mission will define how we, as a congregation, will move into the foreseeable future and beyond, in all areas of our Christian life here at First Christian Church.

The mission statement will be the basis to establish goals for our congregation. Once the goals are established by your committee, they will be forwarded to the Cabinet to be implemented. The implementation of these goals will result in guiding how we function as the Body of Christ. Some of the key mission elements we have identified include:

**NO CREED BUT CHRIST – DIVERSITY – JUSTICE – MINISTRY
SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR JOURNEY
WORSHIP AS A LIFE STYLE**

We will incorporate these elements into a Mission statement during the upcoming month. This may change the course of how we worship; how we teach; how we minister; how we live as the Body of Christ in Paducah. We feel strongly that we are called to listen to the Spirit of God as we move forward in our assigned task as your committee. We look forward to input from each person in our congregation as we journey together in Christ.

Please contact any Vision Committee member with your comments, ideas, suggestions or feedback. *This is YOUR Congregation and thus your committee; we are simply here to serve as advisors in fulfilling our mission as a Christian Church and as Disciples of Christ.*

Larry Furmann, Kathy McHaney, Whitney Caywood, Caylan Torbett, Kenny Boaz,

STAFF PROFILES

Shortly after moving to Paducah from Evansville in the fall of 2003, I visited First Christian. I joined shortly thereafter. FCC is a dynamic faith community and I found it warm and inviting. Very soon after arriving, I felt the call to ministry. Since that time, I have had the privilege of serving as your Executive/Administrative Pastor.

Lots of things go on in the daily life of our church. It is my job to oversee the custodian, serve as liaison with the Building, Grounds & Finance Committees and to provide oversight on many of the inner workings of the church. Plus, it's my job to schedule when everyone preaches, does the Pastoral Prayers and Communion Meditations.

My "day job" is working as a Development Director (fundraiser) for Sunrise Children's Services in western Kentucky. Sunrise cares for children who have been molested, abused and neglected. There are many sad stories, but some success stories too. We are thankful for those children who overcome horrific happenings in their lives.

My favorite thing to ever happen at FCC was marrying Lorain. What a sweetheart! I'm a very lucky guy. I also have two grown sons and 4 beautiful granddaughters.

Feel free to contact me anytime:
(270) 217-6022 or philjustice@gmail.com

God Bless,
Phil Justice

Jackson Oaks Communion Service

Our monthly communion service will be held at the Jackson Oaks Community on **September 25th at 2:00 P.M.** This service is open to all Jackson Oaks Residents and their friends. If anyone would like to attend or assist with the service see Mariann Lankton for details.

FCC Preschool still has openings for the fall term. Please go to fccpaducah.org and click the preschool tab, or call the preschool line and leave a voice message (270) 443-0513 if you or someone you know is interested.

Make a Joyful Noise

Music at FCC has always been a backbone of its Worship Experience and we want YOU to be a part of it! Due to illness/retirement/attrition, the Choir and Handbell choir has seen a recent reduction in membership, and while we have always welcomed new faces with open arms, we really do need some assistance now to maintain the excellence in music for the Sunday AM Service. If you have ever thought about being in the choir or handbell choir, I truly want you to feel like this is the time to act! We have fun...we learn...we make beautiful music...and we Worship Christ. You won't feel self-conscious, you won't be left behind, and you always have a reserved seat!

Please...consider being a part of our group. I have been challenged to begin having a song leader stand at the lectern to sing during the hymns and it would be wonderful to get some participation with that as well. I desperately need Tenors, but anyone will be warmly welcomed.

Choir meets Thursday at 6:30 pm for approx. 1 hour. Handbell choir meets Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Even if you want to participate seasonally, that's FINE...just come be a part of us!

**Soli Deo Gloria
Jim Patton**



Potluck & Prayer

You are invited to join us for the monthly potluck & prayer service **Wednesday, September 28th**. The meal begins at **5:45 PM**. followed by the prayer service in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with the group.

During prayer time, we unite as the body of Christ lifting our prayers of concern and joy to God. In this joining of our hearts in prayer, we seek the opportunity to feel God's comforting presence and love encompass us as we pray for God to also encompass those we lift up in prayer.

Each person that is included in our prayers receives a letter letting them know that they were and will continue to be in our prayers. If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list contact **Mariann Lankton** (559-0012) or mlankton@fccpaducah.org providing her with the person's name, address, and prayer concern or joy.

Missing!

We are missing **wireless microphone** number five. If anyone knows about it please call the church office.

September Children & Youth News

Wednesday kids' groups are back in full swing! The older children are studying *Dares from Jesus*, about some of the difficult stories in our Bible. Younger children are using a curriculum called *Snip and Tell Bible Stories* where we create objects each week that help us remember the stories we learned. Kids' Groups begin at 4:00 on Wednesdays. If you're not already participating come join us; if you're here regularly, bring a friend!



The Children & their families will be going to see The Smurfs at the Drive-In on **Saturday, September 17**. Admission is \$5 and children under 12 are free. Bring your chairs, blankets, or whatever you like to sit on and join us. Gates open at 6:30. Anyone who would like to caravan can **meet at the church at 5:45**.

Mark Your Calendar Now for **Trunk or Treat**

Saturday, October 29

Begin thinking about your costume and your trunk!

Christian Women's Fellowship

The CWF Fall Retreat will be held at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, October 29-30, 2011. the keynote speaker is Kathy Jeffries. Many of you have heard her speak before--she is dynamite! Kathy is a former International Disciples Women Ministry vice-president. She is an African-American woman from Nashville with a big message. Please contact **Nettie Bingham**, CWF vice-president, (534-0019) if you are interested in going up for the day or for the two day, one night event.

CWF is collecting school supplies for the month of September along with the usual items, Super Valu receipts, Box Tops for Education, flip tabs from aluminum soft drink cans, and Campbell soup labels. Contact Norma Hartle for more information.

Ann Denton, President, CWF

Thank You

Dear Friends,
Your kind expressions of sympathy will always remain in our memory, especially the donations to the church in memory of our "Papa Rudd."

In appreciation, from his children,
**Mary Jo Brown, David R. Rudd,
Janie Throgmorton, Lora Jones.**

We would like to thank our Ministers and our church family for the visits, support and prayers given to Lewis Lanier and his family. It has meant a great deal to us during his illness and in our time of loss.

Billy Lanier & Larry Furmann

Dear FCC Family & Friends,
I want to give all of you a big "thank you" for my high school graduation gift. All of you have been there for me all of my school years. I appreciate each of you.

Your friend in Christ,
Madison Berry

Congratulations

- To **Dan & Claire Key** who have a new grandson, Conner Bryan Kaegi, born on July 29th to Elizabeth and Bryan Kaegi.
- to **Rae Ann Ragland** and **Ben Walker** who were married at FCC on August 20th.
- To **Ken Bradshaw** for being honored at WKCTC for 30 years of service.

Finance Report

Income - \$299,567

Expense - \$332,921

Your gifts to First Christian Church enable our church to respond to needs in our community and around the world. Please prayerfully consider your giving to date and help the church meet its outreach and other obligations.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Bob Jones

Howard & Janett Kennedy, Toni Monroe, Willadene Myers, Joe & Betty Wallace, Charles & Rosemary Rudolph, Ben & Kay Henry, Glenda Montgomery, Nancy & David Henley, Ivan Doane, Bob Petter, Robert Petter, Jr., Phyllis Ham, Leslie & Betty Powers, Rupert & Dottie Stivers, Barbara Penix, Steve & Donna Seltzer, Joyce Allbritten.

In memory of Harold Gilbert

Thomas & Mary Swift, Ben & Kay Henry,

In memory of Patrick Murphy

Joe & Betty Wallace, Ben & Kay Henry, , Rupert & Dottie Stivers, Barbara Penix, Ivan Doane, Glenda Montgomery, WR & Betty Sanders.

In memory of Raymond Rudd

Ben & Kay Henry

In memory of Ed Nuckols

Steve & Renee Tilley

In memory of Lewis Lanier

Glenda Montgomery

In memory of Ella Averitt

Ann & David Denton

In memory of Netsy Jennings

Glenda Montgomery

In memory of Dot Simmons

Waldo & Jean Gollither, William & Mary Brucker, Willadene Myers, Ed & Barbara Hough, Rupert & Dottie Stivers, Frank & Sue Fletcher, Ivan Doane, Jerlene Boaz, Conrad & Donna Trogolo, Lynn & Carol Hodges, Charles & Mary Turok, William & Elaine Robertson, Wilbur Dunker, Howard & Janett Kennedy, Golf Mart, Beatrice Tapp, Ann & David Denton, Elizabeth Coughlin, John & Maggie Bailey, Ralph & Ferne Fenton, JoAnn Longton, Jean Claiborne.

Attendance

Date	10:45 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Total
7/24	91	50	141
7/31	86	46	132
8/7	92	42	134
8/14	115	43	158

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!

FCC Fellowship Groups

The Cancer Support Group will meet Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 PM in the church parlor. If any type of cancer affects you, you are welcome to meet with us. We are available to patients, caregivers, and friends fighting against cancer. Please join us.

Look out Southern Illinois! The Super Seniors are coming. Wednesday, Sept. 7th our group will travel to Giant City State Park for lunch. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, all served country style. **We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m to carpool.** Even if you are not a senior you are welcome to go with us. The more the better! Come along for good food and fellowship.



The Men
Are Cooking

2nd Saturday Breakfast
September 10
8 -- 10 a.m.

Invite your friends to enjoy a great meal! The cost is a donation and all proceeds will be used for building projects.



Give the Gift of
Life!

Labor Day
Blood Drive
Monday, Sept 5,
10 AM - 2 PM
(special hours)

Support the PCM Pantry

During September we are collecting Instant mashed potatoes. This is an inexpensive food item, so please pick up a few boxes at the grocery this week and bring them to church with you. You may leave them on the table in the narthex.

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Come. See. Discover. Discover the Disciples!

Saying Thank You to Those who Keep Us Safe Everyday

Sunday September 11th marks the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on this country. As a way of observing this day and in remembering the day that changed our country, FCC will honor all those who put their lives on the line every day to protect and keep us safe. We have invited our local law enforcement, fire and rescue workers to join us for one of our worship services so that we can take time to say "Thank you" for all their dedication and service. The church will host a dinner after each service to continue to show our appreciation. FCC will provide Ham and a special cake honoring our Police, Fire, and Rescue workers. The rest of the meal is potluck. We are asking that you bring two large side dishes so that we have enough food to feed our guests.

We will need folks working in the kitchen to get things set up, make tea, and accept the dishes as they come to the kitchen. Please contact me if you can help.

Join us on **Sunday, September 11th**--bring two dishes, and stay for this wonderful opportunity to say thank you to those brave and generous people who put their lives on the line every day.

Mariann Lankton
mlankton@fccpaducah.org

Stewardship Campaign Continues

Have you turned in your pledge card in support of the 2012 FCC church budget? You may be wondering why we are asking a bit earlier this year. The FCC Cabinet would like to have a preliminary budget ready to submit to the Administrative Board at the October quarterly meeting. In uncertain times, many hesitate to make a financial commitment, but we believe that God gives us strength to do what God leads us to do.

Help us make a difference in our community and around the world by supporting the FCC 2012 budget with your pledge. Return your card today!

Join us for the 2nd Wednesday Dinners this Fall

The Culinary Arts Class of WKCTC, and instructor Patrick Fletcher, will be preparing dinner for FCC members and friends on the **second Wednesday of each month beginning September 14th**. They will serve each meal on our china dinnerware and will clean up afterward.

The menu for Sept. 14th is: Chicken with Supreme Sauce, Green Beans Almondine, Vegetable Pilaf, and a delicious dessert prepared by the pastry class. FCC will provide coffee and tea. The cost is \$5 per person with a cap at \$20 per family. **Reservations required!**

Patrick and his class **must** have the reservation list by **Friday, September 9th** to purchase supplies, If you plan to attend please e-mail Stephanie at the church office scopeland@fccpaducah.org or call 443-8251.