

Connecting with God

by J. Gottman

"The Disciples Next Door" is the title of our next sermon series beginning this Sunday, March 1. In this series you will be introduced to all twelve of Jesus' apostles. Can you name all twelve? By the end of series you will know. The goal is that by the end of the series you will have a greater understanding of who each disciple is, where they came from, and what they contributed to the early ministry of the church. Secondly, during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, April 9, we will offer our live action portrayal of the last supper in the upper room. Having preached on each of the disciples you will recognize them during the Last Supper Re-enactment. Finally, each week during this series the disciples being presented that week will be in worship and in character to further help cement them in our minds by placing a name with a face.

March 1	Andrew and Peter
March 8	James and John
March 15	Philip and Matthew
March 22	Nathanael
March 29	James the Less, Simon, and Thaddeus
April 5	Judas
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 19	Thomas

Here are some of the questions I hope to answer during this series. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle? Have you ever wondered who the twelve disciples were as people? Why did Jesus choose them? What gifts did they offer to the ministry? Where did they come from? What does the Bible have to say about them? What do other sources report? Did you know that one of the disciples was married? Did you know that one of the disciples goes by three different names depending which book of the Bible you read? Did you know that one of the disciples was crucified on an 'X' shaped cross which is a symbol on the chalice representing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Do know the legends surrounding their ministries after Jesus' death and resurrection? Did you know that each disciple has a symbol associated with their ministry?

Join us for this fascinating look at the disciples. You will find that Jesus calls ordinary people just like you and me to serve the kingdom of God.

See you this Sunday and invite your friends!

Blessings and Peace,

Missed a Sunday?

Sermons are available online at
fccpaducah.org

In Our Prayers

Weekly Health Concerns

Jack Chapman, Jackson Oaks

Pat Cownie, 7040 Contest Rd.

Nan Russell, 200 Myrna Dr.

Barbara Hough, 14 Meadow Links

Bobbie Kay Price (Aunt of Dalton Chandler)

Sympathy

. . . to the **Bohannon, Riley and**

Teckenbrock families in the death of loved ones this week in a house fire near Gilbertsville.

Gifts to the Church

Bill Wood has given gifts to the church in memory of **Patricia Herold, Ben Webber, Steve Page, Doyle Cartner, Bill Long, Oval Crenshaw and Roy McNeely.**

Ed & Barbara Hough have given a gift in memory of **Oval Crenshaw.**

Jana Barnes and her family have given a gift to FCC in honor of **Ann Denton**, who opened her home to them during the ice storm.

PCM Pantry Report

Thank you to everyone who brought macaroni & cheese during January and February for PCM. We reached our goal of 500 units in January and came close in February.

We are collecting jars of **peanut butter** during March for the pantry. Again, our goal is 500 units. Please remember to bring your peanut butter to worship with you this Sunday.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 1

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:15 a.m.—Fellowship Time

*Hosts: Phil's Class & Contemporary Class
Fellowship Hall*

10:45 a.m.—Worship & Communion

Monday, March 2

12:00 p.m.—Blood Drive (until 6:00 p.m.)
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 3

4:30 p.m.—FCC Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m.—Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 a.m.—Super Seniors

4:00 p.m.—K-5 Kids Groups

5:30 p.m.—6-12 Gr. Youth Groups

5:30 p.m.—Handbell Practice

Thursday, March 5

6:30 p.m.—Choir Practice

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer

9:30 a.m.—Church Women United

Burks Chapel AME Church

All Women invited

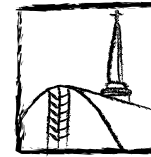
FCC's Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance—February 22, 2009

Sunday School	61
Worship	145

Financial Report—Jan 1, - Feb. 27, 2009

Income to date	\$50,041
Expenses to date	\$66,354
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THE TOWER

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Come. See. Discover.

This Sunday at FCC

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Time

(Being held in Fellowship Hall this month)

10:45 a.m.

Worship & Communion

Sermon Series:

The Disciples Next Door

Sermon:

“Andrew & Peter”

Lay School Rescheduled

The Lay School of theology has been re-scheduled for **March 28**. If you have already signed up for the event and cannot make the rescheduled date, please let us know so that we can get your money refunded. This also means that if you did not get signed up and would like to attend, you still have time to register. The cost is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
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Amish Vegetable Cooperative



Are you concerned about your health? Do you prefer to purchase naturally grown produce from local growers? First

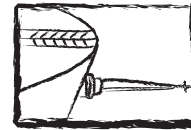
Christian will host a group of local Amish farmers on **Saturday, February 28, from 11:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.** to learn more about their plan to provide fresh produce to people in our area. For more information contact Mary Boaz at mhboaz@comcast.net.



Blanket Special Offering

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Blanket Special Offering. To date we have received \$955. This will purchase 191 blankets for families in great need through the Church World Service blanket program, in partnership with Week of Compassion.

Worship & Communion—10:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 1560 WPAD-AM



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Members Serving March 1

Elders: W. R. Sanders & Kathy McHaney
Deacons: Chris Wadlington, Sandy Wallace, Cathy Warmack, Mary Faith Gooch, Steve & Renee Tilley, Del & Judy Fleming
Liturgist: Jamie Hagood
Ushers: Bill & Pat Cownie
Greeters: Mike & Lynn Long
Acolyte: Martha McHaney & Jackson Long
Communion Preparation & Flowers: Nettie Bingham & Barbara Murphy
Communion Clean-Up: The Price family
Reach Out Communion: Nettie Bingham & Cathy Warmack
Alan Boyd & Frank Fletcher
Time for Children: J. Gottman
Pew Pad Pick-Up (Mar.): Erin Gottman
Elders on Call Mar. 1-7: Kathy McHaney & Alan Boyd
Sunday School Rotation: Ben Morehead

Guests in Worship Feb. 22

Michael Doane, Stephanie Miller, Michael Walden, Rachel Fiessinger, Josh & Jessica Reeves, Brooke & Evan Elrod *and others who worship with us regularly.*

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March Celebrations

Best wishes to the following members and friends with March celebrations!



Birthdays

- 2nd Caleb Peterson, 6135 Springbrook Dr
3rd Bill Deaton, 2424 Shawnee Ln.
7th Del Fleming, 224A Birch St.
Glenda Montgomery, 255 Colonial Dr.
8th Joe Wallace, 47 Rosebower Ln.
Gilbertsville, 42044
14th Erin Gottman, 216 Canterbury Cove
17th Ed Silvey, 303 Marsha Dr.
Ledbetter, 42058
19th Mary Eliz. Lee, 301 N. 9th #1409
20th Susie Foreman, 7050 Shawn Ln.
21st Jennifer Palmer, 486 Nanny Rd.
Mayfield, 42066
Lucinda Rudd, 230 Valley Rd.
22nd Tom Whittemore, 1820 Olivet Ch. Rd.
23rd Jarrett Mauk, 428 Tudor Blvd.
31st Vivian McLaughlin, 1026 S. 4th St. #22
Louisville, 40203

Anniversaries

- 6th Scott & Julie McKeel
3340 Buckner Ln.
15th Lawrence & Charlotte Purvis
4170 Pecan Dr.
20th Terry & Christie Lemon
P. O. Box 56, Ledbetter 42058
21st Bill & Pat Cownie
7040 Contest Rd.
22nd Bill & Tracie Deaton
2424 Shawnee Ln.
24th Bill & Pam Wells
701 Fairway Dr.
26th Everett & Jeane Lyles
218A East Eau Gallie Blvd #96
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Fellowship Groups

Cancer Support

On Tuesday, **March 3**, the Cancer Support Group will meet in the church parlor at 7:00 p.m. Our group offers support to anyone who has been affected in anyway by cancer. The meeting is open to members as well as the community.

Super Seniors

The FCC Super Seniors meet at 10:00 a.m. **March 4**, in Fellowship Hall. This month our speaker is Brenda Murphy, from Paducah Care and Rehabilitation Center. She will discuss the warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease and the programs that are available to help. We hope you will make plans to attend this informative meeting. After the meeting the group will have lunch at a local restaurant.

Couples Enrichment

The next Couples Enrichment Group meeting will be held Friday, **March 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you missed the meeting last month, you can get the reading materials for the meeting from the church office or Whitney Caywood. (Child care is provided for the meeting.)

Reach Out Ambassadors

Would you be willing to serve as a Reach-Out Ambassador by making a phone call to members and friends who can't attend church regularly?

Do you know someone who would appreciate a friendly call from an Ambassador?

Would you be willing to pick up members and friends who want to come to church but are reluctant to drive themselves?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above, please contact Rhonda Lee-James, Chair of Elders, to get your name on the list. Rhonda's phone number is 554-0626; her e-mail address is r.leejames@gmail.com

From the Mailbag

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent \$50 donation to the Cane Ridge meeting House. Donations such as yours help us to continue to tell the Cane Ridge Story to future generations.

Despite the quiet of our winter season, we continue to have visitors and our calendar for 2009 is quickly filling up. If recent calls are any indication, we could easily have record visitation numbers this year. Visitors continue to tell us how much they appreciate the preservation work that has been done and the beauty of the museum exhibits. It is because of gifts like yours that we have been able to maintain our grounds and facilities over the years. We hope you will join us for our annual Cane Ridge Day on June 27, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

James H. Trader, II, Curator

Dear Church Friends

We would like to thank everyone for the visits, calls, cards and help during Don's recent hospitalization. A big thanks also to those who cleared our driveway so the power company could get in to restore our power lines. It is nice to be a member of such a loving church. May God bless you all.

Don, Judy & Ron Alvey

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Christian Women's Fellowship we want to thank all those who so generously gave of their time to clear debris from yards of members and friends in our community, and to those who provided meals to feed the volunteers. Your hard work is sincerely appreciated!

Glenda Montgomery & Donna Roseberry

Co-Presidents, CWF

A BIG thank you to those from FCC who help clear debris from our yard.

Troy & Terri Nelson

FCC Youth Director Resigns

Dear Cabinet Members:

I am writing this letter to inform you of my decision to resign my position of Director of Youth Activities effective March 31, 2009.

My time working with the youth at First Christian Church truly has been rewarding and enjoyable, but I feel that the time has come for me to dedicate more time to my family. Erin and I plan to continue our membership here and to serve other ministries in the church in the future.

Thank you for welcoming Erin and me into your congregation, as well as all of your support throughout the years. I look forward to seeing the youth program develop and grow under new leadership.

Sincerely,

Ben Morehead

(A reception to honor Ben's ministry is being planned. Watch The Tower for details.)

Week of Compassion

Week of Compassion's treasure is the justice and development work it is able to promote and facilitate in areas around the world, bringing Week of Compassion together with pastors and volunteers and survivors of exceptionally difficult circumstances. Week of Compassion's treasure is to connect Disciples congregations to displaced people in the Sudan, to earthquake survivors in Chengdu Province, China, to families in the Gulf Coast. The treasure we all share through this work is the opportunity to witness people at their finest during their darkest hour: to be in solidarity with people whose livelihood has been devastated. This is where our heart is! Through Week of Compassion you are already a part of a long-term relationship of transformation in the most affected areas—because Week of Compassion is not just about putting out fires, but is about tilling the ground again and again as new green growth starts to sprout.

In 2009 we have budgeted \$2500 for the Week of Compassion offering.