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New Member!



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Baby Dedicated!



Ryan and Jessica Brown were joined with their friends and family on April 6 for the dedication of their son, Leland Joshua.

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Many things to talk about and think about in the weeks to come:

~Be sure and say “thank you” to Sarah Chaney and “welcome!” to Genny Jenkins as the choir baton changes hands. You can read more about Genny across the page. We are glad to have her with us, and look forward to her ministry here.

~This has to have been one of the more special Lenten seasons. Over the last 6+ weeks, we were reminded again of the power of the cross and God’s love, welcomed 2 new members, celebrated 1 baptism, worshipped with a new DofC church at the Diersen House in Louisville, dedicated 1 cutie-pie baby boy, hunted eggs, studied Scripture, played in the garden, learned more about prayer and our denomination, gave the youth a tour of the Homeless Shelter, waved palms, ate together, worshipped during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well as Sundays, and I’m sure several other things I’ve forgotten. What a great family we have here! Thanks to all.

~Leon and I will be gone from the 29th until the 17th of May. While we are gone, you are in good hands: our elders and officers will be on point, Ryan will still be at the office daily, Paul Semisch will bring the message on the 4th (which is also First Sunday Lunch, Deacon Derby style as well as the annual congregational meeting), Jim Fred promises to hold down the fort 😊, the youth will provide the entire service on the 11th, and assuming United Airlines does its part I will be back in the pulpit on the 18th.

~And upon our return, we will hit the ground running. Plans for the summer include a study of The Heart of Christianity, by Marcus Borg (this will include a workbook); a possible summer Lectio group; an evening or two with a book called The Circle that has really gotten me thinking (thanks for the suggestion, Susan Thomas!); some fun times and some outreach times for the youth; and perhaps a day trip to Cane Ridge.

The Lord be between thee and me while we are apart, one from another,

Pastor Melly 

New Choir Director

Our new director is Genny Jenkins; she lives in the Hill 'n Dale subdivision with her husband, Greg, and their three boys, Chas (16), Jon (12), and Ethan (10). Genny's profession is teaching and some of her responsibilities for the Rowan County School District currently include: elementary gifted teacher, middle school gifted teacher, temporary high school choir director, and Gifted Coordinator. Genny grew up in a small Catholic mission church in Vanceburg, KY. She started playing piano at six years old and began playing and singing in church with her mother when she was around twelve years old. Genny attended MSU in the 90s and has enjoyed returning to live here and raise a family. Her bachelor's degree is in music education and she has held various positions in several denominations of churches over the years.

Genny's thoughts on her new position: "I believe that a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect among choir members and musicians is of the utmost importance. I believe it is the responsibility of the music director to include all interested parties in discussions and still be able to make a decision if needed. I believe it is the responsibility of the music director to be organized and prepared. I believe that communication is the key to a well-run church music program."

Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 11th. I hope to see everyone there to support the special gifts our youth bring to our FCC family. The youth will have a quick walk through of their service immediately following the service on May 4th. I will email all the parts out this week. Please bring your instrument with you to practice on May 4th. This should only take about 45 minutes. On May 11th, all youth MUST be at church by 10:15 a.m. It is going to be a beautiful service!

The youth worked hard at the April meeting to plan Youth Sunday. Thank you to Dianna and Roger Fischer for providing lunch to for the youth for the April meeting.

Thank you to the youth and others from the congregation who volunteered and donated to our Build-A-Bed event on April 26th. It was a huge success. 145 children in Eastern Kentucky now have a safe, comfortable bed of their own.

Peace,

Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard



During the month of April, our church received a check for \$439.08. **The cost of healthy food rises each month—PLEASE continue to reload and use your Kroger card to fund this ministry.**

For those who enjoy reading the sermon Bible passages for the month, they are as follows:

May 4: Luke 24: 13-35
 May 11: Youth Sunday
 May 18: Acts 7: 55-8:1
 May 25: Acts 17: 22-31



May Birthdays

- 1- Emma Banks
- 3- Sarah Chaney
- 4- Keyairah Bailey
- 8- Deb Eastwood
- 11- Mike Seelig
- 11- Dianna Fischer
- 12- Kathy New
- 16- Dianna Walke
- 20- Thelma Brown
- 20- Beth Ousley
- 21- Toni Hobbs
- 23- Curt Hammond
- 26- Ned Breschel
- 29- Faith Fannin
- 29- Dennis McKay
- 29- Charlene Bradford
- 31- Al Evans



Treasurer's Report

Income for February

\$9,090.25

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,143.24

May Deacons

Joe Barrett, Alicia Carter, Dewayne Carter, Etta Jane McCarty, Carmen Swim, and Phillip Swim.

Children's Church

Thanks to Mary Claire Williams who has been conducting children's church in April and now in the first weekend in May. We are looking for an individual to facilitate the last two Sundays in May, the 18th and 25th.

Our church family mourns with Harold Tackett on the loss of his wife, Barbara. She and Harold called FCC their home from 1985-1997 when Harold served as minister. Barbara's visitation will take place on Monday, May 5 from 2-4pm at Twin Pines Christian Church (DOC) in Lexington with the funeral to follow at 4pm, also at Twin Pines Christian.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting on May 4 immediately following service to elect our new slate of officers, deacons, and elders. To see the full slate, got to page 5.

Meditation Group

The meditation group will pick back up their meetings in May on the 8th and the 22nd. The group begins at 7:00pm. Please contact Paul Semisch at pauljsemisch@hotmail.com if you are interested.

"Deacon Derby" First Sunday Lunch

After the service and congregational meeting on Sunday, May 4, the deacons will sponsor the First Sunday Lunch, which will be Kentucky Derby themed. Please bring in you favorite Kentucky recipe. You are invited to wear your Derby hats and a competition will be held for the best women's hat and the best men's hat. It should be a lot of fun!

Church Work Day

On Saturday, May 3 from 9am until the afternoon we will have our biannual church work day. Donuts, orange juice, and coffee go to those who show up to help us clean!

Youth Sunday

On Sunday, May 11, our Youth Groups will be providing worship service.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee gathered your recommendations and nominations and presented the following list of individuals to the board, who approved the list to be sent for a congregational vote on Sunday, May 4 after the worship service. They will be installed during a special worship service on June 29:

Elders

Jami Hornbuckle, Paul Semisch, and Susan Thomas

Officers

President: Sarah Chaney; Vice President: Paul Semisch; Secretary: Fran Helphinstine; Treasurer: Joe Barrett

Diaconate Class of 2014-2017

Cathy Hammond, Curt Hammond, Connie Kibbey, Anita McNeal, Matt Nutter, Brent Rogers, Sasha Reinhardt, and Mitch Wilson.

Graduate Honor Form

Name _____ School Attended _____

Degree/Achievement Earned _____

Future plans (if known) _____

How graduate is connected with FCC _____

***Please hand this slip into the office by May 7th. Graduates will be honored during the church service of May 11th. We honor those graduating from high school, college, graduate, and technical school.**

Mack Fund

In memory of Oran & Evelyn Teater and Glenn & Betty Walke

Ron and Dianna Walke

In memory of Hubert Allen, Jimmy Reynolds, Ruby Vencill, and Bernie Harrison

Glen and Anne Buckner

Living Memorial Fund

In memory of Harold Holbrook and family

Jane Holbrook

In memory of Dayna Seelig's uncle, Barbara Tackett, and Curt Adkins

Fran Helphinstine

Dear Mary Claire, Chris, and members of the FCC Youth,

On behalf of Gateway Homeless Coalition, I would like to say thank you for your recent supply drive on behalf of the shelter. I am amazed at the quantity of supplies you collected! Please know that these supplies will be used to help the men, women, and children who are staying at our shelter. Thank you, too, for delivering the supplies to our shelter and for unloading the supplies into our storage area. It is appreciated more than you know!

Sincerely,
Marilyn Smith, Executive Director

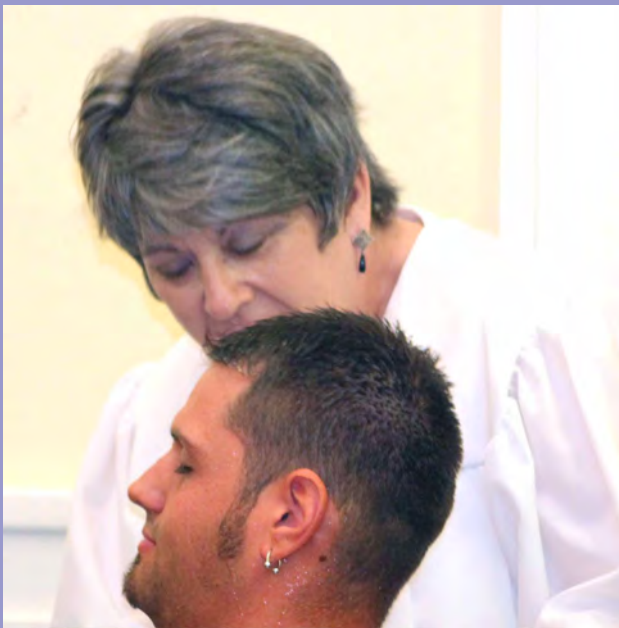
Palm Sunday Photos



Easter Egg Hunt!



Baptism



Baby Dedication

May 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| | | | | 1 5:30 Yoga | 2 | 3 gam Work Day |
| 4 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service Congregational Meeting First Sunday Lunch— "Deacon Derby" | 5 | 6 5:30 Yoga | 7 Noon Grad. slips due 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir | 8 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation | 9 | 10 |
| 11 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service | 12 | 13 5:30 Yoga | 14 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir | 15 5:30 Yoga | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service | 19 | 20 5:30 Yoga | 21 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir | 22 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service | 26 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Full Board | 27 5:30 Yoga | 28 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir | 29 5:30 Yoga | 30 | 31 |

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Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and
Chris Prichard, Youth
Ryan Brown, Secretary
Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist
Michael Young, Pianist
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Lindsey Morris, Nursery
Katie Messer, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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The Youth visiting Build-A-Bed.