New Sunday School Class!
Are you new to the church and have yet to connect to a Sunday School Class or Small Group? Have you been attending FCC for years, but never felt you “fit” in the Sunday School Classes that exist? If you answered “Yes!” to either of these questions or just want a new Sunday School experience, come be part of the new, intergenerational class that is forming. This Sunday School class will meet on Sunday mornings in the Community Room (downstairs) at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Brown will teach the class initially to get it established. Our curriculum will follow the church calendar year and lectionary. Therefore, the topics for each Sunday will be relevant to the worship and sermon themes for the same day. The creation of this class stems from our Visioning Process to develop new small group opportunities. We hope you will take advantage of this time for education and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan.

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 24th 9:30 a.m.
The Seekers class will be hosting this breakfast to raise money for the Sanctuary House Christmas Food Boxes. Please make plans to attend.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
November 17, 2013
Are We Thinking Big Enough?
Rev. Nathan C. Brown

November 24, 2013 (Thanksgiving Sunday)
The Bread of Life
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; John 6:24-35
Rev. Nathan C. Brown

ADVENT SCHEDULE
Sunday, November 24th
9:30 a.m. Breakfast Fundraiser
Hosted by the Seekers SS Class to raise money for Sanctuary House Christmas Food Boxes
3:00 p.m. Decorate the Church for Advent followed by a Chili Supper

Sunday, December 1 (Hanging of the Greens)
After worship Congregational Meeting to approve 2014 Leadership and Budget

Sunday, December 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)
5:00 p.m. Churchwide Christmas Party
6:00 p.m. Children’s Christmas Program followed by a visit from a Special Guest

Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)
10:40 am Lessons and Carols (Chancel Choir)
3:00 p.m. Children’s Christmas Caroling
6:30 p.m. Living Nativity

Sunday, December 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
5:30 p.m. Early Christmas Eve Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
As we approach the Christmas season, our church will be engaging in two very special ministry opportunities - one in our own community and one overseas!

As it has in the past, the Seekers class will be putting together Christmas boxes for the women and children at Sanctuary. And this year, the Rookies Sunday School class will be putting together shoeboxes filled with Christmas goodies for Operation Christmas Child. Both of these wonderful opportunities need your help!

Since we are doing two different box-related Christmas fundraisers, I wanted to give you all some clarifying information.

On Sunday, November 24 at 9:30 am, the Seekers class will be hosting a fundraiser for these boxes and a breakfast for the church. At that breakfast, they will be taking up donations. All of the money they receive that morning will be used to buy food to give to families in need at Sanctuary House. The Seekers class will assemble the boxes later in December and then deliver them to Sanctuary. I invite you all to participate in this wonderful opportunity to help make Christmas special for the women and children at Sanctuary.

First Christian Church is also participating in Operation Christmas Child. Sponsored and organized by Natalie Riggs and the Rookies Sunday School class, we are taking up donations to fill shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to send to children around the world. There are many different items we are collecting - children’s toys, school supplies, clothes, hard candy, toothbrushes, empty shoeboxes, the shipping cost for one box ($7). If you could donate any of these items, please bring them to the church before November 17. There will be collection boxes outside Mary’s office and in the Gathering Space. On November 17 during Sunday School, the children will be assembling and decorating these boxes, which will then be sent off to help make a better Christmas for children all around the world.

I hope that you will participate in both of these wonderful Christmas opportunities! With your help, First Christian Church will have the great blessing of helping make a better Christmas for children in our own community and around the world!
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING
Sunday, November 17 & 24
Support our students so they can Come Home
to a Disciples of Christ Institution!
Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending our 14 member undergraduate institutions and our 7 seminaries or divinity houses. You are helping ensure that when students from your congregation go away to study they will Come Home to a Disciples institution.

Mr. and Mrs Todd Morris
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their daughter

McCullen JoLynn
and
Ethan Ellis Calvert

ON SATURDAY
the twenty-eighth of December
Two thousand and thirteen
at two o’clock in the afternoon

First Christian Church
2601 South Walnut Street
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Reception to follow
James E. Bruce Convention Center

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Tuesday, November 26 at 7 pm
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
This year’s Community Thanksgiving Worship service will be Tuesday, November 26th at Cumberland Presbyterian Church (2701 Faircourt Street). Please join the Hopkinsville Ministerial Association and the Hopkinsville community in this service of prayer and thanksgiving. Rev. Alice Nichols from Grace Episcopal Church will be preaching and an offering will be taken for the Children’s Advocacy Center.

NOTE OF THANKS
To everyone who volunteered, coordinated or helped in any with the success of our Annual Autumn Festival. Thank you! It was a great day.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
2013 CHURCH ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
Monday, November 18 - No Games for FCC
Tuesday, November 19 - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 25 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 26 - No Games
Monday, December 2 - No Games for FCC
Tuesday, December 3 - 8:30 p.m.
Monday, December 9
Single Elimination Tournament
Tuesday, December 10
Single Elimination Tournament

SYMPATHY
Christian sympathy is extended to Amanda Conrad and family in the death of her grandfather, Nolan (Bil-ly) Hunter, who died on October 25, 2013.

Christian sympathy is extended to Brittainy Cansler and family in the death of her grandfather, Gene Mason, who died on October 28, 2013.

Christian sympathy is extended to D.D. Cayce, Mary Bess Ross and the entire family of Martha Cayce. Martha died on Friday, November 8, 2013

2014 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN RESULTS:
Congratulations First Christian Church for the excellent results from this year’s Stewardship Campaign. 82 giving units who pledged in 2013, pledged $424,340 for 2014. The average per giving unit that was pledged in 2013 compared to the average in 2014, increased by 12%. Additionally, we added 12 new pledging units in 2014, resulting in another $31,300 pledged. Each year we also lose some pledging members - for various reasons – and this year was no different.

Of course, we are also grateful for the many gifts given but not pledged. Each year we estimate what that number will be, add it to the total pledged amount, and come up with the projected giving for the next year. We are estimating $65,000 in unpledged giving for 2014. So - the total projected giving for 2014 is a nice increase over 2013 - probably around 4%. Other income (loose offering, interest income, etc) for 2014, is estimated to be around $7,650.

Projecting giving and expenditures for the next year is always an exercise in faith. We celebrate the successes of this year’s stewardship campaign and thank Mike and Helen Cayce for the great job they did leading the charge. We do recognize, however, that we have a little work yet to do to try to accomplish the goals we have for next year.

Thanks again for your generous support of First Christian Church!

Attendance for Past Six Weeks

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You are invited to help decorate the sanctuary with RED POINSETTIAS during the Advent season. The price is $15.00 each. A list will be included in the worship bulletin indicating the names of those who have given flowers, and in whose honor or memory they have been given. Please use this form to place your order. You may also order one for yourself. Drop this order form WITH PAYMENT in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office so it arrives by Monday, November 25th. Poinsettias will be ordered on the 27th of November. Thank you!

I wish to order _____ Red Poinsettia[s] at a cost of $15.00 each, for a total of $________. Check made payable to FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ______. Cash attached ______.

Your Name ________________________________________
Your Phone Number ________________________________

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Thank you for your cooperation.