GREETINGS FROM NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello, First Christian Church of Hopkinsville! My name is Brian Miller, and I am excited to be the new Youth Director. I want to thank the committee for the warm welcome and cannot wait to start meeting everyone. I am thrilled to meet all the youth, sponsors and start moving forward with our program. I would love to meet all the youth in our congregation on the first Sunday when I get there! (Youth, come experience God’s love at youth group from 5pm – 7pm! Hope to see you there!)

As time passes we will get to know each other more, but I want you to know some things about me. I was born and currently live in Bowling Green, KY. I have a wonderful girlfriend, Brandi Abston, and my child, Lucy (She is a great dog!). I have two older brothers and an older sister. My siblings have 7 kids, and yes, that does keep me a busy uncle. What can I say, I love kids! I am currently working for Bowling Green Independent Schools at the junior high school with behavior kids. One unique thing about me is: I collect baseballs from wherever I travel. I am a huge sports fan and love to travel. I could keep on chatting, but as we get to know each other, I am sure we will share our stories. Again, I am really excited to meet and start working with our youth!

1 Corinthians 12:27
Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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TGIW

No TGIW on April 2nd - Spring Break

April 9, 2014
Menu: Catered by: Four Seasons
Pork Tenderloin, Green Bean Casserole, Pasta Salad and Raspberry Chocolate Cake
Children: Chicken Tenders and Fries

April 16, 2014 - Last TGIW
Menu: Catered by: Four Seasons
Italian Lasagna, Italian Salad and Italian Cream Cake
Children: Hot Dogs

Programming (Through - April 16)

Unbinding Your Heart (Through – April 16)
This is a six week, all-church study that is part of our Visioning Plan. For those who are not part of a Sunday School Class or want to be part of an alternative study time, this group will be for you. More information about this study is included in this newsletter. This class will meet in the Faithful Followers SS Classroom.

You Are A What? (Through – April 9)
You ever get asked this question after you tell someone you are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Do you ever struggle to tell others what our denomination believes? Are you new to our church and want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ Church? If you answered “Yes!” to any of these questions, then this 4 week study is for you. Nathan will teach this class on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Children’s Choir
Children’s Choir will continue to meet on Wednesday night in preparation for the Lent/Easter Season. The choirs rehearse at 6:00 and 6:30 PM.

Chancel Choir
The Chancel Choir will continue to rehearse at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights.

Fellowship
The Fellowship Hall will remain open for those who would simply like to have fellowship after dinner!

Please mark the attendance pad for reservations. A new standing reservation list has been started. If you wish to have a standing reservation please indicate also.

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Wow! It’s hard to believe that we are already through the first quarter of this year and that Easter is just around the corner. A great deal has already transpired within the life of our church during these first three months and there is much more to come! In this newsletter, you will read about our Challenge House #5 pilot program during Spring Break (Hope in the Hood) and the upcoming blessing and open house on Palm Sunday. In the last newsletter, Jackie shared with you the exciting news of having nine young people in her Pastor’s Class whom are discerning the possibility of baptism on Easter Morning. Following Easter, we will begin our experiment of year-round Early Worship, which you will hear more about in the coming weeks. Of course, we are also night in the midst of our all-church study of Unbinding Your Heart and I am thrilled with the participation we have had from all of you. Like me, I know you are already seeing new faces in worship as a result of our emphasis on Evangelism! A great deal of my time and energy during the first quarter of this year has been dedicated to personnel issues related to filling the four vacant positions with which the church began the year. Of course, you are aware that Whitney Joyner was hired to take on two of those roles, Director of Children’s Choirs and Coordinator for Early Worship. Already she is doing fantastic work with our young people and I know you will experience this when the children sing on Palm Sunday.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you we have also now filled the position of Youth Director. Brian Miller will begin providing leadership to our middle school and high school youth program beginning Sunday, April 6th. I hope you will encourage youth connected to our church to come to youth group and get to know Brian.

Brian is from Bowling Green, Kentucky and will be commuting initially to fulfill his responsibilities. However, we have great hope that FCC and Hopkinsville will be a good fit for Brian and that he will eventually make the full transition to our community. Brian continues to explore a call to ministry and is seeking a community of faith to help nurture that call. I have no doubt FCC will support him in this endeavor. He grew up at First Christian Church of Bowling Green and comes highly recommended to us by their pastoral staff. Brian has written a personal greeting to the congregation in this newsletter.

I want to extend a big “Thank You” to Eileen White, the Personnel Committee, and the members of the respective search committees for all of their hard work. They have been busy during the first quarter of 2014 and I appreciate their help and encouragement along the way.

I hope you will take time in the coming weeks to welcome our new staff members, send them a note or an email, introducing yourself and your family. I know they want to get to know all of you! Remember, that we are still looking for a nursery worker for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you have any recommendations, please let Pastor Jackie or Eileen White know. Blessings to all of you in this Lenten Season!

Lent Theme and Worship Schedule

Unbinding Your Heart

This year, during the 40 days of Lent, we will be participating in a church-wide study of the book, Unbinding Your Heart. This is a study for deepening our spirituality and preparing us for Evangelism. Worship will correspond with our study, reflecting on many of the ideas and themes the book raises. The season of Lent is a time of deep reflection and re-commitment to our faith. We hope you are able to participate fully as we all seek to unbind our hearts and offer ourselves to God.

Sunday, March 30, 2014
Unbinding Your Heart: Transformation
Psalm 23; John 9:1-41
Rev. Nathan C. Brown

Sunday, April 6, 2014
Unbinding Your Heart: Barriers
Psalm 130; John 11:1-45
Rev. Nathan C. Brown

Sunday, April 13, 2014 (Palm Sunday)
Unbinding Your Heart: Death
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11
Rev. Nathan C. Brown

Thursday, April 17, 2014
Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM
24 Hour Prayer Vigil
8:00 PM Thursday until 8:00 PM Friday

Saturday, April 19, 2014
1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt at FCC

Sunday, April 20, 2014 (Easter)
6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service
9:00 AM Easter Breakfast
10:40 AM Worship - Go and Tell
Jeremiah 31:1-8; Matthew 28:1-10
Rev. Nathan C. Brown

ALL CHURCH LENTEN STUDY

Unbinding Your Heart

During Lent our entire church will be studying the book, Unbinding Your Heart. This is a six week study that includes a 40-day prayer journal. The study will correspond with weekly themes in worship as well. You won’t want to miss out on this great opportunity for spiritual growth. Below are the opportunities you have to participate in the study. Please let Jackie know if you plan to be part of the Wednesday night or Tuesday Morning offering.

9:30 AM Sunday Mornings
Faithful Followers SS Class, Wild Geese SS Class, Rookies SS Class, Seekers Sunday School Class, Nathan’s New Sunday School Class

6:00 PM Wednesday Night
TG IW

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning
Small Group
For Your Summer Calendar...
Camp at KBY 2014

CYF (9th-12th grade)  June 8-14
Sailing Camp - Chi Rho and CYF  June 15-20
TREC Camp (7th – 12th grade)  June 20-22
Discovery Camp* (1st and 2nd grade)  June 20-22

* Camper attends with one parent/guardian

Chi Rho Camp (6th – 8th grade)  June 23-28
Junior Camp (4th-5th grade)    June 30-July 4
Mini Camp (3rd grade)             July 4-6

Mark your calendars for an exciting summer at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya! More details to follow, and more information can be found online at www.westareadisciples.org/youth-and-camp/

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Once again, our 24-hour prayer vigil will begin following the Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 17th, and continue until 8:00 PM on Good Friday. The prayer wheel is located in the gathering space. Please sign up for a 30 minute time slot on the wheel. If you plan to pray off-site, please make sure to indicate that by your name so that the individuals before and after you are aware. Thank you for your participation in this important spiritual discipline during Holy Week.

Church in Need of an Upright Freezer – in good condition!

We would like to get a small upright freezer where we would keep meals to be distributed to the homebound or for outreach purposes. We thought someone in the church might have an extra one they might consider donating. Please let Jane McInnis or Gary Wall know if you have something in which we might be interested.

Bereavement Meals

If you are willing to help with bereavement meals please contact Christi Keller @ 270-885-5981. Thank you.

Challenge House #5
Open House and Blessing

On Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 PM, we will host an open house for Challenge House #5 at the house located on Crockett Street. This will be an opportunity for the church and the community to see the incredible work that has been done on the house, to meet our Ambassador, Joanne Wright, to learn about the programs that have begun, and to participate in the blessing of the home. This will be a wonderful time for food, fellowship, and fun! Please mark your calendars now and plan to be part of this important occasion within the life of our church!

Baptism Class

Please remember in your prayers the nine children participating in the Baptism Class. Alyssa Adler, Ethan Brown, Sam Cotthoff, Brianne Lacefield, Anna Maddux, Nathan Morris, Abby Moss, Lauren Sisk and Noah Toms.

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Attendance for Past Six Weeks

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Lenten Services

At Grace Episcopal
Fridays at Noon

Again this year, Grace Episcopal is offering ecumenical worships services every Friday during the Lenten Season. Worship begins at noon and is followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.

Friday, March 28 - Rev. M.O. Fort
Virginia Street Baptist Church
Chicken Artichoke Casserole & Salad
prepared by Pam Vance

Friday, April 4 - Father Julio Barrera
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Seafood Gumbo & Salad
prepared by John Watson

Friday, April 11 - The Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches & Green Beans
prepared by Lois White adn Becky Wood

April 18 - The Rev. Alice Nichols
Grace Episcopal Church
No Lunch Served - Good Friday, a day of fasting.

All services begin at noon and a luncheon follows the service in the All Saints’ Parish Hall, to which all in attendance are invited. Lunch is $8.00 and proceeds from the luncheon and service benefit several charitable organizations in our community.

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### April Birthdays

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2. Braden Lacefield  
3. Henry Tull  
4. Trent Haddock  
   Leslie Cunningham Schuer  
5. Nathan Brown  
   Rick Harper  
   Clark Smith  
6. Elizabeth Riley  
   Toni Riley  
   Sory Shannon  
   Spencer Warren  
7. Heather Congdon  
   Kathe Cost  
   Amanda McDaniel  
   Houston Morris  
   Jackie Twedell  
8. Christi Keller  
9. Ryan Pyle  
10. Sally Coffeen  
   Charlie Dorroh  
   Beth Morris  
11. Guinn Cost  
12. Lenaea Hale  
13. Caroline Baker  
14. Quentis Fuqua  
15. Jack Jones  
16. Ethan Brown  
17. Logan Monroe  
18. Mike Baker, Sr.  
19. Mary Helen Adams  
   Abigail Moss  
20. Landon Congdon  
   John Moss  
21. Terry Fuqua  

### April Anniversaries

7. Chris and Betsy Fox  
12. Guinn and Kathe Cost  
20. Rusty and Pam Nunn
ORDER FORM FOR THE
“Easter Cross”

Will be available in the Sunday Bulletins on Sunday, March 30th and April 6th

Deadline to get order to the church is Monday, April 7th. Thank you!

This Easter Sunday we will decorate with a cross of Easter lilies as well as the potted lilies. We will be collecting donations of $10 to purchase the flowers. I am donating ______ to help decorate the church with Easter lilies this year.

In Honor or Memory of (CIRCLE ONE)
(PLEASE PRINT to avoid mistakes in spelling)

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Given By:

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Please provide current information

Please place your check or cash with this order form in the offering this Sunday or mail to: First Christian Church, 2601 S. Walnut, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS
Monday, April 7, 2014

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

As you heard Dawn and Sara Camp say during the Moment for Mission last Sunday, our church is sending a Mission Team to Jamaica to work through The American Caribbean Experience. A number of fundraisers will be taking place throughout the year, the first of which will be our Easter Breakfast on Easter Morning. All contributions for the breakfast will go toward funding our mission trip. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Messenger - DEADLINE

If you have information that you would like included in the next messenger, the information needs to be submitted to the church office in writing by Friday, April 11, 2014.