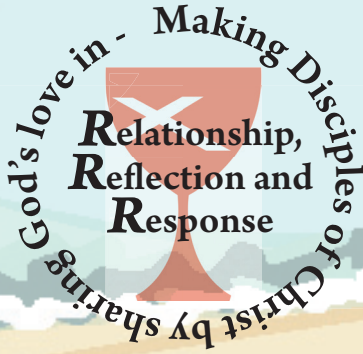


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The MESSENGER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: Broken and Beloved

July 30, 2017

Inseparable

Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39

Rev. Nathan C. Brown

August 6, 2017 (Back to School Sunday)

If Grace Is True

Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5

Rev. Nathan C. Brown

August 13, 2017

Restoring Grace

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15

Rev. Sara Nave Fisher

August 20, 2017

In God's Hands

Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Rev. Nathan C. Brown

BUDGET REMINDER

Good Day to the Leadership Council and Ministry Table! We are half way through our financial year and, believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about our 2018 budget. I will need to have a tentative budget established prior to our stewardship campaign which will begin in early October. Please have your 2018 budget requests to me by Friday, August 25. If you need a copy of your particular team or staff budget, please let me know and I will be happy to get that to you for your decision-making process. Thank you for your assistance. Jane Wells

DIGGING DEEPER AT FCC

Are you a "newish" member or regular attender of FCC? You probably know about the ministries - you have the website, get the Messenger, attend regularly - but do you know what "The Rookies Room" is? Or where the offices are? Or where the costumes are located? Meet in the sanctuary at 11:00am on July 30 for an in-depth tour of the grounds and the opportunity to talk more about the life of FCC! See Sara for more information.



ARE YOU PART OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN LEGACY CIRCLE?

Have you included First Christian Church in your will or other estate plan? And, if so, may we have permission to list you as a part of the First Christian Legacy Circle? Your Permanent Fund Committee is beginning an emphasis of encouraging such gifts in the life of the church, and we are beginning the process by attempting to identify those individuals or couples who have already put plans in place. We know you probably are not seeking attention from your gift, but we'd like to add your name to the list to be an encouragement to others to remember FCC in their plans also.

Please let us know by calling the church office or Chair of the Permanent Fund Committee, Don Atwood, at 270-881-8886.

Gratefully, Your Permanent Fund Committee

REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER

(Names will remain on prayer list for one month, unless the office is otherwise notified.)

Family of Gant Golladay	Teresa Combs	Aneta Mitera
Victoria Sisk	Sue Cummins	Hanson Williams
Jim Noffsinger	Donna Bolton	The Frost Family
Caroline Schuer	Helen Damron	Sharon McGee
Mary Emma Thompson	Mark Roseberry	Mike Powell
Oakley Haddock	Karon Zimmerman	Judy Johnson
Brenda Chambers	Rasnake Family	Eleanor Rogers

FCC FACEBOOK PAGES

Do you follow the FCC Facebook pages? "Like" them all for updates and information!

First Christian Church - Hopkinsville, KY

FCC Hopkinsville Family Ministries

Challenge House #5 - Hopkinsville, KY

FCC Local Mission Trip: Hiram Farms

ATTENDANCE PAST SIX WEEKS

06.18.17 (includes Sara's Ordination)	288	06.25.17	163
07.02.17	146	07.09.17	121
07.16.17	152	07.23.17	172

"A Note from Sara"

It's hard to be church.

I had a long conversation this week with a childhood friend who is struggling to find a sense of community at her own church. She feels like she has poured into a church that does not care for her, and she's wondering if it's a good place for her. She feels hurt by the very people she views as family.

It's *hard* to be church.

At FCC, we are continuing to seek new ways to *be* church, to integrate every person into this community with a sense of belonging. We have more new members so far this year than we have had in a long time! The love here is evident and has drawn people in. And yet, it can be easier said than done to go from "new member" to "feeling like you belong." Thankfully, we have some wonderful Sunday School classes that have reached out and made many of our newer members feel welcome and a part of this community. We have a multitude of opportunities to serve, and friendly faces abound.

My philosophy of children's and youth ministries is to help our young people feel that church is an integral part of their life — and that they are an integral part of the church. In my new role leading Congregational Life, my hope is to carry that to every person, no matter what age. I have fallen in love with this church — with all of you — and I'm excited to see where God leads this community in the coming years, even after I have moved away. I have some ideas about how to go about this, but my highest priority is empowering YOU to do the work that you feel called to do, to bring each other into stronger relationships with each other.

I'm looking for a team of people to help with this. What exactly this team would do would be up to you! I'm thinking about things like new small groups, or connecting visitors and new members with more "seasoned" members, or ways to increase our hospitality and care for each other. Would you be interested in doing something like that? The only requirement is that you love this church and want others to love it too. If you'd consider joining this team, let me know and we'll talk further.

Thank you to each of you for *being* the church. The strength of this community is palpable every time we open the doors. Let's keep on, together.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Author and speaker, Annie F. Downs, will keynote an ecumenical women's conference at Edgewood Baptist Church on Saturday, September 23rd. The conference will take place from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The theme is "The Power of Words." Tickets are \$20 before July 1st and \$25 after. If you are interested or would like to purchase tickets, go to www.goedgewood.com/give.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY

School will be here before we know it! Plan to join us in worship on Sunday, August 6 - and bring your backpack if you're a student, regardless of your age! We will offer a special prayer for our learners and educators on that Sunday.

PRAYER PARTNER PARTY

Save the date! August 6 we will have a PPP following worship (at 11:00am). More information coming soon!

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES

Chi Rho (6th-8th grades) and CYF (9th-12th grades) resume on Sunday, August 6 from 5:00-6:30pm! If there is a young person in your life in those ages, please invite them - and let Sara know too! We also are looking for more adults to lead, especially the Chi Rho group. See Sara if you're interested!

ALL Y'ALL CAMP

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is offering a camp - for families, couples, and individuals of all ages - on September 22-24. If you might be interested in this weekend camping retreat, see Sara for more information!

BABY DEDICATION

We are planning to have a baby dedication early this fall. If there is a baby in your family to be added to this list, let Sara know, see Sara for more information!

ANNUAL SANCTUARY DINNER

Thursday, August 10th at 5:30 pm. If you would like to join FCC at a table for Sanctuary's annual dinner, please contact Sara to RSVP by August 1!

Need to contact Sara?

Email her @ saraf@firstchristianhopkinsville.org

NEW ARRIVAL!

Amelia May Underwood

Born, July 10, 2017

7 lbs., 1 oz. and 20" long

Parents: Heyburn and Jessica Underwood
Grandparents: Steve and Mary Underwood

A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The FCC Trustees have been busy recently and we wanted to provide you an update on several things we have been working on. As noted previously, the Trustees have legally modified both the Elizabeth Stone Educational Trust and the Elizabeth Stone Orphanage Trust. The funds will now be used for scholarships rather than educational loans. We recently awarded our first six scholarship recipients. Each winner will receive up to \$5,000.00, payable \$1,250.00 per semester for up to two (2) years.

We are still in the process of terminating the Elizabeth Stone Orphanage Trust in order to give that money (approximately \$40,000.00 less legal fees) to the Boys and Girls Club, Hopkinsville, Kentucky. We decided to take this action due to the fact that the original, intended purpose of the trust (giving money to orphanages) is no longer available to us as orphanages do not currently exist in the manner they did when the trust was created. The Trustees unanimously felt that termination of the trust and the giving of the money for a large capital project to a local entity would be a far better use of the money than giving a small amount of interest to an unknown organization each year. We are still awaiting final court approval to finalize the termination of the trust and the gift to the B&G Club, but we anticipate that happening very soon. The B&G club is going to use the money to build a kitchen so that they can feed their kids.

The Trustees are also responsible for awarding the annual Joey Ledford Scholarship. The winner of that award was Dei Ovaen Zei Reyele Jackson, CCHS. Mr. Jackson will receive \$1,000.00 from the Ledford Trust.

The Trustees also decided to move the FCC Permanent Fund from Edward Jones to the Christian Church Foundation, our denominational investment partner. Our money will be similarly managed with similar fees. We felt it important to have the money "with the church" as we go forward.

Lastly, the Leadership Table tasked me to discuss the purchase of the Morningside Property from Morningside Ministries, LLC. Essentially, we are offering to buy out Christian Care Communities. I have had preliminary discussions and emails with their new Executive Director, Mary Lynn Spalding. We are currently in negotiations and awaiting a response on our offer.

J. Foster Cotthoff, Chair,
Trustees of FCC (Hopkinsville)

SYMAPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Gant Golladay. A memorial service will be held on August 5th with visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m. both at First Christian Church.

FCC SUMMER FUN

AUGUST 4

Pool Party - 6:00 p.m. at the McCourts' house.

AUGUST 6

Back to School Sunday & Prayer Partner Party - Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship then partner up for Sunday School.

CHALLENGE HOUSE

Weekend of August 18th

Experience Eclipse

An event to learn about and prepare for the upcoming solar eclipse. We'll be making or giving away free viewing glasses!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Your help is desperately needed. We are in need of as many volunteers as we can get in order to make sure we have enough Worship and Wonder; Following Jesus; and Sunday School volunteers.

For questions about how to volunteer for Worship and Wonder and Following Jesus or if you are interested in receiving training, contact April Cotthoff at 270-348-1398 or e-mail Jenny Fleming at jenny.fleming@firstchristianhopkinsville.org.

To volunteer to teach Sunday School, contact Jenny Fleming at 270-881-2749 or by e-mail.

Thank you in advance to everyone who can help with these important ministries. We are so blessed to have so many children in our church.

Thank you,
Jenny Fleming, Children's Ministries

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TGIW RESUMES

September 13, 2017

Meal at 5:30 p.m.; Program at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Resumes

If your child is interested in joining the children's choir, please contact Sylvia at 931-980-6334 or Jenny at jenny.fleming@firstchristianhopkinsville.org.

NOTES OF THANKS

Friends of the Hospitality Committee

Thank you for the wonderful food provided to our family after Tom Nelson's funeral. It was a blessing to find kind, familiar faces helping us in our time of need.

Sincerely,
Ann Hurst

Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you so much for thinking about me on my graduation, it means a lot to me. I really love my blanket and the Bible that ya'll have provided me.

Cameron DeArmond

August Birthdays

3. Sandra Kilijian
4. Emily Stroebel
5. John Camp
6. Brianne Lacefield
7. Michael Harton
8. Colby Johnson
9. Nita Satterfield
10. Helen Damron
11. Mindy Long
12. Elizabeth Shaw
13. Justin Hale
14. Sydney Shipp
15. Hudson Young
16. Christian Bernard Louine
17. Betty Stites
18. Donna Durden
19. J.P. Vanover
20. Allison Mohon
21. Katherine Booker
22. Donna Chapman
23. Gabriel Massinon
24. Jean McGehee
25. Rosemary Bradley
26. Mike Chadwell
27. Margaret Macdonald
28. Flo Dorroh
29. Caitlyn Shelton
30. George Coffeen
31. Ron Hayes
32. Deitra Stroebel
33. Steve DeMoss
34. Ransom Fisher
35. Charles Roberts
36. Annette Fleming
37. Kaile Turner
38. Andrew Riggs
39. Michael Clark
40. Chuck Cummins Jr.
41. Meghan Hale
42. Catherine Riley
43. Maggie Louine
44. Jason McCraw
45. Donna Allen
46. Reese Haddock

August Anniversaries

1. Jim and Jenny Fleming
2. Craig and Donna Allen
3. Foster and April Cotthoff
4. Danny and Anna Caryl Guffey
5. Rippy and Sandra Woodard
6. Don and Beverly Atwood
7. Bruce and Jane McInnis
8. Evan and Amanda Conrad
9. Tom and Cheryl Steiner
10. Loren and Deitra Stroebel
11. Gary and Nita Satterfield
12. David and Mary Lois Clark
13. Brad and Janel Anderson
14. Gary and Sara Ruth Isom
15. Wayne and Dawn Sowell
16. Justin and Mary Anne Hale
17. Barry and Beth Meade
18. Frank and Brenda Raber
19. Peter and Margaret Macdonald

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>8:30 am Early Seekers S.S. 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Prayer Partner Party 5:00 pm Youth Group Resumes</p>	<p>1. 9:15 am Staff Meeting Noon - Book Study 5:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2. 4:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3. 11:00 am Exercise Class Noon - Prayer Shawl Min. 5:30 pm Yoga 5:30 pm Zumba</p>	<p>4. 6:00 pm Kids Swim Party @ The McCourt's</p>	<p>5. 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Preschool Training</p>	
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<h1>2017 Eclipse</h1>						



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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 Thursday, August 10, 2017.
Thank you for your cooperation.