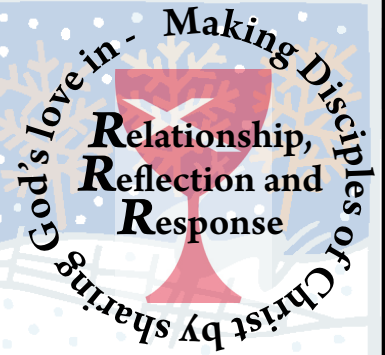


# The FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) MESSENGER

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## UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

**January 21, 2018**

Rev. Anne Ross Bruce

*Co-Minister, First Christian Church, Glasgow*

**January 28, 2018**

Scott Ross

*Elder, First Christian Church*

## TABLE TALK

Our next Table Talk will be on January 18th at 6pm at Davo's. Please let Sheila DeMoss know by Tuesday, the 16th, if you plan to attend. 27-839-2544 or [ssdemoss@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssdemoss@bellsouth.net)

## 2018 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP'S ARE IN THE GATHERING AREA

Please stop by the Gathering Area and sign up for Worship Leader and Sunday School Clerk. Other sign-up sheets may be placed there so please stop by and sign up! Thank you in advance for volunteering.

## ADDRESSES

Nathan Brown and Sara Nave Fisher wanted to pass along their new contact information to everyone.

The Revs. Marion and Nathan Brown  
2094 Haverhill Drive  
Marietta, GA 30062  
[revnathancbrown@gmail.com](mailto:revnathancbrown@gmail.com)

The Revs. Sara and Jonathan Fisher  
2616 Tree Crown  
Schertz, TX 78154  
[saranavefisher@gmail.com](mailto:saranavefisher@gmail.com)

## Worship and Wonder Training

January 26-27, 2018  
(Fri. 6pm-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm)  
Living Faith Baptist Fellowship  
Elizabethtown, KY  
Trainer: Petie Mclean

Please see Jenny Fleming if you are interested in attending the training.

## 2018 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

MODERATOR .....	<i>Jennifer Maddux</i>
MODERATOR ELECT .....	<i>Mike Foster</i>
SECRETARY .....	<i>Alissa Keller</i>
TREASURER .....	<i>Phil Camp</i>
ELDER REPRESENTATIVE .....	<i>Sheila DeMoss</i>
DIACONATE REPRESENTATIVE .....	<i>Spencer Kilijian</i>
TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE .....	<i>John Maddux</i>
PERSONNEL REPRESENTATIVE .....	<i>Bruce McInnis</i>
OUTGOING MODERATOR .....	<i>Jeff Chapman</i>
MEMBER-AT-LARGE .....	<i>Lauren Roberts</i> <i>David Collins</i> <i>Sara Ruth Isom</i>

## 2018 MINISTRY TABLE

TABLE LEADER .....	
STAFF .....	<i>Gail Robinson-Oturu</i> <i>Donna Chapman</i>
WORSHIP & MUSIC .....	<i>Tiffany Baker &amp; Alison Anderson</i>
EVANGELISM .....	<i>Spencer Kilijian</i>
HOSPITALITY .....	<i>Donna Bolton &amp; Darlene Bolton</i>
CONGREGATIONAL CARE .....	<i>Sheila DeMoss</i>
STEWARDSHIP .....	<i>Linda Ledford &amp; Janice Bruce</i>
ADULT ED & FAITH DEVELOPMENT .....	<i>Beverly Atwood</i>
YOUTH MINISTRIES .....	<i>Alissa Keller</i>
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES .....	<i>Marie McCourt &amp; Jamie Kilijian</i>
PROMISE LAND PRESCHOOL .....	<i>Karen Shields</i>
OUTREACH .....	<i>Laura Shipp &amp; Lauren Roberts</i>
PROPERTY .....	<i>-Mike Scholl - Inside</i> <i>Greg Fear - Outside</i>
HERITAGE .....	<i>Susan Scott</i>

## TGIW DATES FOR SPRING 2018

TGIW will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and will continue through the next 5 Wednesdays ending the week before Holy Week. Dr. Phil will be leading a five week TGIW study beginning February 21 based on the book *Grace for the Journey* (by George Thompson and Beverly Thompson). Please let Mary Bolton know if you would like to order a book. Children's Programming will begin on February 21st. More information will be in the first bulletin of February and the Next Messenger which will be mailed February 14th.

## Welcome Dr. Philip Miller

I am so pleased to announce that on Sunday, January 7th, our church membership voted to call the Rev. Dr. Philip Miller as our Interim Minister during the congregational meeting. Over the past month, the Search Committee has enjoyed getting to know Dr. Miller, or "Dr. Phil" as we have come to know him. We will officially welcome Dr. Phil and his wife, Paula, on Sunday, February 4th, but here is a little information about them in advance.

Dr. Phil completed his undergraduate at Texas Christian University and received his Doctor of Ministry from Southern Methodist University. He was ordained as a Disciples of Christ minister on May 18, 1973 at Central Christian Church in Dallas, Texas. He served in full-time ministry from 1973 until 2002, and thirteen of those years were spent in Kentucky. Dr. Phil served as the Senior Minister at Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington from 1978-1985 and at First Christian Church in Paducah from 1985-1991. During his 29 years of full-time ministry, he also felt a strong call to care for military personnel, and in 1985 he became a Reserve Air Force chaplain. After September 11, 2001, he accepted a call to serve on active duty. Through his military chaplaincy career, he attained the rank of Colonel, and he also served as the Division Chief for the Chaplain Corps.

After retirement from ministry, Dr. Phil was the executive director of TLC Meals on Wheels in Littleton, Colorado for five years, and he also found time to write three books. However, in 2016 he felt the tug back into ministry and decided to make Transitional Ministry his focus. Over the past two years he has undergone extensive training with the Interim Ministry Network and has a very strong understanding of best practices and process for transitional ministry. Dr. Phil is passionate about transitional ministry, and he has a clear vision for leading a congregation through their discernment process in preparation for calling a settled minister. He is excited about having an opportunity to mentor our staff. He strongly believes in community involvement and invitational hospitality, and he has been very interested in the outreach work we are doing with Challenge House.

Dr. Phil is married to Paula, who is a retired educator and administrator. They have two grown daughters, one in New Jersey and one in Texas, and two grandsons. They call Blue Ridge, Georgia home, and their home church is Cherry Log Christian, which was also the last home church of Dr. Fred Craddock. Although Dr. Phil is completing a Transitional Ministry that will end on January 31st at First Christian Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, he and Paula are already making plans for their move to Hopkinsville. Although it may take a couple of weeks to complete their move, Dr. Phil has committed to lead worship with us here on February 4th because he understands we will have already had six weeks without a Senior Minister.

I want to thank the members of our Search Committee for their thoughtful commitment to finding an Interim Minister in such a short time. They are Albert Sisk, Alissa Keller, Beth Morris, Diane Pyle, Josh Shipp, Karen Shields, Michael Baker and Victoria Sisk, with Jennifer Maddux serving as ex-officio member. I am optimistic as we move forward into our period of transition with Dr. Phil, and I feel blessed to be part of such a faithful, and loving church family.

Blessings, Tracey Clark, Chair, Search Committee

## YOUTH GROUP REQUEST!

I am excited to be kicking off the 2018 Youth Group! I heard our youth love to eat and many of you love to cook meals for our youth group. I believe this is a ministry in itself. If you would like to fix a meal for our youth, please click this link <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=XNGM6837> or contact me via email or phone. With the size of our youth group (serving 15-20), maybe two of you can prepare one meal together. If you know someone is interested in fixing a youth meal, please have them contact me. Thank you!

Blessings, Brian Miller - Youth Minister  
brian.miller@firstchristianhopkinsville.org  
270-886-0197

## NEW ARRIVAL

*Clayton Alan Warren*

Born: December 29, 2017

8 lbs. 3 oz. 19 3/4 inches long

Parents: Spencer and Susan Warren

Big Sister: Madelyn

## LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, February 17, 2018 @ FCC

More information will be coming soon!



What a generous and loving congregation we have! Thank you for the Christmas bonus gifts you provided for us all! We appreciate it and hope you had a meaningful and happy Christmas with your family, friends, and loved ones.

*Blessings to you in 2018!  
Your Church Staff*

## REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER

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

Teresa Combs	Aneta Mitera	Hanson Williams
Sharon Gustafson	Helen Damron	Betsy Ritzel
Barbara Oakes	Hilda Cansler	Diane Cathcart
Jack Scott	Dudley Seale	Judge Combs

## ATTENDANCE PAST SIX WEEKS

12.10.17	215	12.17.17	277
12.24.17 + Christmas Eve	381	12.31.17	135
01.07.18	161	01.14.18 (snow/ice)	105

# February Birthdays

1. Daniel Satterfield
2. Emma Camp
3. Robert Sivley
4. Jane Wells
5. Helen Cayce
6. Amy Dunlap
7. Darlene Bolton
8. Kyle Harton
9. Kathee Roberts
10. Jennifer Maddux
11. Noah Toms
12. Heather Fleming
13. Jonathan Fisher
14. Lauren Sisk
15. Carolyn Sorrell
16. Danny Guffey
17. Jim Chadwell
18. Rochelle Claitt
19. Presley Bruce
20. Don Miller
21. Amanda Conrad
22. Tammy Hayes
23. Vivian Kern
24. Lois Lacy
25. Wilson Augsburger
26. Helen Crenshaw
27. Marilyn Foster
28. Barry Clark
29. Brenda Chambers
30. Beth Meade
31. Marby Schlegel
32. Gayle Chambers
33. Elizabeth Foster
34. Mary Katherine Bradley
35. Natalie Riggs
36. John McGee Jr.
37. Bruce Smiley
38. Tracey Clark
39. Cole Isom II
40. Zachary Moss
41. Katherine Joiner

# Feb. Anniversaries

6. Roy and Christi Keller
7. Jim and Sandy Cunningham

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
4. 8:30 am Early Seekers Class 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School No Youth Group	5. 11:00 am Exercise Class 5:30 pm Zumba	6. 9:15 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Co-Ed Volleyball	7. 4:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	8. 11:00 am Exercise Class Noon - Prayer Shawl Min. 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Yoga 5:30 pm Zumba	9. 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	10.
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## PASTOR'S CLASS / BAPTISM

Do you know a young person interested in Baptism this spring? Dr. Phil will be conducting a Pastor's Class beginning Sunday February 18th following Sunday School. Classes will continue each Sunday through the March 25 followed by Baptisms on Easter Sunday. Please let Mary Bolton know if you would like to participate.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Want to have a positive effect on the lives of children? Teaching Sunday School is an excellent way to do just that. Anyone interested in teaching Sunday School should see or email Jenny Fleming.

## NOTES OF THANKS

Dear FCC,

On behalf of my family, I want to thank you for a wonderful send-off on my last Sunday at FCC. We are grateful for the kind words spoken, the gifts presented, and the overall appreciation shared for our ministry together. We want to thank you for the beautiful bowl. It is now prominently displayed in our home where we see it and think of you often. We are grateful to the youth for the wonderful framed collage of pictures. We thank the children's ministry for the bags of goodies for the children. And I want to thank you for the staff Christmas gift. As we are getting settled in, in Georgia, we think and talk about you often. You will always be in our hearts as we both step into this unknown future. Again, thank you for everything and I look forward to being in touch with you. Many blessings in 2018. We miss and love you.

Peace,

Nathan, Marion, Harrison, and Clara

First Christian Family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for the warm send-off you gave me. Your thoughtful gifts, cards, encouraging words, notes, and texts were each appreciated. I am incredibly honored to have had the gift of serving you and serving alongside you for three years, and I look forward to seeing where God leads you in this next chapter! You'll find my contact information in this Messenger - please do keep in touch!

With love,

Sara, Jonathan, Sophia, Ransom, and Lenora

Dear Church Family,

My family and I want to express our gratitude for all your kindness and support during Mark's illness. Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, tasty food, flowers, hugs, wonderful stories, and kind words. The congregation of First Christian Church of Hopkinsville has always been there for us in times of joy and in times of sadness.

My family and I also give thanks for the staff and church members who generously provided so much assistance for Mark's Memorial Service. You provided such grace and beauty to the ceremony and reception with your many talents.

Love and Blessings, Ann Roseberry and Family

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**MESSANGER - 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, February 8, 2018.  
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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