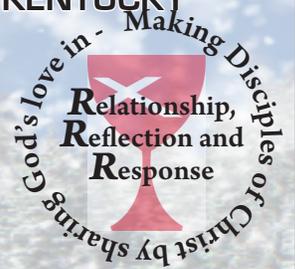


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CHALLENGE HOUSE 5 RESPONSE

I've cried a lot lately. Hearing from neighbors who didn't have funds to stock up and now are low on food & supplies brought tears and concerns. God led me to put together CARE Packages. More tears as I drove all over to find TP, hand sanitizer options, and something nice to give to 100 families. It was frustrating but also miraculous as I was able to find enough when it seemed like an impossible task. Problems with technology brought exasperated tears. Not having reliable phone, text and email service almost had me to the tipping point with tears of desperation. The obstacles were overwhelming... I'm thankful that God is in control! It was a daunting task to assemble and eventually deliver the CARE Packages. More tears, this time of gratitude and joy, as 15 people from FCC jumped in to help. I've heard from several neighbors who wanted to say thanks, ask more about this church, and needed help. I'm all cried out but my heart is overflowing with praise for the Lord who is Jehovah Jireh! I'm sure there are many challenges ahead for all of us. I wanted to share this story and encourage you again to pray for CH5 and contact me to offer help. CH5 is closed to neighbors to come in but there is still active ministry to be done. Contact: Joyce Barrier, CH5 Ambassador, 908.399.3988 joybarr77@gmail.com

ALTAR GUILD ORGANIZING

Efforts are underway to organize an Altar Guild for supporting special activities that take place in the sanctuary. The exact duties of this group will be determined at the organizational meeting and will function as a part of the Worship Table. If you haven't found a place to serve in the church, this may be just the group for you. I pray I will hear from you at 270-271-7000 or 270-887-3618. Please leave name and number if I am not available. I am looking forward to hearing from many of you.

Thank you, Sandra Kilijan

NEW ARRIVAL

Rhett Williams Foster

Born: March 15, 2020

8 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches long

Parents: Lincoln and Katherine Foster

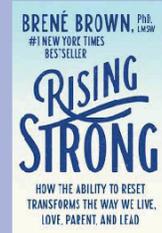
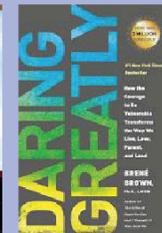
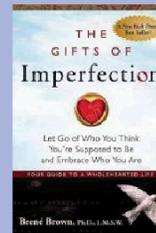
Big Sister: Caroline

Grandparents: Mike and Marilyn Foster,

Ron Garber and Kathi Lowe

RISING STRONG SERMON SERIES

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BRENÉ BROWN & HER BESTSELLING BOOKS VISIT: BRENEBROWN.COM



BRENÉ SHARES HER B.R.A.V.I.N.G. ACRONYM IN FULL DURING THIS SUPER SOUL SUNDAY "ANATOMY OF TRUST" TALK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HX7pxivzS2Q&t=440s>

REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER

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

Gary and Nita Satterfield

Family of Justin Hale

Mary Partain

Linda Diane Cathcart

The World and Government Officials

Medical and Emergency Personnel

Jim and Karen Moore and Family (*Death of Jim's Mother*)

Albert Sisk

Nancy Wall

Barbara Oakes

Bruce Smiley

Jack Jones

Curtis Priest

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Anne Hale and family upon the death of her husband, Justin Hale on March 17, 2020. A private burial was held on Sunday, March 22nd.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jim Moore and family in the death of his mother, Sarah Moore on March 17th.

SAVE THE DATES:
VBS
JUNE 15TH - 18TH

A Word from Rev. Wade Miller

EASTER IN THE AGE OF CORONAVIRUS

Early in the life of the early Church, Christians were forced to avoid public places, worship in their homes, and continue in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ all while under life-threatening conditions.

Throughout wars and plagues, Christians have found a way to serve and care for others.

In the age of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, once again we are asked to find meaningful ways to serve. First and foremost, we are asked to serve through Physical Distancing. By keeping our distance from others, going out only when needed and keeping very strong hand and containment hygiene, we are helping slow the spread of the virus within our community and caring for our health professionals and the most vulnerable.

But we are also helping serve as a school lunch/breakfast distribution site to our kids in the neighborhood. We are reaching out to our Homebound with phone calls, cards, masks, and sometimes even bowls of soup. And we are considering how else we might serve, especially as we face more cases here in Christian County.

We are likely not going to be able to gather in time for Easter, so the ministers and staff are working with ways our church can worship together. We have shared a couple of "services" on Facebook Live the last couple of Sundays and last Wednesday. We are continuing to plan special music and share appropriate children's activities. I am hoping to share a couple of creative activities for home worship and dramatic videos as well. We are also looking at ways for people to call in on their phones to listen if they are not able to join us online and possibly to receive written transcripts of the sermon. Please call the office if you are interested in non-digital connections.

Through it all, your pastors and staff are here for you. Even if we are working from home or busy with non-traditional activities, your phone calls and emails are welcome. We especially want to know if your family is under quarantine or if someone is sick.

Resurrection will come. It will look a little different, but the Church will continue to share the good news.

In Hope & Service,
Rev. Wade

Please contact staff members before dropping in to the office. We don't want to miss you!

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Thank You!

To the Members and Staff of
First Christian Church of Hopkinsville:

Your warm hospitality to the West Area on March 7 was an inspiration to us all. Thank you to those who set-up, parked, served, cleaned, cared, organized, directed, navigated, promoted, prepared, reset, attended, recruited, led, and encouraged. Our special thanks to Sheila and Steve DeMoss, Mary Bolton, Rev. Wade Miller, Gary Wall, Rev. Kim Zarley, and to the nursery staff. Each played an important role in making the West Area Workshops come to fruition, and to God be all glory and praise for a great day of equipping, connecting, and inspiring us all to grow in our ministries.

Peace and good health to you all,
Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

Dear friends of First Christian Church,

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. It's heartwarming to know that you are all in my corner as I face the loss of my Dad. I am thankful to have such wonderful friends.

With sincere thanks, Mike and Brenda Ousley

FCC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and the offer of food following my recent surgery. Your concern and acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. It's a comfort to be a part of such a caring church family.

Christi Keller

Dear First Christian Church Family,

I want to extend sincere thanks to my church family for all of the cheery cards, beautiful flowers, delicious food, friendly visits, and mostly the many prayers said following my ankle surgery & long recovery. After many weeks of confinement in my recliner, I am finally back up on my feet again. I have advanced from using a walker to using a cane. Just a few more weeks of outpatient PT rehab, then I will be good to go.

Again, thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely, Nancy Wall

First Christian Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Hopkinsville, Christian County Family YMCA, it is our sincere pleasure to thank you for your donation. Your generous donation will help us tremendously! We very sincerely appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Ellis, Executive Director

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

I have finalized our financial information for 2019 and am pleased to say that we had 135 giving units who gave \$559,640.00 toward our General Fund last year. Our approved church budget was \$569,047.00 (a \$39,047.00 deficit budget). However, our final expenditures were \$589,662 (a deficit of \$23,387.00). While this is not as good a result as the Finance Committee had hoped, it is \$16,000.00 less than had been predicted. There were several factors involved with the deficit last year; i.e., the senior minister salary was a significant increase from 2018; there were search committee expenses and moving expenses which exceeded our estimates; the church had to have some expensive work done to our internet hardware to improve our security as well as reception; there was another water leak in the boiler room; another overage in electricity and other smaller budget overages. Giving certainly increased over 2018, but not enough to prevent a deficit.

While our continued giving to the General Fund is probably the most important way to insure that our ministries continue and our facility is preserved, we are also fortunate to have a number of other funds that act to supplement the General Fund. The Capital Fund we use for building needs. In 2019, it was discovered that our 31 year old heat and air units in the church offices were in great disrepair and posed a flooding issue if a hot water pipe leaked or broke. It was determined by the Finance Committee that it was not in the best interest of our facility to repair 31 year old units. The Committee asked the Trustees to approve a \$32,000 expenditure from the Capital Fund to purchase 10 new

ductless heat and air units for the offices and the installation of same. This project has been accomplished and under budget. (You will see this in Line Item 5240 of the budget). The Permanent Fund provides interest income that supports outreach, the General Fund, and other programs in the church. The Memorial/Reserve Fund holds a variety of designated accounts, memorials, and bequests that can be used to support the ministries and needs of the church. During 2019, we drew on the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and Christian County Literacy Council, among others. We are very grateful for the reserve funds we have available to further our ministry. You responded so very generously both in time and money to the fundraiser for the Frost Family and the Sanctuary Christmas food boxes and all the many other special offerings in 2019.

If you are interested in seeing a more detailed financial report for 2019, please look for the year-end financials to be available in the narthex when we again come together for worship in our building. Thank you First Christian Church Family for your generous support of the General Fund in 2019 - and thank you staff, committee chairs, and members for managing the expenses of the church.

First Christian Church is a fellowship of wonderful people who contribute generously of time, talents and money to be "the love of Christ" in our community and beyond. I have really enjoyed my time working for my beloved First Christian. Thank you all for making my job a pleasure as well as a ministry. **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK FIRST CHRISTIAN FAMILY.**

Jane R. Wells

APRIL Birthdays

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| 1. Cansas Morris | 17. Guinn Cost |
| 2. Jason Frost | Townes Mohon |
| 4. Trent Haddock | 18. Mary Anne Hale |
| Leslie Schuer | 20. Quentis Fuqua |
| 5. Joyce Barrier | Jack Jones |
| Rick Harper | 21. Natalie Frost |
| Wade Miller | 24. Mike Baker Sr. |
| 6. Elizabeth Riley | 26. Mary Helen Adams |
| Toni Riley | Abigail Moss |
| Sory Shannon | 28. Michael Baker |
| Spencer Warren | Mark Wells |
| 9. Kathe Cost | 29. John Moss |
| Houston Morris | 30. Terry Fuqua |
| 10. Christi Keller | |
| 13. Diane Pyle | |
| 14. Sally Coffeen | |
| Beth Morris | |
| Ravynn Lilly Ray | |

APRIL Anniversaries

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| 6. Patrick and Bethany Yielding |
| 8. Steven and Pat Sunderland |
| 12. Guinn and Kathe Cost |
| 14. Max and Maria Perry |
| 19. Don and Laurie Pemberton |

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Due to the current situation we are making a few temporary changes.

One: Mary will be working from home, you can still call the church office. The phone will be forwarded during office hours - Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 and Friday 8:00-1:30.

Two: The next Messenger will only be mailed to those who do not have email to save on paper, copies and postage unless Mary is working back in the office. That being said, the Messenger will go to everyone that we have email addresses for. If you have changed your email address and have not notified the church please do so ASAP. If you have not been getting email from the church recently please send your email address to Mary at: maryb@firstchristianhopkinsville.org so that we can keep you informed of what we are doing. If you don't have email, we will do our best to pass on information to you in other ways.

Our new best friend is a phone, please keep in touch with each other until we can be together again.



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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, April 9, 2019

Thank you for your cooperation.