



# FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

*Making disciples who make a difference!*

February 2025

Genesis' story of Joseph (Chapter 37-50) is a finely wrought and self-contained novella. It describes in detail the development of his personality and character from a shallow youth to compassionate adulthood. Within is really the story of a family's survival.

Everyone has known someone like the young Joseph. A gifted child, doted upon by adults, envied and resented by other youth. Gen. 37:1-6 describes how the charismatic adolescent impressed with his intelligence and limitless self-confidence. He simultaneously alienated others with his own self-absorption.

There is desire that Joseph will bring new status and hope to the family. However, the first thing taught about him turns out to be disturbing. When spending time with his half-brothers, afterwards, when back at home, he divulges evil gossip. No one likes a rat - snitches get stitches. An aging father's obvious favorite younger son sought to further enhance his own standing by throwing his older half-brothers under the chariot (37:2).

The ratting out of brothers is followed by the gifting of a fine coat with long sleeves, the luxurious kind as worn by nobility (37:3). It was a piece of clothing which would never be envisioned being worn to do manual labor. Jacob's preferential love of Joseph would make it impossible for him to coexist within the family because of the strong emotions it generated. Joe then compounds an already precarious situation by boasting about his dreams (37:5-11). He reveals in the first dream how he becomes elevated over all his adult brothers. The second one include his parents in an act of worshipping Joseph.

Joseph consistently provokes his older brothers by exploiting his privileged position granted by their father. Seemingly lost to hatred and resentment, the whole family begins a painful, stretched out, journey to self-knowledge that will ultimately bring them all to a place of peace.

Gen. 34 illustrates how when pushed, the older sons of Jacob resort to violence. Jacob sends Joseph to his older brothers who are pasturing flocks several days' travel away. When Joseph appears before them so far away from everything else they resolve to dispose of him and make it look like an accident.

Gen. 37:18-36 conflates two traditions that credit Reuben and Judah as seeking to save Joseph's life. They persuade the others to sell Joe to strangers making their way down to Egypt. How can family, no matter how provoked, sell their own brother into slavery? Studying these scriptures closely allows for the discovery that they are more subtle and complex than a Jerry Springer episode of evil older brothers conspiring against an innocent younger one. As witnessed in our own times, sibling rivalry is a symptom of deep-seated family conflict that has long simmered, often for generations. The seeds of contention between Jacob's sons have been sown years before by their parents. It will be decades before the full cycle of revenge and forgiveness will be completed.

The troubled dynamics of Jacob's family reflect contemporary domestic issues. It speaks to the universality of the curse and blessing possible within families. While the Bible paints an unapologetic view of poor parenting and wrathful action, it also points to the possibilities of reconciliation and forgiveness. God can make recovery possible from brokenness borne out through our own bad choices. And such healing does not require decades, famine, enslavement and imprisonment. Healing is always possible.

*Inside...February Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!*

*Rev Colby Smith*

# FCC KIDS CORNER

## Kid's Club February Schedule

February 2nd-Under the Sea  
February 9th-Souper Bowl/Dessert Auction  
February 16th-Newport Aquarium Trip  
February 23rd-Under the Sea

### Finding Jesus Under the Sea

This winter/spring at Kid's Club, we will be learning stories of Jesus while connecting the theme to a variety of sea creatures!

The sea contains many wondrous sights created by God. When we go under the sea and take a closer look, we see that the sea has much to teach us about God.



### Thank You!

**Kid's Club could not happen each Sunday without the help of some amazing volunteers!**

Some of our Kid's Club assistants stay after worship until 1:30 to help with our meal, games, activities and more. Others go on trips with us, and some do both! Please take time to thank these amazing folks next time you see them:

Debbie Baker	Martha Bryant
Kendra Funkhouser	Mary McKitric
Sueann Rice	Darell Rickmers
Suzy Smith	Penny Vaught

Kasey Wilson

### Kid's Club Newport Aquarium Trip

**Sunday, February 16th**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we journey to Northern Kentucky to the Newport Aquarium!

We will see many of the sea creatures we are talking about in our "Under the Sea" series.

Leaving from FCC at 9:00, and return to by 5:30.

Sign-up by contacting Patti @[patti@firstchristiandanville.com](mailto:patti@firstchristiandanville.com)

### Kid's Club Destination Unknown at Paint Parties/Designs by



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**Please Keep the following in your Prayers**

John Caywood	Mike Swain
Gary Gibson	Mary Lou Withers
John Taylor Ross	Jenny Wilson
Jan Sheffield	Jim Routin
Bill Morgan	Marlena Ellis
Trevor & Lucy Graham	Rick Fisher
Darell Rickmers	Melodee Quinn
Lavern Stephens	Kelly Anderson
Lauren Newman	
Wanda Huffman	
Mary Sebring	
Ellie Pennington	

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Martha Akin	Lucille Lemon
Pat & Steve	Margaret Milburn
Bruce	Bonnie Wilson
Mindy Carter	Georgianne Smith
Hugh & Mary Jo	
Coomer	



**February Worship Roster**

**February 2nd**

Worship Leader– Elmer Jackson

Elder– Doug McMurry

Elder & Counter– Nancy McMurry

Children’s Chat– Kendra Funkhouser

Worship & Wonder– Alice & Jay Reynolds

Children’s Church– Kendra Funkhouser and Patti Wright

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Mary McKitric

Kids Club Assist– Martha Bryant

Kid’s Club Lunch- Libby McWhorter

Elder’s For Morning Pointe– Doug & Nancy McMurry

**February 9th**

Worship Leader– Bart Gover

Elder– Elmer Jackson

Elder & Counter– Suzi Jackson

Children’s Chat– Darell Rickmers

Worship & Wonder– Combine with Children’s Church

Children’s Church–Darell Rickmers and Patti

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Edna Prall

Kid’s Club Assist– No Kids Club (Souper Bowl)

**February 16th**

Worship Leader– Evelyn Guerrant

Elder– Joey Kirk

Elder & Counter– Vince Pennington

Children’s Chat– Reverend Colby

Worship & Wonder– Combine with Children’s Church

Children’s Church– Kendra Funkhouser and Stephen Hinkle

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Kris Hamlin

Kid’s Club–Trip to Newport Aquarium

Shut in Communion–

**February 23rd**

Worship Leader– Jacob Cooper

Elder– Debbie Baker

Elder & Counter– Brian Calvert

Children’s Chat– Martha Bryant

Worship & Wonder– Connie McVicker and Sherri Horn

Children’s Church– Penny Vaught and Patti

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard/Trista Hinkle

Kid’s Club Assist.– Martha Bryant

Kid’s Club Lunch– Donna Carol Welch

Elder’s Meeting Cooks–



**Four Cans for Others**

56 cans were donated during January. Let’s keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2024 of **1,421** cans!



## News & Announcements

### Youth News

The FCC Youth programs are split into three groups. The Middle School Group meets upstairs in the Youth Wing following Children's Chat and is called **The Seekers**. The High School group called **The Gathering**, meets after church until 1:30 pm. The Community Youth group called **DYC** (Danville Youth Connection) is a combined group from First Christian, The Presbyterian Church of Danville and Trinity Episcopal Church.

**The Seekers** are currently watching Bible project videos that are overviews of the Books of the Bible. They introduce the settings and figures based in the Book of scripture being covered. They go through the stories and the lesson or meaning behind the stories. We are currently in Exodus and are also watching a movie covering the life of Moses.

**The Gathering** is currently talking about God's plan and who is in the drivers seat in our lives. There are five seniors this year and some are still going through the scholarship process. We are trying to help them understand God is in control but He also expects us to take action.

Both of these groups had Lock-Ins in the month of December. We spent time together, played games, and enjoyed a meal together like the early church did at the beginning of their gatherings.

**DYC** is currently going over the idea of renewal, going with the idea of New Years resolutions. In February we will be covering other types of love, not just romantic. In March, we will cover Ash Wednesday and then talk about listening and the different types of listening. Stephen Hinkle

**On February 9th**, it's time for Souper Bowl Sunday! We will enjoy fellowship while auctioning off some fabulous desserts. Join us and bring your appetite and your checkbook. All proceeds support our wonderful youth and children's activities!

Thank you Church Family for your love and care during my father's hospitalization and death. The many cards, calls, texts, and beautiful flowers felt like loving arms wrapped around us.



Patti Wright and Family

### Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday— Friday

8:00 a.m.— Noon & 1:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

### Give From the Heart



#### Food Drive

Throughout the month of February, place a food items in your box. Bring the box to the Narthex when you come to church on or before March 2nd. The items listed represent the current food pantry needs of our community.

- February 1— Canned fruit
- February 2- Canned black or pinto beans
- February 3— Oatmeal
- February 4— Cereal
- February 5— Muffin Mix
- February 6- Pancake mix
- February 7— Syrup
- February 8— Pasta
- February 9— Pasta Sauce
- February 10— Corn Bread Mix
- February 11— Dry milk/ Shelf stable milk
- February 12— Hamburger Helper
- February 13— Pop-Tarts
- February 14— Granola bars
- February 15— Instant Mashed Potatoes
- February 16— Rice
- February 17— Peanut Butter
- February 18— Jelly
- February 19— Cooking Oil
- February 20— Crackers
- February 21— Ramen Noodles
- February 22— Canned Soup
- February 23— Canned Mixed Vegetables
- February 24— Canned Meat
- February 25— Instant Mac & Cheese

#### Bonus Items:

Please consider adding a few of these much needed personal hygiene items to your box:

Soap, deodorant, Dish soap, Shampoo/conditioner, Diapers/wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, laundry detergent.

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