



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

March 2025

The Road Less Traveled

“The road less traveled” is a phrase from a 1916 poem by Robert Frost who, by his own admission, found that following such a road made all the difference in his life.

Jesus also followed such a road. John 12:20-33 invites us to reflect upon the difference that Jesus’s chosen path has made in the lives of all who believe – all who have followed along that pathway of suffering, sacrifice and surrender...through death to life.

Who are the Greeks who wish to visit Jesus? They’re most likely Gentile “Godfearers”, admirers and practitioners of Judaism who have heard about Jesus and then make Jesus’ itinerary their own. They are then able to learn the same lessons as the first disciples. The Greeks learn that the road to glory is marked by humiliation, that the grain of wheat must die in order to produce fruit, that it’s the one who loses their life who will find it, and it is through obedience and suffering that perfection is achieved.

The Greeks of John 12:20-33 have heard about Jesus’ power and now they learn the secret of his power – what Robert Capon calls the “left-hand use of power.”

Jesus will save the world by dying for it – undergoing ghastly, unimaginative suffering. He will not rule by winning, but win by losing! Jesus will reign through utter defeat and abject powerlessness. The road that Jesus travels is laying down his life in self-giving service.

It is not uncommon to find a small brass plate affixed to the pulpit in some older churches with this text, “Sir, we would see Jesus” (John 12:21). The text reminds everyone who mounts the pulpit to preach that when all is said and done, people come into worship not to hear a book review or pop psychology, but for an encounter. They want to see hopeful, expectant confidence that arises from the conviction that no matter where life takes us, God is there.

People want to see the God who did not shrink even from enduring the shame and suffering of the cross in order to be close to us.

The way to see Jesus – and to enable others to see him through us – is to journey along the less traveled road as a follower and not an admirer.

This Lent why not try a less traveled road?

Rev Colby Smith

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FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club March Schedule

March 2nd-NO Kid's Club
March 9th-Under the Sea-Starfish
March 16th-Under the Sea-Sea Turtles
March 23rd-Under the Sea-Stingray
March 30th-NO Kid's Club (Spring Break)



Kid's Club trip to Newport Aquarium

Thanks to all who donated desserts or bid on them at the Souper Bowl Dessert Auction. Because of this and other support, our Kid's Club group had a great time on February 23rd! We saw all of the sea creatures we have been studying about and everyone had their own favorites. Special thanks to Debbie Baker, Jacob and Molly Cooper, Mary McKitric and Sueann Rice for chaperoning! Here are just a few photos of the fun! Be sure to check out the FCC Facebook page for more lots more photos!



It may seem early to be thinking about summer camp but some of these great camps at Camp Wakon Da Ho fill up quickly! There are camps for **all ages** and First Christian pays half the fee for each camper! Additional scholarships are available as needed.

Camp 101 is for children (typically new to church camp) that have completed K-2nd grade in 2025. An adult must register and go to camp with each camper.

Camp 101A: June 20th-22nd-Arrive Friday between 7:00-9:00 pm/Depart Sunday at Noon - \$60

Camp 101B: July 19th-Arrive Saturday 9:00-9:30 am/Depart Saturday 7:00 pm -\$40

Mini Camp is a weekend camp for children that have completed 2nd-3rd grade in 2025.

May 30th-June 1st-Arrive Friday between 4:00-5:00 pm/Depart Sunday at 11:00 am - \$110

Junior Camp is for children who have completed 4th-5th grade in 2025.

June 16th-20th-Arrive Monday between 12:30-2:00 pm and Depart Friday at 10:30 am- \$275

There are also great camps for youth who have completed grades 6-12 in 2025. Please contact Patti for dates and other info for Chi Rho Camp (completed grades 6-8) Eighters Camp (completed 8th grade) and CYF Camps (completed grades 9-12).

Early Bird Registration with reduced fees above ends May 1st!

Contact Patti for more information on how to register.

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

John Caywood	Mary Lou Withers
Gary Gibson	Jenny Wilson
John Taylor Ross	Jim Routin
Jan Sheffield	Marlena Ellis
Bill Morgan	Rick Fisher
Trevor & Lucy Graham	Melodee Quinn
Darell Rickmers	Kelly Anderson
Lauren Newman	Mindy Carter
Wanda Huffman	Bonnie & Tyler Traschel
Mary Sebring	Danielle Fields
Ellie Pennington	Pat Mallard
Mike Swain	

Remember our Shut-ins

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



March Worship Roster

March 2nd	March 9th	March 16th	March 23rd	March 30th
Worship Leader– Joey Kirk	Worship Leader– Larry Scott	Worship Leader– John Funkhouser	Worship Leader– Vince Pennington	Worship Leader–Jan Scott
Elder– John Funkhouser	Elder– Ruth Sigler	Elder– Mary Ann McGlothlin	Elder– Tom Huckleberry	Elder–Evelyn Guerrant
Elder & Counter– Kendra Funkhouser	Elder & Counter– Jan Bradshaw	Elder & Counter– Lyle McGlotllin	Elder & Counter– Martha Caywood	Elder & Counter– Julie Jones
Children’s Chat– Jacob Cooper	Children’s Chat–Patti Wright	Children’s Chat– Darell Rickmers	Children’s Chat– Martha Bryant	Children’s Chat– Jacob Cooper
Worship & Wonder– Patricia Calvert and Debbie Baker	Worship & Wonder– Linda Dachenhaus and Sueann Rice	Worship & Wonder– Kandi & Brent Williams	Worship & Wonder– Alice & Jay Reynolds	Worship & Wonder – Need Storyteller/ Jackie Fowler Greeter
Children’s Church– Molly & Jacob Cooper	Children’s Church– Penny Vaught and Patti/ Stephen	Children’s Church– Darell Rickmers and Patti/Stephen	Children’s Church– Martha Bryant and Patti/Stephen	Children’s Church– Need Volunteer
Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard/Mary McKitric	Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard/Edna Prall	Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard/Kris Hamlin	Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard/ Trista Hinkle	Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard
Kids Club Assist– No Kid’s Club	Kid’s Club Assist– Penny Vaught	Kid’s Club Assist– Darell Rickmers	Kid’s Club Assist.– Martha Bryant	Kid’s Club Asst.–No Kid’s Club
Kid’s Club Lunch– No Kid’s Club	Kid’s Club Lunch– Amber Shartzter and Debbie Baker	Kid’s Club Lunch– Alice & Jay Reynolds	Kid’s Club Lunch– Libby McWhorter	Kid’s Club Lunch– No Kid’s Club
Elder’s For Morning Pointe–		Shut in Communion–	Elder’s Meeting Cooks–	



Four Cans for Others
88 cans were donated during February. Which give a total of 144. Let’s keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2024 of **1,421** cans!



News & Announcements

Greetings, Fellow Christians!

On Friday, March 7th @ 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1125 Danville Rd. Harrodsburg, Mercer/Boyle Church Women United will meet for the March Human Rights Celebration. **"Help Others at All Times."**



We will be assembling BLESSING BAGS. Contents will be provided by Linda Castle, funded from the November Blessing Bag offering. You will take home at least two blessing bags to pass along to someone who could use some encouragement.

BRING A FRIEND!

A Pot Luck breakfast begins @ 9:30am, followed by a brief business meeting, and then Celebration/Worship Service.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Hood, (859)613-2575, Linda Castle (702)218-9007 or Judy Morgan (859)583-3261.

Connection Ministry Accomplishments 2024:

- Hosted the Kentucky Christian Women's Conference
- Shut- In Card Ministry
- Meal Train
- Connection Monthly Book Club
- Welcome Sign at our Welcome Desk
- All Church Outings
- Congregational Meals
- Monthly Men's Group Meetings
- Young Adult Meetings
- Women's Bible Study

Join us for a Saint Patrick's Day Party for the Residents of Parkview Place!

Monday, March 17th 1:30-2:30 pm



Sign up to attend or to provide donations at the Welcome Table on Sunday or contact the church office or Jan Bradshaw at (859)319-8634.



FCC Lenten lunches with speakers are returning this year!

Plan to spend an hour each Monday during Lent for lunch and thought- provoking Lenten Meditations by these speakers:

March 10- Stephen Hinkle

March 17- Rev. Molly Shannon Smothers

March 24- Jacob Cooper

March 31- John Powell

April 7- Melinda Weathers

Lunch will be provided at noon followed by the speakers, finishing before 1:00 so those that need to go back to work can attend.

Kid's Hope USA Mentor Program

Children at Hogsett Primary School need caring adults to meet with them **once a week** during their lunch (11-1) to play a game, do a craft or just talk. Will it be you?

Contact Patti or Jennifer Price at for more info on this important program.

Jennifer: (859) 936-8565

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Ash Wednesday March 5th

There are two ways and times for you to begin the season of Lent:

6:30-8:00 am- Drive up

Drive up and receive the imposition of ashes, blessing, and a cup of coffee. Come to the Family Life Center covered entrance at the east end of the building.

7:00 pm Worship

Imposition of ashes, music and a message in the FCC Sanctuary. Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Mark your Calendar:

As we enter Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 5th, Holy Week is just around the corner. Mark your calendar and plan to celebrate with FCC.



Palm Sunday -April 13th @10:45am

Maundy Thursday - April 17th @ 7pm

Good Friday/Church Wide Prayer Vigil - April 18th from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Community Easter Egg Hunt- April 19th Time TBD

Easter Sunday- April 20th at 10:45 a.m.

Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday- Friday

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

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