



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

April 2025

The Restoration Movement, to reclaim Christianity back to New Testament practices, coalesced out of the late 1700's Second Great Awakening. The Campbell-Stone movement, which the Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ and the Church of Christ originate, was among its most prominent voices. An enduring principle of the Campbell-Stone movement is the phrase: "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity." The phrase has become one of the Disciples' most enduring legacies. Surprisingly, this long-standing statement of principles did not originate within the Stone-Campbell tradition.

During the heated religious strife of the 1500's, an Englishman by the name Bowles inscribed over the doorway to his house: In Necessariis Unitas. In Dubiis Libertas. In Omnibus Caritas ("In necessary things, unity. In doubtful things, liberty. In all things, charity)."

In the current theological environment, when Christians, even inside the same fellowship, go at each other with tooth and nail it would be helpful to recall that in Christianity, especially Protestantism, little is carved in stone.

The portions of the Bible collectively referred to as "Thus Sayeth the Lord" consists of the Ten Commandments, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' teaching of the goats and sheep, the Nicene or Apostles' Creed—among others. Such are the necessariis (necessary things).

According to the recently departed Rev. Dr. Mark Toulouse (Campbell-Stone Movement preeminent historian, seminary dean of student affairs, and World Poker Tour savant) just about everything else falls within the formula's middle, the "doubtful or nonessentials things" where there must be liberty and freedom. From Bowles (1500's) to Campbell (1700's) to Toulouse (2025) to future Disciples, it's acknowledged Christian tradition leaves room for liberty to test, adjust and even change.

The Christian obligation to love others, especially those already joined to the Lordship of Christ, should make it possible to handle diversity – to sift through in order to discern whether they are in the "nonessentials" area or in the "essentials" category, where topics can be openly discussed without insisting that change is impossible. The obligation to love our neighbor should ensure that quite literally everything can be discussed and explored in an environment of respect and love.

Paul deals with this issue in Romans 14 where he explores the danger of self-righteousness, making our own convictions the measure of the validity of the convictions of others. Paul sees the problem as not in holding firm positions, but in judging and condemning others. God is the sole judge in these matters (Rom. 14:10-12). The danger of self-righteousness is closely allied to self-idolatry. The self-limitation of Christ for others (Phil. 2:1-6) is crucial insight. This Lent/Easter season it's especially clear the goal of God's act of grace in Christ is a unity which can become reality if priority is given to the Lordship of Jesus. The Lordship of Christ is indeed in necessariis unitas.

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

Rev Colby Smith

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club Schedule

March 30th-No Kid's Club

April 6th-Science Lab

April 13th-FCC Egg-Stravaganza

April 20th-Easter-No Kid's Club

April 28th-Science Lab



Bible Science Lab



Science takes center stage in April as we delve into bible stories using science experiments to bring home the point!

Join us each Sunday immediately following worship-1:30 as we share a meal, play games and increase our bible knowledge! Kid's Club is for children in K-5th grade and all are welcome! Contact Patti for more info.

Kid's Club Egg-Stravaganza Returns!

In conjunction with the Palm Sunday Church Dinner on April 13th, all children age toddlers –5th grade are invited to join us for crafts, games, a chance to meet the Easter Bunny and our annual Egg Hunt.



The festivities will take place in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following lunch. All are welcome to stay to enjoy the children's excitement!



There is still time to sign up for Camp Wakon" Da-Ho! There are camps for **all ages** and First Christian pays half the fee for each camper! Additional scholarships are available.

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 Lemmon
Pat & Steve	Margaret Milburn
Bruce	Bonnie Wilson
Mindy Carter	Georgianne Smith
Hugh & Mary Jo	Johnetta Gibson
Coomer	



April Worship Roster

April 6th

Worship Leader– Jacob Cooper

Elder– Margaret Clark

Elder & Counter– Joey Kirk

Children's Chat– Carter Northcutt

Worship & Wonder– Connie McVicker/Sherri Horn

Children's Church– Patti Wright/Stephen Hinkle

Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric/Jessica Maynard

Kids Club Assist– Mary McKitric

Kid's Club Lunch– Donna Carol Welch

April 13th

Worship Leader– Tom Huckleberry

Elder– Vince Pennington

Elder & Counter– Debbie Baker

Children's Chat– Debbie Baker

Worship & Wonder– Kandi & Brent Williams

Children's Church– Penny Vaught /Patti Wright

Nursery Volunteer– Edna Prall/Jessica Maynard

Kid's Club- Church dinner/ Kids Easter Eggstravaganza following the dinner.

April 20th

Worship Leader– Margo Clark

Elder– John Funkhouser

Elder & Counter– Kendra Funkhouser

Children's Chat– Scott Walker

Worship & Wonder– Children In Worship

Children's Church– Children in Worship

Nursery Volunteer- Kris Hamlin/Jessica Maynard

Kid's Club Assist/Lunch– No Kid's Club

April 27th

Worship Leader– Julie Jones

Elder– Brian Calvert

Elder & Counter– Evelyn Guerrant

Children's Chat– Martha Bryant

Worship & Wonder–Patti Wright/need greeter

Children's Church– Martha Bryant

Nursery Volunteer–Trista Hinkle/ Jessica Maynard

Kid's Club Assist.– Martha Bryant

Kid's Club Lunch– Hinkles



Four Cans for Others

68 cans were donated during March. Which give a total of **212**. Let's keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2024 of **1,421** cans!



News & Announcements



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th Noon-1:00

FCC is once again joining with other area churches and Parks & Recreation to provide Free Family Fun!

We need your help to have a successful event. There are several ways you can help.

Provide Candy-bring bags of individually wrapped candy to Welcome Center Sunday morning or church office during the week. Candy needs to be returned by April 6th.

Stuff Easter Eggs-Join us on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall to stuff as many eggs as we can for the hunt. Bring a snack to share!

Volunteer at the event. Arrive at 11:15 to help set up games and activities, "hide" eggs and greet families. You will be finished by 1:30.

Sign Up at the Welcome Table or contact Patti or the Church office for more information



United Methodist Church, located at 102 Chiles St., Harrodsburg. Enter at the door marked "OFFICE ENTRANCE", then proceed down the steps or back entrance for ramp.

A Pot luck breakfast begins at 9:30am, followed by a brief business meeting, and then the Celebration/Worship Service

Bring your favorite tea cup & contribute a story. Share a story about your blessing bag. Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering will be collected.

Fellowship of the Least Coin is an international movement and is celebrated in over 80 countries. Its focus is PRAYER and ecumenical action to support peace and reconciliation. The significance of the "Least Coin" of each country is to allow the inclusion of all to participate equally, and can be compared to the widow's mite. The coins are to be collected all year long when the women pray, individually or in a group.

(Be thinking of our next SERVICE PROJECT! We will discuss).

Do not hesitate to contact Linda Castle (702)218-9007, Wendy Hood (859)613-2575 or Judy Morgan (859)583-3261

Holy week at FCC:

Sunday April 13th-Palm Sunday– Palm procession and jubilant music in worship featuring the choir, hand-bells and guest instrumentalists. Plan to stay for the church-wide dinner and watch the FCC Children's Easter Egg hunt!

Thursday April 17th– Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service Worship– 7pm

Friday April 18th– Good Friday Prayer Vigil. Come to the Sanctuary anytime from 7am-7pm for quiet meditation.

Saturday April 19th Community Easter Egg Hunt at Millennium Park Noon– 1 pm. (See more info left)

Sunday April 20th– Early Easter Service - 8am Outside, weather permitting

Easter Service– 10:45am including

Easter Flowers



It's time to order Easter Flowers in Honor or in Memory of someone special. The cost is \$15. Order forms will be available on the Welcome Table or in the church office. The last day to order will be April 13th.

Regular Youth Schedule

The Seeker's- 11:00-11:45

The Gathering- 11:45-1:30

DYC 5:30-7:00

No Youth on March 30th

DYC is meeting at the Presbyterian Church in April, and will meet at First Christian Church in May.



Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday– Friday

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

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