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"Our mission is to love God, to love others, and to lead others to Jesus Christ."

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FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Gerald Deskins, Paul Corbin
Captain

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Blake Robinson02/17-02/23
- Ernie Rogers02/24-03/01
- Tom Thompson03/02-03/08

DEACONS

- Bruce Chaney • Jane Robinson
- Taylor Chaney • Josh VanHoose

GREETERS

- Darayl Ratliff/Taylor Wells. 02/17
- Daryl Ratliff/Taylor Wells02/24

Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of the Week.

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

FEBRUARY	3	10	17	24
Sunday School	354	35		
Worship Total	90	80		

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

UNBUDGETED OUTREACH	\$	105.00
ENDOWMENT FUND		675.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		126.00
GENERAL FUND		
Needed	\$	25,494.00
Received		33,630.10

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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As I write my first article for our newsletter my heart is filled with much gratitude. First, I am so thankful to God for leading me to the First Christian Church of Pikeville. I truly do consider it an honor to serve as your pastor. I am also thankful for the warm welcome you have given Bonita and me. We look forward to getting to know each of you better and to serving you. Another thing I am extremely grateful for is the wonderful "servant attitude" that is so apparent in the church. Everywhere I look there are people "chipping in" to help out at the church. We have several women who have volunteered to assist in the office as we search for a new church secretary. We all owe a debt of gratitude to them. Recently we have had a number of dinners at the church. Each time numerous people gathered here to decorate and prepare for the meal. Afterwards they stayed to help clean up. These, too, deserve our thanks. In my short time here I have also observed people serving in a variety of ways. Some are volunteering their time to help out with our children and youth ministries. Others are making sure the church property is maintained. Still others work hard each week making sure we are ready to worship when we gather on Sundays. I am very thankful for all of you who give so freely of your time and talents. May God richly bless you for your service to the Lord and to the First Christian Church.

Dr. Chuck Summers

INSTALLATION SERVICE

On Sunday, January 20, Dr. Chuck Summers was installed as our pastor during the morning worship service. At the same time Wilma Deskins was installed as a new elder in the church. We also installed our elders, deacons, board officers, and ministry team leaders for the coming year. Lon Oliver, Associate Minister for the Christian Church in Kentucky, led in the installation of the pastor. Later in the service Greg Alexander, General Minister for the Christian Church in Kentucky, gave an inspirational message to us.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The church board met on Sunday, January 13. At this meeting several important matters were discussed. The board voted to suspend the early service on Sunday mornings. It is their hope and prayer that all those who attended the early service will come to the 11:00 a.m. service. The board also voted to accept the nominating committee's recommendation of Ertel Whitt, Jr. to be chairman of the Property Ministry Team. The board wants to commend Laura Kegan for the good work she is doing with the children and youth. Many positive comments were made concerning the Winterfest youth event and Youth Sunday.

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY

We have recently begun a new Bible study on the Gospel of Mark during the Wednesday night Vespers Service. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this study. Beginning January 30 the Vespers Service will begin meeting at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:15 p.m.

Our Prayer List is updated weekly and published separately. It is available in the worship bulletin on Sunday. Please contact the church office to add a name to the list, or use the tear-off portion and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. We will maintain names for 60 days, unless otherwise notified.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Bill VanHoose	14	Peggy Brown
2	Griffin Hall		Scott Smith
5	Jane Robinson	15	Kristen Fowler
	Caleb Scott	17	David & Burma McChesney
6	Faye VanHoose		Shane & Heather McCoy
7	Anna Ratliff	18	Gene & Phyllis Sturgill
	Robert Smith	22	Ben Powell
8	Seth McCoy	24	Charles Prater
	Matt Corbin		Dan & Sarah Bachman
9	Blake Robinson	26	Bill Deskins
11	Valerie Scott		Hayden Hite
	Alexandria VanHoose		Nadine Huffman
12	Sam Musgrave	27	Gloria Whitt



We are currently in need of volunteers to help in the nursery. If you would be willing to serve in the nursery periodically, please contact Stacey Chaney. We are also in need of greeters for the Sunday morning service. If you can help greet people as they come to worship, please call the church office.

Church Calendar - January/February

January 27	4:00 PM	Diaconate Meeting
January 30	6:00 PM	Vespers/Bible Study
February 6	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Meeting
February 10	5:00 PM	Cabinet Meeting
February 16	3:00 PM	Skating Party
February 16	6:00 PM	Family Game Night
February 17	12:15 PM	Soup Luncheon