

FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Tom Thompson, Captain
- Bob VanHoose

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Wilma Deskins 02/01- 02/07
- Randy Roberts 02/08- 02/14
- Blake Robinson 02/15- 02/21
- Gene Sturgill 02/22- 02/28
- Tom Thompson 03/01- 03/07

SERVING DEACONS/ ELDERS for FEBRUARY

- Cathy Bartley
- Ashley Byers
- Bill Deskins
- Tom Thompson

GREETERS

- Ertel & Gloria Whitt 02/01
- Suzy DeLong & Barb Desksins 02/08
- Bob & Faye VanHoose 02/15
- Paul & Karla Corbin 02/22

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

January	4	11	18	25
Sunday School	30	32	23	34
Worship Total	94	125	86	105

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND			
Needed as of January 25		\$	18,030.00
Received as of January 25		\$	16,452.15



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A few years ago I came across the following story. It touched my heart in a special way. I suspect it will yours as well.

Little Chad was a shy, quiet, young fella. One day he came home and told his mother he'd like to make a valentine for everyone in his class. Her heart sank. She thought, "I wish he wouldn't do that!" because she had watched the children when they walked home from school. Her Chad was always behind them. They laughed and hung onto each other and talked to each other. But Chad was never included. Nevertheless, she decided she would go along with her son. So she purchased the paper and glue and crayons. For three whole weeks, night after night, Chad painstakingly made thirty-five valentines.

Valentines Day dawned and Chad was beside himself with excitement. He carefully stacked them up, put them in a bag, and bolted out the door. His mom decided to bake him his favorite cookies and serve them up warm and nice with a cool glass of milk when he came home from school. She just knew he'd be disappointed; maybe that would ease the pain a little. It hurt her to think that he wouldn't get many valentines—maybe none at all.

That afternoon she had the cookies and milk out on the table. When she heard the children outside, she looked out the window. Sure enough here they came, laughing and having the best time. And, as always, there was Chad in the rear. He walked a little faster than usual. She fully expected him to burst into tears as soon as he got inside. His arms were empty, she noticed, and when the door opened she choked back the tears. "Mommy has some warm cookies and milk for you." But he hardly heard her words. He just marched right on by, his face aglow, and all he could say was: "Not a one... not a one." Her heart sank. And then then he added, "I didn't forget a one, not a single one!"

"Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs...."

1 Corinthians 13:5



The Week of Compassion in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) begins February 15. The theme this year is “Where is Your Treasure?” The Week of Compassion is a time for us to remember the world’s less fortunate. It is also a time for us to give generously so that needs might be met. Week of Compassion

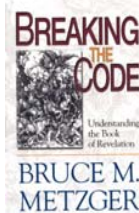
joins our hearts with God’s by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Your gift to the Week of Compassion Offering strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells. But it is not only those on the receiving end of your offering whose lives are changed; it is we who ultimately receive and whose hearts are opened wider as we share. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

To help us remember that many (actually, most) in the world are not as fortunate as we are, the Mission Team will sponsor a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 15. Following the morning worship service we will gather in the fellowship hall for a simple and meager meal of soup and crackers. Hopefully, in a small way, this will help us identify better with the hungry and needy around the world and open our hearts to give more generously to the Week of Compassion Offering. Please, do plan to join us.



At their recent meeting the Mission Team made a commitment to do more this coming year to help meet needs in our community. They also concluded that a good place to start is with our own members. If you are a church member who needs assistance such as yard work or minor home repairs (even if it is just changing light bulbs) please call Faye VanHoose, Mission Team chairperson, at 432-3252.

The first week of February, Chuck will begin teaching two small group studies on the Book of Revelation. He will be using Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation, by Bruce Metzger, as a guide. Group #1 will meet most Sundays at 6:00 p.m., but will meet on February 1 at 3:30 (due to the Super Bowl). Group #2 will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30. The class is open to everyone.



On Saturday evening, February 21, the Membership Team will sponsor a Family Fun Night at the church. The fun and games will begin at 6:00 and everyone is invited to attend. This would also be a great time to invite prospective members to join us. The church will provide the food and drinks, but everyone is asked to bring a chocolate dessert. The church will also provide a variety of games but feel free to bring any of your favorites with you. To help us be fully prepared, if you are planning to attend our Family Fun Night please contact the church office or place your name on the sign-up sheet across from the kitchen by Friday, February 20.



Due to bad weather the Senior Adults were not able to have their Potluck Dinner during January. We will try again on Monday, February 23. All of our senior adults are encouraged to join us for this time of good food and fellowship. Chuck will present “The Spirit of Appalachia” following the noon meal. The church will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Those attending are asked to bring a vegetable dish and/or dessert. Please sign up across from the kitchen or call the church office if you plan to attend.

WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY

This time of year it is not unusual to have bad weather. The church’s policy is to cancel any weekday activities if the Pikeville Independent Schools are closed. There may be times, however, when bad weather comes later in the day. If the roads are dangerous, please contact the church office or the pastor at home before making your way to church. We will do the best we can to notify people if Sunday services or other church functions have to be cancelled.



Dates to Remember

February 1	Small Group Study— Group 1	3:30 PM
February 5	Men’s Breakfast at Jerry’s	7:00 AM
February 8	Christian Ed Meeting	After church
	Membership Meeting	After church
	Mission’s Meeting	4:00 PM
	Cabinet Meeting	5:00 PM
	Small Group Study— Group 2	6:00 PM
February 15	Elder’s Special Prayer/ Week of Compassion	After church
	Soup Luncheon	After church
February 19	Men’s Breakfast at Jerry’s	7:00 AM
February 21	Family Fun Night	6:00 PM
February 23	Senior Adult Potluck Luncheon	Noon
February 23	Elder’s Meeting	7:30 PM
February 25	Ash Wednesday	