

**FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE**

**ELDERS**

- Tom Thompson, Captain
- Bob VanHoose

**ELDER OF THE WEEK**

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

**SERVING**

**DEACONS/ ELDERS for FEBRUARY**

- Cathy Bartley
- Ashley Byers
- April VanHoose
- Steve Huffman

**GREETERS**

- Bob & Faye VanHoose . . . . . 02/15
- Paul & Karla Corbin . . . . . 02/22
- Thelmer & Roma Lou McClanahan 03/01
- The Dee Hackney Family . . . . . 03/08
- Barb Adams & Carli Jo Deskins . . . 03/15

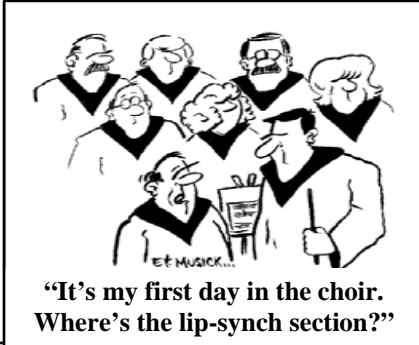
**2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT**

February	1	8	15	22
Sunday School	35	34		
Worship Total	89	103		



**2009 FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Needed as of February 8	\$ 27,045.00
Received as of February 8	\$ 24,404.15



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

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As we continue to think about love this month let me ask you to give careful attention to the following passage from one of Henri Nouwen's fine books: "What can we say about God's love? We can say that

God's love is unconditional. God does not say, 'I love you, if...' There are no *ifs* in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love is from eternity to eternity and is not bound to any time-related events or circumstances. Does that mean that God does not care what we do or say? No, because God's love wouldn't be real if God didn't care. To love without condition does not mean to love without concern. God desires to enter into relationship with us and wants us to love God in return. Let's dare to enter into an intimate relationship with God without fear, trusting that we will receive love and always more love." May the love of God Nouwen writes about and the Bible affirms, be yours in abundance in the days to come.

**Dr. Chuck Summers**



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.



*Faye Van Hoose would like to invite everyone to the wedding shower of Haley Carswell and Brad Van Hoose Thursday, February 19, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 pm—8:00 pm at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Shane Hall located at 194 Steepleburn Heights, Pikeville, KY R.S.V.P. 606-432-8065*



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.



The Senior Adults will have a Potluck Dinner, Monday, February 23 at noon. 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.

Our annual 24 Hour Prayer Vigil will take place March 5-6. It will begin at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday & conclude at 6:00 a.m. on Friday. A sign-up sheet for time slots is now posted on the church bulletin board. Please consider signing up for a thirty minute or one hour slot so that we can have the full twenty-four hours covered.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



The contemporary Christian recording artists, Article One, will be doing a live concert at the First Christian Church, on Tuesday evening, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information.

The Mission Team has decided to launch a new ministry at the church. It will be called the Cookie Brigade. Each month we will take homemade cookies or brownies to groups of people who serve our community. This will enable our church to let people know that we appreciate them. If we can get enough to sign up to participate you will likely only have to bake cookies twice a year. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Faye VanHoose at 432-3252 or place your name on the sign-up sheet at church.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



Jason Potter has decided to step down as our youth director at the end of this month. We owe Jason a tremendous debt of gratitude for his service to the youth the past twelve months. Please make sure to express your appreciation to Jason for a job well done.

First Christian Church would like to take this time to introduce to you our newest member

**Isabelle Vantloose**

by profession of Faith and baptism.

Isabelle will be baptized Sunday, February 15.

