

MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Terry Trimble, Captain
- Paul Corbin

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Gene Sturgill 03/01- 03/07
- Tom Thompson 03/08- 03/14
- Terry Trimble 03/15- 03/21
- Bob VanHoose 03/22- 03/28
- Jim Brown 03/29- 04/04

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for March

- Gerald Deskins
- Bonita Summers
- Randy Roberts
- Steve Huffman

GREETERS

- Thelmer & Roma Lou McClanahan 03/01
- The Dee Hackney Family 03/08
- Barb Adams & Carli Jo Deskins . . . 03/15
- Tom & Martha Thompson 03/22
- Gerald & Judy Deskins 03/29

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

February	1	8	15	22
Sunday School	35	34	28	33
Worship Total	89	103	85	81

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of February 22	\$ 36,060.00
Received as of February 22	\$ 29,900.15



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Pastor's Corner

I read a remarkable book about a remarkable person. The book is Blind Courage and it is the story of Bill Irwin and his hiking of the 2,168 mile Appalachian Trail. Hiking the Appalachian Trail is quite an accomplishment in and of itself, but what makes Irwin's story so remarkable is that he is also blind. For most of the trail he had only his dog, Orient, to guide him. Actually, that's not true for as Bill readily admits, God was also with him each step of the way. I enjoy hiking quite a bit myself, but I cannot imagine walking through the church with my eyes closed— much less hiking on a long and dangerous trail not being able to see! Even so, Bill Irwin's story serves as a good example of the spiritual journey each of us are called to travel. Although we know our ultimate destination, we cannot actually see the path before us—none of us knows what shall come with the passing of each new day. In many ways each day requires another "step of faith" with God as our guide. Some days the terrain seems level and smooth, but many days we struggle over steep and rough territory. Only with "blind courage" and God's help are we able to complete the journey. Bill Irwin said it well: "When a person says yes to the Lord and agrees to follow Him, God will move heaven and earth to help that person stay on His path. What God did for me on the Appalachian Trail was just a picture of what He longs to do for everyone who will walk with Him one step at a time." Having read Bill's story I find myself praying that God will grant me the faith, the "blind courage," needed to complete the journey I've been called to walk. I also find myself giving thanks that I do not walk this journey alone—along the way I have God's comfort and assistance as well as the encouragement and help of "brothers and sisters" like you. I do want you to know that I truly do appreciate your allowing me to walk this journey of faith with you. It is my prayer that God will grant us all his "traveling mercies" in the days yet to come.

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.



Meals on Wheels is scheduled for March 9-13. If you can help with this wonderful ministry, please sign up on the sign up sheet located across from the kitchen or contact Dana Batten at 433-9001.

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.



The concert is free but a love offering will be taken to help cover expenses. If you enjoy contemporary Christian music, you will not want to miss this concert. Please help us spread the word concerning this unique opportunity so that we can fill the sanctuary. For more information, contact Jason Potter at 639-0209.

Sunday, March 22, 2009



Little Blessings Preschool 3 and 4 year old students will be singing at the Morning Worship Service on March 22. Please try to attend to support these little ones and their hard work.

Preschool registration will begin soon, so if you need to sign your child up on the waiting list.... there's still time.

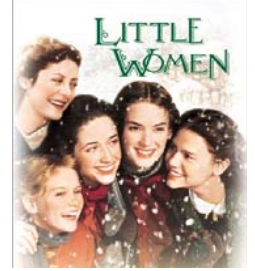
The Little Blessings Preschool is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn, meet new friends, and have lots of fun. The 3 year old students meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 to

11:30. While the 4 year old students meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 11:30. For more information and to place your child on the waiting list, please give the church office a call at 437-4527 as soon as possible.



Daylight Saving Times begins on Sunday, March 8, 2009. Remember you lose an hour in the spring, so set your clocks forward an hour Saturday night before you go to bed so you're not late for Sunday School.

The senior adults will be going to see "Little Women" at the Actor's Collaborative Theatre in Elkhorn City, Thursday evening, March 26. Cost for tickets is \$8 per person. The play begins at 7:30 so we will leave the church at 6:45 p.m. All senior adults planning to go are requested to call the church office by noon on Wednesday, May 25.



The church has ordered mugs that will be used as part of our outreach program. These beautiful mugs feature the Christian Church's chalice symbol and includes information about the church. They will be filled with candy and delivered to those who visit our church. If you would be willing to help deliver mugs please contact Faye VanHoose. A number of these mugs will also be made available for purchase to church members for \$5 each. The Mission Team is also working on having shirts made that say "We Are the Disciples" on the front and has information about our church on the back. These will be available for purchase soon, as well.

As you have heard, the Mission Team has decided to launch a new ministry at the church called the Cookie Brigade. Starting in April each month we will take homemade cookies or brownies to groups of people who serve our community to show our appreciation. So far we've had about a dozen sign up. If we can get twenty-four to sign up participants will only have to bake cookies two or three times 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.



Don't forget that new pictures are constantly being added to the photo gallery on our church's website. Go to www.pikevillefirstchristianchurch.org to see the latest additions.