

MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

- ELDERS
- Jim Brown, Captain      Bob VanHoose

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Terry Trimble . . . . .03/09-03/15
- Bob VanHoose . . . . .03/16-03/22
- Jim Brown . . . . .03/23-03/29

DEACONS

- Barbara Adams      • Ashley Byers
- Carli Deskins      • Steve Huffman

GREETERS

- John Paul & Joyce Runyon . . . . .03/09
- Suzy DeLong & Bonita Summers . . 03/16

*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

MARCH	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday School	28	0			
Worship Total	112	72			

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

UNBUDGETED OUTREACH	\$1,631.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	675.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	203.00
GENERAL FUND	
Needed	\$ 42,490.00
Received	\$ 45,400.00

*"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).*

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Pastor's Notes

In his book, *If I Should Die Before I Live*, Joe LoMusio uses punctuation marks to tell the story of Easter. He asks, "If I were to ask you to describe Easter without any words, you could only use punctuation marks, which punctuation mark would you choose to describe this Easter for yourself?" He goes on to say, "Maybe this

Easter is a **comma** for you. It makes you stop, pause, think and listen, but that's about it. Perhaps today is a downer—a big bold **period**. You thought you'd feel excited, but instead it seems to be more like an empty ritual. You feel like you're not on the inside, but on the outside...an onlooker. It was a day when life felt like a period for Jesus' disciples. He was dead. He was buried. An end to expectations. But wait—news of an empty tomb...the period is no longer a period; it's a **question mark**. That's worse than a period. Now they're beginning to doubt. Where is He? They're perplexed. The guards are gone, the stone is rolled away. He is not there. And if not there, where? An angel speaks, *'Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and how He must be crucified, and the third day He must rise again.'* Of course they remembered! The periods are gone. The question marks removed. There is one massive **exclamation point!** That's what Easter is all about...an exclamation of gratitude and of praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and for the salvation His victory over death brought us." As we approach Holy Week and Easter this year, let me ask you the same question LoMusio does in his book: what punctuation mark would you choose to describe Easter for you this year? It is my hope and prayer that by the time Easter arrives it will be a huge exclamation point. May God bless you with a very happy and blessed Easter!

Dr. Chuck Summers



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

The observance of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter are certainly highlights of the church year. This year, as always, you will have numerous opportunities to pause and remember the events of the Passion and Resurrection. On Palm Sunday, March 16, we will remember Jesus' "triumphant entry" into Jerusalem and spend some time reflecting on why Jesus had to die. Monday through Friday the Pikeville Ministerial Association will sponsor daily Holy Week services at the Methodist Church beginning at noon. We will have a special Maundy Thursday service at our church at 7:00 p.m. on March 20. On Easter Sunday you are invited to attend the Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Pikeville Medical Center at 7:00 a.m. The service will be held on the helipad and our pastor will be the guest speaker. At 11:00 a.m. on Easter we will gather here to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and Lord. As part of this service we will participate in the flowering of the cross. Please take advantage of as many of these special opportunities for worship as you possibly can. This year let's truly celebrate Easter!

### 2008 EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

This year everyone is encouraged to make a generous contribution to the Disciples 2008 Easter Special Offering. This offering provides financial resources for ministries that extend from your Sunday School rooms to the ends of the earth. Contributions to the 2008 Easter offering will benefit many ministries including Disciples Hurricane Recovery Initiative, Disciples Women's Ministries, Disciples Care for Children, Global Ministries, Ministerial Relief and Assistance, and many more. Special offering envelopes will be made available to you both March 16 and March 23.

### MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION SET FOR MARCH 16

Our pastor will be sharing a series of multimedia presentation during a special service Sunday, March 16, at 3:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. These presentations will feature Chuck's photography set to music. The focus of these presentations will be the beauty of God's creation. Chuck has also prepared a new program featuring the "beauty" of the First Christian Church of Pikeville. Please plan to attend this unique service and to invite as many people as possible to join you.



## JASON POTTER HIRED AS YOUTH DIRECTOR



The church board voted on March 9 to call Jason Potter as our new youth director. We are very excited to have Jason working with our youth, grades 6 through 12. Jason has already begun teaching a youth Sunday School class and will begin developing a number of youth activities in the weeks to come. Please join us in welcoming Jason to the church staff and make sure to pray for his work here with our youth.

### Flowers For Worship



If you would like to order a lily for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please call the church office or complete a bulletin insert order form **no later than Sunday, March 16.**

*Welcome* **NEW MEMBER** *Welcome*

We are happy to announce that **Dorothy Lafon** has requested membership to our church. We gladly welcome her into our community of faith. Please add Dorothy's contact information to your church directory: mailing address, P.O. Box 3639, Pikeville, KY 41502; phone: 432-4331.

### GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, March 30, we will have a guest speaker from Lexington Theological Seminary. Sonny Wray, Vice President for Advancement, will be delivering the morning message and giving us an update on things at LTS. Please mark your calendars and plan to be present.

### Church Calendar - March

March 13	6:00 AM	24-Hour Prayer Vigil
March 16	11:00 AM	Palm Sunday Service
March 16	3:30 PM	Multimedia Service
March 17-21	12:00 PM	Holy Week Services
March 19	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast (Jerry's)
March 20	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service.
March 22	11:00 AM	Baby Shower (Trimble)
March 22	1:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
March 23	7:00 AM	PMC Sunrise Service
March 23	11:00 AM	Easter Sunday Service
March 30	11:00 AM	LTS Speaker