

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Blake Robinson, Captain
- Randy Roberts

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Paul Corbin 04/05- 04/11
- Gerald Deskins 04/12- 04/18
- Wilma Deskins 04/19- 04/25
- Thelmer McClanahan 04/26- 05/02

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for April

- Barb Adams
- Paul Corbin
- Carli Jo Deskins
- Gene Sturgill

GREETERS

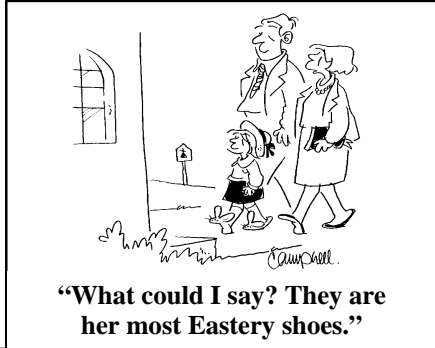
- Pat Huffman & Ruth Wells 04/05
- Josh VanHoose Family 04/12
- Oldendick Family 04/19
- Bonita Summer & Gail Trimble 04/26
- Gene & Phyllis Sturgill 05/03

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

March	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday School	36	30	35	35	37
Worship Total	97	95	111	156	85

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of March 22	\$ 54,090.00
Received as of March 22	\$ 60,627.40



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Pastor's Corner In his book, The Jesus, I Never Knew, Phillip Yancey writes: "We who read the Gospels from the other side of Easter, who have the day printed on our calendars, forget how hard it was for the disciples to believe. In itself the empty tomb did not convince them: that fact only demonstrated 'He is risen.' Convincing these skeptics would require intimate, personal encounters with the one who had been their Master for three years, and over the next six weeks Jesus provided exactly that." Yancey goes on to point out that Jesus showed up in the most ordinary circumstances: a private dinner, two men walking along a road, a woman weeping in a garden, some fishermen working a lake. It is certainly clear that Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that he truly was alive and there for them. Today, Jesus continues to make himself known to us as the Risen Savior. It is one thing for Christians to express belief in the empty tomb; it is another thing to experience the presence of the living Lord. God raised Christ from the dead so that we might know Him personally and intimately. And the interesting thing is Christ continues to meet us in the ordinary circumstances of our lives. He may make himself known to us during a private dinner. He may reveal himself to us as we take a walk along a trail. He may make his presence known to us during times of grief and sorrow. He may meet us in our workplace, in our homes, or as we enjoy our hobbies. Because of Easter, you never really know just when or where Christ will show up. The important thing is to be ready to welcome him when he does. It is my hope and prayer that our Risen Lord will make himself known to you in a special way in the days to come and that you will find incredible peace and joy in his presence.

—Dr. Chuck Summers



Flowers For Easter

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, April 5.**

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, April 5, 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 April 9. 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 with guest minister, Steve Knisley of the Third Street Church of Christ. 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!

2009 EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

This year everyone is encouraged to make a generous contribution to the Disciples 2009 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 2009 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 April 5 and April 12.



Melanie Potter is looking for some kids age 4 and up to sing a song with the choir on Easter Sunday. If your child would be willing to sing, please see Melanie so that you can get a CD for your child to practice with. Children participating will need to meet with Melanie on April 8 following Wednesday's Wonderful Worship for a few minutes and also be present for the choir's final rehearsal Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. on April 11.

Our older children and youth will have an opportunity to go to camp this summer at Camp Begomi. The dates for Camp are July 26-31. Camper applications are now available in the church office. If anyone from the church would like to work as a volunteer at Camp Begomi that week, we also have worker applications. For more information about Camp Begomi see Melanie Potter.



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 the first week of April.

First Christian Church would like to take this time to introduce to you our *NEWEST* members.



*Dee & Angie
Hackney*



*Carl & Christy Franklin
Noah, Mariah, & Jacob*