

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

- ELDERS
- Blake Robinson, Captain
  - Randy Roberts

- ELDER OF THE WEEK
- Gerald Deskins . . . . . 04/12 - 04/18
  - Wilma Deskins . . . . . 04/19 - 04/25
  - Thelmer McClanahan . . . . . 04/26 - 05/02
  - Randy Roberts . . . . . 05/03 - 05/09
  - Blake Robinson . . . . . 05/10 - 05/16

- SERVING DEACONS/ ELDERS for April
- Barb Adams
  - Paul Corbin
  - Carli Jo Deskins
  - Gene Sturgill

- GREETERS
- Oldendick Family . . . . . 04/19
  - Bonita Summer & Gail Trimble . . . . . 04/26
  - Gene & Phyllis Sturgill . . . . . 05/03
  - Cathy Bartley & Patty Sowards . . . . . 05/10
  - The Musgrave Family . . . . . 05/17

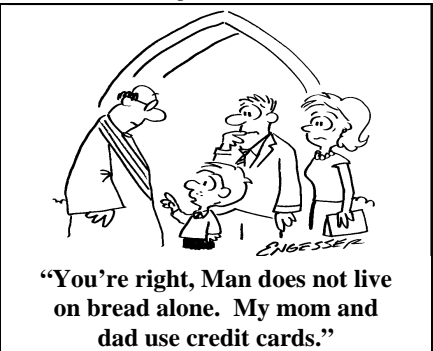
2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

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|---------------|----|-----|----|----|
| April         | 5  | 12  | 19 | 26 |
| Sunday School | 37 | 40  |    |    |
| Worship Total | 73 | 176 |    |    |



2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

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| GENERAL FUND            |              |
| Needed as of April 12   | \$ 67,612.50 |
| Received as of April 12 | \$ 75,363.40 |



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Recently we completed a study during Vespers on the first eleven chapters of Genesis. In this study we discussed the great biblical affirmation that God created the heavens and the earth. Over and over the Bible declares that what God made was good. God goes on to create humans in His own image and commissions them to be stewards of His good earth. They are to care for and tend the earth as His loyal servants. We discussed how modern man has often misunderstood God's call for humans to have dominion over the earth. The Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, explains that the "dominion" mandated is that of a shepherd who cares for, tends and feeds the animals. He adds, "the task of 'dominion' does not have to do with exploitation and abuse. It has to do with securing the well-being of every other creature and bringing the promise of each to full fruition." More than ever it is important that Christians understand that we have the responsibility to be good stewards of God's Creation. This is something that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been emphasizing for quite some time. In fact, the fourth Sunday of April is designated "Earth Stewardship Sunday" on the Disciple's calendar. On Sunday, April 26, we will give consideration to this theme during our morning worship service and also in a special "Creation Celebration" service that afternoon. It is certainly my hope and prayer that both as individual Christians and as a church we will do everything we can to be good stewards of God's Creation. Will you do your part?



## Cabinet Meeting

There is a **Cabinet Meeting** scheduled for this Sunday, **April 19, 2009 at 5:00.**

We encourage all cabinet members to attend.

Our church will be doing Meals on Wheels April 20 - 24. Those wishing to participate in this wonderful ministry should sign the sign up sheet across from the kitchen or call Dana Batten at 433-9001.



On Sunday afternoon, April 26, Chuck will be leading a special "Creation Celebration" service in the sanctuary at 3:30. He will be showing a variety of multi-media presentations highlighting the beauty of God's creation. Later this year Chuck will have a DVD released on the Smokies. This project is being done in conjunction with three-time Grammy nominated composer David Arkenstone. Chuck will debut a portion of this video at our Creation Celebration service. Please plan to join us and to invite your friends and neighbors to attend as we praise God for His awesome work.

We will continue to receive orders for our new First Christian Church t-shirts until the end of the month. The traditional design (one chalice) is \$12 and the contemporary design (two chalices) is \$13. Both



shirts are available in navy blue and gray. Long sleeve editions are available for \$15. (Please note that there has been a price reduction.) You may call your orders in to the church office or stop by the table in the fellowship hall the next two Sundays.

Please note that Laura Kegan has chosen to resign her position as our children's director. Her last day was April 11. As most of you know, Laura is getting married this June. A wedding shower will be held for her on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the church. All are invited. If you would like to send a note to Laura thanking her for her service to our church her address is 33 South Willow Lane, #3, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.



The senior adults will gather for a "Game Night" Tuesday evening, April 28, at 6:00. All of our senior adults are encouraged to come and to bring one of their favorite games. Those attending are also asked to bring one of their favorite snacks. Hope to see you there!

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.



Wednesday evening, April 22, Chuck will begin a study of the Book of Acts during Vespers. The Book of Acts is largely unknown to many Christians today but it truly is an important book. The Acts of the Apostles is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke and its chief purpose is to tell how Jesus' early followers, led by the Holy Spirit, spread the Good News about him "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." There are many lessons the contemporary church can learn from a careful study of the Book of Acts. Please plan to join us on Wednesday evenings as we make our journey through the Book of Acts.

Melanie would like to say a special thanks to the choir, Pete, and Dena for all their hard work and dedication in making the Easter cantata such a success! We are blessed to have such a devoted group of people who enjoy singing to their Lord. Also many thanks to Karla Corbin for helping with the sound system, Cindy May Johnson for narrating the cantata, Bonita Summers for signing, and the kids for their work in this effort.

