

MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

- ELDERS**
- Randy Roberts, Captain
 - Wilma Deskins

- ELDER OF THE WEEK**
- Gerald Deskins 05/02 - 05/08
 - Thelmer McClanahan 05/09 - 05/15
 - Randy Johnson 05/16 - 05/22
 - Randy Roberts 05/23 - 05/29
 - Blake Robinson 05/30 - 06/05

- SERVING DEACONS/ ELDERS for MAY**
- Nikki Lane
 - Paul Corbin
 - Tom Thompson
 - Randy Johnson

- GREETERS**
- Bob & Shirley Sweaney 05/02
 - Josh VanHoose Family 05/09
 - Pat Huffman & Ruth Wells 05/16
 - Oldendick Family 05/23
 - Suzy Delong & Barbara Deskins 05/30

2010 ATTENDANCE REPORT

April	4	11	18	25
Sunday School	42	30	35	34
Worship Total	160	99	126	68

2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Needed as of April 25th	\$ 79,301.77
Received as of April 25th	\$ 66,999.75



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PASTOR'S NOTES

One of my favorite Christian authors is John Ortberg. In his book, God is Closer Than You Think, he writes of God's nearness and reminds us that the most frequent promise in the Bible is *"I will be with you."* That promise, that God is always present, always watching, and always protecting makes all the difference. It gives us courage to face life in a rocky, stormy world. Ortberg also notes that spiritual growth is the process of learning to increase our capacity to experience God's presence. It is learning to partner with God during the ordinary moments of our ordinary lives. He believes that it is possible for each of us to learn how to recognize and experience God's presence—right now, every moment, wherever we are. Ortberg encourages us to consider often the following twelve truths:

- 1) God is always present and active in my life, whether or not I see Him.
- 2) Coming to recognize and experience God's presence is learned behavior; I can cultivate it.
- 3) My task is to meet God in this moment.
- 4) I am always tempted to live "outside" this moment. When I do that, I lose my sense of God's presence.
- 5) Sometimes God seems far away for reasons I do not understand. Those moments, too, are opportunities to learn.
- 6) Whenever I fail, I can always start again right away.
- 7) No one knows the full extent to which a human being can experience God's presence.
- 8) My desire for God ebbs and flows, but His desire for me is constant.
- 9) Every thought carries a "spiritual charge" that moves me a little closer to or a little further from God.
- 10) Every aspect of my life—work, relationships, hobbies, errands—is of immense and genuine interest to God.
- 11) My path to experiencing God's presence not look quite like anyone else's.
- 12) Straining and trying too hard do not help. Like John Ortberg, I hope you will ponder these truths often. They truly will help you realize that "God is closer than you think!"

--Dr. Chuck Summers



Will and Racheal

Ms. Debra Lynn Potter &
Mr. & Mrs. William C. VanHoose
request the honor of your presence at the
marriage of their children

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On Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 4:30 in the afternoon at the
First Christian Church of Pikeville

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6th. This is a day when Christians gather to pray across our nation. Those who can are encouraged to go to the Pikeville City Park at noon to join other believers in praying for our community, state and nation. This year's theme is "For Such A Time As This."



On Mother's Day baby bottles will be distributed to each family in the church. You will be encouraged to collect your loose change in these bottles until Father's Day. The money received will help support the work of the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center.

Wednesday's Wonderful Worship will wrap up on May 12 with a Skating Party. The kids will be transported from school to the roller rink on that day. The kids will take a short break and then on June 23 they will start their summer version of WWW. During the summer months the kids will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00.



Senior Adults

The Senior Adults will take a trip to Paintsville on Thursday, May 20. We will be visiting the Mountain Homeplace at Paintsville Lake State Park and eating lunch in the area. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. All those planning to go are asked to call the church office by noon on May 19.



WORK DAY

The Property Team has scheduled a Workday at the church for Saturday, May 15. We will begin working at 8:00 a.m. All who are physically able are encouraged to come help out.

There will be a Vacation Bible School Planning Session Sunday afternoon, May 16, at 7:00. All those planning to help out with this year's V.B.S. are requested to be present. This year's V.B.S. will take place June 13-17. See Dee Branham for more information.



PRESCHOOL 2010 GRADUATION

The Little Blessings Preschool will hold their 2010 graduation Wednesday evening, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Due to the graduation, there will be no choir practice that night.

On Sunday, May 23, we will recognize our graduates. If your child is graduating from junior high school, high school, college or graduate school please contact the church office by May 15.



Pentecost Offering to be Received May 23

May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember how the Holy Spirit was given to the church on the Day of Pentecost long ago to empower it to continue the ministry of Jesus. The Disciples of Christ receive a special offering each Pentecost to help us do a better job of ministering to others. The offering, split between the national New Church Ministry and the Regions, supports new church planting and development. Gifts to support new church development are key to our worldwide mission. This year's theme is "Expanding the Table." Please plan now to give a gift beyond your regular offering to the Pentecost Offering 2010.

