

SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Bob VanHoose, Captain • Terry Trimble

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Paul Corbin . . . . . 08/31 - 09/06
- Gerald Deskins . . . . . 09/07- 09/13
- Wilma Deskins . . . . . 09/14- 09/20
- Thelmer McClanahan . . . . . 09/21- 09/27
- Randy Roberts . . . . . 09/28- 10/04

GREETERS

- Robin & Taylor Wells . . . . . 08/31
- Thelmer & Roma Lou McClanahan . . 09/07
- Ruth Wells & Pat Huffman . . . . . 09/14
- Bob & Faye VanHoose . . . . . 09/21
- Oscar & Pluma Thompson . . . . . 09/28

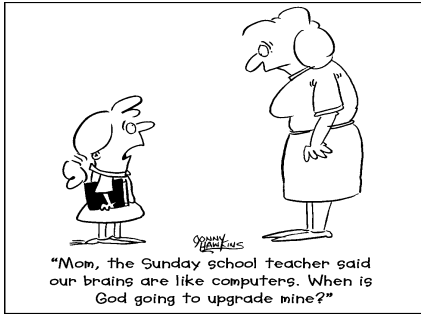
*Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of the Week.*

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

August	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	32	33	26	27	
Worship Total	99	96	96	95	

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of August 17	\$ 136,550.55
Received as of August 17	\$ 135,235.73



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## Pastor's Corner

There is a form of addiction that is quite common these days and yet you hardly ever hear or read about it. It is a serious problem and interestingly enough many who have it don't even realize it. That may even include you. Read carefully the following words of John Ortberg and see if that might be the case. "Why is it we often respond so strongly to criticism? I believe it reveals a serious addiction in many of us. This addiction has nothing to do with chemical dependency or substance abuse. There are no twelve-step groups to help people fight it, nor any Betty Ford treatment centers in which to detoxify. I refer to what might be called 'approval addiction.' Some people live in bondage to what others think of them. The addiction takes many forms. If we find ourselves often getting hurt by what others say about us, by people expressing other than glowing opinions about us, we probably have it. If we habitually compare ourselves with other people, if we find ourselves getting competitive in the most ordinary situations, we probably have it. If we live with a nagging sense that we aren't important enough, or we get envious of another's success, we probably have it. If we are worried that someone might think ill of us should he or she find out we are an approval addict, we probably are. This addiction has been around since Cain felt out-sacrificed by Abel. Cain killed his brother over who was doing best as being acceptable to God. The primary symptom is the tendency to confuse our performance in some aspect of life with our worth as a person. The result is that we seek a kind of approval from people that can satisfy only when it comes from God." One of the main lessons I learn from Ortberg's teaching (other than that I am an approval addict) is that we should not be consumed by what others think of us. In the end there is only one person whose opinion really matters and that is God. And what does God think of us? He loves us more that we could ever begin to imagine and accepts us unconditionally—just as we are. We are "His Beloved." Try to focus on that the next time you are stung by someone's criticism. It can't help but make a difference.

Dr. Chuck Summers

The Christian Church in Kentucky will hold its biennial assembly September 4-6 at Owensboro, Kentucky. The theme for this year's meeting is "Living into the Vision." The focus will be on reaching our full kingdom potential through prayer, compassion, hospitality and servant leadership. Our pastor will be attending this meeting. Please pray for the biennial assembly and the work of the Christian Church in Kentucky.



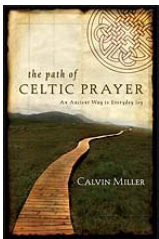
The Youth are planning a trip to the Creeper Trails in Abingdon, VA. All teens planning to attend need to contact Jason Potter at 639-0209 no later than Sunday, August 31, so preparations can be made. The bus will be leaving at 8:00 am, so please try to be a little early.

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for their fall build. Two houses will be built this year, starting at 8:00 a.m. on September 13 at Robinson Heights. The build will continue through the 20<sup>th</sup> when the houses will be dedicated at 2:00 p.m.

All those eighteen and above who are able are invited to participate. For more information, call Casey Horton at 437-4011 or Blake Robinson at 794-3274.



Two small group studies will begin the week of September 14. Group 1 will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 (except when the Board meets) and Group 2 will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30. This fall we will be doing a study based on the book The Path of Celtic Prayer by Calvin Miller. If you would like to participate in one of these groups contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, September 2, so we can order you a copy of the book. This study will last for seven weeks. For more information contact Chuck.



### Prayer for Special Needs

The Elders of our church are offering prayer for members with special needs the third Sunday of each month following the morning service. They will meet in the Pastor's Office and offer intercessory prayer for all those desiring it. The third Sunday this month is **Sept 21**. Please feel free to take advantage of this wonderful ministry provided by our elders.

## Senior Adults

The senior adults will be taking a trip on Monday, September 22, to the Cane Ridge Meeting House near Paris, Kentucky. It was at Cane Ridge that a great revival broke out in 1801. Three years later an important document was signed here that resulted in the birth of a movement seeking unity among Christians along non-sectarian lines. They would call themselves simply "Christians." Cane Ridge is viewed by many as the birthplace of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We will leave at 9:00 a.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, eat lunch in Lexington, and then visit the historic meeting house. All those planning to go must make reservations with the church office by noon on Friday, September 19. See Chuck for more information.



The Greater Mountain Crusade will be held, September 28-30, at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center. Dr. Jerry Pipes will be the evangelist and Mickey Henderson will serve as the worship leader. Services will begin each evening at 7:00. Recording artist Larnelle Harris will sing Sunday night, and Ricky Skaggs will perform on Monday night. Former NFL players Shawn Harper and Keith Davis will give testimonies at the Tuesday evening service. For more information, visit [www.mountaincrusade.org](http://www.mountaincrusade.org). Plan now to attend the crusade and to encourage others to join you.



Lots of new pictures have been added to the photo gallery on our website. If you haven't been to the website lately, make sure to visit it soon at [www.pikevillefirstchristianchurch.org](http://www.pikevillefirstchristianchurch.org)

### Dates to Remember

September 1	Office Closed for Labor Day	
September 3	Men's Breakfast at Jerry's	7:00 am
September 4-6	First Christian Church Biennial Assembly	
September 6	Youth trip to Creeper Trails	
September 13 - 20	Habitat for Humanity Fall Build	
September 14	Board Meeting	5:00 pm
September 18	Men's Breakfast at Jerry's	7:00 am
September 21	Special Prayer in Pastor's Office	After Services
September 22	Senior Adults - Cane Ridge	9:00 am
September 22	Elder's Meeting	7:30 pm
September 28 - 30	Greater Mountain Crusade @ the Expo	7:00 pm