

SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Bob VanHoose, Captain • Terry Trimble

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Wilma Deskins . . . . . 09/14- 09/20
- Thelmer McClanahan . . . . . 09/21- 09/27
- Randy Roberts . . . . . 09/28- 10/04
- Blake Robinson . . . . . 09/05- 10/11

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for SEPTEMBER

- Gerald Deskins • Paul Corbin
- Robin Wells • Oscar Thompson

GREETERS

- Ruth Wells & Pat Huffman . . . . . 09/14
- Bob & Faye VanHoose . . . . . 09/21
- Oscar & Pluma Thompson . . . . . 09/28

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

September	7	14	21	28
Sunday School	22			
Worship Total	84			

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of September 7	\$ 149,297.55
Received as of September 7	\$ 145,822.23



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While in Owensboro last week for the biennial meeting of the Christian Church in Kentucky I attended a workshop where the leader raised the following intriguing question: If your church were to close its doors, how long would it be before the community noticed? This question is one I'd like for you to consider. If the First Christian Church of Pikeville were to disband how long would it take the lost in our community to notice? How long would it take the poor to realize that we were not longer here? How long would it take the sick? My guess is that you are in a better position to answer this question than I am. I really don't know how to answer the leader's question. I just know that I want us to be the type of church that would certainly be missed if we were to shut down. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus declared that his followers were to be **"the salt of the earth"** and **"the light of the world."** One common trait of salt and light is that they both make their presence known. If salt is missing in food you know it immediately. If you walk into a room at night and the lights are off that, too, is obvious right away. Jesus went on to say, **"let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."** Here again we see that as Christians we must make our presence known. In other words, we should be visible in our community. And we will be if we practice good deeds, show love and mercy to others, care for the needy, stand up for justice and share the gospel with those who are lost. But if we don't let our light shine... Well, don't be surprised if one day we do have to close our doors and that no one even notices. God forbid that should ever happen!

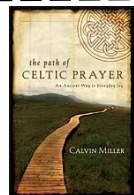
Dr. Chuck Summers

During September our pastor's photography is being featured at the Weber Art Gallery at Pikeville College. A public reception will be held Tuesday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. To get to the gallery go to the third level of the public parking lot and take the walkway across Hambley Blvd. Once you enter the college the gallery will be right in front of you.



The youth will meet Tuesday evening, September 30, instead of on Monday, in order to go to the Greater Mountain Crusade together. A "pizza blast" is being held for the youth prior to the Tuesday evening service. All youth planning to attend should be at the church by 5:45 p.m.

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.



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



Constance Mann will be baptized Sunday Morning, September 14. This will be an important day for Constance and for our church. Please remember Constance in your prayers and plan to be here on the 14th to support her.



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 children of the church are in the process of collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Each year millions of shoe boxes filled with toys, clothes and personal hygiene items are provided to needy children up to twelve years of age all around the world at Christmas time. Each box also contains a message about the good news of Jesus' Christ in the child's native language. You can help our children by donating items for their shoe boxes. Items needed include small toys (no guns or war related items), notebooks, pencils, calculators, toothpaste and toothbrush, crayons, hard candy, combs, soap (no liquid items), wash cloths, coloring books, socks, t-shirts, hair clips or pony tail holders, dolls, and small stuffed animals. You can bring your items to the church office or give them to Laura Kegan. For more information about Operation Christmas Child visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org).



### Dates to Remember

September 13 - 20	Habitat for Humanity Fall Build	
September 14	Constance Mann Baptism	During Service
September 14	Financial Meeting	5:00 pm
September 14	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
September 14	Study Group #1 starts	7:00 pm
September 17	Study Group #2 starts	3:30 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
September 30	Youth Gathering	5:45 pm