

OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Blake Robinson, Captain
- Thelmer McClanahan

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Thelmer McClanahan 09/27 - 10/03
- Randy Roberts 10/04 - 10/10
- Blake Robinson 10/11 - 10/17
- Gene Sturgill 10/18 - 10/24
- Tom Thompson 10/25 - 10/31

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for October

- Jim Brown
- Ashley Byers
- Katie Stafford
- Bob VanHoose

GREETERS

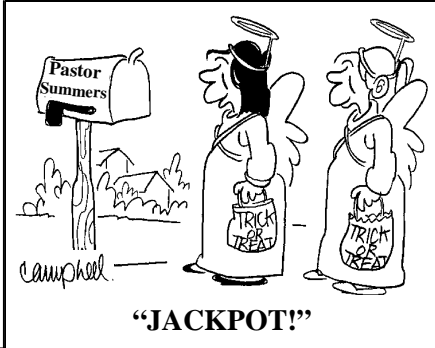
- Gene & Phyllis Sturgill 10/04
- Cathy Bartley & Patty Sowards 10/11
- The Oldendick Family 10/18
- Bob & Shirley Sweaney 10/25

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

September	6	13	20	27
Sunday School	31	48	55	36
Worship Total	76	121	100	128

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND			
Needed as of September 20		\$	171,285.00
Received as of September 20		\$	178,261.26



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In the last newsletter I shared with you a passage from a new book called Disciples by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Lin. Here I want to do so again. Kinnamon and Lin argue throughout their book that if the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are to prosper in a world such as we live in today, it is imperative that we understand who we are. Here they provide a wonderful summary statement for us: *"We believe we are Christians only but not the only Christians; we believe unity and diversity coexist; we believe the biblical message is accessible to all who desire to study it; we take statements of faith seriously without insisting they define the content of the Christian gospel for everyone; we believe no one has the right to judge the worthiness of another who professes commitment to the Lordship of Jesus; we come to the Communion table at the Lord's invitation, not the church's; we believe outward symbols can witness to inward transformation, chief among them baptism; we believe in the ministry of all Christians while ordaining and licensing some who have been called to the more specialized task of teaching and preaching the Word; we understand that we can do together many things none of us can do alone; we believe the visible unity of the church is constitutive of a credible witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ."* In recent months we have declared to our community in a number of different ways that **"We are the Disciples!"** Let's make sure we are prepared to explain to others who we are and what we believe. The summary provided here is a good start.
 Dr. Chuck Summers

World Communion Sunday is October 4

For Disciples of Christ sharing Communion stands at the center of our worship experience. Each Sunday and Wednesday we pause to share Communion. On Sunday, October 4, Christian groups from all around the globe will observe World Communion Sunday. We will do so at our church too. On this Sunday we will give extra attention to what the Lord's Supper means. Our songs and readings will focus on Communion, as will the sermon. For this one Sunday, we will move the observance of the Lord's Supper to the end of the service so that it can be the climax of our worship experience. Plan now to join us on World Communion Sunday.



Those responsible for the October Cookie Brigade need to have their homemade cookies or brownies at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5.

Our church is responsible for delivering meals for "Meals on Wheels" October 5—9. Volunteers are needed to help with this important ministry. If you would be willing to deliver food one day, please call the church office at 437-4527.



Senior Adult Outing

The Senior Adults will be going to Actors Collaborative Theatre on Thursday, October 15, to see the play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson." This play is a moving and evocative plea for understanding and compassion in a world where prejudice and casual cruelty are too often the norm. We will leave the church at 6:45. Cost for tickets is \$8. All those planning to go are asked to call the church office or sign up at the bulletin board across from the church kitchen.

We'll Be Having M.A.S.S. on October 25

Sunday, October 25, will be a special day at our church; we'll be having M.A.S.S. Don't stress; this is nothing strange or weird, just Music Appreciation Sunday Service. Each October we dedicate a service to celebrating God's gift of music. The service will be filled with special music using as many different people in the church as we can. If you would like to do something for this service please see Melanie as soon as possible.



We are having a baby shower for our church secretary, Christal Hawkins, Saturday, October 10 here at the church from 2 to 4. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, please see or contact Suzy DeLong. Christal is registered at babysupermall.com; walmart.com; Remember Me and Dion's in Pikeville.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SET FOR OCTOBER 26

The Membership Team will sponsor a Family Fun Night Monday evening, October 26, for all the church. Everyone is invited to come enjoy an evening of games, refreshments and fellowship. Each family is asked to bring their favorite board or card game. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dessert. The fun will begin at 6:00 so mark your calendars.



LOOKING AHEAD

Our annual congregational dinner will be held this year on Sunday, November 15. Please make plans to be present that Sunday. Later in November, The Green Chalice of the Christian Church in Kentucky will be sponsoring a 24 hour retreat focusing on God and Creation at Rough River State Park. Our pastor will be one of the featured presenters. The dates for the retreat are Nov. 20-21. If you would like to attend, see Chuck for more details.

The Nominating Committee is presently working to fill leadership positions for the new church year. This committee consists of chairman Blake Robinson, Steve Huffman, Gatha Justice, Katie Stafford, and Bonita Summers. Please pray for this committee as they help us get ready for another great year.

There can be no denying that these are tough economic times. Two organizations in our community which seek to help those in need are Helping Hands and Thankful Hearts. Helping Hands needs good used clothing items. Why not check your closets out & see if you have items you could donate? Thankful Hearts distributes food to needy families. If you will bring non-perishable food items to church we will see to it that they get to Thankful Hearts.



The board has voted to have our parking lot resurfaced. The estimated cost is \$42,000. We are accepting donations to help cover the cost so that we can take as little as possible from our savings. See Blake Robinson or Paul Corbin for more details.