



THE SOMERSET CHRISTIAN

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POINTS OF INTEREST

*Message from Doug
Announcements/Events
Prayer List
Easter Lily order form*

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School

3/1—98

3/8—84

Worship

3/1—182

3/8—172

OFFERING

WORSHIP

March 1st \$4,357.00

March 8th 5,186.00

Worship Total — \$9,543.00

DESIGNATED

Family Night \$399.00

Program Ministries 400.00

God's Food Pantry 25.00

Week of Compassion 990.00

IRS payroll refund 34.31

Joe Altman (love gift) 275.00

Doug Couch (love gift) 100.00

Total Designated — \$2,223.31

*(Monthly Financial Report available
at the church during office hours.)*

A survey published this week seems to indicate that Americans are "losing their religion". The study showed that the percentage of adults showing no belief in God had risen considerably since 1990, the date of the last survey of this size and scope. All Christian denominations showed declines according to the study, with mainline and Baptist denominations showing the greatest declines. This decline mirrors trends in Europe where Christianity has been on the decline for decades. Meanwhile, a pastor of a prominent Illinois church was gunned down in the middle of a worship service. Several parishioners were also injured attempting to subdue the man after the shooting when his gun jammed. This is only the most recent in a series of violent incidents at church services in the past several years.

We hear of things like this and often feel as if our faith in God is under attack. Indeed, there seems to be little good news for the people proclaiming the "Good News" in this day and time. Perhaps the very freedom of worship that we have so cherished and enjoyed in this country has spoiled us into taking it for granted. We must never lose sight of the fact that Christianity has always been one generation from extinction. If we, as the current generation of followers of Christ, fail to bear witness of God's love through Christ to the next, then the Christian way of life is indeed endangered. Sharing the love of God with others is not only a privilege, it's a responsibility.

As we prepare for the Easter season, may God embolden our spirits, overflow us with His love and compassion, and remind us anew that we are bought with a price: The Blood of Christ.

**** Don't forget, on Wednesday after our family supper, March 18, Lonnie Lawson will give a full report on the Brazil mission trip complete with pictures. ****

See you Sunday,

Doug

Youth pastor
Search committee
meeting

On Thursday March 19th, there will be a meeting of the youth pastor search committee @ 6:30 PM. All members of this committee are encouraged to try to make this meeting as Greg Alexander will be here from the Kentucky Office.

Also, we would like to inform committee members that we will meet every Thursday for the next few weeks.

Disciples Women's
Ministries

The Disciples Women's Ministries, DWM, urges all women of our church to participate in their missions and ministries. We would like to extend our efforts so we are asking the ladies of the church to join us in our offering. These will be collected monthly in Sunday School classes. *Checks may be payable to DWM.*

More news the ladies have chosen to attend the Spring Retreat in Lexington on April 18th. The keynoter will be **Verty Jones, Editor of Disciples World.**

For more information, see Jolin Coffey.

Our 'Brown Bag' lunch will take place on March 14th @ NOON.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Outreach

We have an exciting new mission trip opportunity to Chiapas, Mexico. The trip will be June 6-13.

This is the week of VBS, so if you have made a commitment to help with that or if you have already made a commitment to join the Slidell, Mississippi trip the week of June 14th—20th, please keep those commitments.

However, if you have the heart, mind and availability, we would love to have you!

Outreach

We will be providing lunch in cooperation with BCM/SCC on March 16th. The menu will be spaghetti, bread, salad, drinks, and desserts. If you would like to donate items and/or time at the luncheon, please contact Susan Miller @679-6251.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troup #2 would like to thank all those who participated in our *Backpack Service Project.*

Also, thanks to everyone who has helped us raise money by purchasing cookies.

Cookies will be available until March 18th!

CONGRATULATIONS!

I have the privilege to help teach the 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class.

During the month of January, I challenged this group of students to memorize the books of the New Testament.

I am very excited to say, by the end of January, I had 9 students that accomplished their goal!

These students are:

Justin Back
Chase Eastham
Hayley Gates
Gabriel Hallock
Luke Jacobs
Grant Oakes
Gracyn Parkey
Alyssa Richardson
Heidi Thompson

This group has worked very hard and I wanted to share with you how proud I am of each of them! Please let them know you are proud of their accomplishment too.

Serving Christ,
Heather Kissinger

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES—MEETINGS

Every Tuesday	6:30 PM	Music Practice	Sanctuary
Every Wednesday	10:00 AM	Community Bible Study	Community Room
March 13th	7:00 PM	Marriage Class	Fellowship Hall
March 14th	NOON	DWM 'Brown Bag' Lunch	Fellowship Hall
March 16th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Community Room
March 17th	6-8:00 PM	Autistic Support Group	Fellowship Hall
March 17th	<i>St Patrick's Day</i>		
March 19th	6:30 PM	Youth Pastor Search Committee Meeting	
March 20th	<i>Spring Begins</i>		
March 22nd	5:00 PM	Youth Committee Meeting	
March 23rd	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts	Community Room
	4:00 PM	Lake Cumberland Weavers	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Outreach Meeting	
March 25th	<i>Family Night Meal is POTLUCK</i>		
March 28th	2-4 PM	Elisabeth Warren—Shower	Fellowship Hall
March 29th	<i>Veteran's Sunday</i>		

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If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for \$12,  
 please leave your check in the church office or offering plate.

*Indicate the name of the loved one and whether it is 'In Honor' or 'In Memory'.*

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

\$12 each—Checks payable to First Christian Church

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



**LCRH: Dot Richey**

***Members:***

**Larry Nunemaker Sr., Sally McEnroe, Joe Altman, Nancy Phillips Alex Hunley, Christine Hughes, Charles Meece, Jolin Coffey, Linda Ford, Vera Coomer, Hazel Spears, Fayrene Conder, Paul & Carol Norton, Sharon Walker, Loretta Canada, Vida 'Pudd' Hudson, Charlie Bell, Virgie Fuller, Faye Lawson, Virginia Murrell, Jean Barnett, Karen Jackson, Mona Mitchell**


***Friends:***

**Bill Barnett, Ed Buis, Jean McCowan, Bobby Gould, Louise Conley, Doug Lee, Bob Silvers, Ada Sue Diamond, Jamie & Tracy Flowers, Tiffany Isabelle, Rhonda Dalton, Mark Sype, Sue Stevens, Mike Clark, Eric Conrad, Ada Bordes, Bill Kincaid, Frank Hughes, Jr., Phyllis Lamkin, Sylvia Gibson, Hubert Hall, Robert Beane, Jennifer Morgan, Sylvia Rice, Clarence Girdler, Blane Bardin**

**\* Please keep the office updated on these prayer needs. \***

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| <b>*Closed for lunch—12:00pm-1:00pm</b>                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                             |