First Christian Church
112 E. College St.
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Disciples Missions Week
The first ever Disciples Missions Week takes place **September 8-13**! This week is an emphasis coordinated by Disciples Home Missions, encouraging Disciples congregations everywhere to learn, serve, and worship together.

- **Learn through webinars** on food insecurity, healthcare equity, housing insecurity, and disability equity offered each evening at 7:30pm ET from September 8-11 (in that order). These are free and you can sign up to view any or all of them here: https://disciplesmissionhub.org/register-for-dmw-2026/ We also likely be utilizing the recordings of one or more of these webinars in our Adults Wednesday night group or other opportunities this fall.
- **Participate in our gleaning project** at Evans Orchard on Saturday, September 12, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. as we pick surplus vegetables to share with The Gathering Place & AMEN House
- **Participate in our outdoor worship service** on Sunday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the side yard, where we'll explore the same common scripture (Isaiah 58) that hundreds of other Disciples congregation will be exploring. Our outdoor setting will remind us of the community in which we live, the people in it, and the opportunities for goodness to be shared. **You're encouraged to bring an item with you to worship that represents something you are willing to offer in service**- it might be a grocery receipt, a set of keys, something representing a talent you have, a tool from your work, or a handwritten word. (You'll take the item back home with you after worship) We'll also have sheets of paper that morning where you can write or draw something as well.

Share The Harvest at Evans Orchard
The summer is transitioning into fall and at Evans Orchard that means switching from harvesting vegetables to apples. There is still an abundance of fresh vegetables in the fields, and with thousands who are food insecure in Scott County, there is also an abundance of need. Since 2015, volunteers of all ages from First Christian Church have met at Evans to fellowship and demonstrate God's love by gleaning tons of fresh veggies that would have been composted. This harvest is delivered to the Amen House and the Gathering Place Mission. Dates are **Saturdays, September 12 & 19, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.** Stay the entire time or for as long as you can. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the chapel or you can use this online sign-up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4AA5A82EA6FF2-65506441-gleaning#/

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Welcome Grace Ashley



We're excited to welcome Grace Ashley as our Director of Music Ministry! She will begin serving with us on September 1. Grace is a soprano, director, and music educator. She is currently completing her Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Performance at the University of Kentucky, where she serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and studies with Dr. Everett McCorvey.

In addition to her work at UK, Grace is the Director of the Youth Opera Project at Kentucky Opera and performs nationally as a member of The American Spiritual Ensemble and teaches private voice and piano in her own studio. She has also been a Choral Scholar and choir section leader at Crestwood Christian Church for the past 3 ½ years.

Originally from Alabama, Grace has made Kentucky home while pursuing her doctoral studies and has loved becoming part of the arts community here. When she isn't singing, teaching, or directing, she enjoys spending time with her dogs, exploring new places especially coffee shops, visiting farmers markets and thrift stores, trying new restaurants and recipes, and enjoying live music.

A message from Grace: "I am so excited and grateful for the opportunity to join the First Christian Church community! From my first conversations with the search committee, I was struck by the warmth and kindness I experienced, and I am truly looking forward to getting to know each of you. I believe some of the most meaningful music happens when people feel welcomed, connected, and encouraged to share their gifts. I'm excited to sing together, grow together, and see what we can create as a church community. I can't wait to get started!"

Outdoor Worship- September 13
We'll enjoy worship outside in the side yard on **Sunday, September 13**, at the usual time of 11:00 a.m. Dress comfortably and if you're able, bring your lawn chair (though we will have additional folding chairs available for those who need them). In the event of rain, we'll worship in the sanctuary

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11:00 am – 3:30 pm
fccgeorgetown.org
502-863-2049

Please check the weekly mailchimp, the bulletins, and with the office for minister's schedules as they are subject to change weekly depending on the needs of the church. If you'd like to make an appointment please contact the church at 502-863-2049 or fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net

Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Adult Sunday School 9:45 am
Youth Group 9:45 am

Kids, Youth, & Family Events

Wednesday Night Faith Formation Programs Return September 2!
One of the most popular things we offer on Wednesday nights is a free meal at 6 pm or anyone who participates. It's that time of year again-- Wednesday night Kids, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation groups resume on **Wednesday, September 2**, and we need everyone's help with these meals! We often eat pizza, but we always like to mix it up and get help so that this responsibility doesn't fall to just one person. Please use the QR code to view the attached signup sheet and consider volunteering to provide food. Meals can be simple and kid-friendly (sandwiches, hot dogs, pasta, and chicken are popular options) and typically consist of 1-2 veggie sides, a dessert, and drinks, as well as after-meal cleanup. If you do provide the meal, we encourage you to stay and eat with the group as this is a great opportunity for fellowship and building relationships. Meals can be reimbursed through our Congregational Wellness budget. Contact Chris Cash or Carly Dickinson with any questions.

Children's Worship Space Update
At our last Board meeting, we dedicated part of the time to discussion and feedback about the children's worship area in the sanctuary. We have spent the last several months trying out this space and gathering feedback from the congregation. The consensus was that this space has been beneficial to our children and to the congregation as a whole, and that we will continue to utilize this space for the next year, at which point we can revisit the area again. As we continue to evaluate the best way to arrange this space as well as long-term options for flooring and shelving, as always, we welcome your feedback as we seek to live faithfully into inclusion of all ages and Intergenerational Faith Formation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carly Dickinson, Grant Lay Leader, or Chris Cash, senior minister.

Lilly Grant Worship Services and Grant Worship Group
We have almost completed our first year of grant worship services! Our remaining Children Here! Year One worship services are as follows: September 20, October 18, and November 15. Our next Children in Worship grant meeting is Sunday, September 13, after church in the chapel. We will be working together to plan parts of each of the services for the remaining year. As always, we welcome new voices of all ages!

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New Church Database, Directory, and App!
We're using the secure ChurchTrac platform (used by thousands of churches) and their ChurchConnect app. We need your help! We need ***all*** participants to share their information to build the database. You have a couple of different options to do this: Fill out an online form by following this link: https://fccgeorgetown.churchtrac.com/add_my_family (within the "family" grouping, please fill out separate profiles for each person in your household- the form will prompt you to add additional family members if that is applicable to you) Fill out & submit the printed information form- copies are available at both entrances and completed forms can be given to Chris or placed in the offering boxes. If you'd like to print out and fill out a form in advance you can find it here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kQZ2K9WUASWwshDcQnvfZ13ShVlQM7MA/view?usp=sharing
The app and printed directory options will be available starting in mid-September (after we've had time to receive participant information and do the additional set-up work in the platform). **We'll offer in-person tutorial & assistance sessions** after worship on two Sundays (Sept. 20 and October 4) to help with installing and navigating the app for those who wish to use it and prefer a tutorial. If you do not wish to use the app, we can still provide you with a printed directory at any given time.

Justice & Creation Care Summer Fellowship Grant Update
Eli Simpson has concluded his work as our Justice & Creation grant summer fellow. Eli organized and led projects to plant native plants and pollinators in the parking lot islands & to do a clean-up float trip on Elkhorn Creek (which resulted in several bags of trash collected, as well as other items- including 2 shopping carts!). Additionally, Eli got us started on battery and orange pill bottle collection for recycling and helped us review some of our existing plastic use and recycling efforts. We're in the process of adding some additional dedicated recycling containers as part of that project as well. Eli and Chris (as fellow mentor) both completed Climate Ambassador Training with Green Chalice as a part of this grant fellowship project as well. We're grateful for Eli's work and leadership!

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Offerings & Outreach

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Needed Monthly	Received in August	General Budget YTD Income: $177,788.91
$25,517.83	$20,589.00	General Budget YTD Expenses: $182,327.29

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of August 31, 2026 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: $3,228.50	Week of Compassion: $3,338.00
Blanket Sunday: $795.00	Kentucky Refugee Ministries: $100.00
Disciples Women's Fellowship Blessing Boxes: $290.00	Disciples of Christ Pentecost Special Offering: $150.00
Disciples Women's Fellowship School Supplies: $435.00	Back-to-School Bash: $315.00
Elizabeth's Village: $90.00	

PRAYER LIST

Jacque Hukill
Fred Nippert
Gracelyn Parriman
Sympathy and prayers to Nancy Lewis, Johnny Grigsby, Ann Bishop, and family in the death of Cecil Lewis

FAMILY
Carmen Wagner (daughter of Jim & Rosalie Calloway)
Xander Willham (great-nephew of Wanda Ray)
Karen Trosper (mother of Adam Trosper)
Lisa Shackelford (cousin of Jerry Hamilton)
Dave Anderson (brother of Lauren Sellers)
Michael Curtsinger (father of Anna Jones)
Judy Curtsinger (mother of Anna Jones)
Brad Britt (father of Serena Culbertson & Keda Trosper)
Jerrod Messick (son of Mark & Kim Messick))
Jimmy Paul Clark (cousin of Jean Hall)
David Gaddie (cousin of Pauline Kincaid)
Cheryl Johnson (mother of Christy Messick)
Jon Wilson (brother of Suetta Dickinson)
Amy Smith (sister of Will Harris)
Mike Driggers (uncle of Christy Messick)
Don Redmon (cousin of Gary Kincaid)

FRIENDS
BJ Litteral (of Molly Litteral-Lewis)

Kroger Rewards Code
You can support FCC through your Kroger Rewards. New enrollees will just enter code ED328 on your rewards account.

AMEN House/Blessing Box Collection- Sunday, September 6, 2026
For our monthly First Sunday Food Collection, both food items and monetary donations will be collected and blessed at the start of the worship service. All food items collected will be shared through our Blessing Box on College Street and monetary donations will be given to the AMEN House. (Food items can also be donated throughout the month by placing them in the red wagon in the hall outside the chapel)

Church Offices Closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day

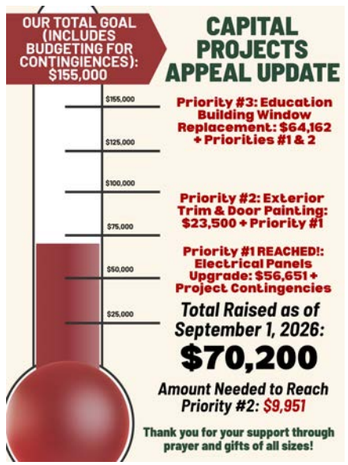
Disciples Women's Fellowship
DWF Meeting – **September 21, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area.
Lesson: *In the Beginning Were the Women,* p. 14, Chap. 1: Eve First Mother
Service Project: Backpack snack program – Eastern Elementary School
Suggested items: Single Serve: cereal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, muffins, oatmeal raisins; Pop top cans: soups, stews, beans & franks; Milk: Horizon shelf stable; Cup: Chef Boyardee, mac & cheese, Ramen noodles, Jell-O, pudding, fruit. **Please RSVP to Kathy Nippert by Sept 20,** at katnipp3@yahoo.com or 502-542-1204.

The Open Table: LGBTQ+allies Support Group
Our LGBTQ+allies group, led by Rev. Christy Messick, will be meeting **Sundays, September 20, October 18, & November 15 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** for a time of fellowship and faith. Snacks will be provided and childcare is available if requested in advance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christy at cmessick@christymessick.com or 502-316-2731. This group is open to other members of the community in addition to our congregation.

Annual Nominating Process and Stewardship Campaign
As we move into September, both our annual nominating process and Stewardship Campaign for the coming year's budget planning will get underway. Watch for more information on both soon!

August Board Meeting Minutes
The FCC Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 20. Minutes from the meeting can be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dI_hilBipxccp-0RIyX4mGKaP99rYsVX/view?usp=sharing

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Capital Projects Appeal Update
In late June, our Stewardship Ministry shared a letter with the congregation about three larger property projects that need funding and attention. Our building is a resource for which seek to be good caretakers as we use it for our life together and share it with the community. The three projects, in order of urgency, are upgrading several electrical panels in the building, exterior trim and door painting, and education wing window replacement. Thanks to your generous response, we've already received $65,000 of the $155,000 needed for these projects. Work for the electrical panels will be completed in mid-September as that project is fully funded. The painting work is partially funded and the Board voted in their August meeting to use some restricted funds to cover the rest of the needed funds so that work could be completed while weather cooperated (with the restricted funds being repaid as additional appeal funds come in). Printed copies of the appeal letter are at each entrance and it can also be viewed here: https://tinyurl.com/34r367rx If you'd like to give to these projects, you can designate "capital projects fund" on your check or envelope.

Sunday School Series
During the month of September, Congregational Wellness Ministry is providing a series of sessions featuring FCC folks communicating about their experience and knowledge of different issues. The sessions will take place in the chapel from **9:45-10:45** (the Sacred Inklings class will be taking a break during these 4 weeks) and are open to the entire congregation.
September 6: Environmental Concerns & Creation Care: Michelle Cook & Nate Alexander
September 13: Substance Addiction & Recovery: Julie Knipp
September 20: Suicide Prevention: Adam Trosper
September 27: Scott County Community Concerns & Needs: Willow Hambrick