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Worship Time: 10:30 am
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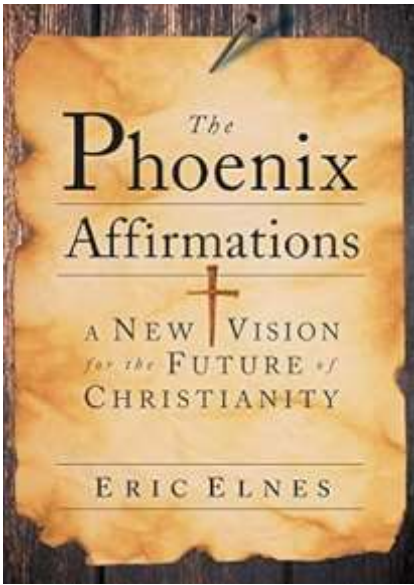
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I write this month's article as I am on the beginning of my vacation. One of the things I am choosing to do while I am away is to catch up on some reading. I have some new recommendations I will be tackling as well as returning to some beloved favorites.

One book that I just finished is something I first read several years ago. The Phoenix Affirmations was written by Rev. Eric Elnes co-founder of Crosswalk.

The Pastor's Peace



One of the chapters of The Phoenix Affirmations centers upon the importance of preserving religious freedom and the church's ability to speak prophetically to government by resisting the comingling of church and state. In these contentious times I hope and pray that faith communities can first have honest conversations within their own settings about how to share the teachings of Christ with their wider community.

Realizing we don't all understand things the same way or believe exactly the same things, I believe there is wonderful opportunities to be had in engaging in open and honest learning and conversations.

Upon my return from vacation I invite anyone who is interested in joining me on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in exploring the various chapters The Phoenix Affirmations. On June 8, Pentecost Sunday, we will start with the intriguing concept of being able to walk fully in the Path of Jesus without denying the legitimacy of other paths that God may provide for humanity. My hope is to continue these learning conversations throughout the summer. I hope you will consider joining us as your summer schedules allow.

A quick Google search indicates the book The Phoenix Affirmations by Eric Elnes can be purchased for roughly \$10. If you would like a copy of this book but need assistance in purchasing one please let me know.

In all things with Love!
Pastor David

***First Christian Church Cook Books for 2001 & 2009
~ Last Chance to get one ~ Make a Donation to the
Flower Fund***



All Sunday Worship Services Zoom Call In Invite Numbers:

312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 281 630 1855 Passcode: 334189

For those wishing to call in, please know that you can dial either of the phone numbers listed above and when prompted, key in the **Meeting ID** and then again when prompted, key in the **Passcode** and then you will be connected.

You may talk and we will hear you; we just won't be able to see your smiling face(s)!!! We are set that the Phone numbers along with the Meeting ID and Passcode remain the same for each invite.

Those who have email, receive email invites each Thursday via Email ~ If you would like to join via email, send your email address to: Mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com and you will be added!!!!



PRAYER GROUP: Our first of the month Prayer Group will meet **Wednesday, June 4th**. We will begin at 1:00 and conclude around 1:30 p.m.

Please enter at the Fellowship Hall door as it will be available until 12:50. This allows Sandy and those in the office to share in the group. Everyone is welcome to join in. Please feel free to bring a sack lunch if you want. Our theme for this month will focus on Praying for Families. We will

begin with a short blessing for our food and conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving for our church, our families, our world. We invite you to continue to share as a family as we also bring worship and music to our friends at Wedgewood at 2:30. All are welcome.

Using the Elevator

- 1) Always be sure the Gate is Closed whether in use or not**
- 2) Always be sure that the outside door is completely shut**



Fellowship Hall Doors

- 1) Do Not Lock the Fellowship Hall inside door ~ Be sure it is always either pulled shut or pushed shut**
- 2) Be sure to Lock & Push Shut the Outside Fellowship Hall Door**

Ann Massamore Appleby
April 18, 1951—May 25, 2025

A Celebration of Life for 74 year old Ann Massamore Appleby of Dawson Springs, KY will be held Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Northside Baptist Church in Princeton, KY with Bro. Wesley Curtis officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Saturday at the Northside Baptist Church in Princeton, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



SURVIVORS: DAUGHTERS: Lori Banister (Shane), Leesburg, FL;

Lee Anne Teague (Robin), Paris, TN; STEP DAUGHTER: Melissa Appleby, Dawson Springs, KY; Jennifer Drake, Dawson Springs, KY;

BROTHER: David Massamore (Ginger), Madisonville, KY; SISTER: Jane Stout, Mansfield, OH;

SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN: FIVE STEP GRANDCHILDREN:

Ann Massamore Appleby was born in Memphis, TN on April 18, 1951 to Richard L. & Jean Simons Massamore. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Jim Farmer.

She passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025 at the Tradewater Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Dawson Springs, KY.

Ann moved to Dawson Springs at the age of 3 and lived the rest of her life there. She graduated from Dawson Springs High School in 1969. Ann worked in several professions throughout her life. She worked in the family tax business, Massamore Tax Service, for many years before going to Nursing School and becoming a RN at the age of 50 in 2000. Ann worked most of her nursing career at Dawson Pointe and Tradewater Nursing & Rehab in Dawson Springs. She retired from Dawson Pointe in December 2024 just prior to her cancer diagnosis.

The FLOWERS ARE STARTING THE BLOOM!

Thank you for your donations to the Flower Fund and we hope you will enjoy reading the names of all the special Ladies that have been honored:

Daughters-in Law: Malach Smallwood, Angela Lupton, Christy Matthes, Marie Luna, Melissa Luna & Cambria Luna by Teresa Lupton; Grandmother's Lila McCallister & Mary Levering by Barb Kirkpatrick; Barbara Rice & Barbara Ball Hartstock by the Rice Family; Jane Mellick & Peggy Danison by Scott & Jill Danison; Mom: Myrta McCallister by Barb Kirkpatrick; Missy Parish (Daughter-in-law) by Laurie Parish; Sisters: Jennifer Phillips, Dinah Phillips, Genell Phillips Ryon & Kristi Thomas by Teresa Lupton; Mom: Dorothy Posekany by Sue Dyson; Mothers & Grandmother: Beth Hinz, Kay Scott & Lillian Sneeringer by Bill & Stacia Scott; Mom, Faith Creswell by Sandy Woosley; Mom, Nina Glenn & Sister, Melody Sprague by Kathy DeLozier; Mom & Mother-in-law, Helen & Dorothy by Roger & Karyl Eckenwiler; Sarah Group & Quilters buy Linda Miller; Daughters-in-law Christa Storch & Hope Stout by Sandy Stout; Jill, Missy & Kerri by Ray & Jane



Even though the flowers are starting to bloom...we need a little more care and would like to honor the special men in our lives.

New flowers will be available to recreate our flower arrangement and we will look forward to seeing the honoree names in the July issue of the Quest.

Our New Path Forward

As I reflect on what to share, I am reminded of the journey my family has taken since February. It is a path shared by troops at war, those gathered around the bed of a loved one, and those celebrating with fireworks and picnic baskets filled with food. Our gathering was a group chat with family as we said our goodbyes to my sister Ann. We told stories and gathered information. We tried to celebrate a life we remembered while quietly letting go of the person we loved.

Memorial Day is filled with celebrations such as these. The cheering and fireworks as troops march to war and the reality of graves and funeral for those who did not return. As a country, celebrating 250 years together we look to the past to help us see into the future. It is a future that is both filled with memories and uncertainty of what is to come. As a family, we will continue to grieve, reflect and remember. As a country, may we continue to gather and remember, and share our new path forward, together.

Rev. Jane Stout

DISCIPLE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Is planning a Strawberry Festival this year on **Sunday, June 8th**. We know that Ohio Strawberries are the very best in the 1st weeks in June. ***The Menu will be Brats & Hotdogs, Macaroni Salad & Garden Salad, Strawberries Plain or with Shortcake, Soft drinks & Coffee.***



We will accept a freewill offering to pay for the expenses. The amount that exceeds the cost of expenses will be given to our church's Community Breakfast. Please sign up if you can attend so we will have enough food!!



OUTREACH: The Outreach team invites you to celebrate Father's Day during June by sharing in our special offering with the men of First Christian as they collect funds for Tools and Seeds for Church World Service. We hope you will give generously as we share our blessings with those in need.

Blessings,
Jane Stout, Outreach Chairperson



Hygiene Kits ~ We are collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service

Beginning in March you may bring in completed kits or the items listed below:

1 hand towel (measuring 15"x28" or 16"x32") (March)

1 washcloth (March)

1 wide-tooth comb (removed from Package) (April)

- ♦ *Must be Sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth*
- ♦ *No Pocket Combs or Picks*
- ♦ *Rattail & Combs without handles are acceptable*

1 finger nail or toe nail clipper (removed from Package) (May)

1 Bath size bar of soap in original package (June)

1 toothbrush in original packaging (July)

10 standard size Band-Aids (August)

If you make the kits yourself, **DO NOT add toothpaste**. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.



Preparing Communion

Please see the sign up sheet posted to sign up to Prepare Communion each Sunday ~ Grapes and crackers are provided ~

Please see **Dominic Morris** for any questions.



June 19, 20 and 21



Time to get ready for the Spring Church Rummage Sale

You can begin to clean out your basements, garages, attics, etc and bring them into Fellowship Hall and put your donations on the Stage!!

If you can help with set up (Monday, Tuesday &/or Wednesday) & the Sale, please contact Peggy Boddy, 419-512-0696 (cell phone) or Teresa Lupton, 614-506-4829 (cell phone) !!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be

Saturday, June 21st

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am

Serving **8:30 to 10:00 am** ~

Clean up to follow at 10:30 am.

Menu for May will be:

Scrambled Eggs/Toast along with Sausage Pattie,

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, bowl of Grits and choice of a bowl of cereal plus a glass of orange juice and coffee or hot chocolate



Please sign up and come help at this rewarding ministry.

Calendar Reminders

All Church Activities/Meetings & Worship happening will continue via Zoom or Church Worship in Person in the Sanctuary

Each Worship Service Zoom invite will be mailed in the mid-week or the next month Quest Newsletter for those calling in on the phone lines & emailed on Thursday for those connecting via Computer

Church is open for worshipping on Sunday mornings, using the Front Door Zoom meeting/worship invites will be emailed prior to the meeting

The Elder's will be having a Worship Service at **Wedgewood** on **Wednesday, June 4th, 2:30 pm** with music, worship and prayer. & **The Waterford** on **Sunday, June 15th, 3:00 pm**

Elder's Meeting

The Elder's will meet Tuesday, June 3rd via Zoom, 7 pm

Men's Disciple Fellowship!

The Men's Fellowship will meet **Tuesday, June 17th**, at the Amvets on Fourth Street at Noon for lunch.

Chat & Chew Quilt Club

We will meet a week later than usual due to the Church Rummage Sale preparations. We will meet on **Monday, June 23rd** at **11:00** for a light lunch and work-time. Please bring a salad, fruit, or dessert for our group and energy to work!!!

Sarah Group will meet Tuesday, June 3rd at **10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall.

Challenge Hygiene Kits will be collected. After the program by Kathy DeLozier, we will go out to lunch. This will be the last meeting until Tuesday, September 2nd.

Church Board meeting will be held Wednesday, June 11th via Zoom, 7 pm

Worship & Music Committee

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th ~ Be sure you wear your red as we celebrate Pentecost

Euchre Card Party returns Friday, June 20th at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall ~ Please sign up so we know how many tables to set up ~ Also bring a snack to share !!!



June

**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**



June Anniversary

- 1st Barbara "Babs" Troupe
Barbara Kirkpatrick
2nd Darren Tuel
7th Ervin "Erv" Sweat
8th Nina Holmes
10th Sally Rogers
11th Carrie Dyson-Blanco
15th Theresa Hilbert
17th Becky Hoffmann
28th Barbara "Barb" Rettig
29th Greg Bibler
Channon Cundiff

06/07 Eric & Megan Reining will celebrate their 17th Wedding Anniversary

06/09 Erv & Melanie Sweat will celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary

06/10 Jim & Jackie Steele will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary

06/24 Joe & Stephanie Rice will celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary

06/30 Greg & Sally Rogers will celebrate their 47th Wedding Anniversary

The Outreach Committee is happy to Wish each of You a very Happy Birthday **and to say "Thank You" for your contribution to the Birthday Fund which helps with the cost of our monthly Community Breakfast.** We truly appreciate your support.

Early July Birthday:
5th Leslie Jones

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Hal & Marilyn Johnson Email Address should be: haljohnson29@gmail.com

June Elders:

- 06/01 Scott Danison
06/08 Stacia Scott
06/15 (Waterford 3 pm)
06/22 Laurie Parish
06/29 Ray Mellick

Lay Leaders

- Marilyn Johnson
Need a Volunteer
Teresa Lupton
Stana Shogren
Need a Volunteer

Greeters:

June Front Door: Nina Holmes
July, 2025 Front Door: Barb Kirkpatrick
(If unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

Preparing Communion June: Sandy Stout
Preparing Communion July: Need a Volunteer

June Diaconates: Need someone to Volunteer w/Dom

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello June!!!



- ◇ *WOW we are entering June already!! Time is flying by at a rapid pace!!!*
- ◇ *June 8th is Pentecost Sunday ~ Be sure to Wear Your Red !!!! Also, the Disciple Men's Fellowship will be providing a Strawberry Festival following Worship in Fellowship Hall*
- ◇ *The set up for the Rummage Sale will be Monday, June 16th, Tuesday, June 17th and finish up on Wednesday, June 18th ~ Rummage volunteers are needed!!!!*
- ◇ *Then Saturday Morning, June 21st we will host our neighbors and patrons for the Community Breakfast with set-up & prep beginning at 7:00 and Serving 8:30—10:00 am ~ Please see the sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary to sign up to help!!!!*
- ◇ *Attn: Community Breakfast workers ~ Please continue to make things easier for the Community Breakfast Shoppers by writing on the white board what supplies that are needed for the next month breakfast. The white board is on the door of the supply room!!!*
- ◇ The **July, 2025 Quest deadline** will be: **Tuesday, June 24th** for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed **Thursday, June 26th!!!**

Let whatever you do today be enough

Anonymous



April Numbers

			MONTH	YTD
6th	91	Income:	\$ 24,911	\$ 51,583
13th	90	Expenses:	\$ <u>11,083</u>	\$ <u>52,722</u>
20th	108	Difference:	\$ 13,828	\$ -1,139
27th	<u>58</u>			

347 (includes visitors & Children)
Via Zoom, Sanctuary attendees
& Facebook Viewers

Sermons & Scriptures– June, 2025



June 1st **“Jesus Prays for All Believers”**
Regional Elder Robin Myers
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm 97
John 17:20-28

June 8th Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 15th First Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15 &
Colossians 3:12-17

June 22nd Second Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39 &
Isaiah 55:8-9

June 29th Third Sunday after Pentecost
Community Speaker, Timothy Brown
Chaplain for National Church Residences

Galatians 5:1, 13-21
Luke 9:51-62
Micah 6:8

Please remember our Prayer Concerns

Sherry Bowman (Barb Kirkpatrick's sister) experiencing serious health concerns;
The Family of Peggy Fisher (Joyce Beam's daughter) passed away the evening of May 19th;
Christa Storch (Sandy Stout's daughter-in-law) going through additional
Chemo treatments for her brain cancer;
The Family of Ann Appleby (Jane Stout's sister) as Ann passed away Sunday
morning, May 25th



May 17th Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the table beside the sign
up sheets

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell Glenn, Theresa Hilbert, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Carolyn Hootman, Joe Schultz, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie Parish), Sharon Ryan, Michelle Adams (Sandy Woosley's sister-in-law), Robert and Delores Au & Troy and Krista Cramer family; Kennedy Evelyn Scott (great-granddaughter of Bill & Stacia Scott), Terry Hall

Those serving in the Armed Services: Nick Bowman, Army; All current military serving
here and/or abroad

Please forward prayer concerns & updates to Pastor David &/or Sandy