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MISSIONS
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'Support A Child' Emphasis

"Support a Child" gives us many opportunities to nourish the children of TBC both physically and spiritually. Your contribution helps promote spiritual growth, provide a meal on Wednesday nights, transportation to and from church, supply Bibles, helps fund VBS, purchase supplies and choir materials, and funds special events during the summer for both our children and youth programs.

Will you help us reach our goal of \$5,000?

THE WAY OF RESISTANCE

Lenten Ecumenical Services

5:30 PM Meal \$6.00 per person
Contact the Host Church by Monday before the service
for meal reservations.

6:30 Service Time

	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Feb. 28	Century Christian	Micah Spicer	Resolution: John 9:24-39
March 7	Woodlawn UMC	J. Chris Michael	Revolution: John 11:1-16
March 14	Trinity UMC	Keith Switzer	Revelation: Mt. 27:45-54
March 21	First Christian Church	Betty Sivis	Resurrection: Mt. 28:1-10

Rev. Micah Spicer, *Senior Pastor*

As Christians, we believe that the most significant events in human history occurred on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Jesus died for our sins, according to the scriptures, and then rose from the grave on the third day. These colossal events led to the formation of our faith tradition. Over the next few weeks, I am excited to launch into a new sermon series about Jesus and his cross. Jesus died for our sins. What does that mean? What are the implications for Christians? These questions are complex and difficult to answer, yet it is essential that we grasp for the truth. The New Testament offers readers a number of images associated with the crucifixion of Christ - justice, sacrifice, victory, and love. By digging into this

imagery surrounding the 'Passion Narratives,' we can uncover hidden nuggets of truth about what Christ's death means for all of us.

I am also excited to announce the launch of a new resource that may be of interest to you. For the past three weeks, I have hosted a weekly podcast. The content of this podcast is very much related to the content of my sermons. My goal is to provide a medium that offers biblical, theological, and historical insights to scripture that I simply cannot accomplish during a typical Sunday morning sermon. I would have to preach for two hours or more. Surprisingly, no one has ever critiqued my preaching by telling me that my sermons are not long enough. I have already hosted several friends of Third Baptist Church as

*"The LORD BLESS you and KEEP you;
the LORD make his face SHINE on you
and be GRACIOUS to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you PEACE."
NUMBERS 6:24-26*

guests, including Joe Bob Pierce, Emily Malone, and Greg Wolfe. Curtis J. Hannah serves as executive producer. So, if you are interested in critical engagement of the Bible, then feel free to check out the Scripture & Spice Podcast. It is available through the iTunes app, or you can find us at www.scriptureandspice.com.



Jan Lampkin, *Minister to Children*

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

A special thanks to the TBC Deacons for hosting the "Love One Another" luncheon. Thank you for including the children. They had a great time and were so happy that they got to participate. It was wonderful-thanks for a great job!

When I was ten years old I visited a great aunt that lived in Lemon, KY. Dad would take us there on occasion and we thought we were on vacation. They lived in a little cabin on the river and when we visited we got to fish and ride in the little cabin they kept on the river. Great memories!

My great aunt was a woman of faith and would take time every visit to sit with me and share stories about her childhood and her life as a Christian. One visit she had written a poem that she

gave to me to keep. She and I read it together several times. I memorized it and to this day I still remember that poem and say it often. I found out later that the poem was written by Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays. I still have that handwritten poem that I have kept for over 50 years. Not only does the poem have great meaning but the fact that a great Christian woman was inspiring me at such an early age to realize that what we decide in this life will reflect throughout eternity.

My ministry to children is somewhat a result of what this poem has meant to me over the years. I truly feel that the very next child God brings across my path could only be for just a short time - a minute. I am convinced

that in the life of a child - a minute can last their lifetime!

Life is just a minute-
only sixty second in it.
Forced upon you - can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it - didn't choose it.
But it's up to you to use it.
You must suffer if you lose it.
Give an account if you abuse it.
Just a tiny, little minute.
But eternity is in it!

As are we, our children are fearful to what is happening in their world. We as adults need to assure all children that God loves them and is with them always. Please pray for our children, their families and the volunteers that work with them. We may only have a minute to make a difference in their lives!



Court Lewis *Interim Youth Minister*

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!

CrossRoads Inc. Shelter List

Needed Items: paper towels, bus passes, breakfast food items (cereal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, oatmeal packets, milk) cleaning supplies (vinegar, window cleaner, disinfecting wipes, multipurpose cleaners) and zip-lock style storage bags.



This week is the final week for collecting items for Crossroads Inc. I want to thank everyone for generously donating. I can't wait to tally it all up and have it delivered. If you missed this opportunity, "Support a Child" is coming up in March. You will be hearing from the children and youth each Sunday about how our church's ministry is making a difference. I hope you'll continue to support the life- and world-changing efforts that Third is doing for these future leaders.

As February comes to a close, we will be concluding our series on "Resetting the Heart" by watching a documentary on how

some people in Chicago are working to stop violence. Even though we do not live in the "mean streets" of Chicago, our Youth give the same reasons, they think in the same way, and if their anger is not diffused, they will often explode like those in the video. The video should serve as a bookend to our series, and as a beginning to our March focus on "Advice from the Wise." Please let me know if you would like to share some advice one evening.

There's so much going on. So far this year, we've had a basketball tournament, a volleyball tournament, and we are about to have a soccer tournament. Thank you for your continued support and help. Please feel free to join us anytime. I promise it will not be a lifetime commitment, though your presence will be felt in the lives of our Youth for a lifetime.

Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

As I mentioned in the last Courier, Christians around the world are observing the season of Lent, which is a time of reflection and remembrance of the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Lots of churches host special services and activities during this time of year, and our friends down the street, First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, are no exception. Each year First Christian hosts a Tuesday noon service and salad luncheon during Lent. They will go from now through Tuesday, March 20th, basically every Tuesday up until Holy Week. The services are scheduled to begin at 12:10 pm, with lunch served around 12:30, so that people who need to can (hopefully) get back to work by 1:00. I try to get to as many of these services as I can. The different speakers use a scriptural passage to guide us in a time of prayer and introspection. The services also include music, prayer, and readings. If you get a chance, I would highly recommend attending First Christian's Tuesday luncheon. It is one of the things you can do to add to your appreciation and anticipation of Easter.

David Roberson, *Minister of Music*

I have trouble explaining why I love music and how it touches my heart. Here are a few quotes about music from several "famous" people which help me verbalize my love of music.

"Where words fail, music speaks." *Hans Christian Andersen*

"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens." *Maria Augusta von Trapp*

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary." *Martin Luther*

"Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart." *Pablo Casals*

"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without." *Confucius, The Book of Rites*

"Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife." *Kahlil Gibran*

"Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!" *J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

All of these sayings can also help explain why we place such a priority on music in our worship services. However music touches us we must admit it does move us in a special way. I hope you find meaning each week in the hymns, anthems, and instrumental music we share.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
Lord's Supper

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Missions & Music
5:30 PM Lenten Meal at
Century Christian
6:30 PM Lenten Service at
Century Christian
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Deacon: Debby Smith

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Stewardship Finance

MONDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal, Gym
5:30 PM Missions & Music
5:30 PM Lenten Meal at
Woodlawn UMC
6:30 PM Lenten Service at
Woodlawn UMC
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Deacon: Debby Smith

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
2:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved
5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

SYMPATHY

The Church extends its deepest love and sympathy
Jan Lampkin and her family in the loss of her aunt.

MEMORIALS

Contributions have been received:
in memory of Ken Russell
by Dr. David & Mary Hieronymus;
by David Oechsli

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

February 25
Jan & John Lampkin

March 4
Jan & John Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

February 25:
New Millennium Class

March 4:
Esther Class

DEACON INFORMATION

February 25
Laura Bronn, Debby Smith

Hope and Harvest Team
Judy Dixon, Lee Kincaid

March 4
Judy Dixon, Vickie Wells

Hope and Harvest Team
Vickie Wells, Carolyn Estes



**MASS MEN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR
in CONCERT**

Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 PM
Zion Baptist Church, 2311 W. 9th Street

Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 PM
Christ Community Church, 1304 Center Street

*Magnificent voices. Good voices. Modest voices.
Combined, they make more than a joyful noise!*

Men's Mass Community Choir began in 2005 with 19 men, seven of whom still sing in the 35- to 45-member choir. The choir's longevity and success are attributed to the simple, humble inspiration and determination of one man - Chick Owen - with an idea of bringing other men together to promote the truth that real men praise God. Members of our own church community have been involved for several years.

A love offering to support the H.B. Neblett Center will be taken.



Just Older Youth

Having Fun...Loving Life
Invite someone to join you!

Senior Adult Fellowship

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 6 at 10:00 AM

Program: Sarah Spicer will be sharing information about the Kentucky Organ Donor Association and the organ procurement program.

Mission Project: Third Baptist Church - help us with Styrofoam plates and cups, napkins, cleaning products and coffee. A complete list is on the bulletin board in the atrium.

Lunch Menu: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, potato salad, chips, and grape compote - only \$6.00 per person!
Please call Doris Smith with the number of lunch reservations.