



The Somerset Christian

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POINTS OF INTEREST

*Message from Doug
Announcements/Events
Prayer List*

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School

2/1—134

2/8—124

Worship

2/1—201

2/8—31(9Alive only)

OFFERING

—Weekly Budget Needed—

\$8,255.91

WORSHIP

February 1st \$6,497.48

February 8th 4,482.00

Worship Total — \$10,979.48

DESIGNATED

Program Ministries \$400.00

Mission/Brazil 25.00

God's Food Pantry 45.00

Project Orange 25.00

Music Fund 250.00

Total Designated — \$745.00

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

February 15-21 marks the observance of "Week of Compassion" in our denomination. Below is an insert from the Week of Compassion website:

The ministry of Week of Compassion is a faithful & effective way for Disciples congregations, members & friends to channel their resources & concerns to the humanitarian needs of suffering people in the world.

Through WOC, North American Disciples reach out in the name of Christ to:

- ♥ Provide emergency & long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, droughts, civil war and other natural and human catastrophes. In a typical year WOC responds to a disaster about once every two days.
- ♥ Respond with help, hope & hospitality to people who have been uprooted & displaced from their homelands by war, environmental catastrophe, famine & natural disaster. There are more than 30 million uprooted & displaced people in the world. Many of them are children.
- ♥ Support programs of sustainable development & rehabilitation that empower people & communities to stand against & rise above hunger, poverty, disease, illiteracy and other forces of injustice that deny & destroy human dignity. WOC supports projects in nearly 100 countries on every inhabitable continent of the earth.
- ♥ Encourage & support volunteer groups in "hands-on" mission & service opportunities.
- ♥ Annually, WOC partners with more than 50 Disciples work groups in mission projects in North America & abroad.

Through partnerships with Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Foods Resource Bank, Heifer International, Global Ministries, the Office of Disciples Volunteering, Refugee & Immigration Ministries, Bread for the World, Souper Bowl of Caring, Habitat for Humanity, the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ELCOF), and hundreds of local church partners around the world, Week of Compassion shares in a remarkable network of service & caring that is efficient, effective & faithful. WOC's administrative costs are typically less than 8% annually. All designated gifts to WOC go in their entirety as the donor directs.

Through WOC, Disciples also participate with Christians in 9 other Protestant denominations in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness & extent of our witness many times over.

Of course, the partnership we share with more than 3000 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations across North America is where this remarkable ministry of connecting Disciples to the world & sharing compassion with all God's children truly begins. Disciples annually channel more than 2.5 million dollars through WOC for humanitarian needs in the world.

As you can see, your WOC offering is important & is a tremendous way to participate directly in mission efforts.

Speaking of missions, continue to remember Lonnie Lawson in prayer as he continues his mission in Brazil. Lonnie will speak to the church about his trip when he returns. You'll not want to miss that service! Watch your Sunday bulletin for the announcement.

Finally, continue to be in prayer for Joe, Lisa and the family. He will be concluding the first round of his chemo treatments & after a 2 week break, will begin the higher dosage treatments. These are difficult days ahead, but Joe is confident that God will see him through this difficult time. He & Lisa so appreciate your prayerful support & seek your continued prayers.

I am grateful that God has brought us together to walk through these days hand in hand.

Doug

Marriage Class

The February marriage class will be on Friday, February 13th.

We will meet at 7:00 for an Italian meal followed by viewing the next session in the Jimmy Evans series, "Becoming Your Spouse's Best Friend".

Childcare will be provided.

Golden Gang

On Saturday February 14th, join us for the movie 'Mama Mia' in the youth room at First Christian Church @ 1:00 PM.

We want you to be our Valentine!

Please notify the church office if you can make it.

*Thank You,
Susan Ross*

DWM 'Brown bag' lunch

Our monthly 'Brown Bag' lunch will be on Saturday February 14th @ NOON in the Fellowship Hall.

All ladies are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

We would like to remind all ladies of the church that we meet for our 'Brown Bag' lunch on the second Saturday of each month and invite all to attend.

YARD SALE 'ANNOUNCEMENT'

The DWM *will not* be holding the yard sale this year. Our annual yard sale would be a great money-maker for any group who would like to take over this project. This project takes planning and organization, but is also a time of fun and fellowship!

DWM would be glad to give guidance and advice to any group interested.

Week of Compassion

A reminder that Week of Compassion is February 15th through the 22nd. Read more about Week of Compassion in Doug's article of this newsletter.

Board Meeting

The February Board Meeting will be Monday, February 16th @ 7:00 PM in the Community Room.

2009 Mission Trip

The dates for our next mission trip have been set for

June 14th—20th, 2009.

We will be traveling to Slidell, LA again to continue with the reconstruction from Hurricane Katrina.

We have placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Please sign up and make a commitment to join us on this working, but very rewarding, mission trip!

Thank You

FCC Worship CommitteeNeeds You!

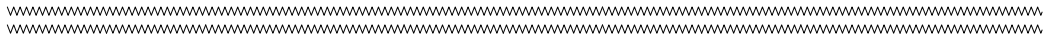
We would like to invite anyone interested to join the Worship Committee.

Please contact Agnes Bacon if interested.

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee would like to invite anyone who has missions on their heart to join the committee.

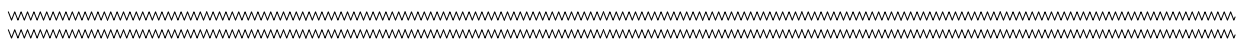
Contact Susan Miller @ 679-5829 for more.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES—MEETINGS

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| Every Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Music Practice | Sanctuary |
| February 13 | 7:00 PM | Marriage Class | Fellowship Hall |
| February 14 | NOON | DWM 'Brown Bag' Lunch | Fellowship Hall |
| | 1:00 PM | Golden Gang | Movie/Youth Room |
| February 15—22 | <i>Week of Compassion</i> | | |
| February 16 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting | Community Room |
| February 17 | 6-8:00 PM | Autistic Support Group | Fellowship Hall |
| February 22 | 5:00 PM | Youth Committee Meeting <i>Bassinet Sunday</i> | |
| February 23 | 3:30 PM | Girl Scouts | Community Room |
| | 4:00 PM | Lake Cumberland Weavers | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Mission Meeting | |
| February 25 | <i>Family Night Meal will be POTLUCK\</i> | | |
| | <i>Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary</i> | | |

Please check the calendar in the church office for any additions or changes.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Members:

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


Friends:

Mike Gatton, Bobby Gould (Cynthia Warren's step dad), Lloyd Compton, Louise Conley, Doug Lee, Sam Miller, Sylvia Rice, Bob Silvers, Ada Sue Diamond, Jamie & Tracy Flowers, Tiffany Isabelle, Rhonda Dalton, Jennifer Morgan, Mark Sype, Sue Stevens, Mike Clark, Eric Conrad, Dolly Latham, Ada Bordes, Bill Kincaid, Jacki Adams (Joe's sister), Frank Hughes, Jr., Phyllis Lamkin, Sylvia Gibson, Hubert Hall, Robert Beane, Clarence Girdler, Blane Bardin

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

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| | Office Hours (Monday-Friday) 8:30am—4:30pm* | ✕ Office Volunteers: Betty Godby Margie Whitaker & Beth Duncan |
| | *Closed for lunch—12:00pm-1:00pm | |