



# THE SOMERSET CHRISTIAN

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

*Message from Doug*

*Youth Events*

***Community Choir Concert***

*(April 30th @ 7:30 PM)*

***Bill Mallonee Concert***

*(May 7th @ 7:00 PM)*

*Prayer List*

*May Calendar*

## ATTENDANCE

### **Sunday School**

4/18—114

4/25—111

### **Worship**

4/18—209

4/25—198

## OFFERING

### WORSHIP

April 18th           \$7,077.00

April 25th           3,634.17

**Worship Total — \$10,711.17**

### DESIGNATED

Family Night       \$403.83

God's Food Pantry   285.00

Mission Trip       150.00

Music Fund         75.00

Red Cross          100.00

Gideon's           388.00

**Total Designated — \$1,401.83**

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

The board has requested that I begin serving you as a full time interim pastor beginning May 1 and I will do so through the end of 2010. This will allow adequate time for the search committee to thoroughly do its job of searching for a permanent pastor. I am delighted to serve in this capacity as it will meet a great need.

My emphasis for the remainder of this year will be three fold. *First*, I plan on initiating an aggressive and thorough visitation ministry. This ministry will involve visiting every church member and prospective family before the end of the year. Our Elders have been invited to participate in this effort as well. We will seek to involve families in conversation concerning their hopes and dreams for the future of their church, their spiritual needs as family, and how they would like to be further involved in the life and work of their church. *Second*, we will soon initiate a thorough Elder training ministry. I will be working with our Elder Chair, Doug Buis, on a date when we will initiate this training and its content. *Third*, I will be meeting with our Christian Education Committee in May to discuss ideas on improving our Bible Study and Study School ministry, and on ways to involve more of our membership in a systematic Bible study ministry. My previous ministry experience involved growing a Sunday school from an average of 270 to over 450 and I am convinced that effective Bible study and Sunday schools are a key avenue by which we can reach more people for Christ.

These are ambitious goals for just eight months. However, God would not have us sit on the sidelines and wait for what is next. What He has planned for us next has already begun. Come, join us in following HIM!

Finally, a number of you have asked that I share some of my thoughts and comments concerning potential conflicts within the Disciples of Christ denomination. Sunday, I plan, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to do so. It will be done in a way that will be redemptive, healing, and non judgmental. I hope you will plan to be present.

I missed you while I was away to see my folks. I thank you for your prayers and faithfulness to your church in my absence.

*Blessings,  
Doug*

You are invited to  
***Brandi Prather & Ryan Tucker's***  
***'Baby Shower'***  
 Sunday, May 23rd  
 @ 12:00 noon (following 10:45 service)  
 Fellowship Hall of FCC

Registered at:  
***Babies "R" Us***  
***& Pottery Barn Kids***

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THANK YOU

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to all who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt such a huge success! Over 60 children collected more eggs than their baskets could hold!

Thank you to the Sunday School classes for providing a delicious lunch, and the hospitality committee for getting it set up. And thank you to all who donated eggs, and to the youth for hiding them all.

The children were blessed by each and everyone of you who helped!

Bill Mallonee concert

Folk-Americana singer Bill Mallonee will be at First Christian Church for a special Community concert on Friday, May 7th @ 7:00 PM. Bill has a long & storied history in popular music in the United States and Europe dating back to the late 80's.

Opening the concert will be Aaron Austin, who is Director of Contemporary Worship @ Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

The concert is FREE and open to the public, (a love offering will be taken).

Thanks for your generosity

Thanks to all who donated to the Gideon's after their presentation last Sunday (April 25th).

Total amount collected was \$683.00.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy  
 are extended to the family of  
***Vida 'Pudd' Hudson***  
 who passed away recently.



GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 23rd during the 10:45 service the Christian Education committee will be recognizing the graduates of this Church.

If you or someone you know will be graduating from high school, college, or technical school, please contact Linda in the church office and give her your name and the name of the school you will be graduating from. This is such a big accomplishment, we want to be sure all of our graduates receive blessings from their church family.

We will also honor all graduates during breakfast that morning.

Graduates, please make plans to attend this special day.

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A SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*A Spring Coral Concert* will be presented in the sanctuary of First Christian Church on Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

A combination of sacred and secular music from the Renaissance through the 20th century will be performed by Somerset Community Choir and the Vocal Ensemble. Also featured will be solos and small ensembles.

Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at:

*First Christian Church office Or  
 Alabaster Box Gifts (on S. Hwy. 27 at Light #24).*

You are cordially invited to be a part of this special musical evening.



**FUSION** is the new identity for our Youth at FCC.  
Fusion means the merging of different elements into a union---that is exactly what will be doing merging students from different schools together to build *Connection, Community, and Compassion.*

#### Bill Mallonee Concert

Bill Mallonee concert will be on *May 7<sup>th</sup>* at 7pm here at FCC—  
ice cream bonanza after the concert  
for all Middle School – High School students.

#### 2010 VBS

VBS is coming *June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>*.  
All Middle School – High School students are encouraged to sign up  
to help out during this week of  
fun, games, crafts, and learning more about God.

#### BigStuf Camp

Sign up for summer camp—BigStuf Camp in Panama City Beach, FL—*June 23-27.*  
*A \$50 deposit due May 2<sup>nd</sup> holds your spot.*

Students can earn points toward the balance of camp  
by participating in various events and projects coming soon.

#### Release Forms

Release forms are available now for all upcoming Youth Ministry activities and trips.

All students will need to have a form filled out and signed by a parent  
in order to participate in upcoming *trips and activities.*

*See Chuck Aden for forms.*



## Members:

Susan Stevens, Lynn Ashbrook, Jim & Joyce Gadberry,  
Myra Pilling, Raymond Hardwick, Fanie Stone, Carol Norton,  
Doug Couch's father, Nancy Phillips, Christine Hughes, Charles Meece,  
Hazel Spears, Sharon Walker, Loretta Canada, Faye Lawson,  
Virginia Murrell, Karen Jackson, Mona Mitchell

## Friends:

Susie Glass Holbrook (*Jean Haney's friend*), Linda Eastham, Shirley Moser, Tammy Portwood's mother,  
Mitzi Whitaker, Farris Dills, Kay Wombles (*Heather Kissinger's aunt*), Phyllis Lamkin, Gerald Haynes,  
Patricia McDonal, Robert Christopher, Phil Brow, Jan Crase, Peggy Taylor, Mary Jo Silvers, Cliff Childers,  
Jean McCowan, Doug Lee, Leona McBeath, Jeanne Speckhals, Louise Conley, Bobby Gould, Mark Sype,  
Sylvia Rice, Bob Silvers, Ada Sue Diamond, Jamie & Tracy Flowers, Jennifer Morgan, Eric Conrad,  
Bill Kincaid, Frank Hughes Jr., Sylvia Gibson, Mike Clark, Hubert Hall, Clarence Girdler, Blane Bardin

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

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