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What's Happening . . . Week of October 11		
Sunday October 11	9:00 AM-1:00 PM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Children & Youth
Monday October 12	7:00 PM	Pastoral Relations
Tuesday October 13	7:00 PM	Elders
Wednesday October 14	6:00 PM 7:10 PM	Vespers Choir
Thursday October 15	7:45 AM 10:00 AM	Communications Team Women's Book Study
Friday October 16	10:00 AM	KeenAgers Trip to Natural Bridge
Saturday October 17	9:00 AM	Children Worship & Wonder Training
Sunday October 18	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM 12:00 NOON 5:00 PM	Church School Worship Service Finance Team Children Worship & Wonder Training Children & Youth

S.E.C.C. Staff:
 Senior Minister.....Mickey Anders
 Associate Minister.....Holly Fuqua
 Music Minister.....Chris Weiss
 Pianist.....Kay McAllister



Church Office Secretary.....Tammy Starbuck
 Director, Little Elks Pre-School.....Carol Neal
 Nursery Attendants.....Kenna Blanton,
 Erin Fields, Jennifer Davis



The Current

*Our Mission Statement: To Love God and Neighbor in Worship,
 Witness, Fellowship, Service and Discipleship*


October 7, 2009, No. 33

South Elkhorn Christian Church

Worship This Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Sermon "The Opposite of Rich" Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Wednesday evening Vespers Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 6:00PM.
Connections, October 21, (third Wednesday of each month)
in McMahan Hall at 6:00 PM.

Fall Festival this Saturday, October 10
9AM-4PM
 ~Live Music, bean soup, cornbread, baked goods, homemade
 candies, lots and lots of crafts~
Drop off items for Trash & Treasures in McMahan Hall.



Children Worship and Wonder Training

South Elkhorn Christian Church
 Saturday, Oct. 17, 9am- 3pm and Sunday, Oct.18, noon-4pm
 Meals and child care will be provided.
 Please sign up on the bulletin board.

**Keen Agers
 Natural Bridge Trip
 Friday, October 16**

We will take an Autumn drive to Natural Bridge State Park on
 October 16 and see the Autumn foliage. We will have lunch at
 the lodge. We will leave the church at 10:00 am. We will look
 around after our lunch and then return home. Mickey will drive
 the bus.



Life Together by Mickey Anders

Someone asked me to share a bit more about the revitalization process that we will be doing as a part of the Region's effort. The Cabinet voted to participate at their last meeting, and our first training event will take place November 6 and 7.

As I understand it, this will be an 18 month to two year process of discerning what God is up to in our community and making sure that we are a part of what God is doing. This process will involve all of the congregation in a variety of small groups sharing what they see God doing in our church and in our communities. During the process, certain ideas will rise to the top in the discussions, and the church will attempt some new ministries as a result.

The first step is to select about five members of a Guide Team. These lay leaders will be the prime movers of this process. They will attend the meetings, receive the training from Alan Roxburgh, and return to do the work they were trained to do. There will be quarterly training sessions for this group.

Another important component of this process will be sharing it with several other churches who are doing the same thing. At each of the training events, there will be time for all the churches to share how the process is going and to share ideas.

The last component will be training for the ministerial staff. At each quarterly meeting, the staff will go a day early to meet with Alan Roxburgh for specialized training.

I am not really sure what this training will involve, but others who have been through the process say it is worthwhile.

Why should we participate in a revitalization process when we are pretty vitalized already? That question was discussed at length by the Cabinet, but in the end we felt that we can always find areas to improve. And I am curious to see what God will call us to do through this process. I do agree that God speaks through all the people, not just the leadership, and this will help us to really listen to the membership. I believe our church will take on some new directions because of this work.

Steve Feese has compared this to have a personal trainer in an exercise program. Almost anyone can figure out what exercises we ought to be doing, but we are more likely to follow through when we have a trainer. And when we are in an exercise class, we have even more motivation to do well. I think it's a good analogy, and I am hoping that we will find God's direction for us. Please join me in praying that this will be a wonderful experience for our church.

Mickey

By Our Service, Sunday, October 11	
Worship Leader	Sarah Anders (10/11/09) Children's Sabbath (10/18/09)
Elders	Bob Ross, Evelyn Cartmill
Deacons Serving Communion	Frank Goad-PS Deborah Goad-P (SERVE STAGE) Sarah Goad-PS Gary Whitaker-DS Morgan Alexander-D Laura Mooney, Darrin Deaton, Taylor Nossokoff-CS
Greeters	Rhoda Rolfes, Lynn Purdom Tom & Suzanna Weisenfeld
Sound System	Media Team
Acolyte	Landon Feese
Fellowship Hour	n/a
Visitor Care	Mary and Peter Griffen
Homebound Communion October 25	Jeff Parrett, Eddie Overton, Mary Louis Phelps

By Our Prayers

- Tara Hayden (Teacher at Little Elks) is at Ephram McDowell Hospital.
- Eddie Overton.
- George Compton is at home.
- Stewart Gatewood.
- Jean Stewart is at St. Joe Hospital.
- Ruth Haggard (Ray Haggard's mother).
- Chuck Heidel (friend of Lloyd and Kim Wemyss).
- LeeAnn Rose (Janie Fields' cousin).
- Cecelia Kemmerer, Pam Zwart's Aunt.
- Johnny McGuire (Timothea Branham's brother).
- Marion Diamond (friend of Mary Louis Phelps).
- Charley Phelps (relative of Mary Louis Phelps).
- Ed Butcher.
- Jeff Page (family of Maurice & JoAnn Walker).
- Lukas Nedelco (Debbie Parrett's nephew).
- Rita Haggard (J.D. Haggard's mother).
- Zach Pickard.
- Mason Pontrich (Little Elks Student).
- Gavin Carr (former Little Elks Student).
- Terry Bay's father, Milton Bay.
- Cathy Morris.
- **Please remember our homebound members in prayer:** George Compton, Ella Fuqua, Margaret Peacher.

Please call the church office if you would like to add or remove a name from this list.

<u>Our Ministry</u>
Received 9/27/2009 \$6028 10/04/2009 \$6004
<u>"Make God Real" Campaign</u>
New Building Received 9/27/2009 \$1025 10/04/2009 \$1810

	<u>Our Attendance</u>	
	10/04/09	Last Year
Worship	188	229
Church School	56	
Children's Worship	22	

**All Church Events!
Mark Your Calendars!**

Sunday, October 18: 10:00 AM, Children's Sabbath. Our children (K-5th grade) will participate in the service as the worship leaders.

Sunday, October 25, 5:00 PM, Trunk or Treat and Church Campfire! Let's eat candy, smores and hot dogs!!! All kids are invited to wear their costumes!

We would like to invite all adults to park their cars in the field behind the church in a big circle. It would be great if you could decorate your trunk as well. The children will come to each car to "trunk or treat."

After the children have their bags full of candy, everyone is invited to join us for dinner at the campfire. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray. It would also be helpful to bring some long sticks or wire coat hangers for roasting if you have any.

Sunday, November 1: 10:00 AM, Youth Sunday. All our youth (6-12 grades) will be the worship leaders and share the sermon.

Sunday, November 22, 5:00 PM, Chili Cook Off and Talent Show! Enter your chili in the contest and bring your talent for the show. Everyone is invited to enter the talent show- dancing, singing, drama, jokes, juggling... come share your talent!

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent food donation to our Emergency Food Box Program. Your donation will be used to stock the shelves of the six food pantries we operate which help our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your support with your donation of 284 pounds of food.

Sincerely,

Robert Srodulski

Food Drive Coordinator

Thank You

To my family at SECC,

My sisters at Beta Sigma Phi, Lexington, wish to thank you for sharing the CMC with our organization. Our Beginning Day was held in the CMC in August with nearly eighty women in attendance. What a wonderful evening we had in fellowship in a most appropriate venue for sharing our sisterhood with one another.

In Christ's Love,

Pam Zwart

Beta Sigma Phi Lexington

**Elder of the Week
Jack McAllister**

I was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky and grew up on a farm about five miles from town. My parents, now deceased, my three brothers and sister and I and my maternal grandmother belonged to the First Christian Church. My fraternal twin brother Tom and I were baptized there at age 12 where my dad was an elder and my mother a kindergarten Sunday school teacher. I attended Shelby County schools and graduated from Shelby County High School in 1963.

Kay and I met at Morehead State University (Morehead State Teachers College, back then) in the fall of 1963 in a Disciples Student Fellowship group sponsored by Kay's home church, the Morehead First Christian Church where she had grown up. Kay and I transferred to the University of Kentucky in 1964 to complete our education and were married in 1965. We were part of a joint Disciples/Presbyterian campus ministry at UK and were members of Central Christian Church. Kay graduated in 1966 with a B.S. in microbiology and I graduated in 1967 with a B.S. degree in agriculture.

Over the next 23 years Kay and I lived in Columbus, Ohio then DeKalb, Illinois and then Ottawa, Ontario Canada. Our two daughters were born in 1968 (Kate, in Columbus) and 1974 (Amanda, in DeKalb, Illinois). Our stay in Columbus for 5 years was for my M.S. and Ph. D. graduate study in animal population genetics at The Ohio State University (OSU). The next three years in DeKalb were for my job as an animal geneticist at DeKalb AgResearch. The last, almost 15 years, in Ottawa were for my job as a dairy cattle geneticist for Agriculture Canada. In those cities we were active in a total of 5 churches. Kay was a youth group leader with me in one in Columbus, a church pianist in DeKalb and a choir member in two different churches in Ottawa. I was a 9th-10th grade Sunday school class teacher and deacon in Columbus and a high school class teacher, youth group leader and elder in both the Ottawa churches.

Our family moved back to Kentucky in January 1990 when I became an extension dairy specialist at the University of Kentucky. We became members of South Elkhorn within a few months. Over our nearly 20 years at SECC, Kay has been a choir member, pianist since 1991 and director of the Sunrise Singers choir. I have been an elder, high school and adult class Sunday school teacher and choir member. I was chair of the Official Board and chair of the elders in the mid 90's, Moderator of the Ministry Cabinet in 2000, and Ministry Area Elder for Discipleship from 2004-2007. I have also served on or chaired several other committees. I enjoyed each of those experiences as well as participating in various study groups and the Men's Breakfast group.

We had wonderful experiences in the different churches we have attended. However, it has been at South Elkhorn that I have gained a deeper understanding of my "calling" as a Christian. I love South Elkhorn and my church family and thank you for reminding me to WHOM I belong. God bless you all.

September Cabinet Meeting Highlights

The Cabinet met Tuesday, September 15, at the church. The following are highlights of the business meeting:

The Cabinet voted to participate as one of 24 pilot congregations in the Regional revitalization process.

Review of the proposed revisions of the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation continues.

Dave Johnson discussed the upcoming Stewardship Campaign.

The next Cabinet meeting is Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Meetings are open to the congregation.

Thank You

Thank you for sharing your love, hospitality and your ministry.

*Blessings,
Transylvania University
Do It Team*

Elders Meeting
Tuesday, October 13
7:00 PM

Children and Youth Groups

Join us this Sunday, October 11 from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm for dinner and to practice for Children’s Sabbath and Youth Sunday.

We hope to see you there!!!!

Children Worship & Wonder Schedule

10/11 Parable of the GS & the Lost Sheep
Storyteller: Megan Weiss
Greeters: Emily Burden, Sarah Anders

10/18 No Children Worship & Wonder due to Children’s Sabbath

10/25 Creation
Storyteller: Megan Weiss
Greeters: Sarah Anders, Timothea Branham

11/01 Noah
Storyteller: Elise Wallace
Greeters: Megan Weiss, Holly Fuqua

11/08 Abram & Sarai
Storyteller: Elise Wallace
Greeters: Holly Fuqua, Jennifer Aldarondo

11/15 Exodus
Storyteller: Elise Wallace
Greeters: Jennifer Aldarondo, Pat Murphy

Pastor Starts New Small Group Exploring the Way by Mickey Anders

I will be leading a new small group which will meet for six weeks on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. starting October 8. The course will be limited to eleven participants. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the foyer. The cost for the book will be \$10.

Our newest new member, LaDondra Cercone, told me about this series of studies produced by Upper Room Ministries. There is a 28 week course entitled Companions in Christ, but I felt that was too long a commitment for our folks right now. So I found an introductory course which lasts only six weeks. We will start October 8 and be finished before Thanksgiving.

The Upper Room web site describes the course this way:

"Exploring the Way is a six-week introduction to Christian spirituality for small groups or classes. Ideal for Christian novice and spiritual veteran alike, it explores the basic concepts of the Christian spiritual life, along with the biblical texts that undergird them. Participants will discover the spiritual practices that will sustain them on their journey -- practices like sharing faith journeys, lectio divina ("sacred reading"), breath prayer, holy listening, daily examen (a spiritual self-assessment), and simple journaling. As they're easily learned, these practices will gradually contribute to faith formation and spiritual renewal."

“Chair” Captain Needed

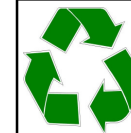
I am looking for a volunteer. Our current “Chair Captain” has encountered family responsibilities and will not be able to continue ensuring the chairs are set up for Sunday service.

I am looking for someone to take responsibility to ensure that the chairs are properly set up by Sunday morning for services. Unless something else is scheduled, the chairs can be set up on Friday evening or sometime on Saturday.

We usually have sufficient help on Sunday morning to take ½ of the chairs down so that at least ½ of the multi-purpose room can be used for Little Elks, Senior’s Group, Scouts, and others.

If I get more than one person to volunteer, we can establish a schedule or work as a team at a specific time to set them up. Please volunteer.

Thank You,
Jerry Walker, Ministry Support Elder



**Earth Stewardship
Tip of the Week**

Always buy recycled writing paper.