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What's Happening . . . Week of October 25		
Sunday October 25	9:00 AM-1:00 PM 10:30 AM 12:00 NOON 5:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Children Worship & Wonder Training Trunk or Treat & Campfire
Monday October 26	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Facility Enhancement
Tuesday October 27		
Wednesday October 28	6:00 PM 7:10 PM	Worship Team Choir
Thursday October 29	7:45 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Communications Team Women's Book Study "Exploring the Way" Book Study
Friday October 30		
Saturday October 31	10:00 AM	Youth Group
Sunday November 1 Youth Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Church School Worship Service Children & Youth Group to GattiTown

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 21, 2009, No. 35

South Elkhorn Christian Church

Worship This Sunday at 10:30 AM
 Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Join us this Sunday!
 Sermon "Blind Bartimaeus" Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

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



ALL CHURCH EVENT!
Trunk or Treat and Church Campfire!
This Sunday, October 25, 5:00 PM

Let's eat candy, smores and hot dogs! All kids and adults are invited to wear their costumes! We will also have carnival games with great prizes!

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. If you do not want to decorate your trunk, please come with lawn chairs and children can come to you or enjoy the campfire and start on some smores!

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 roasting sticks. If it rains, we will meet in the CMC and be creative! Hope to see you there!



TIME CHANGE
 Saturday, October 31
 (Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed)

Life Together by Mickey Anders

October is Stewardship month. It is a month that we should celebrate because our people are incredibly generous. Week-by-week faithful church members write their checks to support the ministry of this church. They do this voluntarily. No one sends a bill. No one forces anyone to give anything. Out of a love for God, gratitude for all that God does for us, and a love of this church, our people are faithful stewards of their financial resources. Even during one of the most difficult years in history for the economy, our people were still generous with the church.

Once a year, we conduct a "low-key" stewardship campaign, calmly asking people to make up their minds what they would like to give for the coming year, and give us an estimate of that amount. Then we plan our budget based on the generosity of our members. Please take the time to make these commitments and turn them in by November 1.

As I look over our financial statements, I am aware that it is an expensive proposition to run a church like ours. Our annual budget for 2009 was \$356,000, and that only tells part of the story. Our capital campaign is separate from the budget amount. We pay about \$6500 per month, or \$78,000 per year, on the debt on the CMC.

Last year, we conducted the capital campaign and secured pledges of about \$335,000, as I recall, for the debt over the next three years. Those commitments to give to the capital campaign over and above our budget offerings make it possible for us to carry on an active ministry and pay off the debt in a timely fashion. You should be aware that we always pay more than the monthly requirement on the debt.

In fact, we pay about \$2,000 extra per month. And we have a reserve account with about a year's worth of debt payments just in case the economy goes terribly wrong.

In the last three years, we have reduced the debt from about \$900,000 to \$680,000. As I understand it, the original cost of the new building was about \$1.3 million, so we have paid off about half of that amount in six years. We are doing very well in managing our debt load.

One of the critical factors regarding our financial picture is the high cost of our physical plant. We spend about \$76,000 a year for regular upkeep on our building, including utilities, custodial care and such. Many sections of our building are older and require major expenditures frequently. In the past three years, we have spent about \$150,000 in non-budgeted major expenses. We have paid for all these items without conducting special fund drives for them. Some of those items include \$70,000 to paint the outside of the historic sanctuary, \$5,500 to paint and repair the inside of the historic sanctuary, \$7,535 for a new furnace for the historic sanctuary, \$9,696 to paint the back of the old building, \$19,525 for a new floor in McMahan Hall, \$1,600 for a new furnace for the Little Elks wing, \$7,800 to replace heat pumps/air conditioners in the old office and Sunday school section, and \$10,475 to resurface the parking lot.

I hope that you can see from all this that your kind generosity is very important for making our church go forward. Your gift, however large or small, is an act of great dedication to God and sign of your great love for this church.

Mickey

By Our Service, Sunday, October 25

Worship Leader	Sharon White (10/25/09) Youth Sunday (11/01/09)
Elders	Dale & Janet Warren
Deacons Serving Communion	Lynn Purdom-PCS Timothea Branham-PS Karen Keeling-P (SERVE STAGE) Lyndsley Purdom-D (Serve) Gary Whitaker-D (Alternate to Serve if someone is absent) Sue Southworth-CS Jamie Crouch-CS Kenny Keeling-S (USHER)
Greeters	Evelyn Cartmill, Thelma Brown Agnes Sandford, JoAnna Griffin
Sound System	Media Team
Acolyte	Braxton Minke
Fellowship Hour	n/a
Visitor Care	Eddie & Eyvonne Overton
Homebound Communion October 25	Jeff Parrett, Eddie Overton, Mary Louis Phelps

Our Ministry

Received 10/18/2009 \$4381

"Make God Real" Campaign

New Building Received 10/18/2009 \$1130

Kroger \$318.16

By Our Prayers

- Jessica Nealey (Becky Burklow's daughter).
- Stewart Gatewood.
- Ruth Haggard (Ray Haggard's mother).
- Chuck Heidel (friend of Lloyd and Kim Wemyss).
- 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.

Our Attendance		
	10/18/09	Last Year
Worship	180	248
Church School	48	

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



This 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! Please see the
front page of this newsletter for more
information.

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

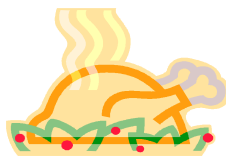
**Sunday, November 22, 5:00 PM, Chili
Cook Off and Talent Show!** Enter your
chili in the contest and
bring your talent for the
show. Everyone is invited
to enter the talent show-
dancing, singing, drama,
jokes, juggling... come
share your talent! You can
sign up today by emailing Holly at
hollyfuqua@gmail.com or signing up on the
"sign up" sheet on the bulletin board in the
foyer.



Sunday, December 13, 5:00 PM,
**Southern Lights at the Kentucky Horse
Park!** Let's enjoy the lights and then visit
Santa and have hot chocolate together.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thanksgiving Day is
Thursday, November
26. Once again, Tom and
I will be serving
Thanksgiving Dinner in
the CMC on Thanksgiving at 2 PM. Please
plan to join your SECC family for this very
special day! We will serve a traditional
dinner on real dishes with real silverware
and real glasses. There will be no styrofoam
or plastic in sight (except for to-go boxes)!



We must have reservations, so please
email me (temltd@aol.com) call (223- 2669)
or leave a note in the collection basket or on
Tammy's desk and let us know your name
and how many will be coming. As always, if
there is a special dish that has always been
special for you at Thanksgiving, let me
know. I will try to fix it for you. Looking
forward to having you join us!

Blessings,
Gail Minke



Morgan Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 31

8:00 AM

Bob Ross will present the program.

All men of the church are invited!

**Elders of the Week
Don & Alicia Allen**

Don and I are both natives of Central Kentucky; Don was born and raised in Mercer County and I am a native Lexingtonian. Don grew up with a family tradition at Grapevine Christian Church. He attended that small, rural church during his childhood and it continues to hold a special place in his heart. It still happens occasionally on a Sunday morning at SECC, as we're singing one of the great, old-time hymns, Don will lean over to me and whisper in my ear "that's a Grapevine song". As an adult Don joined Shawnee Run Baptist Church near Burgin, also in Mercer County.

My parents and I attended Epworth Methodist Church during my childhood. Epworth is where I went through instruction and was baptized but since most of my weekends were spent with my grandparents in Scott County, most of my memories of childhood worship were at their church, First Church of the Nazarene. I am still intrigued by the varying beliefs, doctrines, traditions and practices among Protestant denominations – a fascination probably born of my exposure to that small Nazarene Church in Georgetown. During my teenage years I was an active member of YAC (Youth in Action for Christ); a non-denominational group comprised of and led by youth, mostly teenagers and young adults. YAC meetings, held on Wednesday evenings as I recall, held worship and hymn-sings at the homes of the members. I can remember one meeting held on the front lawn of a member's family that had so many youth in attendance, the local newspaper covered the meeting and the police came to direct traffic and monitor parking. With a group of friends from YAC, I made a mission trip to the Southeast side of Washington, D.C. where we stayed at a mission house called "The House of Bread". Our week working with youth in that area ended with a ceremony on the banks of the Potomac followed by baptism in the Potomac River. That mission trip was a turning point in my spiritual life.

In the years before we met, Don spent time in the military in the 101st Airborne Division working in Military Intelligence; I attended the University of Kentucky. Later, we met while both of us were working for the same organization. We were married at Crestwood Christian Church in 1981. We attended there occasionally but never transferred our membership. It was after we moved to Palomar in the early nineties that we found our true church home; South Elkhorn Christian Church was a "fit" for us from our very first visit. Our children loved it and made friends quickly while Don and I found our own callings in the work of the church. Don has taught Sunday school for youth and adults, I was a co-leader of the Chi Rho youth group for several years. We've both spent time on the Cabinet and Don has served on the personnel committee and the pastoral relations committee. We truly feel that South Elkhorn is a family; we treasure the friendships and support of our church family as we continue on our faith journey.

Blessings,
Alicia Allen

**Kids Consignment Sale
South Elkhorn Christian Church
Little Elks Pre-School**

The 2009 Fall Kids Consignment Sale was a huge success! Thank you volunteers from Little Elks (over 100 parents) and South Elkhorn (about 50). It takes about 250 people to work the event that began with set up on Tuesday, Sept. 22 through Saturday Sept. 25. About 220 sellers from the community provided over 38,000 items to sell. The sales total was \$85,035.95. Nearly \$60,000 was paid back to the sellers and after deducting the expenses the sale provided \$20,145.70 to be divided between the church and the school. Thanks again for your help. We'll do it all again next March.

Thanks to SECC friends and family for your many kindnesses during my recent stays and recoveries at the hospital. The staff was more than generous and all was appreciated.

Sincerely, Jean Stewart

The CMA Bluegrass Believers wish to thank South Elkhorn Christian Church for its support of their annual motorcycle run to raise money for the Galilean Children's Home. The run for able to raise \$1702. in support of this ministry. Thank you!

Children Worship & Wonder Schedule

10/25 Creation

Storyteller: Megan Weiss

Greeters: Sarah Anders, Timothea Branham

11/01 Noah

Storyteller: Elise Wallace

Greeters: Megan Weiss, Juliette Kilpatrick

11/08 Abram & Sarai

Storyteller: Holly Fuqua

Greeters: Zach Fuqua, Jennifer Aldarondo

11/15 Exodus

Storyteller: Elise Wallace

Greeters: Jennifer Aldarondo, Pat Murphy

11/22 The 10 Best Ways to Live

Storyteller: Holly Fuqua

Greeters: Pat Murphy, Megan Weiss

11/29 The Prophets Show the Way

Storyteller: TBA

Megan Weiss, Zach Fuqua



**Earth Stewardship
Tip of the Week**

**Choose longer-life, energy
efficient, solar-powered and rechargeable
products.**

**ONE HOUR YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU SPENT THIS
CHRISTMAS....SERIOUSLY!**

Once again the South Elkhorn Christian Church family has risen to the challenge to provide volunteers to ring the bell at the Beaumont Kroger for the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign.



Our half-day on November 21 is booked already, as are the mornings of November 14 and 21. As of publication of the Current this week, however, **a few hours remain unfilled:**

November 14	2:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
December 5	3:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00

Contact Doug Alexander or seem him at church to schedule your hour to ring the bell.

Doug's contact information:

Office – 373-0333

Cell – 221-1032

Home – 224-4742

Email – DGApr@insightbb.com

Ring the bell for an hour and feel good about it all year long. When you ring the bell for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign you are helping buy food and toys for needy families and children in Central Kentucky and providing year-'round support for the only emergency shelter in this area for women and families.