



Sunday, January 17:

“The Parable of the Farmer & the Growing Seed”

(11:00)

Tom Best & Jennifer Dougherty

Prayer List

At Home:	Steve Ennis	Julian & Elise Troupe
Ruth Collins	Bill & Jo Anne Moger	Cherie Hawk
Lillian Slosek	Dorothy Grogan	Bo & Dotty Culbertson
Eleanor Grizzell	Dottie Kane	Jean Sentic
Ruth Rozelle	Dawn Kane	Jackie Holt
Glen Estep	Olive Brent	Mary Raper
Milt Davis, Sr	Betty Thomas	Marilyn Morris
Andy Wasson	Gene Anspach	
Life Care Center:	Lorene Miles	Louise Phillips
Vanderbilt Hosp.	Jamie Amelang	Nick Amelang
	Jennifer Jackson	
	Margaret Little	
Erlanger		
Please remember to pray for:		
Maxine Regen (Carolyn Daniels sister)		
David Williams (Tom Best's nephew)		
Howard Ramagli (Carolyn Cahill's bother/cancer)		
Charles Luna (friend of Jack Giddens)		
Flo Smith		
Anne Duncan		
Samantha Abbott (7 year old leukemia patient)		
All our military personnel and their families		
Thomas Lewis (Colleen Dixon Lewis' son)		
Bobby Phelps (cancer)		
Tim Kane(Dottie Kane's son/cancer)		
Polly Feck (cancer)		
Jill Vaughan (cervical cancer)		
Lilly Stricklin (Wendell's mother)		
Willie B Farris (mother of Sybil Throneberry)		
Taran Wolaver		
John Folk (cancer)		
Kristie Caldwell		
Scott Johnson		
Jack Dickson (back surgery)		
Greg Edge (Adam Edge's father)		
Loy and Maria Woodruff (Adam Edge's grandparents)		
Joseph London		
Marlene Finney (cancer)		
David Knight (brother of Hallie Ashby & Jane Coop)		
Weekly Regional Prayer Partner:		
First Christian Church, Livingston		

Generosity: The True Mark of Christ-like Giving

01/17/2010 Worship Attendance:
(8:30) **109** (11:00) **97**
Sunday School Attendance: **94**

Offering received 01/17/2010: Gen. Fund: **\$11,367.00**
Gen Fund Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$7340/week**
Building Fund: **\$435.00**

YTD Budget Requirement: **\$22,020.00**
YTD Received: **\$22,600.00**



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THE CHALICE

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Week of Compassion (WOC) is on the ground in Haiti helping those affected by last week's earthquake. Through Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance members including Church World Service, WOC is able to help distribute food, temporary shelter, and water cleaning materials. In the WOC report from Monday, Amy Gopp, WOC director, reported four member church agencies working in Haiti. Some 15,000 people in eight communities where there is little to no help from other agencies are now receiving food, tents, hygiene kits, blankets, jerry cans and water purifiers through one of these partner agencies alone.

You can make a direct contribution to Week of Compassion by either going on-line at weekofcompassion.org or sending a check made out and mailed to Week of Compassion P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206. You can also make checks payable to First Christian Church with "Haiti relief" in the memo and FCC will send these contributions to Week of Compassion. Thank you to all who have already contributed to WOC Haiti relief.

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The committee chairpersons are organizing their committees for the coming year. If you have a special interest in a particular committee or would like to help with a specific event or activity, please contact the appropriate chairperson(s) to express your interest.

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**SHOEBOXES TRAVEL TO AFRICA!**  
Notification has been received that our Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts were delivered to organizations in four countries on the African continent. Although we're not sure how many of our 76 boxes were sent where, we do know that our gifts were received by children in Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, and the Republic of Congo. It is our prayer that the children and adults affected by our gifts not only know that someone half the world away cares for them but, more importantly, that Jesus Christ loves them and wants them to know Him as their personal Savior. Thank you again for your gifts of love.

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FCC Elders
This Wednesday, January 20
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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**Annual Planning Retreat**  
Saturday, January 30  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Please call the church office if you are coming. Thanks.

**Spring Retreats at Bethany Hills**  
CYF Spring Fling (9-12 graders)  
Friday, February 26- Sunday, February 28

**Chi Rho Spring Retreat (6-8 graders)**  
Friday, April 9-Sunday, April 11

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Gifts have been given to the Sound System Fund in memory of Vivian Morgan by anonymous donors.

A gift has been given to the Sound System Fund in memory of Vivian Morgan by Mr. and Mrs. Warren White.

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***Thank you to Karen Sappington and all bell choir members who began our worship last Sunday with such beautiful music. We appreciate all your hard work and look forward to hearing you ring again soon.***

***-Kristie Beavers***  
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If anyone is interested in being a Sunday school superintendent, please let Amy know. Currently, there is a monthly rotation during the Sunday school hour. Responsibilities included distributing and collecting attendance books and maintaining records of SS attendance and offering.

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**Youth This Sunday**  
JYF (3-5 grades), Chi Rho (6-8 grades), and CYF (9-12 grades) will meet this Sunday evening from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. at FCC.

***From Tennessee Regional Minister***  
Thank you for your prayers while the Tennessee Disciples Mission Group was in Haiti. Being there during the earthquake, seeing the destruction, having our guesthouse collapse onto all of our luggage and possessions, and trying to get out of the country were all trying and at times, frightful. Everyone on the Tennessee Disciples mission trip made it home without any physical injuries even though we found ourselves close to harm a couple of times. We all missed some meals and some sleep but we were strong in the face of difficulty. I was aware of comfort and sustenance from God as I led the group to safety and through a long process to get us home.

Now your prayers are needed for our Disciples missionaries, Patrick and Kim Bentrrott and their son Solomon. They have no place to live right now. Prayers are needed for our partners in ministry, CONASPEH and its leaders, Patrick and Francois Villier. The CONASPEH building collapsed and killed 20 people that were in it. It will be years before it is rebuilt, but their ministry is so necessary.

Your gifts are needed to ease some of the hunger and thirst of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Gifts to the Week of Compassion noted for Haiti relief are very important right now. Please be generous. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your caring. Thanks for being a part of the Disciples in Tennessee.

***~ Glen Stewart***

***From Our Senior Minister...***  
Sunday, I shared a story from Kim Bentrrott, who serves along with her husband Patrick as missionaries in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. They are employed through Global Ministries and partnered with a the National Spiritual Council of Churches of Haiti called CONASPEH. The Bentrrotts have been writing a blog about their experiences in Haiti (kimandpatrick.blogspot.com), which have become very powerful as they live through the aftermath of the earthquake.

I share with you one more story that Kim wrote early Tuesday morning: "This morning I received a call from Miss Joly-my top second year student. She is alive. I couldn't keep the tears out of my voice in talking to her. She made it out of the building with only mild injuries. She is anxious to help when we have medical outreach efforts established. In all the losses suffered over the last week, each discovery of life is like a point of light in the darkness. She will be a capable servant to the people of Haiti. I thank God for her life. And with this piece of news, we start a new day... a little stronger with hope brought to us by a scratchy telephone connection. Time to find more points of light."

Continue to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.

***Grace and Peace,***  
***Tom***