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Along the Journey

The first presidential election in which I participated was between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter in 1976. Well... kinda. I was only in the fourth grade, but our teacher held a mock election to introduce us to the voting process. We discussed the pros and cons of both candidates and then voted. Only two people in the entire class voted for Jimmy Carter – my buddy Peter and I. Boy! I felt like a fish out of water! I remember being asked over and over again why I voted for him. At the time, I didn't know much about the concepts of economic and foreign policies, but I did pay attention to the candidates. My response to those questions about Carter?

"He just seems like a really good guy."

Apparently, *character* has always been important to me. "Character" is the combination of mental attributes and behavior that distinguishes a person. As we mourn the recent passing of former President Carter, I am certain we can all agree he was a man of exceptional character who displayed moral strength and integrity. He not only claimed to be a Christian, but he walked the walk. He is by far the best ex-President in my lifetime, giving his time to and raising awareness for many causes helping the least of our brethren. We just lost one who represented the best of who we can be.

An elder of a former congregation always said, "Character is who you are when nobody's looking." In other words, character is just who you are, and it's not putting on a show for others.

Jesus said: "*Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.... Woe to you, teachers of the law and*

Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence." (Matthew 23:23,25)

Jesus didn't want His disciples just to just go to church or to fix a dish for the potluck. Jesus wanted to strengthen their character – to transform their very being by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we journey through 2025, may we commit to allowing our Christ to transform us from the inside out and to walking the walk. "*By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.*" (John 13:35)

Happy and blessed New Year to you!

– *Pastor Deke*

Greetings from the "Organ Grinder"

Welcome to 2025. A new year, and a new quarter of the Century for us!

I was just thinking a little while ago that 2025 is my 60th year of playing for and in Churches!!! (How can that be? I am only 39 and holding!!!)

Reflecting back over the past 60 years I have seen so many changes in the types of music in churches, types of services, styles of sermons, and even types of new church buildings, and also big changes in church attendances. (Remembering that even our beloved Hymns were once considered "Contemporary," and even "radical"!!!)

Myself, I am probably considered more of a "Traditional Church musician." That being said, it does not mean that I do not like the more "Contemporary" style of music. Actually, I do like it, and do enjoy it where it is provided in a worship service that I might be in attendance at that moment.

I reflect back on scriptures and Psalms which speak of worship and praise to God. In some scriptures it actually mentions specific instruments:

harps, lyres, organs, drums, cymbals, and even mentions dancing before the Lord and of course Singing songs, psalms and now Hymns!

Scripture also says to worship "HIM" in "Spirit and Truth." I guess "How or what fashion" we worship "HIM" is not the "Important" thing, but to worship "HIM" in whatever way that is comfortable to you, in your own way of being in "Spirit and Truth!"

It also mentions in scripture not to forsake assembling for worship. To come together in one accord as a body of Believers, to pray for each other in a bond of love and faith. Where there are two or more gathered in Jesus' name that he will be there with you.

Back to the past 60 years, I have NO way of knowing how many years I have to live or to play organ and piano, but what I do know is that I will keep on Trusting and Serving Christ until I am with "HIM" in Glory! The path may not be an easy path, but the rewards are Eternal!

Be Blessed,
John

Scripture of the Month

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

— John 1:1

January Calendar

- January 1st: **New Year's Day**
Happy Birthday – David Graetz
- January 3rd: *Happy Birthday – Midge Cox*
- January 4th: *Happy Birthday – Rev. Benedict*
"Deke" Rigor
- January 5th: **Epiphany Sunday**
Call to Worship – Linda Schulten
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – John Ball
Un-decorating of the church
following Worship
- January 6th: **Feast of Epiphany**
- January 8th: **Baptism of the Lord**
Supper Club A.D.M.er's –
Palermo's Italian Restaurant –
1220 Market Street, LaGrange –
6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Jessalynn McVicker

- January 12th: Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elder – Kevin Mullikin
Deacon – Amanda Hornback
Musician – Cheri Simpson
- January 15th: Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.
"The Christian Story" Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.
- January 19th: Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin
Elder – Kim Mullikin
Deacon – Linda Schulten
Musician – John Ball
Fellowship Luncheon following Worship
Board Meeting following the Luncheon
- January 20th: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- January 21st: *Happy Birthday – Andrew Mullikin*
- January 24th thru 26th:
Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Retreat
Jeffersontown Christian Church,
10631 Taylorsville Road, Louisville
(next to Jeffersontown Veterans Memorial Park)
- January 26th: Call to Worship – Jill Bohman
Elder – Rev. Carl Rucker
Deacon – Jill Bohman
Musician – Cheri Simpson
Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus
Jeffersontown Christian Church –
10:45 a.m.
- January 28th: *Happy Birthday – Bryanna Imel*
- January 29th: Lunch Bunch A.D.M.er's –
Lawson's Junction – Campbellsburg –
11:30 a.m.
Packing bags for Campbellsburg
Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.
Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.
- January 30th: *Happy Birthday – Sue Bush*
- February 2nd: **Groundhog Day**
Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – John Ball
- February 5th: Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.
"The Christian Story" Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Josh Barnett

Financial Info

As of December 31 st :	
Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 38,958.72
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 17,112.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 28,965.90

Welcome New Members

Barbara Boyer and Tammy Boyer Dowden

came forward on Sunday, December 29th, to publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and officially join our church. Barbara transferred her membership from Turners Station Baptist Church and lives on Sorrell Lane in Turners Station. Tammy transferred her membership from Eminence Baptist Church and lives on Elm Street in Eminence. They have both been attending our church for quite some time and we are so happy that they are now official! Let us continue to welcome them into our family of God at Campbellsburg Christian Church.

January Fellowship Luncheon

We are moving our January Fellowship Luncheon from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday. It will be held following worship on January 19th. The theme will be soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Be sure to bring family and friends to worship and then stay for a time of fellowship.

Board

A new year is upon us and thus time for a new Board. We will hold our first meeting of the new year on Sunday, January 19th, following our fellowship meal. We ask that all Board members please plan to be in attendance.

A.D.M.er's

This month's **Supper Club outing** will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, at **Palermo's Italian Restaurant** 1220 Market Street in LaGrange at 6:30 p.m.

This month's **Lunch Bunch outing** will be held on Wednesday, January 29th, at **Lawson's Junction** in Campbellsburg at 11:30 a.m.

Please let Kim know if you plan to attend either of these outings so we can give each of the restaurants a heads up that they will be having a group. Also be sure to speak up if you need a ride to either outing!

Outreach & Evangelism Committee

It's time to start thinking about restocking our Kids' Kitchen pantry. Our church is responsible for the following items that are packed on a weekly basis: *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snack, Jif To Go,*

Ramen Noodle packets, Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dip Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars. Our next packing date is **January 29th**. Many thanks to all those that continue to support this ministry!

We received the following email on December 16th from our coordinator:

Good Morning!!

I apologize for the getting this out so late, but the time just zooms past me faster than I can keep up!

I trust each of you have been able to connect with Merlyne to provide your Christmas bag items, so this message is less of a reminder and more of a thank you! Thank you for helping support these kiddos! Thank you for committing each year to make putting food in bellies less stressful for these kiddos and their families.

I wanted to pass along a sweet story of a girl that we just recently added to our list. A few weeks ago, this little girl came to Chastity and asked her if there was any food she could 'borrow.' Chastity expressed to her that we don't 'borrow' food but asked for her to share a little bit more about her need so she could help. She told Chastity that her dad (single) was often upset and even angry that he couldn't provide enough food for them, so she wanted to help take that from his plate. I love how she felt safe enough to share that with Chastity and within a couple of days we had them added to our program! I love how our mission was right there available to help support food insecurity for this family and then was able to get a food voucher to take some of that worry away!

I love how this group meets the immediate needs of 36 kids from 13 families and stands ready to add more when the need is identified!

Our shelves are beginning to look at little bare, so as we are sharing needs with our church families, please consider a push to restock the shelves as we jump into 2025!

I wish you each a very Merry Christmas!

Kayla

Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus

Chet Lawrence will once again be participating in the Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Annual Retreat. This year's retreat will be held January 24th thru 26th at Jeffersontown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Jeffersontown, KY.

This is the 30th year for the retreat and will be Chet's 23rd year singing with the chorus!! **Ben Lawrence** has also joined in the singing in previous years and **John Ball** has decided to join the chorus this year. The group is directed by **Dr. John T. Opsata** (he directed our DOC Combined Christmas Cantata 😊). The Sunday morning performance will be held at Jeffersontown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at 10:45 a.m. on January 26th. Since it is so close, several of our members would like to attend. Please let Pastor Deke (or one of our Elders) know if you would like to attend as well.

Among Our Own

The un-decorating of the church will take place following worship on Sunday, January 6th. Anyone that is able to stay and help will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to take your poinsettias home, please do so.

Congratulations to **Jill and Eddie Bohman** on the birth of their newest great-grandson, **Hudson**. He weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Prayer Concerns

Please see Newsletter in Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE