

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Along the Journey

I can't wait to start our study on **Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m.** Our initial plan is to meet once a month, every first Wednesday, but we will discuss how often at the class.

The study is called "**The Christian Story**" where we will explore the large-picture narrative of the Bible as well as what we believe as Christians and why we believe them. Where are these beliefs found in the Bible? So, we will be jumping around in the Scriptures.

The "chapters" in the Story are:

Prologue: God – The Story begins with God.

Chapter 1: Creation – God created so that creation will dwell with God.

Chapter 2: The Fall – Creation says "No!" to God's purpose, which is sin and results in Death.

Chapter 3: The Covenant – God does not give up on creation and covenants with humankind, but we continue to fail.

Chapter 4: Jesus Christ – Since creation failed, God again takes the initiative and fulfills the purpose of Life Together through Jesus – God with us.

Chapter 5: The Church – The Christian community tells the Good News of Jesus Christ through our words, our service, our communion together, and our worship.

Chapter 6: Salvation – Our faith in Jesus Christ saves us (a) from sin and (b) from suffering.

Chapter 7: The End of Times – A glimpse into the "end of times" brings us hope, joy, peace and love.

Epilogue: God – The Story ends with God AND with us, living eternal with God.

I hope you will journey with me through the Bible!

– *Pastor Deke*

From the Bench of the Organ Grinder

Here we are in February 2024, after the "YEAR OF" January 2024!

After the Christmas Holidays and the decorations are taken down in our houses and churches, they look a bit "Bare", and winter sets in a bit harder, it is hard for many of us.

It is so easy to miss the beautiful "sunshine" and all the festivities, family gatherings and Food! Food! Food!

Recently, I played for the "Special Music," a "Sunshine Medley." It included and was based on the old gospel hymn "There is Sunshine in my Soul." I love that old hymn! The verse of this hymn says: "There is Sunshine in my soul today, More Glorious and Bright, Than glories in any earthly sky. For Jesus is my light."

What does that mean? Well, I Googled it and it says: "Having sun or (sunshine) in your soul means you radiate positive energy like the rays of the sun and light up those who surround you. With peace in your mind and body, you see beauty everywhere and focus on Positive. Don't let any circumstances have the power to take away your sunshine. Remember the Clouds can Blow Away."

What a great definition for the "Sunshine" and the "Son-shine" in our souls.

I, in the past few weeks and now months, I am sorry to say that the "Sunshine" has been hard for me to see at times, but I know that the "Son-shine" was still there and I have relied on it so very much.

I hope all of you reading this can see the "Sunshine" and the "Son-shine" in your Souls Today! Radiate for Christ!

We are starting Choir back to prepare for Lent and Easter Season.

Anyone interested in joining, please let me or Kim know and we will let you know about our practice schedule.

Blessings,

John

The Organ Grinder

Scripture of the Month

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 NIV

Financial Info

As of January 31st:

Balance in the Checking Account: \$ 37,425.80
Total Offerings for the Month of January: \$ 5,189.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund: \$ 27,515.90
(includes an additional \$200 in memory of Pam Ball)

February Calendar

February 2nd: **Groundhog Day**

February 4th: **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – John Ball

February 5th: *Happy Birthday – Josh Barnett*

February 6th: Meeting with DC Elevator – 9:00 a.m.

February 7th: Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
"The Christian Story" Bible Study –
7:00 p.m.

February 11th: **Transfiguration Sunday**
Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin
Elder – Kevin Mullikin
Deacon – Amanda Hornback
Musician – Cheri Simpson
Congregational Meeting following Worship

February 14th: **Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins**
Valentine's Day

February 18th: **1st Sunday of Lent**
Call to Worship – Jill Bohman
Elder – Kim Mullikin
Deacon – Linda Schulten
Musician – John Ball
Week of Compassion Special Offering

February 19th: **Presidents' Day**
*Happy Birthday – Barbara Boyer and
Amanda Mattingly*

February 21st: Supper Club A.D.M.er's –
*DiOrio's Pizza & Pub –
7507 River Road, Prospect –
6:30 p.m.*

February 24th: *Happy Birthday – Chet Lawrence*

February 25th: **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Call to Worship – Patricia Carpenter
Elder – Tracy Carpenter
Deacon – Jill Bohman
Musician – Cheri Simpson
Week of Compassion Special Offering
4th Sunday Luncheon following Worship
Board Meeting following the Luncheon

February 27th: *Happy Birthday – Ann Coombs*

February 28th: Lunch Bunch A.D.M.er's –
*Kentucky Ridge Roasters –
8170 Main St, Campbellsburg – 11:30 a.m.
Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.*

March 3rd: **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – John Ball

Congregational Meeting

We will have a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, February 11th, to consider incoming Board members for 2024.

Looking Ahead

The formal installation of Pastor Deke as our Senior Minister will take place during our Worship Service on Sunday, March 10th.

Outreach & Evangelism

Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen –

The **Backpack Ministry** is continuing to bless children at Campbellsburg Elementary School and food is needed! Our church is responsible for the following items that are packed on a weekly basis: *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snacks, Jif-To-Go, Ramen Noodle packets, individual Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dip Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars.*

Our next packing date will be **March 6th**.

We will be responsible for *regular size boxes of cereal and 5-packs of Ramen noodles* for each child for the Spring Break bags which will be packed on March 27th.

Week of Compassion Special Offering –

responding with compassion around the world

Each and every day, something catches our attention.

Down the street, across the nation, throughout the world – Conflict. Disaster. Uncertainty. Illness. Emergency. It seems endless, and more than we can bear.

And yet.

Down the street, across the nation, throughout the world – Compassion. Generosity. Imagination. Possibility. Hope. It proves endless, and more than we can imagine. As the world continues to shake beneath us, compassion holds us fast. Where damage and loss could drag us under, generosity abounds to lift us

up. While storms rearrange our lives, imagination stirs our future. When calamity disrupts and challenge overwhelms, possibility lights a path.

Where all seems lost, hope can yet be found.

With every prayer and offering, because Disciples have said the only way to move is toward wholeness for all of us, Week of Compassion – the whole church – you, Disciples, are there.

Join us in prayer, as we renew our mission to work with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, toward a vision where God's people transform suffering into hope. Grace and peace, Disciples.

Holy One working wonders beyond all we can imagine,
be with us now and still.

Amid our fear and concern, inspire our courage and compassion,
that we might embody the fullness of your creation,
working wonder and being present
to all we meet, in all we do, with all we are.

Heart of Christ beating within us,
enliven us now and still.

Amid our shock and anger, stir us to justice and instill in us your mercy,
that we might overflow with your own love,
taking each step as though you were calling us across the waters,
because you are.

Holy Spirit breathing the world into being,
bring fresh wind for us now and still.

Amid our doubt and hesitation, overwhelm us with your fire,
that we might know we are in this together,
with one another and because of you, moving us into the world.

In us and around us, because of us and in spite of us,
for the sake of nothing less than the Gospel good news,
we pray with and for gratitude, humility, and love. Amen.

In 2023, more than 70 Disciples churches responded to the needs of refugees, evacuees, asylum seekers, and immigrants in their communities. Thousands of people from all over the world saw the support, care, and compassion of Disciples who welcomed the stranger through radical acts of hospitality and love. [Learn more](#) about Week of Compassion's commitment to Disciples' refugee response and ongoing opportunities to connect to this life-changing ministry.

Week of Compassion | 2024 Resource Guide

Our Week of Compassion Special Offering will be taken on the February 18th & 25th. You may use one of the special offering envelopes and mark it for Week of Compassion or just earmark your check as such.

A.D.M.er's

Due to Valentine's Day, this month's **Supper Club outing** will be held on Wednesday, February 21st, at **DiOrio's Pizza & Pub**, 7507 River Road in Prospect at 6:30 p.m.

This month's **Lunch Bunch outing** will be held on Wednesday, February 28th, at **Kentucky Ridge**

Roasters, 8170 Main Street 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!

4th Sunday Luncheon

The theme for our February Luncheon will be Italian. As always, tea and water will be provided.

Please join in food and fellowship immediately following our worship service on Sunday, February 25th, and invite someone to come with you!

Board

We will hold a Board meeting following our fellowship meal on February 25th. Among other things, new Board officers will be elected to begin the new church year.

Singing from the Back Row

The annual Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus (Disciples of Christ) held its annual retreat in Lexington this past weekend. I became a member of this group 24 years ago and Ben joined me 21 years Ago.



This group gets together once a year for their annual retreat. We meet each year in different areas of the State. This year we met in Lexington and were hosted by the Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington.

A total of 58 Men from around the State gathered for a great time of Worship and Fellowship.

Anyone that would be interested in hearing some of our performance this past Sunday, can click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/D1zwZmZmAPM?si=CnCKR9Ny9p7L6Q76>

Chet

Editor's Note: Beautiful music!! And if you watch, you can even see Chet & Ben (over to the left)!! 😊

Among Our Own

Many thanks to...

... Everyone that helped un-decorate the church on January 7th...

... Everyone that made the Service and Reception in Memory of Pam Ball so special!...

... with a Special Thanks to **Jeff Boyer** and **Tony Tingle** for shoveling snow on the sidewalks and steps...

... and **Lee** and **Frederika Congleton** for clearing the parking lot prior to the service!!

Dear Campbellsburg Christian Church Family & Friends:

Words can never say enough to how much your support has meant to me thru all of the illness that both Pam and I went thru, basically the whole last quarter of the 2025 year.

The cards, calls, texts, and prayers, also for the beautiful flowers for Pam's Burial Service.

For the Wonderful Perfect Memorial Service and the Wonderful Reception after the service.

To Carl and Deke for their parts of the services and their support and Prayers.

The Fellowship Committee and many other things during this awful time in My life and Starr's, too!

Whatever any of you did was appreciated.

In Christian Love,

John Ball and Starr Tingle

February 2024

I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gift. I appreciate your kindness and generosity.
Cheri Simpson

Congratulations to Kelsi Simpson on her recent engagement to Jeremy Grimes! A fall wedding is planned.

With Our Sympathy

Editor's Note: I recently learned that two of our past members had passed away. Our belated sympathy goes out to all of their family and friends. **May God comfort all those who mourn.**

The following obituaries are from the website of McFarland-Troutman-Proffitt Funeral Home.

Sherry Lynn (Taylor) Chambers, 78, of Jeffersontown, KY passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Baptist Health. She was born on November 29, 1944 in Whitehouse, Tennessee, to the late Henry A. and Ruby Lynn Taylor. Sherry retired from the post office in Englewood, Florida. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by two siblings, Larry Taylor and Dana House; along with a son-in-law, Keith Hurt. Sherry is survived by her husband, James C. Chambers; two children, Janet Lynn Hurt and David (Tammy) Hubbuch; and two sisters, Nancy Hilbert and Linda Bobrow. Cremation was chosen. A celebration of life was held Saturday, June 24th at the home of David (Tony) Hubbuch. McFarland-Troutman-Proffitt Funeral Home, Mt. Washington, was entrusted with the arrangements.

James C. Chambers, 81, of Louisville, KY, passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2023. He was a native of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and was a retired millwright. He proudly served in the United States Navy, and was a former member of the American Legion and VFW. Jim was from a Naval family. His older brother, R. Hugh Chambers was a naval officer, and his younger sister, Susan Chambers Manda, also served in the Navy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry Chambers; his parents, John and Margaret Chambers; and siblings, R. Hugh Chambers, Judith Booth, and Susan Manda. Jim is survived by his stepchildren, Janet Hurt and David Hubbuch (Tammy); a niece, Sabre Chambers Leek (Jim), and nephews, John C. Chambers (Kelly), Richard Manda and William Manda; along with a host of great nieces and great nephews. Graveside services were held on January 12, 2024 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff, KY.

Prayer Concerns

**Please See Newsletter in Church
For Specific Prayer Concerns
Due to Confidentiality**

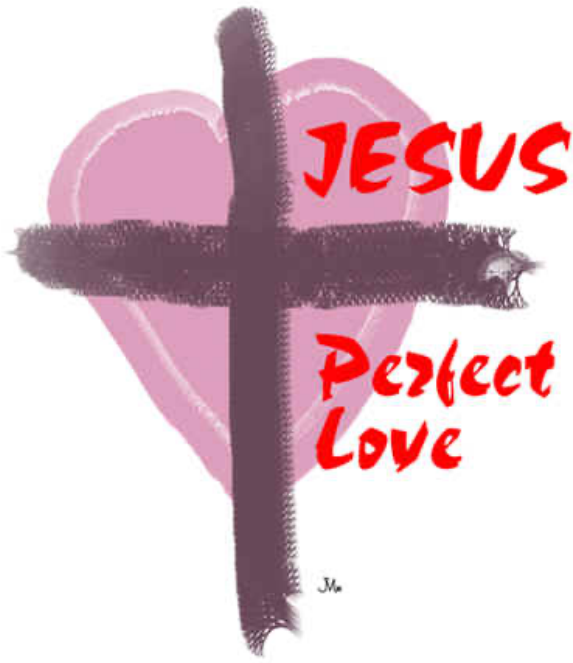
All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

Serenity Prayer



God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world

As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.
Amen.

Written by Reinhold Niebuhr in the 1930s, this prayer has been widely used in sermons, Sunday school groups, and studies. In the early 1940s, the group Alcoholics Anonymous began to use a shortened version of the Serenity Prayer in their twelve-step program.

Editor's Note: Pastor Deke used this prayer in his sermon on January 28th. I thought it would be a nice addition to this newsletter so that we all may have the words to reflect upon daily.