

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Rob's Reflections...

At the advice of a friend, my family and I have recently started dabbling in geocaching. It's basically like a big game of hide and seek only you're hunting objects rather than people. The way it works is that someone, anyone, hides a geocache somewhere and registers it. They leave GPS coordinates and hints. Then through an app on my phone we can look for any one of thousands of them throughout the world! The hidden object itself can be anything. Most often what we're finding is a small plastic container like a pill bottle wrapped in tape or a Tupperware bowl. Inside is usually a log where you can sign your name and maybe some little gifts, called swag. You can take a gift from inside, but you can also leave a gift for the next finder. When you find one you log it on the app, as well as sign the log in the container showing others that you've found it. Then you put it back where you found it so that it's there for the next geocacher to find. The kids have loved it! It's like a treasure hunt. We follow the clues and then follow our little dot on the map twisting and turning until we're at the spot. Then, once we find the spot, we turn over every rock, look inside trees, in bushes, we even found one inside a fence post. The hiding spots are really creative; and it's so challenging that we're not always successful.

One of the most satisfying geocaches to find was (and remains) actually on our church property. I won't tell you exactly where it is, so I won't spoil your fun. Les, actually found it by accident once on a clean-up day. He showed it to me and then put it back. But, I didn't remember that until we'd found it again. It was placed there by Ben and Sam many, many years ago. When we found it I smiled. It gave me a warm feeling realizing this was placed there by the previous pastor and his family and then was found by me and mine. Naturally I emailed Ben to let him know it's still there, that we had found it, and that it's in good condition. He was very pleased with all of that and sent his love us and to the church.

Sometimes it's good to be reminded we're not just an entity unto ourselves, but rather part of an ongoing story that is Campbellsburg Christian Church. This congregation was established long before any of us were born. There was a beautiful moment in history when a group of people decided to form a church. They gathered, they made some big decisions, they sacrificed, and they worked hard to build what we now enjoy. Along the way there were arguments, fights, celebrations, mountain top moments, boring periods, building projects, times of plenty, times of great need, changes in the staff, members being born, members passing away, and

through it all, by the grace of God, Campbellsburg Christian Church remained.

God willing this church will be here long after any of us are around. I certainly expect it to outlive me and I hope it exists for centuries! But, it gives me pause to consider that our activity now isn't just for us. Our activity now is part of the legacy we're leaving for the next generation. Our decisions, big and small, are all part of the unfolding story of our church. The next generation's ability to worship at 225 Maple Street and under the name Campbellsburg Christian Church is greatly impacted by our activity now. Are we giving them our best? Hopefully, we are. Hopefully, we're honoring the tradition that was handed down to us by living and loving God as faithfully as we know how. Hopefully, we're securing a bright future for our children and their children by sacrificing and working and building the future we want them to have.

This reminds me of wise words from Hebrews 12. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God." I am so thankful for the great cloud of witnesses that have given us this church. I pray that we run our leg of the race with strength and dignity and perseverance. Giving all glory and honor to God.

We have a wonderful church and church family. Truly I am blessed to be a part of this church and honored to be a part of another chapter in its story. As we live out our life together I pray that we are always mindful of the great legacy given to us by generations that have gone before and the great gift we're giving to those who will come after us. Through it all may God be glorified by everything we do and may people continue to come to know God's love and grace through the ministry of Campbellsburg Christian Church

Together, there is much we can do...

Peace,
Rob

Musical Musings...

The following devotional is by Whitney Von Lake Hopley, Crosswalk.com contributing writer.

When spring arrives, more sunlight brightens your home as the days grow longer, and fresh air blows in once the temperatures warm up enough to open your windows. But all the light and fresh air

reveal what you may not have noticed during the dark, cold days of winter: Your house is a mess. It's not fun to see the clutter and dirt that needs to be cleaned up around your house, but the more light and air that flow in, the more motivated you are to do some spring cleaning.

Spring-cleaning can be more than just a chore, however. It can actually be exciting if you use the time to start cleaning up something far greater than your house: your soul. The closer you get to Jesus – the Light of the world – and the more you invite the Holy Spirit to blow the fresh air of His love into your life, the more you become aware of how messy your soul has become. Thankfully, there's no sin too messy for God to clean up when you follow His divine cleaning plan of confession, repentance, and reconciliation. So while you're spring-cleaning your house, invite God to clean your soul. Here's how:

Eliminate clutter. Get rid of distractions that block your intimacy with God. Take an honest look at what might be interfering with making your relationship with God your top priority. Are you devoting more time and energy to working, watching TV, shopping, playing sports, socializing with friends, pursuing a hobby, or something else than you're devoting to time with God? How much time are you really spending doing activities that nurture your connection with God, such as praying, participating in church, and reading, studying, and meditating on the Bible? Are frazzled thoughts cluttering your inner life, or are you making time regularly for quiet reflection, and asking the Holy Spirit to renew your mind? Eliminate clutter in your schedule and your mind to create space to focus on what's truly important.

Scrub away dirt and disinfect. Cleanse dirty attitudes and behaviors and purify your soul. What kinds of filthy attitudes are lurking in your soul? Are you harboring bitterness against people who have hurt you? Do you entertain judgmental thoughts about people you don't like? Are you infected with anger, fear, or selfishness? How do impure behaviors affect your life? Are you struggling with a bad habit or even an addiction that causes trouble whenever it rears its ugly head? Pray about each dirty attitude and behavior, asking God to help you clean up each specific one. Whenever negative thoughts enter your mind, purposefully replace them with positive ones that reflect biblical truth. Whenever you're tempted to slide back into a bad behavior, pray for God to empower you to resist and overcome temptation.

Vacuum. Suck up everyday annoyances and persistent resentments that will stain your soul if you let them accumulate. Keep short accounts with people rather than letting issues between you pile up and spill over into dirty arguments. Ask God to help you learn how to deal well with difficult people and those whose personalities differ significantly from yours. Whenever people offend you in minor ways, be willing to let the issues go. Whenever people offend you in major ways, be willing to forgive them and reconcile if possible. Remember that God expects you to forgive others since He has forgiven you. Trust Him to empower you through each step in the forgiveness process. Do all you can to live at peace with others and resolve conflicts quickly and wisely.

Dust. Wipe away vestiges of the past that are hindering you from moving into the future with confidence. Ask God to show you ways you need healing from past traumas and losses. Then patiently work through the healing process as God leads you, from prayer and journaling to support groups and counseling. Expect that each time you deal with one layer of dust from your past, you can see a bit more clearly as you move into the future.

Polish. Make your relationships shine by serving others as God leads you. Be creative about figuring out how often you can bless others through your words and actions. Remember that even a brief encouraging comment or small act of kindness can make a significant, positive difference in someone's life. Every day, look for opportunities to encourage or help the people with whom you come into contact. Be willing to commit to longer-term service (such as volunteering for special projects) when you sense God calling you to do so.

Organize. Rearrange your life so you can dream new dreams. Clear out your own agenda and invite God to show you His dreams for your life. Then build your decisions for how to use your resources (time, energy, talent, money, etc.) around pursuing those dreams, so you can focus on what's important without being sidetracked by what's urgent. Set specific and measurable goals to help you move closer to fulfilling God's dreams for you. Check your progress regularly, and make whatever adjustments you need to make to keep your life organized well.

In His service,
Cheri

Board News...

Plans are in the works to produce a new church cookbook. We did this in 2000 and it was very well received. Please be thinking about recipes that you can submit! More details will follow soon!

Also discussion has been held concerning the Vendor Show and Craft Fair at the Campbellsburg Day Harvest Festival, which will be held in September, and how we might participate. All ideas are welcomed!

Scripture of the Month...

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Submitted by:
Tracy Carpenter

Financial Info...

As of May 3rd:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 29,334.23
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 7,995.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,898.90

May Calendar...

May 2nd: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Anniversary – Angie & Scott Southworth

May 3rd: **National Day of Prayer**
Happy Birthday – John Ellegood

May 4th: University of Kentucky graduation
(Kelsey Mullikin)

May 5th: **144th Kentucky Derby**

May 6th: **6th Sunday of Easter**
Partnership in the Gospel –
Philippians 1:1-18a (Luke 9:46-48)
Elders – Jim Chambers
Chet Lawrence
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
Mindy Lawrence
Acolyte – Amy Lyle

May 7th: *Happy Birthday – Ken Parker*

May 8th: Henry County Ministers' Meeting – *Our Best –*
11:30 a.m.

May 9th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

May 12th: Western Kentucky University graduation
(Adam Lyle)

May 13th: **7th Sunday of Easter**
The Christ Hymn –
Philippians 2:1-13 (Luke 6:43-45)
Mother's Day
Elders – Tracy Carpenter
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Ethan Lyle
Isaac Schwarz
Acolyte – Caroline Shrader

May 14th: *Team Rankin* packing bags for
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – 4:45 p.m.

May 15th: *Happy Birthday – Vickie Norton*
Happy Anniversary – David & Sherry Cooper

May 16th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Anniversary – David & Vickie Norton

May 19th: **Armed Forces Day**

May 20th: **Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord**
Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7 (John 14:16-17)
Elders – Jim Chambers
Marie Mattick
Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney
Cheri Simpson
Acolyte – Elijah Clark
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen Summer bag items due

May 21st: *Happy Birthday – Janet Jackson*
Happy Anniversary – Doug & Mindy Lawrence

May 23rd: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

May 25th: Henry County High School graduation –
8:00 p.m. (Bryanna Imel)

May 26th: *Happy Birthday – Mark Todd*

May 27th: **Memorial Sunday**
Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2 (Matthew 22:34-40)
Elders – Alice Lyle
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Jennifer Rankin
Tina Spencer
Acolyte – Lydia Shrader
Potluck Luncheon following Worship

May 28th: **Memorial Day**

May 30th: A.D.M.er's – *El Nopal* – Carrollton – Noon
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

May 31st: *Happy Anniversary – Larry & Allison Jesse*

June 3rd: **Exodus 20:3-11** (Matthew 22:34-40)
Elders - Tracy Carpenter
Chet Lawrence
Deacons – Becky Bush
Greg Simpson
Acolyte – Amy Lyle
Happy Anniversary – Chet & Cathy Lawrence
Tony & Karen Osborne

June 4th: *Happy Anniversary – Kevin & Kim Mullikin*

June 5th: *Happy Birthday – Betty Spradling*

June 6th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

June 8th: *Happy Birthday – Tina Spencer*

June 10th: **Exodus 20:12-16** (Matthew 22:34-40)
Elders – Jim Chambers
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
Mindy Lawrence
Acolyte – Caroline Shrader
Happy Birthday – Campbell Adair Orr

Outreach & Evangelism...

Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen –

I received this email that I would like to share from Kayla Batts (our Kids' Kitchen organizer, for lack of a formal title)...

Happy May Day!! I hope this message finds you well as we finish the last month of the school year! I have included the information below for summer bags. We will be packing summer bags on Wednesday, May 23rd. Please make arrangements with Merlyne prior to May 23rd to drop off your items. As always, if you find that your church group is not able to collect the needed items, please don't hesitate to ask me to grab them. We have several supporters who are always willing to make cash donations so that we can pickup whatever is needed.

Thank you again for another wonderful year supporting the kids of Campbellsburg Elementary. You truly are shining a light for these kiddos to succeed!

I am reaching out to Renata to organize efforts to provide back-to-school items for our kiddos. Hoping to establish a "Back-to-School Angel" type program where we can help with first day of school outfits, shoes, backpacks, etc. I'll keep you posted as this vision evolves. Depending on how this works, we may need to have an earlier meeting in the summer to organize the needs and shopping efforts, but we can plan to use our saved funds.

Enjoy your summer!

*God Bless,
Kayla*

Once again, our church is responsible for bringing in boxes of pop-tarts and six-packs of Mac and Cheese for the summer bags. We are currently packing for 22 children and will need to have these items turned in by Sunday, May 20th. Thank you again for another wonderful year supporting the kids of Campbellsburg Elementary!

Relay for Life –

Our Board voted once again to be a silver sponsor for the *Relay for Life*. Our \$1,000.00 donation will get us a bit of advertisement, but most of all will help people with cancer and help to find a cure.

The *Relay for Life* event will be held Saturday, June 23rd from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., but instead of being at Henry Co High School, it will be in downtown New Castle. Mindy Lawrence is our coordinator for this event, so please see her for details.

Mother's Day...

Be sure to remember Mother's Day on May 13th and be in worship as a family. All mothers will be recognized.

Why Every Mom Needs

A Bouquet of Dead Flowers This Mother's Day

by Alicia Bruxvoort – Proverbs 31 Ministries

I'll never forget the Mother's Day my firstborn gave me a bouquet of dead daisies.

The evening before, I'd watched from the kitchen window as my son roamed the overgrown field in our backyard and proudly picked a handful of golden blooms. He'd sniffed the silky petals with an appreciative nod, then he'd marched inside and asked me for a shoebox, some tape and a roll of aluminum foil.

While I'd tucked his little sisters into bed, Lukas had tucked himself behind his bedroom door and warned me to stay out because he was working on a big surprise.

But when Mother's Day arrived with dawn's pink streaks and my boy's giddy shrieks, the surprise was all his.

He raced to my bedside with that foil-wrapped box tucked under one arm, and he jumped up and down on the edge of my bed until I flashed him a sleepy smile. As he sang an original rendition of "Happy Mommy's Day to You," I propped myself up on a pillow and let him plop his gift onto my lap.

My 6-year-old watched with wiggly excitement as I *oohed* and *ahhed* over the shiny globs of wrapping paper. Little by little, I peeled back those lumpy layers of foil and plucked at the wads of tape until, finally, I lifted a bouquet of brown blooms from that shoebox tomb.

My son's wide blue eyes landed on his gift, and a bewildered grimace replaced his proud grin. But before his disappointment could morph into tears, I pulled Lukas close and thanked him for his thoughtfulness.

Then I hopped out of bed and stuffed those dung-colored daisies into my fanciest crystal vase. And with a wink, I placed that Mother's Day surprise right in the middle of the kitchen table as if it were the perfect centerpiece for our day of celebration.

In hindsight, I realize it was.

I may not have understood it then, but five kids and a dozen years later, I've learned something about motherhood that greeting cards don't acknowledge and brightly colored daisies can't capture.

While motherhood is a beautiful and priceless gift, it is also a surprising summons to die.

And maybe that's why on some days this high and holy calling feels laborious and lusterless; monotonous and prosaic. Because motherhood (even spiritual motherhood) is more than a mandate to raise the next generation. It is an unending invitation to lay down our lives.

Motherhood is saying no to the clanking cadence of selfishness and yes to the quiet rhythms of love. It's relinquishing pride and persisting in prayer, surrendering greed and growing in grace.

Motherhood is pacing the floor with a crying baby in the dark of night and holding a tearful teen in the depths of disappointment.

It's wiping bottoms and noses and floors countless times a day and listening to the same knock-knock joke over and over again.

Motherhood is chasing toddlers when we'd rather be chasing our own dreams. And folding superhero underwear when we'd rather be rescued from the monotony of the daily grind.

Quite simply, motherhood is a daily decision to paint the ordinary moments of our days with the extraordinary love of Christ. And this kind of love may not resemble a bouquet of golden giggles or blossoms of bright pink hugs. It may look more like a batch of brown blooms tucked in a shoebox. Or like our Savior hanging from a rugged cross.

1st John 3:16 reminds us that the beauty of true love is always painted with tenacious tints of sacrifice and humble hues of surrender.

Let's be honest: Whether we're moms or wives, daughters or friends, this kind of love doesn't feel easy or natural. But I'm learning that something surprising happens when we fix our eyes on Jesus and follow His example. Little by little, our lives begin to bloom with a beauty that doesn't wilt or wane, falter or fade.

And somehow, as we pour our lives out in love, our faithful Savior uses the gift of daily death to grow us into women radiant with His glory and fully alive in His grace (Psalm 34:5).

Dear Jesus, help me to imitate Your love today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Women's Bible Study...

I would like to offer a women's Bible study during the summer. It would be a seven-week study using Lauren Chandler's book entitled "Steadfast Love, A Study of Psalm 107." I haven't chosen a specific day or time at this point... just trying to see if there is any interest. We could meet either in the morning or evening, in homes or at church, for an hour and a half to two hours each week. I have been involved in a women's Bible study for the past six years and it has been such a blessing to me. It definitely takes a commitment, but it is well worth the time. Please let me know if you are interested or if you have questions.

In His Service,
Cheri

4th Sunday Luncheon...

Our 4th Sunday Luncheon for May will be held on Sunday, May 27th, following our worship service. The meal will be potluck with tea and water provided. Be sure to join us for great food and fellowship.

A.D.M.er's...

The next A.D.M.er outing will be held on Wednesday, May 30th, at *El Nopal* in Carrollton. The group will meet at the restaurant at noon. A sign-up sheet will be on the front pew in the sanctuary, be sure to sign up today. See Marie Mattick if you would like to carpool.

Among Our Own...

Congratulations to...

... **Tina Spencer** on the birth of her first grandbaby! **Charlotte Macy Kelly** was born Saturday, May 28th, at 3:52 p.m. in Lexington, KY. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. Proud parents are Rachel Schwarz and Kris Kelly...

... **Kelsi Simpson** ran in the KY Derby Festival Mini Marathon achieving a personal best – 13.1 miles in one hour and 47 minutes!...

... **Will Lyle** has completed all class work for his Pharmacy degree and will begin a year of rotations in the Louisville area...

... **Kelsey Mullikin** graduates from the University of Kentucky on May 4th with a degree in Marketing and a degree in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles...

... **Adam Lyle** graduates from Western Kentucky University on May 12th with a degree in Architecture Science...

... **Bryanna Imel** graduates from Henry County High School on May 25th...

... **Ethan Lyle** was accepted into GSP but has decided to decline because he & his team placed 1st place in Webmaster and 2nd place in Video Game Design at the State TSA (Technology Students Assoc.) competition and will be going on to Nationals this summer in Atlanta. He also made a 31 on his ACT!

Prayer Concerns...

**Please See Newsletter
In Church**

For specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

... **All our military personnel**

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Memorial Day Prayer...

Dear Heavenly Father,

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorable and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

Amen.