

## First Christian Church

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP (WEF)**

*SUMMER SCHEDULE (6/19; 7/17; 8/21)*

Children's Choir, 5 PM  
Fellowship Meal, 5:30 PM  
Program, 6:15 PM Children, 6:15 PM  
Choir Practice, 7 PM

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Chapel Worship, 8:30 AM  
Faith Development, 9:30 AM  
Sanctuary Worship, 10:45 AM  
Coffee House, 5 PM

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### DR. OPSATA'S OPUS

I'm sure there are as many kind of shopS as there are shoppers.

There are coupon shoppers; obsessive, intelligent and occasional. You can find the obsessive sort starring on television; demonstrating their ability to obtain huge quantities of largely unneeded products at little or no cost. What do you do with ten cases of dishwashing soap? The intelligent "couponers" use coupons nearly every time they shop, but they use them to purchase what they need and want. Occasional coupon users use coupons when they remember to bring them along and remember that they have one for the product they are purchasing.

There are sale shoppers; also obsessive, intelligent and occasional. I can repeat what I just wrote regarding coupon users, but I doubt that is necessary. I know window shoppers, who enjoy looking without nary a thought for buying. Directive shoppers make lists and purchase only those things which are on said list. Browsers like to stroll the aisles casually looking at this and that, equally happy making a purchase or going home empty handed. There are non-shoppers - or so they say - who hate shopping and refuse to enter a store of any kind.

And, there are Kroger's shoppers - west-side Kroger's shoppers. I would describe them as mostly lost, excited, angry, surprised, disgruntled and happy. The idea of a larger store, one which dwarfs the east-side Kroger, is matter of pride for many-a west-sider. Too long have they listened to their fellow Frankforters from over yonder brag about selection and quantity.

It is not, however, an easy transition. The parking lot is a mess. Learning to use the "other door" has not been easy. They should provide each shopper with a GGPS cart (GGPS meaning global grocery positioning system), but then they would need to update it minute by minute because nothing is ever in the same place it was yesterday. Shoppers keep going back, in part, with the hope that the bread will have found a permanent address and that they will be able to find the eggs and milk before the first forecast of snow.

I hope Kroger will take no offense - for clearly none is intended. However, between visiting the above mentioned establishment and visiting

with the folk who stayed for lunch after church last week, ostensibly to find out more about First Christian Church (Why did Joe Ray stay?), I have been thinking about how people shop for a church and why they would choose First Christian AND if they were to choose First Christian - how would they ever learn to navigate our building, our nomenclature, our educational offerings, our fellowship opportunities, our missions and our worship services!

Research tells us that the number one method of church shopping today is the internet, with social media a very close second. That should not come as new news. We shop online for everything from information to automobiles, so why not a church! Not only do many churches have web sites and Facebook pages, but many are developing "apps" for smart phones and tablets.

The bad news is that we do not have a very strong presence in the online world. The good news is we are working on it. We are in the process of redesigning our web site. Our goal is to make it easier to find and to better utilize it as a tool for enticing "church shoppers" to take an actual physical tour. I wish this could be done quickly, but truthfully, it will take some time to make the transition. So, be patient if our "online store" resembles the afore mentioned supermarket.

There is a First Christian Church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/1stChristianFrankfort>). Why not find it and "like" it? If you see Kim Cowherd using her smart phone during worship, she is probably posting a photo in almost actual time! It is our goal to become a more tech savvy church as this is an evermore tech savvy world.

Lastly, I wonder what visitors experience when they attend one of our worship services? Do they know which door is the best door to enter? What about parking? Is there a FCC GPS to help them navigate the building? Are there plenty of friendly and knowledgeable "employees" willing and able to help them find what they are shopping for?

Whether we like it or not, church is a business, and, at some level, if we are to be successful at sharing the Good News of God in Jesus Christ, we need to be good at doing business.

# Promotion Sunday



## AUGUST 18 - PROMOTION SUNDAY

During the 10:45 AM Worship Service, we will recognize our children who are moving up to a new age group (i.e. Following Jesus to Children's Worship and Wonder based upon their birthday and grade level as of August 1st.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you and your child !

Mark your calendars for this Sunday now! School is back in session and Fall programming is too!

## FOLLOWING JESUS AND CHILDREN WORSHIP AND WONDER VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

We want to make sure everyone knows who our wonderful volunteers are! You are dedicated to our children and give of yourselves unselfishly and we want the world to know it! Therefore, we will also be recognizing you during the 10:45 service this Sunday, August 18th.

### First Families First Ever Cookout

**Thursday, August 15**

at Dr. O's House!

5 PM: Drop off kids at the church for fun with Ms. Elle.

5:15 PM: Cookout at John and Jennifer Opsata's House

203 Tanglewood Drive, Frankfort

The Opsatas will provide meat, buns and drinks.

Please bring a side dish to share.

R.S.V.P. – Rev. Meredith [msiler@fewpb.net](mailto:msiler@fewpb.net)

## ATTENTION YOUTH

**Sunday, 8/18**

Youth meet at 3:30

**Monday, 8/19**

Service Project for Women's Shelter, Sumptuous Supper, Church of the Ascension at 4:30

**Wednesday, 8/21**

WEF Hang Time

**Sat., 8/24**

Hayride at Trina & James' @ 5:30



Some of the Youth attended the concert at KSU to benefit the Soup Kitchen. The band, *All Things New*, was great!

## CUB SCOUT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Jim Webb, along with Dr. Opsata and the Boy Scouts of America, are working diligently to bring back Cub Scout Pack 6 at First Christian Church. Following the Wednesday Evening Fellowship program, we will hold our first organizational meeting at 7 PM in the Conference Room located on the first floor. If you have a boy that is entering the first grade, Tiger Scouts at FCC might be just the thing for them. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to make Pack 6 a safe environment and a great experience for our young boys. Please consider lending your time to such a worthy organization. For more information or to let us know of your interest, please contact Jim Webb ([jwebb@fewpb.net](mailto:jwebb@fewpb.net), 330-6688 or 695-4839).

**PRAYER CONCERNS: All Homebound and Nursing Home Members; FCC Military;** Mary Albro (Joyce Albro's mother), Ned Ball, Blessings New Church Start, Bob Boden, Sue Boden, Troy Burgess, Enoch Bush (Mary Simmons' brother), Dr. John Chenault, Barri Christian, Nancy Cline, Dick Dickerson (Monnie Talley brother-in-law), Lou Jean Duncan (mailing address 4709 Wooded Oak Circle, Louisville, KY 40245), Beulah Dunn, Dave Fallis, Karl Fiero, Eulane Fortune, Hope Gilliam (BCC), Sandy Goodlett, Susan Hensley (Arthur Hornbeck), Tenny Hogan, Glen Hood, Vivian House, Lynda Jalbert, Mary Jane Jeffers, Bob Jones, Katie Jones, Robert Kennedy (Elizabeth Walsh's brother), Pat Lippert, Suzanne Long, Michael McCarty (Nancy Walton), Russ McClure, Don McCormick, Norma McDonald (Patricia Roberts' cousin), Bob Miller, Libby Mitchell (Val Ramsey's mother), Phyllis Payne, Jeff Penn, Keith Peters, Don Philpot, Mike Powers (Beth Vernon's brother -deployed to Kuwait), John Pugh, Bob Pullen, Alene Ransdell, Judy Richards, Imogene Riddle, Jacob Roberts (Lynda Jalbert), Andrew Smith, Angie Smith (Jayne Griffin) Jane and Stan Smith, Betty Stratton (Monnie Talley), Don Sullivan (Shawn Ramsey), Monnie Talley, Rick Taylor, Matosha Thacker (Scott Hoover), Mary Thurman, John Tomlinson, Donna Townsend, Becky Van Leuven, Bo Vernon, Marilyn Wandell, Mary Ann and Donald Weakley (Angela M. Simmons' parents), Lorena Wellons, Angela Wilkins (Glenn Ellis), Sharon Williams (Sue Tutt), Joe Ann and Jim Wolcott. (Call the church office, 223-2346, if your name or a name you added can be removed.)

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:** Rev. Dr. Betsy Goehrig, FCC Priscilla and daughter of Paul Jones and the late Geneva Jones, would like prayers for her new church start, Blessings. The church will launch Sunday, November 3. For more information, go to [www.blessingsdoc.org](http://www.blessingsdoc.org).

**SYMPATHY:**

\* **Hervey Hilen**, brother of the late Gene Hilen and brother-in-law of Anne Hilen, died Tuesday, August 6. The service was held Monday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home

\* **"Aunt Esther" Phillians** (aunt of Diana Geddes and Terry Wilson) died Friday, August 9. The service was held Tuesday at Clark Legacy Funeral Home. Dr. Opsata officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 316 Ann St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

**SWEET BLESSINGS FUNDRAISER: DANCING WITH THE STARS - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17** at the Frankfort Civic Center. Doors open at 7 PM and the program begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20. [www.hope4tomorrow.net/dancingwiththestars](http://www.hope4tomorrow.net/dancingwiththestars).

**FRANKLIN COUNTY WOMEN'S SHELTER FUNDRAISER -**

The Brainy Bodacious Women are hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Franklin County Women's Shelter. The Sumptuous Southern Supper will be held Monday, August 19, from 5-7:30 pm. Dinner includes *Staxx* BBQ pulled pork or chicken, green beans from Melanie's Café, Kroger summer slaw, and *O'Charley's* famous rolls. Dessert provided by Red Head Custom Cakes. Veggie burger available. Each meal is \$15 with a reservation by August 13. Meals are \$20 after the 13th or without reservations. Reservations must be made for carryout meals. Kids 12 and under eat for free.

**SPELLALALOOZA REPORT:** Dear Bee Teams, Wow! You all were wonderful! I hope you had as much fun as I did at Spellalalooza IV. Thank you so much for participating in the Bee. While I do not have a final count, I understand that we raised at least \$12,000 for the Thorn Hill Education Center. This will enable the Center to continue its important work in literacy, GED preparation, and ESL programs. It is not too early to start planning team strategy for next year. In the meantime, be studying! *Mary Lynn, BeeKeeper, Thorn Hill Learning Center* P.S. The FCC Diphthongs did not win, but received the "Most Loved" award! Thank you Larry Cox, Meredith Siler, Pete Crosswell and Nadine Cox and all our supporters!



**WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

**AUGUST 21**

5:30 - WEF MEAL & Kids Corner with Ms. Elle Held in the CCLC (Chenault Christian Life Center)

6:15 - Program: Report from General Assembly  
6:15 - Kids with Ms. Elle

7:00 - Adult Choir Practice

7:00 - Cub Scout Organizational Meeting  
(see *Family Ministry, Page 2*)

**FCC GOLF REPORT:** It was a "fall weather" like evening on the golf course, perfect for spending time with friends. The accolades this week go to Don Alley, Linda Dailey, Brenda Shipp and Sue Wood. Join us next Tuesday at Juniper Hill! Call the pro shop and put your name on the FCC golf scramble list. We tee off at 5:15.

**WAKON' DA-HO MISSION TEAM MEMBERS:** Please keep the following mission team members in prayer as they work at Camp Wakon' Da-Ho August 20-23. Kathy Branham, Bridgeport Christian; Larry Cox, FCC; Nadine Cox, FCC; Laura Flowers, FCC; Scott Hampton; Anne Hilen, FCC; Pat Hosley, Good Shepherd; Jim Judge, FCC; Bob Lewis, FCC; John Opsata, FCC; Jennifer Opsata, FCC; Robert Puttoff, FCC; Sandy Rhodes, FCC; Meredith Siler, FCC; Jim True, FCC

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**Kroger Card Receipts YTD: 1,256.28**

**Attendance:** August 11, 2013  
Faith Dev.: 53  
Ashwood: 7      8:30: 31  
10:45: 131      5:00: 29  
**Service totals: 198**

**WE CAN MINISTRY:** Bring your *aluminum CANS* to FCC and place in the Recycle Area located inside the Van Sant Door off the parking lot (Coke machine area). Proceeds will benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund.  
**To date: \$543.00**

**Messenger Finance Report: 8/4/2013**  
**Estimated giving income: \$634,100.00**  
**Needed through week 32: \$390,215.38**  
**Receipts through week 32: \$380,750.97**

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**Thursday, August 15**

9:30: Newsletter tabbing/labeling, Conf. Rm.  
5:00: 1st Families Drop Off Kids @ FCC  
5:30: 1st Families Cookout @ Dr. O's

**Friday, August 16**

11-1: Sherri Locke, Prayer Rm.  
4-7: Art Walk Calligrapher, Welcome Center

**Saturday, August 17**

9-12: 7th Day Adventist, Chapel/3rd Fl.  
9-3: Regional Board, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, August 18 PROMOTION SUNDAY**

8:30: Chapel Service  
9:30: Faith Development Classes  
10:15: Family Faith Fellowship, CCLC  
10:45: Sanctuary, Ashwood Worship  
3:30: Youth  
5:00: Coffee House, FH

**Monday, August 19**

Sweet Blessings, CCLC Kitchen  
11:30: Staff Meeting, Office Conf. Rm.  
5:00: Elders Shepherding Group, Conf. Rm.  
5:00: Elders Circle, Utterback Rm.  
6:30: Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, August 20**

5-8: Jim Webb, Fellowship Hall  
5:00: FCC Golf, Juniper Hill

**Wednesday, August 21**

5:30: Wed. Evening Fellowship Meal, CCLC  
5:30: Kids Corner with Ms. Elle  
6:15: Program: General Assembly Report  
6:15: Kids with Ms. Elle  
7:00: Chancel Choir  
7:00: Cub Scout Organizational Mtg. Conf. Rm.

**WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS  
Sunday, August 18, 2013**

*Rev. Dr. John T. Opsata, Senior Minister*  
*Rev. Meredith Siler, Associate Minister*

**Sermon:** "Run, Forrest, Run"  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1-2

**8:30 AM** Chapel Worship  
*Elder: Jim True*

**9:30 AM** Faith Development

**10:45 AM** Sanctuary Worship  
*Elders: Anna Grace Day, Glenn Ellis*

**5:00 PM** - Fellowship Hall  
The Gathering Place Coffee house  
*(Music: Joyce Albro and friends)*

*Come at 4:45 to enjoy snacks and fellowship*

Communion Team Leader: John Geddes  
Offeratory Team Leader: John Scott

**THE EMERGENCY FOOD  
PANTRY IS IN NEED  
OF FOOD.**

Thank you!