



# First Church of God Fall Newsletter 2015

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## Notes from Pastor White

We're still talking about it! Our 70<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Homecoming. What a great job **Bros. Mark Helton** and **Nathan Starr** did ... and what a blessing to be challenged ... and feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our services. Many Thanks go out to all of you ... the Prayer Team, the WCG and their planning ... all of you who brought food and gave financially toward the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We had approximately 145 different individuals attending the church activities during the weekend.

Where do we go from here? We ask God to make us aware of the changes that need to happen in our individual lives ... to create opportunities for Christian fellowship ... to ask God to help us see people as HE SEES THEM, and to respond willingly to opportunities of service.

My deepest thanks to all of you for making the weekend a success. I am proud to be your Pastor.

*Robert White*



## Wanted: Nursery Workers

A wonderful thing has happened in our church fellowship! We've had

several young families join us who have small children. As a result, we need volunteers to help in the nursery. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Let's fill it up!



## GameChangers & Youth News!

GameChangers has divided!!! This is a good happening; it has evolved into three classes. **Mallory Carlton** is teach-ing the younger children (3 yrs. through Kindergarten), **Lisa Coombs** and **Mary Jane Gamblin** have the older children (1st through 5th) and the OLD children (**Evan Carlton, Amaris DeFatte, Jessica Glaysbrook** and **Logan Scarbrough**) have been promoted to the Youth class. Leaders **Dennis Coombs** and **Louis Gamblin** are hoping to have 20 youth by Christmas!

And still we have at least 8 children in Game-Changers each Wednesday. **Lisa** continues to fill the church van and bring them in!

We will begin Christmas Musical practice in September. We are preparing a new musical entitled "Wrapping All the Way." It looks fun and I know we are going to have fun learning it. Starting Sept. 9, 2015 we will begin Music at 5:30 pm, and then break

at 6:30 for GameChangers. Children and Youth, 1st Grade through ??? are welcome to come and join us!

15 backpacks filled with school supplies were given to our church children. Wow! *Mary Jane Gamblin*



## Choir News

The choir has started practice on their Christmas musical entitled "Christmas Makes Everything New."

Director **Mallory Carlton** invites all to sing. Practice is on Sunday at 5 pm. A special THANKS to **Rev. Mark Helton** and **East Prairie, MO First Church of God** for sharing their Christmas music with us.

## Church Bylaws

A bylaws committee has been formed to make necessary changes to our bylaws. When they are drafted, the changes will be shared with the church council and then the congregation will be given an opportunity to look at the changes before voting on them in a business meeting.



## Music on the Grounds Sun. Sept. 12, 6 pm

An "Outdoor Singing" will be held on the church parking lot, outside the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Bring finger foods, and be prepared to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

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August is the month to renew your sign-up for **Kroger Community Rewards**. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Our account number is **50972**. To date we have received \$294.50. If you need help, contact **Terry Cates**.



**Sat. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8 am – 12 noon**

Nothing priced donations only.  
Start going through your stuff!  
Fall is a great time to “purge.”

Contact **Charlotte Sorrel** or **Dee Padgett** if you need items picked up. Monies from the sale will go towards “Operation Smile” for a need in the congregation. Set up will be Wed. at 8 PM.

### Up Coming Dates

Sept. 4 – 5	W KY Correctional Complex, Great Banquet (Robert & Jayne)
Sept. 9	GameChangers starts at 5:30 pm
Sept. 10 – 12	KY CHOG G A (Owingsville)
Sept. 13	Singing on the Grounds
Sept. 30	Rummage Sale set-up 8 pm
Oct. 1	Church Council, 7 pm
Oct. 3	WCG Rummage Sale, 8 am
Oct. 4 – 5	KY State Penitentiary Great Banquet (Pastor White)
Oct. 5 – 9	School Fall Break
Oct. 22 – 25	Men’s Great Banquet
Oct. 24	WCG ST Prayer Retreat, Lexington
Nov. 5 – 8	Women’s Great Banquet
Nov. 6 – 7	Sheila Walsh at 1 <sup>st</sup> . Baptist Ch
Nov. 6	Guy Penrod at the Fine Arts Ct.
Nov. 13 – 14	“Fresh Grounded Faith Women’s Conference” in Newburg, IN

### Wed PM Ladies Bible Study

“Bad Girls of the Bible” has been the topic from a study by Kentucky author Liz Curtis Higgs! **Shelley Cates** and **Dee Padgett** are leading the study. Join us at 7 pm!

### Church History Photos

**John Starr** has made a link to the Church History photos that were featured in the fellowship hall. This is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/423609854485136/>  
**Enjoy!**

### New Booster Seat Belt Law in KY

**Effective June 24, 2015**

[highwaysafety@ky.gov](mailto:highwaysafety@ky.gov)

Booster seats provide an extra step between child safety seats and seatbelts.

House Bill 315 requires that children **younger than 8 or under 57 inches tall** be secured in a booster seat.

If a child is older than 8 years old **or** over 57 inches tall, they are not required by law to ride in a booster seat. **The best practice however would be to keep children under 57 inches riding in a booster until they meet the height requirement, regardless of age.**

### Church News

Two weeks before our Anniversary Weekend, both computers died. As a result, we have a new high tech computer in the sound room, and the office computer was repaired. Thanks to all who gave to the computer project.

Our Church sign has been repainted and it looks beautiful!

This past week a five-generation photo was featured in the “Madisonville Messenger.” If you missed it, the individuals in the photo were **Lucille Todd, June Buchanan, Lisa Coombs, Amy and Benjamin Carlisle**. Great family photo and congratulations on five generations...all who serve the Lord!



**Sheila Walsh** will be the speaker at a Women’s Retreat at **First Baptist Church in Madisonville on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. (Fri. 7 -9 pm and Sat. 9 am – 3:30 pm. Registration of \$35 after Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> includes luncheon. (Early bird registration thru Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> is \$25.)



**Nov. 13 – 14, 2015**

**First Christian CH  
Newburgh, IN**

Fri. 7 – 9:30 pm  
Sat. 9 am – 12:30 pm

Guest Speakers Jennifer Rothschild, Ann Voskamp and Meredith Andrews. Early bird tickets by Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, \$44. After Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> \$49.

**Jayne White** is heading up a group of ladies who would like to attend. Let her know if you are interested.

### Ministry Opportunities

**We are still collecting used postage stamps.** They must have a ¼ in trim around stamp. The used stamps are resold and the monies used to buy medical equipment for children and adults throughout Asia.

**Food and toiletry items** are collected and taken to the Christian Food Bank. The youth also have a ministry “**The Least of These**”. They can also use food, toiletry and school supplies items for needy families.