

## Sept / Oct 2014 Newsletter

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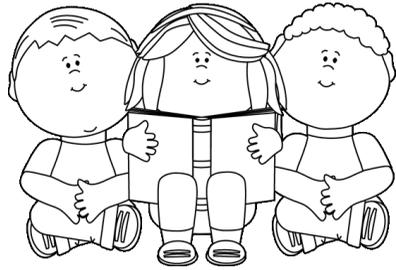
### Pastor Robert White's Thoughts:

As I look back over the summer months there are joys and sorrows. We have a beautiful new granddaughter, **Tululah Kate White**, born to **Ryan and Kate** on July 26.

On of our dear saints, **Mable Hendrix** passed away on July 5<sup>th</sup>. She will be greatly missed. As a church we extend our deepest sympathy to her family. **Treasa Starr** with the help of our church ladies did a wonderful job providing the funeral meal. But we could not have done it without the food provided by **First Presbyterian, Madisonville** and **Concord Baptist Church in Nebo**. We also extend our deepest sympathy to **Theresa Melton** in the sudden passing of her sister, **Faye Phillips** on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Church Planning Meeting:** I look forward to our planning together as a church on **Sun. Sept. 21 at 4 pm**. A light meal will be provided as we look at our vision, pray and plan for God's will in our Church. All adults are invited. We have been so blessed and I thank God for you and our congregation!

*Pastor White*



### "GameChangers"

The Wednesday night Faithweavers program has been renamed "GameChangers".

**Lisa, all the kids and I** agreed that we wanted

to be **GameChangers** to the world around us. We have discussed people in the Bible and those we know who have been game changers in our lives. We are realizing that sometimes the smallest of good decisions or good deeds can really make a difference in our lives and in the lives of people around us. Now that school has started we look forward to everyone settling in with their school schedules and getting ready to start practicing for our Christmas program!!! See you on Wednesday nights at 6:30.  
-- **Mary Jane Gamblin**

### Playground Workday Sat. Oct. 18

Due to normal weathering and some recent vandalism, our playground needs some painting and repair. Sat. Oct. 18 has been set as a workday to do these repairs. We will have paint and brushes handy. Our men will do some needed repairs with saws, wood, etc. See you at 8 AM!



### More Projects!

Our fellowship hall now has new ceiling tile! Thanks to our men and women for tackling this project and for those who donated generously to it. We have some needs with our **sound equipment** and the back screen is currently not working. A total of \$632.59 has been raised for these needs.



### Baptismal Service Sept. 28

We are planning a Baptismal Service on Sun. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor White.

### Great Banquet Dates:

- Women's W KY Correctional Complex, Sept. 4 – 5<sup>th</sup>. **Pastor White and Jayne** are serving.
- Men's KY State Penitentiary, Oct. 5 – 6, **Pastor White** is serving
- Men's Great Banquet, Oct. 23 – 26, **Bro. Dennis Coombs** is serving as Spiritual Dir.
- Ladies Great Banquet, Nov. 6 – 9.

### More Dates:

- Sept. 11 – 12, KY Ch of God General Assembly
- Sept. 13, W KY Prayer Retreat, at our Church
- Sept. 21, All Church planning meeting, 4 pm.
- Sept. 27, Walk for Life, Sat. 9 AM, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church. See Mary Jane Gamblin if you wish to donate to the Door of Hope Pregnancy Care Center.
- Sept. 28, Baptismal and Child of Promise Sunday
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Church council, 7 pm
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. WCG Rummage Sale for Missions. Bring your items in by Tues. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Oct. 6 – 10, School Fall Break
- Oct. 18, Playground workday
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Carry-in-Dinner for Clergy Appreciation Day.



## Madisonville Ch Hosting W KY Missions Prayer Retreat (for men and women!)

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Sept. 13, Sat. 9:45 AM – 2 PM

Our church will be hosting a “Missions Prayer Retreat” for W KY Churches (for men and women). The retreat is FREE, with our ladies providing snacks and lunch. Speakers/ musicians are **Wayne & Ellen Risinger** “Love Thy Neighbor” ministry to E KY from the Owensboro Ch of God, **Chad Davis**, “Ride it Out Ministries” Madisonville Ch of God, **Larry Norton**, music (Oaks Paducah Ch of God) and **Jan Dixon**, “Aaron’s Mission Outreach, Inc.” ministry to Honduras) A free will offering will be taken and shared with the three ministries represented.

### Our Church's Anniversary



## Date for Next Year !

### 70<sup>th</sup> Church Anniv July 17 – 19, 2015

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Plans are underway for the **70<sup>th</sup> Anniv** of our church in 2015. **Rev. Mark Helton** will be our music worship leader and

will give a concert on Sat. PM. **Rev. Nathan Starr** will be our speaker on Fri night and Sunday AM. Be watching for more details and **save the date!**

## Flooding at East Point Church of God

The First Church of God at East Point, KY (also known as the Little Paint Church of God) experienced excessive flooding Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. While the waters got about 3 – 4 feet on the outside of the building, there was less than a foot of water that actually got into the building. Extensive damage was done to the sanctuary and classrooms. Rough estimates to repair the damage are around \$75,000 at this time. Although the church has regular insurance it does not carry flood insurance. A special account has been set up at the church for those who wish to donate. Their address is Little Paint Church of God, 671 Little Paint RD, East Point, KY 41216. Earmark your check for Flood Repairs. Their Pastor is **Rev. Jeff White**, brother to our pastor **Robert White**.

**Ladies Bible Study:** Our Ladies are currently doing a video study on the book of **Gideon** presented by **Priscilla Shirer**. One week is spent watching the video and the following week discussing the workbook assignments and the video. There is still room for more!

**Remember to donate** food, hygiene items and school supplies to the “Least of These Food Ministry” and the “Christian Food Bank”. There are containers in the back of the sanctuary.

The WCG/CWC is also saving used postage stamps for “Missions in Asia” and Box Tops for Education along with and Campbell’s Soup labels for our schools. (Containers are in the back of sanctuary.)

You can donate your aluminum cans in the container near the kitchen.

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

### First Church of God Madisonville, Kentucky

We are a caring, loving community committed to making Christ known. We will make Christ known by spreading His love to the unsaved and nurturing the Body of Christ.

Through the enabling of the Holy Spirit we accomplish this by

- ◆ **Proclaiming** and **teaching** the word of God
- ◆ **Exalting** God through worship
- ◆ **Encouraging** Christians toward maturity
- ◆ **Equipping** for ministry
- ◆ **Unifying** the body through fellowship

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

— Matthew 28:19 – 20