



# FIRST Church Of Christ

April 2026 NEWSLETTER



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From Bob Russell's Blog

Some time ago, I battled a season of discouragement and anxiety. Thankfully, my temperament is such that I have never been deeply depressed, and when I do get discouraged, it doesn't normally last very long. But in October, I got "down in the dumps" for several weeks, and my wife (who is not high in mercy) was encouraging me to "snap out of it!"

When I do get in a funk, something that helps me "snap out of it" is to analyze why I'm down. It's beneficial to define reality and identify the source. I determined three issues were negatively impacting me. First, I had an ongoing concern about the direction of the country. Second, I was worried about my granddaughter, who was in the hospital battling a serious illness. And although I hated to admit the third issue because it was so shallow, I was really disappointed in the University of Louisville's football team. I know that's weak, but that's the truth!

Another thing that helps when I'm down is to try to follow the advice and claim the promise of Philippians 4:6-7. It reads, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

That familiar passage has an unexpected phrase. It says, "by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." If we were reading that Scripture for the first time, we'd expect it to read, "Pray with intensity" or "pray with faith," but instead, it says, "pray with thanksgiving."



**Destined to Win, Larry**

Office Hours:

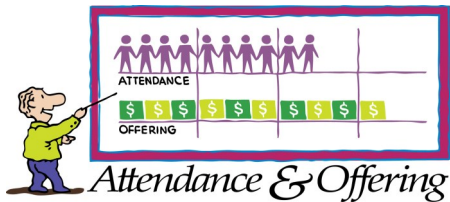
Monday—Thursday  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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### March 1

Attendance 47/86  
Offering \$12,624.82

### March 8

Attendance 43/97  
Offering \$3,573.74

### March 15

Attendance 49/85  
Offering \$4,658.63

### March 22

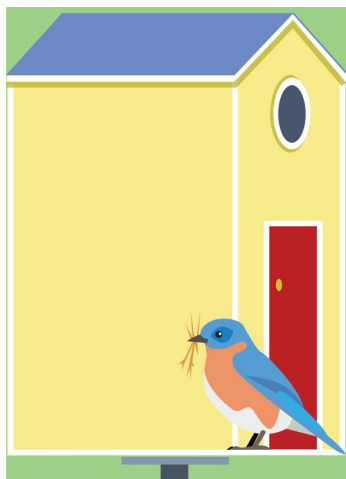
Attendance 50/78  
Offering \$7,301.13

### March 29

Attendance 54/103  
Offering \$6,241.44

### Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



## April Servers

### Deaconesses:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

### Elder Schedule:

5—Larry Snavelly  
12—Dave Beerbower  
19—Doug Haase  
26—Seth Ramey

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

### Nursery:

5—SS—Easter Breakfast; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER  
12—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER!; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER  
19—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler  
26—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes

### Greeters

1st—Gary Roughton; 2nd—Bobbie & Christie Woodart

### Shouting Time

A generation ago, one of England's best known pastors found himself suffering from a strange muscular disease. He lost the use of his legs and in time even the use of his voice. He could still, however, use his arms and fingers to write. Thus it was that on an Easter morning when he could no longer preach, he wrote a letter to his daughter. "It is terrible," he wrote, "to wake up on Easter morning and have no voice to shout. 'He is risen!'—but it would be still more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout."

He died shortly afterward. But those who knew him would have testified that with his faithful spirit, he surely died shouting, "The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed."





- 2 Sophie Beck, Dan Nixon
- 6 Tootie Bowman
- 9 Julia Hull
- 12 Ashley Nelson
- 18 Cameron Ryan
- 19 Curt Bennett, Lucy Gienger
- 21 Trisha Hug
- 24 Wendy Garza
- 26 Barbara Alpaugh
- 29 Shirley Kinnan
- 30 Joe Jerger



*The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:  
Allison family on Joanne's passing*



- 8 Nathan & Ashley Knepper (9)
- 12 Bill & Sharon Brewer (46)
- 19 Rich & Sherry Trubey (40)
- 24 Bobby & Christie Woodart (5)

**Congratulations!**

The church family rejoices with Lydia & Aaron Liebenthal on the safe arrival of Charlotte June Liebenthal on Sunday, March 1st. Charlotte weighed in at 5# 15 oz. and was 19.5". Elated grandparents are Larry & Kim Snavely.



**Love All**

**Our Service Personnel:** Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavely, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Shelby Vanderpool, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Henry Kidd, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Sharon Brewer, Shawn Gambler, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Maverick Fields, Greg Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Sharon Beerbower, Wayne Long, Ron & Ellen Walker; **Shut Ins: Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salisbury; **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot; **Parkview Edgerton:** Garry Oberlin.



## Upcoming EVENTS

**Easter Services**  
8:00 Worship  
9:00 Breakfast  
10:15 Worship

**Craft Group**  
4/7, 10:00 AM

**Momco-4/1, 15**  
6:15-7:15 PM

**Ladies Bible Study**  
-4/8 & 22  
6:15-7:15 PM

**20<sup>o</sup>-4/19/2026**  
9:15 AM

**Lunch Bunch**  
4/28/2026  
11:45 AM @ Paulding Pancake House



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## SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 4/28 at 11:45 AM at Paulding Pancake House (former Vagabond). Please meet there.



# april

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	2 9:00 Communion & Prayer 9:30 Pre-Easter Breakfast	3	4
5 Easter 8:00 Worship 9:15 Breakfast 10:15 Worship	6 9:30 Senior Seekers	7 10:00 Craft Group	8 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Adult Bible Study	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	13 9:30 Senior Seekers	14	15 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	16	17	18 4:00 Euchre Night
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 20° 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	20 9:30 Senior Seekers	21	22 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Adult Bible Study	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	27 9:30 Senior Seekers	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch	29 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Adult Bible Study	30	