



I have been thinking a lot about Isaiah 9:5 where he says, “the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire”. This is one of three great word pictures of peace that Isaiah offers to describe the impact of the coming Messiah. The first one is Isaiah 2:4; “they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore”. Both are military images that denote the transformation of things meant for destruction into elements for provision. Weapons of war turned into tools of agriculture, and bloodied uniforms, items of destruction, used for production.

Perhaps it is because we are beginning the new year with so much evidence of war and hatred. Almost daily, we see the images of buildings in rubble, families torn apart, and innocent people injured or killed. Or maybe it is because we are still in the Christmas season, and I am reminded that the first response to the news of the Messiah’s birth by the political power was the attack of innocent people. As Herod, feeling his throne threatened, spills innocent blood to try and protect his own personal kingdom. That is the way of the powerful, to attack, to take, and to overthrow.

The ultimate image of peace in Isaiah is in Chapter 11, where he describes the Peaceful kingdom. It is an image of all creation living in unity without violence. It shows that all of creation is indeed connected and meant to live in unity and harmony. Sharing resources instead of hoarding them or fighting over them. It also tells us the way to attain this unity is not through political powers or earthly rulers, but only when we allow God to take the throne and allow divine will to overcome our division. My prayer for the coming year is that all of creation, from Kentucky to Kyiv, may finally know the peace that God intends.



WELCOME TO OUR 2023 CHURCH LEADERS

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LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday is a time to recognize and honor the work and missions of all Christians.. It is observed on the third Sunday in October in the Methodist church where it started, but the Disciples of Christ observe it on the third Sunday in January which starts the Week of the Laity. We do so to call the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world. We will observe it by having a special Laity Sunday January 15th, where the members of the congregation will be leading the worship service.

SYMPATHY

Condolences to the family of Delores Bokmuller. Delores passed away December 15, 2022 in Fort Myers, Florida. She had been a member of First Christian Church since 1981.

THANK YOU

The photos provided in this newsletter were taken by Stephen Huffman. Thank you Steve for taking the time to do this! They will be enjoyed by everyone.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Children's Sunday School class is taking donations of gloves, toboggans, and any other non perishable items to fill the blessing boxes. If you would like to donate, please have your items to the church by Sunday, January 22.

REMINDERS

- New flower chart has been posted. If you would like to provide flowers for worship service please sign up on the bulletin board.
- Donations may be mailed to First Christian Church, 313 Chloe Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 or via PayPal at [paypal.me/FCCPikeville](https://www.paypal.me/FCCPikeville).
- The Fellowship Luncheon was formerly known as the Senior's Luncheon. Everyone and anyone is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/2 Office Closed New Year's Observance
- 1/9 Elders Meeting, 7:00pm
- 1/15 Laity Sunday Recognition
- 1/15 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 1/17 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 am at Gatti's
- 1/31 Community Dinner, 5:00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



Shirley Sharp	Jan 3	Larry May	Jan 17
Alice Ratliff	Jan 5	Helen Brown	Jan 25
Phyllis Sturgill	Jan 7	Norah Justice	Jan 25
Lynn Anderson	Jan 12	Ryan Brown	Jan 28
Reed Anderson	Jan 12	Connor Byers	Jan 31
June Brose	Jan 17	Meleta Little	Jan 31
James Brown	Jan 17		



Communion Preparation

Elder of the Week

- 1/1 Paul Corbin
- 1/8 Shalimar LaBreche
- 1/15 Randy Roberts
- 1/22 Blake Robinson
- 1/29 Tom Thompson





January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day CC Barbara	2 Office Closed New Year's Day Observance	3	4 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	5	6	7
8 CC Robin/ Ginger	9 7:00 Elder's Meeting	10	11 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	12	13	14
15 Laity Sunday 7:00 Board Meeting CC Volunteer	16	17 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 Gatti's	18 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	19	20	21
22 CC Suzy	23	24	25 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	26	27	28
29 CC Lucy	30	31 Community Dinner 5:00				

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST As of December 30, 2023

MEMBERS

Amick, Matt
Anderson, Greg
Anderson, Reed & Lynn
Auton, Dorothy
Batten, Bruce & Dana
Cantrell, Danny
Cantrell, Vernon
Carlson, Dorothy
Deskins, David & Barbara
Fouts, Corbin
Hamilton, Thelma
Harrison, Jillian
Johnson, Randy & Cindy & Family
Little, Meleta
Mayfield, Bob
Perry, Jennifer
Roberts, Howard
Scott, John
Sharp, Shirley
Sturgill, Gene & Phyllis

GENERAL

Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29
Anderson, Joan (R. Roberts) 10/16
Bartley, Pam 10/19
Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)
Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21
Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26
Black, Emogene (A. Black) 7/31
Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30
Burke, Greg (L. Compton) 5/11
Cantrell, James (C. Bartley) 10/23
Carlson, Kevin (R. Wells) 11/30
Carter, Zac (K. Harrison) 2/17
Childers, Pauline (C. Bartley) 9/25
Coleman, Barbara (C. Bartley) 6/6
Coleman, Gail (G. Justice) 11/21
Coleman, Jami (D. Branham) 8/21
Coleman, Levi & Gerri (R. Roberts)
Cooley, Eric (G. VanHoose) 5/11
Curry, Keith (S. Hall) 10/2
Crofts, Catherine (B. Baird) 11/10
Crum, Teresa (R. Brown) 9/12
Damron, Katelyn 12/25
Daniels, Danny Joe (P. Corbin) 4/24
Darby, Keith (B. Mayfield) 11/19
Darko, Jill (J. Hall) 9/20
DeKlerk, Ann (R. Wells) 11/30
Deskins, Tim (J. Brown) 8/22
Deskins, Tracy (R. Roberts) 10/17
Dockery, Melissa (G. Van Hoose) 3/6
Eddington, Renee (S. LaBreche) 9/5
Edmonds, Charles (G. Van Hoose)
Elkins, John (B. Robinson) 9/27
Elswick, Jeremiah (L. Compton)
England, Amanda (G. Van Hoose) /17
Epling, Deborah (S. Huffman) 4/21
Estep, Burma (G. Justice) 2/17
Fields, Regina (B. Sweaney) 9/16
Fish, Celia Alexander (R. Roberts) 11/27
Ford, Bob & Lulu (R. Roberts) 10/7
Gibson, Deb 12/18
Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)
Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4
Hall, Lloyd (G. Van Hoose) 1/19
Hambley, Gordon (B. Deskins) 4/4
Harris, Patty (M. Little) 11/25
Heilbron, Tom (H. Brown) 7/3
Howard, Marsha (K. Baird) 11/16
Huffman, Charles (K. Baird) 10/5

Huffman, Phil & Joanne (F Van Hoose)
Justice, Patty (C. Runyon) 11/4
Kanney, Linda & Jerry (J. Brown) 4/25
Kea, Tracy (G. Van Hoose) 4/27
Kehoe, Sara Walters, (K. Corbin) 11/7
Kelley, James (J. Robinson) 11/16
Kruckow, Rich (K. Harrison) 3/28
Lane, Susan (G. Justice) 9/25
Lowe, Sandy (J. Perry) 6/27
Mahn, Isabelle VanHoose(Ginger)
Martin, Lori Nichols 12/11
Matney, Marie (G. Van Hoose) 3/6
McCoy, Diane 12/18
McNamee, Mary Ann (M. Thompson)
McNamee, Nicole (G. Trimble) 8/28
McDaniels, Brynnix (D. Gibson) 8/22
McDonough, Theresa (M. Hebner)
Nance, Deborah (J. Robinson) 12/25
Owens, Jeannine (G. Van Hoose) 7/15
Page, John (S. Huffman) 10/5
Parada, Ibis 12/18
Parsons, Melissa (G. Justice) 9/11
Patton, Judy (K. Baird) 5/12
Penix, Roy (K. Harrison) 3/30
Preston, Nikki 12/18
Ratliff, Grant (A. Byers) 9/18
Ray, Johnny (G. Justice) 9/20
Robinson, Jo Nell (B. Robinson) 9/23
Runyon, Glenda (G. Justice) 9/5
Rutherford, John (S. Sharp) 3/7
Scott, Andrew (J. Hall) 8/11
Settles, Jeff (L. Davis) 10/20
Shearer, Robert Boo(B.VanHoose)8/26
Skidmore, Tim (S. LaBreche) 2/27
Slone, Andy (T. Slone) 11/17
Slone, Brooke 12/11
Slone, Sarah 12/11
Slone, Sidney 12/11
Staten, Danny (B. Van Hoose) 3/4
Stevens, Sam (J. Robinson) 12/14
Stewart, Gary (C. Bartley) 10/23
Stewart, Janice (Steve Huffman) 5/15
Sullivan, Kristin (L. Davis) 9/26
Talley, Sharon (R. Wells) 10/10
Taylor, Kendra (S. Sharp) 10/7
Thomas, Reba (P. Corbin) 9/29
Thornsbury, Danny (K. Corbin) 12/2
Tombleson, Carol (G. Van Hoose) 7/26
Turner, Charles (B. Robinson) 9/25
Turner, James & Jewelene (H. Brown)
Vance, Ron (S. DeLong) 11/10
VinZant, Emily (G. Trimble) 7/23
Waldrop, Guy (D. McKenzie) 7/4/21
Walters, Mel (J. Hogg) 5/31
Wells, Faye Byers (G. Van Hoose) 5/25
Wilgone, Sue (R. Wells) 11/30
Wilson, Savanna (J. Harrison) 12/11
Wright, Shirley 10/19
Yates, Darrell (Jane Robinson) 5/15
SYMPATHY
The Family of Deloris Bokmuller
The Family of Rick Sallee
OTHER
The Hungry in our community
Those dealing with drug addiction
People of Ukraine
Civility
Flood Victims
Victims & Families Affected by Violence





**The Poinsettias in the sanctuary were given to the glory of
God**

In Honor of:

Our Democracy, given by John & Shalimar LaBreche.
Gene & Phyllis Sturgill, given by Paul & Karla Corbin.

In Memory of:

Lucy & Curtis Robinson, given by Camella & Family.
Bud Runyon, given by Camella & Family.

Nadine Taylor Huffman & Eleanor Thornbury Huffman,
given by Stephen Huffman.

Jeanette & Orin Anderson, given by Jennifer Perry.

Ed & Maxie Thornbury, given by Jennifer Perry.

The Bartleys, Leslies, & Sowards, given by Patty So-
wards.

Danny & Shan Justice, given by Gatha & Family.

Annette & Quentin Justice, given by Gatha & Family.

Gene & Gaynelle Harman & Dorothy Harrison, given by
Mike, Kimberley, & Jillian Harrison.

Mildred & Howard Hall, given by Paul & Pam Sowards.

Oliver & Violet Roberts, given by the Roberts Family.

O.W. Thompson, Sr. & Hattie Thompson, Dr. O.W. & Plu-
ma Thompson, & Betty T. Scott, given by the Thompson
Family.

Noah & Irene May, Connie M. Combs, and Mary J.

Combs, given by the Thompson Family.

Duke & Irma McKenzie, Bo McKenzie, & Bill McKenzie,
given by Martha & Tom Thompson.

Brad Van Hoose, given by Bob & Faye Van Hoose.

Alison Van Hoose, given by Bob & Faye Van Hoose.

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Come Worship With Us!

Sunday School at 10:00 am

**Sunday Worship Service at
11:00 am**

**Wednesday Night Vespers at
6pm**

*We are called to love God,
To love Others,
and to lead Others to Jesus
Christ.*

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