

First Christian Church Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

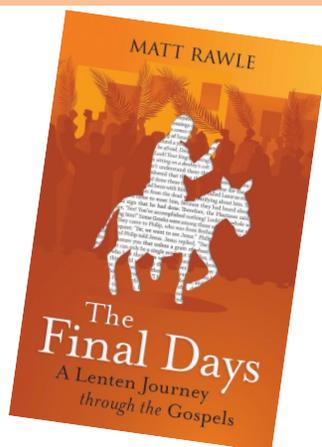
- **Sun, Feb. 15—Worship Service** at 10:45 am
Join us in person or online via Facebook and YouTube! Recurring every Sunday.
- **Tues, Feb. 17—Women's Bible Study** at 2:00 pm
Open to anyone non-binary or fem-identifying who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study. Recurring every Tuesday.
- **Thurs, Feb. 19—Interim Pastor Search Committee Meeting** at 7:00 pm
Meeting via Zoom. Search Committee members will receive an email with a link prior to the call.
- **Sun, Feb. 22—Elders' Meeting** at 10:00 am
Elders will meet in person in the sanctuary prior to worship. Please let an Elder co-chair know if you are unable to attend.
- **Sun, Feb. 22—Worship Service** at 10:45 am
Join us in person or online via Facebook and YouTube! Recurring every Sunday.
- **Tues, Feb. 24—Women's Bible Study** at 2:00 pm
Open to anyone non-binary or fem-identifying who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study. Recurring every Tuesday.
- **Sun, Mar. 1—Worship Service** at 10:45 am
Join us in person or online via Facebook and YouTube! Recurring every Sunday.

NEW Lent Study Starting Soon

Elder Sheila Iott will be hosting a new study during the Lent season! Sessions will begin February 25th and will continue every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm, until April 1st.

The study will follow *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels* by Matt Rawle.

A Zoom link will be set up and sent out prior to the call.



Spotlight: Doug Baldrige

Welcome to the Spot-light, Doug!

(As you read you may recognize some of these questions... we are using the Proust Questionnaire as used in Vanity Fair. It is said that in answering these questions, an individual will reveal their true self! Read along and decide for yourself if you can determine the true self of Jeff!)

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Heaven, where I'll meet Jesus, I'll be reunited with my loved ones, and peace and love will abound.

What is your greatest fear?

I fear for our country when the Constitution is ignored and power goes unchecked.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Expressing my opinions too quickly and sometimes too forcefully.

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Arrogance and bullying.

Which living person do you most admire?

My wife, Hilde. She is the kindness and most thoughtful person I've ever known.

What is your greatest extravagance?

All my woodworking tools and a barn full of wood.

What is your current state of mind?

Concern for the church, the world, and the future of my grandchildren.

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Confidence when it becomes overconfidence and egotistical.

On what occasion do you lie?

Just "white lies" to avoid hurting someone's feelings.

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

My prematurely white hair.

Which living person do you most despise?

King Trump.

What is the quality you most like in a person?

Kindness.

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"I think..." "In my opinion..."

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

Hilde

When and where were you happiest?

At the birth of my children.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Ability to sing well.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

To be less quickly judgmental (but I'm working on it.)

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My children and grandchildren, but I had a lot of help!

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

My late dog, Elvis, because I would know I was loved.

Where would you most like to live?

Where I currently live, but maybe without so much snow!

What is your most treasured possession?

Non-physical - Love; physical - my would lathe.

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Loss of hope.

What is your favorite occupation?

Being a doctor, especially a surgeon and witnessing a body's miraculous power to heal.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Confidence, even when I'm wrong (but I'm working on it!)

What do you most value in your friends?

Forgiveness

Who are your favorite writers?

John Grisham and David Baldacci

Who is your hero of fiction?

James Bond

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Nelson Mandela and Barack Obama

Who are your heroes in real life?

My kids. They have taught me so much and made me a better man.

What are your favorite names?

Angela - Messenger from God; Ryan - Little king; Jessica - Gift of God; and Kevin - kind and gentle

What is it that you most dislike?

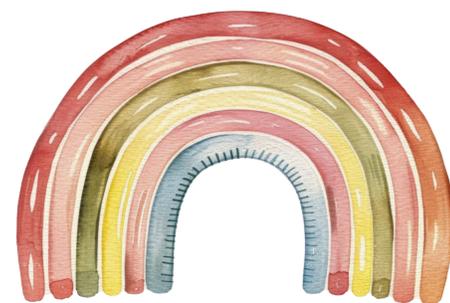
Intentional unkindness, i.e. being mean

What is your greatest regret?

I still have so much I want to do and I'm running out of time.

What is your motto?

Everything works out for the best...



DEBORAH WOMEN STILL I RISE PRAYER BREAKFAST



**MARCH 7, 2026
9:30-11:30 AM**

SUMMIT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4021 DENLINGER RD, TROTWOOD, OH 454266

**GUEST SPEAKERS • GOOD FOOD • MUSIC
FELLOWSHIP • SISTERHOOD**

TICKETS \$30

FOR INFO AND TICKETS

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/19766236339506aff=odrtdtcrea>

To purchase tickets for this event, go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Deborah Women Still I Rise Prayer Breakfast".

PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, March 14th | 10AM

First Christian Church - Middletown

*Join us for a morning of
fellowship, faith & brotherhood.*

MEN SUPPORTING MEN • STRENGTH IN BROTHERHOOD

**EQUIP YOURSELF WITH
THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD!**

It's hard not to notice all the hardships in the world right now. To help us help others, Larry has created a list of organizations that are already doing the work to make change happen. These are going to be places you can either volunteer with or can share with others.

Take some time to review this list and become familiar with what they have to offer. We will have sheets with these resources listed on them available in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to have some on hand to give to others.

God bless.

- No Kings Movement—<https://www.nokingsmovement.com/>
- Interfaith Alliance —<https://www.interfaithalliance.org/>
- Faith in Action—<https://faithinaction.org/>
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)—<https://disciples.org/>
- Poor People's Campaign—<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>
- Kentucky Refugee Ministry—<https://kyrm.org/>
- Kentuckians For The Commonwealth—<https://kftc.org/>

Prayer Requests

If there is a name that needs to be removed or added to the prayer list, please contact the church office via email at firstonfifthcc@gmail.com. Prayer request details are kept private and only first names will be published publicly for prayer. Prayer Requests will remain on the list for one month, and then will automatically be removed unless we have been asked to keep it on.

- Debbie M.
- Interim Pastor Search Committee
- Scott



Welcome wholly.
Love authentically.
Share God's grace
abundantly.



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