

The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY February 2022

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Larry's Lines

***Week of Compassion:** Disciple Churches have set aside February 20-27 as the week to emphasize this annual giving event. I read a brief history of this special effort to reach out to hurting people and I would like to share that with you;

"In the beginning..."

The Week of Compassion emerged in the early 1940s, as World War II created a series of humanitarian crises around the globe. The International Convention (General Assembly) of the Christian Church made two recommendations regarding multiple aid and relief projects around the world. These recommendations outlined partnerships with multiple ecumenical ministries and counterparts. The Church designated a "Day of Compassion," on which congregations would hold a special offering to raise funds to support these mission projects.

In 1943, the "Wartime Service Fund" was approved by the International Convention. At this point, the Disciples of Christ designated a "Week of Compassion" to raise \$250,000 for ongoing support of these relief efforts.

In the meantime..."

Over the next several decades, the work of Week of Compassion and its partners expanded to include not just humanitarian aid, but also disaster response and refugee resettlement. The ministry's leadership evolved as well, from a voluntary office to a full-time executive director; additional staff helped expand the reach of the ministry; and the annual fund grew over time from thousands of dollars to millions."

(<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/history.html>)

I would like to challenge you to give sacrificially this year for two reasons: One, all the hurting that people are experiencing. This is not just from the tornadoes that hit several Kentucky communities but people who are experiencing despair all over the world. And we give, secondly, because God's commands us to. Paul shares words in II Corinthians 9 that gives us the example to help others: *Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; for God loves a cheerful giver. (vv. 6-7)*

If you want to know more about the Week of Compassion, go the website,

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/2022.html>

***Tithes to the Church:** As you know, we do not just give to the Lord when there is a specific need-- we give regularly as the Lord blesses us. We bring our tithes and offerings to the church. That is what enables us to maintain a ministry in our community. I know the past two years have been the most unusual in our lifetimes. Don't let that affect your giving to the Lord.

I trust I will see you this, and every Sunday.

In Christ,

Larry



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is **love**.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NKJV



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Sunday School: TBD
Worship Service: 10:45 am

ELDERS MEETING

WED, FEB. 16TH
6 PM

Serving in February 2022

Elders: Mildred Taylor, Jesse Tapp

Deacons: Linda Robertson, Briley Gorrell

Prayer Concerns:			
Danny Anderson	Jean Gragg	Ken Mercer	Lauren Riley Stafford
Lori McClure	Rita Stuart	Donna Greer	Mary Noe (Tiz) Koester
Patricia Y. Bailey	Betty Johnson	Roberta Northern	Mildred & Marshall
Micky Hicks	Frankie Hicks	Gary Arnold	Mike McCormick
Johnnie Mantlo	Lucille Lyne	Rawlie Greer	Ruth Ann Street
Donna Bryan	Tom Kemp	John Weber	Mallory Rogers Knight
Dann Masden	Sally Neeley	Johnnie Mantlo	Cheryl Rogers