

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Where
Life...
Meets Love!

TIME SENSITIVE
for delivery May 4-7, 2022

 MAY 2022



*Prayer Room Open
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
May 5*

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Office Hours:
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Join us this Sunday:

10:30 a.m.
Worship onsite

on our FaceBook Page
Or
on our website



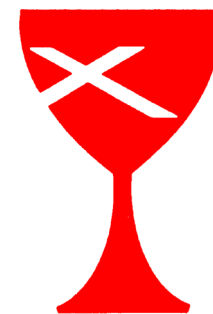
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Maryville First Christian Church Newsletter

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER



May 5, 2022



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Worship with us onsite Sundays at 10:30 a.m.



My Cup Overflows, Psalm 23
Easter 4C, May 8, 2022
Theme: Eternal Life

That first cup of coffee in the morning!

Sharp complex flavors cut through what drowsiness is left, after rising from a night of rest. It doesn't matter what kind of night it was, restless, or restful, that sting of caffeine rushes through your blood stream and gives you a push for new life.

Or, at least it does for me.

It starts the day and my morning meditations and prayers.

But the cup King David sings about in his song has much, much deeper meaning. It is the Cup of Blessing. Tradition claims David wrote the words immortalized in what we call the 23rd Psalm.

The Cup of Blessing is the third cup of the Passover Feast. This feast was ancient even by the time David was King of Israel.

Did he write it when he was a shepherd boy?

"He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters."

Did he write it after he was anointed king?

"He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake."

Did he write it after his son Absalom was killed in battle?

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me."

Could David have written the Psalm after one of his major victories in battle?

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

Did he write it when Solomon was born?

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Did he write it when he was old and near death?

"I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."



2 Mark DeMott
Trent Shell
3 Shoba Brown
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There are several ways to
give besides on Sundays:

**Mail/Bring in*
Cash and Checks

**Automatic withdrawal for*
checking accounts, debit
and credit cards with
forms available by calling
or e-mailing the church

**Mobile app at*
www.givelify.com/givers

Keeping in touch with our church families

☐ Congratulations...

High School Graduates:
Jacob Duty
MaKayla Raasch
Collin Sowards

University Graduates:
Tara Hull
Becky Meyers
Madhava Marthala
Roopin Vipparthi

☐ Our Community Prayer List...

Kathy Jackson
Todd and Annie Roseberry
Terri Schenkel Lloyd
Merle Pierce
Galen Lewis and family
Barbara York
Rosetta Mayes
John Nelson
Pat Immel
Matt and Kela Miller
Shirley Wedlock
John Praiswater
Sheryl Davis
Steven Owings
Karla Parman
Curt Jeter

☐ Active Military...

Josh Carpenter
Jimmy Costello
Sam Ferguson
Dawson Kitzman
Kevin Schluter

☐ Prayer List Guidelines...

We pray and care for one another in the name of Christ. **Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks.** Notification biweekly or an update is required for someone to remain on the list. Please share briefly the prayer need if appropriate as this assists us in offering prayers and pastoral care. If you do not want your name listed or mentioned publicly, please tell a pastor and you will be placed on the private Staff Prayer List. Contact a pastor or the church office at 660.582.4101 or fccmaryvillemo@gmail.com with prayer requests.



Forms available in the church office or online:
www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer

REGISTER
 BY JUNE 1
 FCC PAYS
 HALF!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:

We decided to change it up this year! We are hosting a 1-day VBS event on **Saturday, June 25**. We thought it might be easier for people to volunteer to help if the commitment was 1 day instead of 5 evenings. Please mark your calendars and come help. Hours are yet to be determined but we promise you won't regret working with these little people. They always bring their smiles and warm our hearts. Come experience the joy – no previous experience necessary!



General Fund April 2022

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|--------------|-------------|
| Beg. Balance | \$14,716.55 |
| Income | \$15,242.91 |
| Expenditures | \$17,168.79 |
| End. Balance | \$12,790.67 |

Missions Fund March 2022

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|--------------|-------------|
| Beg. Balance | \$ 7,427.82 |
| Income | \$ 2,762.52 |
| Expenditures | \$ 2,713.65 |
| End. Balance | \$ 7,476.69 |

Worship Attendance

| | FCC | online | Total |
|----------|-----|--------|-------|
| April 24 | 72 | 5 | 77 |
| May 1 | 60 | 38 | 98 |

Discipleship Classes

| | FCC | online | Total |
|----------|-----|--------|-------|
| April 24 | 8 | - | 8 |
| May 1 | 11 | - | 11 |



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Lisa Smeltzer
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Deena Poynter
Music Director

Anita Dew
Organist

Merlin Atkins
Property Manager

Pat Immel
Technical Director

It could have been any or all of those times. Did he write this song for the dedication of the Third Cup of Blessing at a Passover Feast?

I like to think so. But whenever he wrote it, the Cup overflowing is central to all the blessings we receive from God. Whether it was the release of the Hebrew captives from slavery in Egypt those centuries ago or whether it was the Cup Jesus blessed with his Disciples in his Last Supper before his crucifixion and resurrection, or whether it is in our every Sunday Communion Service, it is the same cup overflowing with God's blessings.

Worship with us in person at 10:30 AM as we will be meditating on our overflowing cups of blessing. The service will also be streamed live on the internet -- (<https://fccmaryville.com>) or on the church's home Facebook page. If you miss the live stream, a recorded session is also available to view at your convenience.

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Your Interim Pastor

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*I'm drinking from the saucer,
 'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

—unknown

