

## The Forks Focus

**GETTING CONNECTED**

God continues to bless and grow our loving Church family. Every week we see new guests and repeat visitors in our worship. We praise the Lord for the people He continues to bring. Pastor Rick Warren, in his book *The Purpose Driven Church*, said the "Church must grow larger and smaller at the same time." He's saying that we must continue to grow numerically and spiritually as we reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. But we must also grow smaller in our times of fellowship, study and discipleship. In other words, we must "get connected" so as not to become "unplugged" in the larger fellowship.

We are grateful that there are many discipleship classes being offered this Spring, with many good teachers and facilitators (see the schedule at the Welcome Center). This would be one way to get connected closer to God and your family of faith. Our Sunday School ministry is another great way to get connected. We have many wonderful classes and teachers. This ministry continues to grow as new classes are being formed. Would you prayerfully consider trying out one of these great classes? You'll be glad that you did! Our Wednesday night Fellowship Meal and Prayer Meeting is another great way to get plugged into God's Church and into His Power.

We have tried through the years to model ourselves after the early Church found in Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Does this sound familiar? You don't need "jumper cables" to get connected into what God is doing, just a willing heart!

**Plugged Into Him & Connected With You,**  
**Todd**

**BILL'S NOTES**

**THE CHURCH CHOIR** meets for rehearsal on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. In addition to learning new music for worship each week, we continue to prepare for the Easter season. It is not too late to join us. Please contact me if you have questions and I will be happy to sit down with you to discuss your interest and concerns. What a joy it is to work with our Choir and worship with them.

**OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** are back on schedule at 5pm on Sundays. We have choirs for ages 4 through 5th grade. Our Children will begin working on their spring musical, "Peter Cotton's Tale". It is an Easter musical about who we are in Christ. Hope you will join the Children's choirs this week as they begin their preparation for this musical on April 22nd.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 1,** 6pm, Choir Easter Musical

Presentation with Orchestra and drama  
**April 5,** 6pm, Maundy Thursday Service  
**April 6,** 6am, Prayer service at the cross  
**April 8,** 8am, 9:30am, and 11am, Easter Services with Sunday School at 9:45am.  
**April 22,** 6pm Children's Musical

**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"God, grant me the strength to hold on; the courage to let go; and wisdom to make the right decision with dignity" Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the person I can and the wisdom to know that's me". Co-Dependents Anonymous

**MISS MARY'S MEMOS**

Start making plans now to spend a fun-filled summer learning about Jesus and fellowshipping with us! Here are some dates for you to mark your calendars:

**June 10** VBS Kickoff

**June 11-14** VBS

**June 15-** Commencement & Celebration

**June 19-20** \*Activities Day Camp for 2nd-5th graders

**June 25-28** Basketball Camp (5 years-5th grade)

**July 8-11** Kids' Camp for kids who have completed 2nd-5th grades

**July 16-18** \*Activities Day Camp for 2nd-5th graders

**July 23-25** \*Activities Day Camp for 2nd-5th graders

\*Younger children are invited to join us if accompanied by a parent/adult. Details for the camps will be in the next Focus.

**YOUTH**

Students you won't want to miss out on any of our upcoming events.

**Feb. 24-25** – Senior High Ski. Cost is \$85, this includes your ski rental and lodging. Parents/volunteers, please see me if you would like to go along as a Chaperone. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 15th, Money is due by Feb 19th.

**March 2-4** – Junior high Retreat in the Smokies. Cost is \$85, parents and volunteers please see me if you would like to Chaperone. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 22nd. Money is due by Feb. 26th.

**March 10** – Winter Jam in Lexington!!! Cost is \$10, we will be heading down in the afternoon to grab dinner in Lexington, and then heading to Rupp for the Concerts. Parents, you are more than welcome to come chaperone.

**June 21-25** – Crossing Camp. Mark your calendar for camp, more info to come.

Also don't forget our normal times to hang out, **The Gathering on Sunday Nights @ 6:06**, and **LINK Group on Wednesday Nights @ 6**.

1 Timothy 4:12 "12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

**ROADRUNNERS**

A schedule of upcoming Roadrunner events is on the Welcome Center.

**March 14-17** Western Kentucky Tour. Highlights include: the Corvette Assembly Plant and KY Museum in Bowling Green, the Quilt Museum in Paducah, three nights at Green Turtle Bay Resort, dinner at Patti's in Grand Rivers and dinner at Lambert's in Sikeston, Missouri. See Mary for details. Sign up at the Welcome Center by March 1.

**April 25-** Derby Dinner Playhouse production of Happy Days. Cost: \$30 for buffet and show. We will leave the church at 9:45 and travel by bus. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by March 1.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Our Feb/March project is collecting much needed items for The Nile. Pick up a detailed sheet at the Welcome Center for items needed. Collection until March 11.

**SPRING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

The spring schedule of discipleship classes will kick off in early March. To see the schedule and/or sign up, visit our church website or the Welcome Center.

**GAP EASTER TRIP**

**March 31st.** Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to go for a one day mission trip to McDowell, KY.

**GAP MISSION TRIP**

Sign up at the Welcome Center now for the "GAP" mission trip **June 17-22nd.** We need 24 folks. Call Jeanie Mitchell at 502-226-8405 if you have questions.

**FORKS CRUISE**

Join us **December 27-30** for a four night cruise to Cozumel, Mexico. We will travel on Royal Caribbean's luxurious Liberty of the Seas. Pick up an itinerary from the Welcome Center.

**THANK YOU**

We want to thank you—each and every one for your prayers and support.

**Marilyn, David & Jeremy Locker**

We would like to thank our church family for the cards, food, phone calls and prayers during my illness & surgery.

**Les Mulder and Family**

I would like to thank everyone for their support and concern after my house was burglarized. **Deloris Warford**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Robert & Tamela Calmes** 202 Colchester, Versailles, KY 40383

**CLOSINGS/DELAYS**

In case of inclement weather, look to the local television stations and our church website for closings and delays.

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" T h e B e s t I s Y e t T o C o m e "

**Worship Opportunities**

<b>Sun</b>	8:30 & 11	Worship Service Children's Church
	9:45 am	Sunday School (for all ages)
	4:45 pm	Bible Drills (4th-6th Grade)
	5:00 pm	Student Choirs
	6:00 pm	Youth (Middle and High School)
	6:00 pm	Worship Service WEE Learn (1-2 yrs); Rhyme n' Reason (3-5 yrs) Bible Skills, Drills (1st-3rd Grade) High Octane (4th & 5th Graders)
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 pm	Visitation; Exercise Class
<b>Tues</b>	6:00 pm	WINGS (3rd Tuesday)
<b>Wed</b>	5:15 pm	Fellowship Meal
	6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting; MS & HS Youth Children Activities (3 yrs—5th grade)
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thur</b>	6:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery (small church);
<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	REAL Men's Ministry (2nd & 4th Saturdays)
	10am-1pm	Soup Kitchen (4th Saturday)

**Nursery Available**

**CHURCH DEADLINES**

**Sunday's Bulletin:** Thursday by Noon  
**Prayer List:** Wednesday by Noon  
**First Focus:** 20th of the previous month  
**Second Focus:** 5th of the month

**HOW TO REACH US**

**CHURCH STAFF**

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A potluck dinner is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15 pm. Each family is asked to bring a favorite dish (or two).

All other Wednesday fellowship meals are by reservation only and are served at 5:15 pm. The cost is minimal. Please be considerate and make your reservations or cancellations no later than Noon each Monday.

**E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN**

If you would like to be a part of the Forks E-Mail Prayer Chain, please send your e-mail address to with prayer chain in the subject line:

**forkselkhorn@gmail.com**

**FOCUS BY EMAIL**

Anyone who wishes to receive the Focus by email please send your email address to:

**jessica.switzer@fewpb.net**

**February—March 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Lord's Supper 5pm Youth Parent Meeting	13	14	15 5:15pm Valentine's Banquet No Kid's Classes	16 5:30pm Fund-raising Com. Mtg	17	18
19 5pm Deacon Mtg	20	21 11:30am Roadrunners; 6pm WINGS	22 6pm Discipleship Class Teachers Share	23 6:30 Constitution & Bylaws	24 Senior High Ski Retreat—>25	25 7am REAL Men
26 5pm Nominating Com. Mtg.	27	28	29	<b>March 1</b>	2 Jr. High Smokies Retreat —>4th	3
4 6pm Special Business Mtg.	5	6	7 Potluck	8	9	10 7am REAL Men
11 12pm New Member Banquet	12	13	14 Roadrunner Trip to WKY—>17th	15 5:30pm E&D Meeting	16	17

\*For more details on weekly events, please look above the calendar at "Worship Opportunities."