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Columbus Community River Mission Church on its 20th year *Small in number, big on faith and dedication*



Columbus Community River Mission Church: Seated are Patty Moore, Darrol Dean, and Janice Kay Dean. Standing are Archie Moore, David Moore, Lisa Moore, Joyce Hagerty and Stanley Dean. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

By GAYE BENCINI

"Faith is stronger than waves," is written above the painted arch featuring a cross in the middle of a body of water in the sanctuary of what was once known as Columbus Methodist Church, now Columbus Community River Mission Church.

The mural was painted one stormy night when a couple stopped in Columbus to get out of the weather. They spent the night and the next morning they left and left the painting as a thank you to the kindness of strangers.

The mural is fitting, as those who attend the church have faced some rough waves along the way, but they have remained faithful.

A group of about seven meet in the church basement every Sunday morning at around 9:30 a.m. where they open with prayer, have a time of song service, and a Bible lesson.

They have done this for the past 20 years and some have attended services in that building longer than that.

The church was deeded to the group in 2005 by the Methodist Confer-

ence. Joyce Hagerty, who lives close by, has been attending for about the past 14 years. "I enjoy being with the church family and learning more about God," she said.

David Moore, who attends with his wife Lisa, parents Archie and Patty, and aunt, Janice Kay Dean, grew up in the church.

"It means everything," Janice Kay Dean said Sunday, of the group coming together for worship. Sadly, her husband Vester "Pete" Dean passed away last year. Her son Darrol and grandson Stanley also attended Sunday.

David Moore leads the service, and Lisa Moore is song leader. Sunday songs were "O Worship the King," "His way with Thee," and "In the Garden."

David led In the Lord's prayer.

Janice Kay Dean led in the lesson titled "From Empty Worship to Pure Hearts." Attendees are asked to read portions of the lesson but are certainly not required to if they had rather not. Janice leads in the lesson and discussion is held.

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The church structure was damaged during a rough wind storm in 2023.



Shown is a mural painted by a stranger as a thank you for the church's kindness.

Ryker Cagle leaves Overwatch Band; Band searches for new lead singer



Ryker Cagle and Tristan Reilly began to perform musically in middle school, later forming Overwatch Band in 2015. He will leave the band after May.

The local band Overwatch announced last week that Ryker Cagle, band frontman, will be leaving the group after May to sing with The Liberty Boys, a group with which he has been singing for a few years.

Overwatch said in a Facebook statement that the decision was Ryker's

and while they are saddened by the news, they wish him the best.

"While we are very saddened by this we will part ways with no hard feelings and will remain a family with a bond that cannot be broken outside of the band."

The statement said the decision was Ryker's

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The long-time Byassee Drug Store sign came down Tuesday and was replaced with a Kentucky Care Pharmacy sign. Owner Gretchen Hayden was not at the pharmacy Tuesday and could not be reached for comment at press time. We will have more on this next week.



Lilly Jean Kimbell spoke to the Hickman County Board of Education March 25 on her volunteer work at Clinton Place and her emergency services training.



Autumn Rudolph was recognized at the board of education meeting March 25 as the winner of the Grandparents Essay Contest sponsored by the Retired Teachers Association.

Summer school this year planned for four county parks; New school visitor sign-in system in place

By GAYE BENCINI

The Hickman County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday evening, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the board office behind the high school. Present were Superintendent Heather Spillman, Finance Officer Kim Wilson, School Board Members Matt Hicks, Matt Latham and Stephanie Grubbs,

HCES Principal Tiffany Ray, HCHS Principal Jeff Boaz, Middle School Dean Eric Blalock, Preschool

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Kelly Terry was the recipient of the Super Falcon Award at the board of education meeting March 25, presented by Board Member Stephanie Grubbs. Terry is director of the KAPS Family Resource Center.



Blair Street Park, shown above, along with Rotary Park, Columbus Park, and Fulgham Park will be the sites of Summer School brought to the children. Read more in this week's board of education article. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

