

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY**

OUR CHURCH VOICE



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FROM THE DESK OF DR D

I love the Advent/ Christmas Season for so many special reasons!

Reason # 1: The birth of the Christ Child brings along with it its own thrill and excitement!

Reason #2: The church building is always so beautiful!

Reason #3: It involves so many people in its events and activities!

Reason #4: The music (both instrumental and vocal) is very inspirational! The choir program was outstanding!

Reason #5: The talent of our young people

is truly something else! They filled the church to overflowing and there was not a dry eye in the house! Hats off to their sponsors and parents!

Reason # 6: Having families share together in the Christmas Eve Candle-light Communion Service was awesome!

Reason #7: Making Christmas special for others by supporting the Christmas Family program and the Christmas Baskets put together & delivered by the young people! They even



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raised their own money through a Bake Sale on a very cold day!

Reason # 8: Watching the young people-and some not so young people-conversing with Santa Clause while sitting upon his knee!

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SERMON SERIES TO BEGIN

Have you been meaning to read the Letter Of Revelation but for one reason or another have never gotten around to it?

Have you been wanting to know more about the last Book (Letter) of

the Bible but have never had the opportunity to study it?

Have you ever wondered what the "Seven Churches," "Seven Seals," "Seven Trumpets," "Seven Bowls," "Seven Plagues," "Seven

Dooms," and "Seven New Things" are all about?

Have you been somewhat intrigued and a whole lot confused about "the beast," "the woman and the dragon," "the four horsemen," "the seven angels," & the 144,000?"

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Things You Do Not Want To Miss In January-2012

- Installation & Ordination Service on January 8!
- Sermon Series on Revelation-starts on Jan 15!
- Worship Of The Lord each & every Sunday at 10:30 am!
- Board Meeting on Wednesday-Jan 18!

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Reason # 9: Having Christmas Day fall on a Sunday morning and the opportunity to gather together as the Family of God to worship the Christ Child was truly something special!

Reason #10: Just being a part of it all and to have the privilege and honor of being the Pastor of the First Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ) of Dawson Springs, Kentucky!

January

One just cannot ask for anything more!

A special thank you goes out to each and everyone of you for making **Advent/Christmas 2011** so very, very special!

Now on to 2012 and all the exciting and adventurous experiences it has in store for all of us!

See you Sunday-If Not Before!

Dr D

SERMON SERIES TO BEGIN (CONTINUED)

If you can identify with any of the above (or even if you cannot) maybe it is the right time to take part in a **Sermon Series and Study of the Letter (Book) Of Revelation?**

The theme for this Sermon Series and Study will be **"Revelation- A Letter Filled With Hope And Challenge!"**

A **Sermon Series and Study on the Letter (Book) of Revelation** will begin on Sunday-January 15-2012.

A **Study Guide** with daily reflections will be provided for personal study.

The following schedule of sermon titles & topics will be observed!

January

- 15: "Why Revelation?"
- 22: "Unveiling The Masterpiece"
- 29: "Why, When, What & Who?"

February

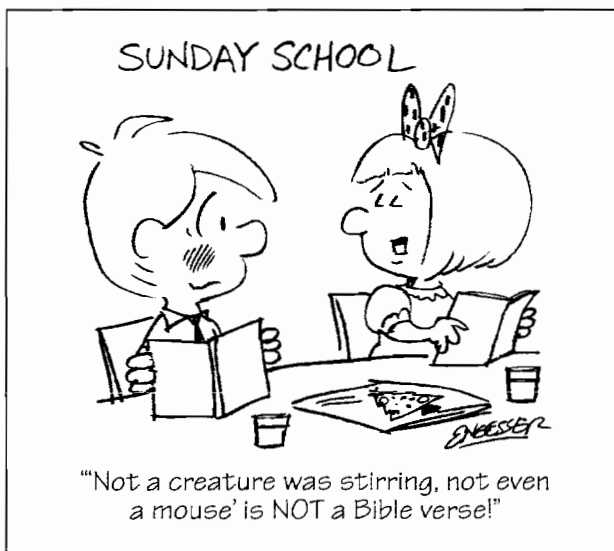
- 5: "A Deeper Revelation"
- 12: "A Letter Begins"
- 19: "Banished But Blessed"
- 26: Guest Preacher

March

- 4: "You Don't Love Me Like You Use To"
- 11: "When Enough Is Enough?"
- 18: "Taking Out The Garbage"
- 25: "Tis The Gift To Be Simple"



SERMON SERIES



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS

WHEN: Sunday-January 8
WHERE: Sanctuary
WHAT TIME: 10:30 am

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

CHOIR PRACTICE

WHEN: Wednesday Night
 January 11 & 18
WHERE: Choir Loft
WHAT TIME: 6:30 pm



ELDER'S MEETING

WHEN: Sunday-January 8
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
WHAT TIME: Noon



DAPS BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Monday-January 16
WHERE: FCCDS-Library
WHAT TIME: 7:00 pm



CWF

WHEN: Wednesday-January 11
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
WHAT TIME: 7:30 pm



CHURCH BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday-January 18
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
WHAT TIME: 7:30 pm



January 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are needed from all officers, committee chairs, leaders of groups and organizations ASP!

Report forms should have been mailed out to you-additional forms can be obtained from Barbara or Dr D. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated!

CWF SERVICE PROJECT

CWF needs your help with collecting the following items for the Dawson Springs Public School System.

- Pocket Folders
- Three-ring binders (1 inch)
- Scissors
- Pink erasers (square)

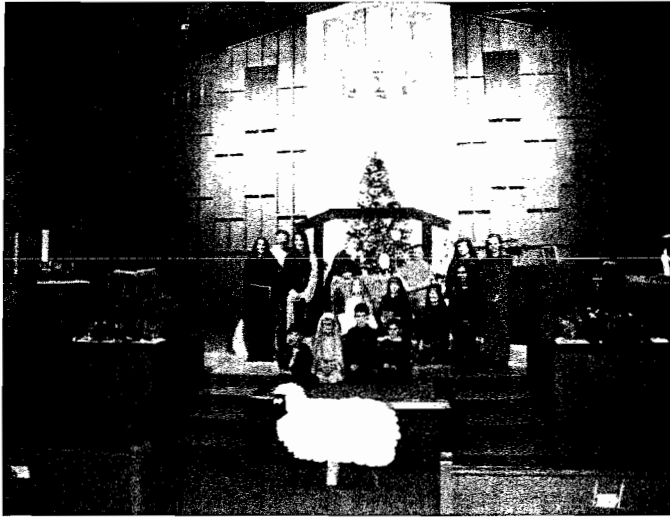


- Girls underwear and socks
- Boys underwear and socks

Please help the women of the church out by supporting this worthy cause!

All items can be placed in the special basket located in the front foyer! Thank You!

PICTURES FROM ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2011



Serving in JANUARY 2012

Home Communion

Belinda Hillerich, Martha Parsons,
Carolyn Walker, Monte Cox

Elders at the Table:

Jon Harned, Jim Beshears

Deacons:

Chris Smiley, Kristin Crook, Laura Hillerich,
Kara Davis, Karson Field, Christina Hamby

Acolytes This Month: JANUARY

01-Alex Field & Andrew Gamble

08-Carson McCuiston & Blake Mitchell

15-Wade Workman & Kaleb Gamble

22-Everli Mitchell & Gabe Workman

29-Sarah Patton & Grant McCuiston

Worship Leaders : JANUARY

01-Colleen Davidson

08-Joe Allen

15-Carolyn Walker

22-Wanda Capps

29-Kathy Nichols



Prayer Concerns

Week One

Nancy Ashby, Kylie Meeks, Mike Midkiff,
Randall Martin

Week Two

John Coates, Miabelle Gillier, Susie Kimmel

Week Three

Yvonne Chappell, Jan Earnest Conrad,
Elizabeth Farris, Thomas French, Susie Kemble,
Jose' Labrado,

Shut INS:

Emily Barbour, Claude Holeman, Imy Menser,
Beatrice Parker

Deployed Military Personnel:

Josh Baver, Stephen Gesis, Jeffery Johnston,
Timmy McKnight, Travis McKnight, David Richey,

(If you know of a Deployed Military Personnel, or if someone
comes home, Please let the office know)

Poinsettias in Memory of:

Levolua Allen, Ike Fox, & Bobby Nixon by: Allen Family

John E. & Martha Aussenbaugh by: John & Margaret Aussenbaugh

Kenneth Barnes & Doug Barnes by: Judy Roehr & Tracy Overby

Mary Eda Ligon Beshear (Paternal Grand Mother) by: Karen Cox

Margaret Blackburn by: Steve, Mariana, Jacob & Sarah Patton

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Cansler, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cansler by: Rita Hinton

Durie Chaney by: Herb & Virginia Chaney

Betty Chappell by: Sandra Parker, Sheldon, Lori, Blake & Everli Mitchell

Warren Coates by: June Coates & Family

Billy Grant Cox by: Mark Cox

Larry Griffin, George French, Graham Hatfield, Ruth & P. D. George & Don McNeal by: Judy Griffin

Joel G. Hurley by: Glenda, Kay & Kent Hurley & Dianne, Jose', Carson & Aaron Labrado

Bayne Keller by: Ruth Keller

Shirley Kembel by: Teresa Ashby

Kenneth Kirk by: Martha Kirk & Family

Richard Massamore by: Jean & Family

Roy & Lucretia McNeely by: Herb & Virginia Chaney

Ott & Estelle Morris by: Charles, Dana & Kathy Nichols

Beth Ann Musgrove by: Jean Musgrove

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Beulah & Denver Nichols by: Charles, Dana & Kathy Nichols

Rex Parker by: Sandra Parker, Sheldon, Lori, Blake & Everli Mitchell

Dorothy Scott by: Jean Massamore

Garrett & Mavel Smiley, Ott & Estelle Morris by: Jim & Belinda Hillerich, Chris & Jahn Smiley & Families

Ronald Smiley by: Donovan, Reed, Gage, Kolby, Nehemiah & Santiago

Ronald and Sue Smiley by: Jim & Belinda Hillerich, Chris & Jahn Smiley & Families

Sue Smiley by: David, Brandan, Kristin, Kara, Keila, Laura & Kelly

Danny Walker, Bob & Polly Coates by: Carolyn & Allison Walker

Poinsettias in Honor of:

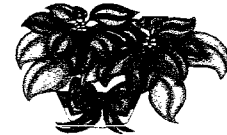
Children & Grand Children by: Larry & Colleen Davidson

Charles & Dana Nichols by: Kathy, Lisa, Sherri, Tiffany, Micah

Melissa Earnest & Choir :Friends

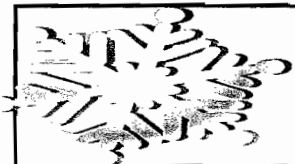
John & Melissa Earnest by: Judy Griffin

Janet Webb by: Judy Griffin

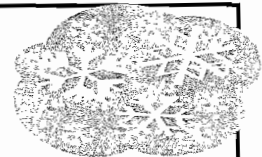


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January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 S. School 9:30 Worship 10:30	2 Sarah Patton's B'day	3 Martha Kirk's B'day	4 UN-decorate Church Helpers needed 10:00 am Gary Staley's B'day	5 Jim & Jeannie Knapp's Anniversary	6	7
8 S. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Recognizing & Install New Officers for 2011 Following Worship Elder/Deacon lunch & Meeting Shut In 9:30 Choir Party 6:00 pm	9	10	11 Choir 6:30 pm CWF 7:30 @ Church	12	13	14
15 S. School 9:30 Worship 10:30	16 DAPS Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Sandra Parker's B'day	17	18 Choir 6:30 pm Board 7:30 pm Jacob Elam & Glenda Hurley's B'day	19 Michelle Lovelace & Philip Hamby's B'day	20	21 Fredia Music B'day
22 S. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Christina Hamby's B'day	23	24	25	26	27	28 Jon Harned & Gabe Workman's B'day
29 S. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 5th Youth Sunday Choir will Sing Special	30	31	Elders: Jon Harned & Jim Beshears Deacons: Chris Smiley, Kristin Crook, Laura Hillerich, Kara Davis, Karson Field, Christina Hamby.	Worship Leaders : Colleen Davidson Joe Allen Carolyn Walker Wanda Capps Kathy Nichols		

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The board meeting was called to order by board chair Scotty Parson Sr. Members present at the meeting were Kathy Nichols, Mary Colleen Davidson, Herb Chaney, Virginia Chaney, Wand Capps, Jon Harned, Anita Hamby, Charlie Hamby, Ross Workman, Teresa Ashby, Rev. Dr. Larry Davidson, and Scotty Parsons Sr.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER:

Dr. Davidson presented our devotion from Luke 2:7. He followed the devotion with prayer.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 16, 2011 meeting were read. A motion was made by Ross Workman and seconded by Jon Harned to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

November Inflows: \$9,604.45

November Outflows: -\$9996.04

Net Total: \$-391.59

General Fund Checkbook as of 12/20/11 - \$17,199.92

Memorial Fund - \$7,244.12

A motion was made by Virginia Chaney and seconded by Kathy Nichols to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP: The church has been decorated for Christmas in preparation of various programs.

EDUCATION: 110 people attended the youth Christmas program. Ross Workman and the board members extended appreciation to Anita Hamby and Laura Field for their youth leadership. The new sound system was used for the youth Christmas program. Some new batteries will be purchased for the new microphones.

YOUTH: The youth made \$202.00 from their bake sale. They provided two food baskets for families in need. The youth are beginning to plan for an Easter program.

MEMBERSHIP: 98 members attend the morning service. 110 people attended the annual Christmas dinner and the youth Christmas program.

PROPERTY: Two trees were removed from the parsonage property at a cost of \$325.00.

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLICITY: No report.

OUTREACH: Our church collected \$851.00 for our Christmas families.

CHURCH GROWTH: No report.

Pastoral Relations: No report.

ELDERS: The 2012 elder schedule has been submitted to Rev. Davidson by chair Kathy Nichols. We will discuss the home communion schedule again at our next meeting.

DEACONS: The deacon chairs are working on the 2012 deacon schedule.

CWF: Approximately \$1400.00 was made from the church bazaar.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The board members voted to pay off the building fund loan. We owe \$27,000 on the loan and we have \$44,000 in the building fund. The capital campaign

committed pledges continue until July 1, 2012. The next item on our capital campaign list is carpet. Charlie Hamby will begin to pursue estimates for carpet. Another tree and some stumps need to be removed this spring from the parsonage property.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 11 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas; Worship 10:30 a.m. – No Sunday School

Jan. 1 – Happy New Year

Jan. 8 – Installation of New Officers and Deacon Ordination – 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 11 – Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

 CWF – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 18 – Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

 Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

DAPS REPORT:

November Totals:

Items Given Out – 1934

Monetary Donations - \$700.00

Monetary Assistance - \$789.40

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 18, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The board meeting was adjourned by chair Scotty Parson Sr. Rev. Dr. Larry Davidson led us in the Lord's Prayer.

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE FOR JANUARY-2011

T K S T U D Y P L W O R S H I P R G R J
 G N T L T B E A S T E N N C W I D D T N
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| ACHIEVE | CONFUSED | NARROWED | SERMON |
| ANGELS | DESK | NEWYEAR | SINGING |
| BEAST | ELDERS | PRAYER | STUDY |
| BEGIN | ENOUGH | PROPHET | SUNDAY |
| BIBLE | JANUARY | REASON | TRUMPETS |
| BOARD | JEREMAH | RESOLUTIONS | VOICE |
| CHOIR | LORD | REVELATION | WEDNESDAY |
| CHURCH | MEMBERS | SEALS | WINTER |
| COMMITMENTS | MUSIC | SERIES | WORSHIP |

DAPS UPDATE

Food Bank

Month	Clients	Items Given Out
January	47 (47)	1235 (1050)
February	42 (42)	1053 (1086)
March	61 (55)	1331 (1212)
April	60 (37)	1510 (845)
May	64 (49)	1709 (1090)
June	72 (49)	1594 (1248)
July	78 (59)	1433 (1351)
August	90 (64)	1492 (1560)
September	73 (67)	1743 (1607)
October	45 (65)	1359 (1525)
November	70 (65)	1934 (1473)
December	96 (55)	1945 (1344)
Total	797 (654)	18,338 (15,391)

Monetary Donation

Month	Donors	Donations Received
January	5 (5)	\$ 850.00 (\$1,008.00)
February	13 (4)	\$ 1,079.00 (\$ 734.53)
March	5 (14)	\$ 920.00 (\$ 1,266.00)
April	13 (10)	\$ 2,645.00 (\$ 1,037.00)
May	8 (5)	\$ 1,395.00 (\$ 575.00)
June	5 (65)	\$ 220.60 (\$ 3,357.00)
July	7 (7)	\$ 1,360.00 (\$ 1,100.00)
August	14 (12)	\$ 1,311.00 (\$ 1,070.00)
September	12 (9)	\$ 880.00 (\$ 954.00)
October	5 (7)	\$ 850.00 (\$ 876.00)
November	2 (7)	\$ 700.00 (\$ 750.00)
December	18 (11)	\$ 2,732.00 (\$ 1,230.00)
Total	107(156)	\$14,942.60 (\$13,902.35)

Monetary Assistance Granted

Month	Clients	Amount Of Assistance
January	22 (23)	\$1,086.00 (\$1,015.29)
February	14 (13)	\$ 698.27 (\$ 627.78)
March	17 (26)	\$ 850.08 (\$1,202.06)
April	18 (9)	\$ 900.00 (\$ 385.50)
May	20 (22)	\$ 997.10 (\$ 910.62)
June	30 (11)	\$1,443.56 (\$ 542.71)
July	23 (43)	\$1,032.73 (\$ 2,061.69)
August	20 (29)	\$ 857.47 (\$ 1,368.87)
September	20 (25)	\$ 792.79 (\$ 1,241.83)
October	8 (18)	\$ 337.00 (\$ 884.12)
November	21 (16)	\$ 789.40 (\$ 693.13)
December	16 (19)	\$ 635.00 (\$ 881.64)
Total	229(254)	\$10,419.40 (\$12,074.89)

THANK YOU

FCCDS is truly a gift to my life, and your kind gesture will last a lifetime. Your generosity touched my heart- - - sometimes simple words say it best- - -Thank You!

-Janet Webb-

Thank you so much for your gift of money. Thank you for thinking of me. I really enjoy working for you all. You all are family to me and Dallas. Again thanks so much.

-Barbara Thomas-



Thank you so much-you were more than kind. People like you aren't easy to find! May 2012 be a wonderful year for all.

-Steve Boyd-

To my First Christian Church Family: Again, I thank you for your generosity and support not only at Christmas but all throughout the year. Each one of you holds a special place in my heart. I wish you for all of us a happy and healthy 2012!

-Melissa Earnest-

We would like to thank you for the cards, gifts and other many kindnesses that you passed along to us throughout the Advent/ Christmas Season. It is truly a pleasure to be the pastor & wife of this special Family Of God.

-Mary Colleen & Dr D-

From the
Chairperson

I would like to thank all of those who worked so hard throughout the year of 2011. You not only allowed the church to progress, but made my job as Board Chair so much easier. Everyone working together truly made a difference. God bless each and everyone of you.

-Scotty Parsons, Sr-

THE GIFT OF HUMOR

Gifted pianist and comedian Victor Borge once said the shortest distance between two people is laughter. He was right! Laughter does indeed quickly break down barriers.

Collect a few stories that make you laugh and have them ready when an occasion calls for a uplifting.

For example: A woman and six children were walking toward a park.



An elderly man who was also headed there stopped the woman and said with a smile, "My, what a nice group of children. Are they all yours or is this a picnic?"

The woman's response was immediate. "Yes! They're all my children, and it ain't no picnic!"

MISSING PRONOUNS

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say I!

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say My!

Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for one another!



To ask God for "our" daily bread, you must include your brother!

For others are included. . .in each and every plea.

From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say Me!

BRAND NEW

I am the new year! I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living! I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months.

All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination! All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.



All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not will. All the faith you claimed but did not have--these slumber lightly, waiting to be the touch of a strong purpose.

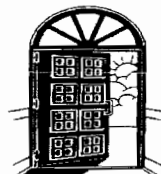
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "See, I am making all things new!" (Revelation 21:5)

REASON FOR HOPE

A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, "Blue Monday" falls on January 23!

Someone once calculated this date based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken new year's resolutions and the end of the

holiday break. But no matter how bleak things seem-- - regardless of the time of year--



HOPE

-Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever!

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope!"

LESS IS MORE

What if we took our lengthy list of changes we want to make in the new year and narrowed them down-way down? Rather than making a half dozen or more commitments that we are unlikely to keep, how about

zeroing in on a single word that captures the essence of what we want to achieve or become?

What would your one-word resolution be?



"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it"

-John Ruskin-

NEVER LOSE HOPE

Everyone seems to have at least one resolution that seems impossible to keep! And that can become very discouraging.

The prophet Jeremiah, who had his own reasons to feel down, wrote, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;

great is Your faithfulness!" (Lamentations 3:22-23)

God refuses to give up on us! When we lose hope, when we fail and fall short, His mercy never rubs out! Tomorrow is full of promise and our Lord's unceasing love!

Let us never lose hope!

VISION STATEMENT

Within our community we are called to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ; to seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ; and to seek to act on behalf of the will of God!



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