



THE **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO**
(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

Holy Week is curiosity.... What actually happened? Why? Why does Jesus go to Jerusalem when it is the place of conflict and destruction? Does he know he is going to die? Does it matter? When do his disciples know that he is going to die? And do they ever believe in resurrection? Do they ever act with faith or is it enough that they act just to save their own skin? Can you go with Jesus all the way to the Last Supper? To the Garden of Gethsemane? To his trial? To his crucifixion? To his death? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Holy Week is fear and trembling....When all else fails, just close the door and lock it, pull the shades and turn out the lights. Let the world solve its own problems. Don't you have enough on your own plate? And yet, lying down in the dark of night doesn't answer all of the questions, doesn't fill all the empty holes that are left gnawing away at the spaces. So you get up and walk the floor, staring out the window at 3 a.m. to see if there are any answers, any at all. Fear and trembling are part of Holy Week, just like curiosity. All of Jesus' followers, every single one of them, thought him dead, dead, dead. Graveyard dead. We may learn from life that the answer to that is public nobility, but this story forces us to embrace fear and trembling as part of the answer. Ignore this story if you must. Just don't ignore the reality.

Holy Week is silence.... Before we can do anything else, we must listen to the story. Just listen. That is it. We have to see it unfold, twist and turn, and come to a conclusion before our eyes, before we are even born. Wait and watch and see how Jesus lived, died and was buried. Read it in one of the Gospels or all of them. Pay attention to the story and what comes before the story and the silence behind the story. Whatever else you do, let the story happen to you this week. In silence.

Holy Week is hope.... After the curiosity, after the fear and trembling, after the silence, deep down, deeper than anything else in all the world, there is hope. I don't know how or when it got there. But there it is. It gets us up out of bed really early or very late, and when all else fails, we trust God. After all the followers fell away, after the disciples went into hiding, after the last family member said the last words of goodbye and went home and the tomb was sealed, then God acted. God raised Jesus from the dead and the world shifted on its axis and everything changed.

Wait and watch and see this week. There is hope. Just wait for it.

Peace....Chris

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) Owensboro,
Kentucky Mission Statement**

"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."

**Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Mission Statement**

"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

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NEWS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On March 11, we welcomed Scot & Gina Kane into our Church family. The Kane's reside at 3123 Spring Point, 42303.

We are glad you are here!

Congratulations to ...

Will & Lia Pierce on the birth of their daughter, Claire Elizabeth Pierce, born on March 2 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Proud grandmother is Ann Jeannette Pierce.

Emily & Eric Jipp on the birth of their son, Charles Russell Jipp, born March 15 in Michigan. Charlie was also welcomed by big sister, Caroline. Proud grandparents are Russ Wilkey & Amy Fredrickson-Wilkey.

Thank you

I would like to thank you for all the pretty cards and thoughts and prayers while I was off with my hip fracture.

Linda Jones

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...

Julie and Sale Gordon and family in the death of Julie's grandmother, Barbara Ellen Ferguson Lee, who passed away March 1.

FaHoLo Sunday School Challenge

The FaHoLo Sunday school class challenges all other adult Sunday school classes to match their donation of \$100 for the Kum-Ba-Ya Caretaker Residence Fundraiser.

Upcoming Primetimers Plus Event

The next Luncheon will be Monday, April 23, at 11:30 am at Dalisha's, 1010 Allen Street. To make reservations please contact Ron Waite at Home (270) 683-8510, Cell (812) 454-8555, or email Ronwownsbr@aol.com.

Pitino Shelter Volunteers for April 8

John & Janey Burns Francy Miller
Mike & Angela Bruce

The Columbarium Committee reminds you that the deadline for the special pricing for the columbarium units ends on March 31. Please contact Carolyn Williams (270.929.6172) or Martha Lee (270.929.9049) for details.



Palm Sunday Worship ~ March 25 at 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship Service ~ March 29 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Worship ~ April 1 at 9:00 AM

Please note: Easter Sunday there will not be Worship & Wonder or Children and Youth Sunday school classes. Adult Sunday school classes will decide if they will meet. There will only be coffee and juice served on Easter.



Easter Offering

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter Offering, is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and

learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This offering will be received on Palm Sunday, March 25.

5th Saturday Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 31 at 9 AM

Wendell Foster

Sponsored by Men's Mass Community Choir

Featuring some Bluegrass sounds and gospel sing-along with the Owensboro Bluegrass Band, with Chris Joslin of the International Bluegrass Music Museum. All men of faith, young and old, are invited (along with their special guests, of course).

STEWARDSHIP JANUARY 2018

Offering for the Month	\$27,722.00
Other Revenue Month	<u>3,267.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$30,989.00
Expenses for the month	<u>34,820.00</u>
Net for the month	(\$3,831.00)

OUTREACH TOTAL

Disciples Mission Fund	1,785.00
Christian Church in KY West Area	1,071.00
HELP Office	450.00

Serving in Worship

March 25 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Michelle Long**
 Serving Elders: **Pam Woodward and Carolyn Williams**
 Acolyte: **Drew Johnson** Bell Ringer: **Jackson Roark**
 Elder of the month: **Kaye Farmer**
 Deacons: **Aloma Dew, Chris Gaddis, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Michelle Long, Abbe Quisenberry**
 Youth Deacon: **Lucas Ruckdeschel**
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Mallory Roberts**
 Choir Message: *Hosanna, Hosanna!* **Sunday School Singers & Faith Holley-Lutz, Trumpet**
 Prelude: *O Worship the King*
 Offertory: *You Are My Hiding Place*
 Communion: *Were You There?*
 Hymns: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor; Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?; Tell Me the Stories of Jesus; All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

A palm arrangement has been placed in the chancel by Gary & Mary Lisa Tunget to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edith Bennett.

April 1 ~ Easter ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Joey McKinley**
 Serving Elders: **John & Janey Burns**
 Acolyte: **Walker Gaddis** Bell Ringer: **Drew Johnson**
 Elder of the month: **Bob Morris**
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Luckett, Leslie Mobley, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb, Sally Wood**
 Youth Deacon: **Adam Lott**
NO Worship & Wonder
 Choir Message: *¡Aleluya, Cristo Resucitó! (Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen!)*
 Prelude: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
 Offertory: *Gaelic Morning*
 Communion: *Air from Overture in D* **Connie Ford, Flute**
 Hymns: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!; O Love That Will Not Let Me Go; Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; He Is Lord*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory Bill Barnett by Nelda Barnett, Leslie Barnett Rice, and Dona Barnett Johnson.

The arrangement in the silver pitcher is given by Mary Ellen Gant in loving memory of Justice William Gant, Walter S. Gant, Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Gant, Captain & Mrs. W. T. Ellis, and Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Sloane.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, March 25

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, March 26

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
 6:30 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, March 27

9:00 am Faithful Knitting

WEDNESDAY, March 28

6:30 am MBS Panera
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 29

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Ser.

SUNDAY, April 1

9:00 am Worship
 10:30 am Sunday School
 (Adult Classes Only)

MONDAY, April 2

Office Closed
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
 6:00 pm Worship Team Mtg.
 6:30 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, April 3

9:00 pm Faithful Knitting
 1:00 pm DWM Day Group Mtg.
 at Lee's, 2504 Canonero Loop
 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 4

6:30 am MBS Panera
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 5

2:30 pm Food Pantry
 6:00 pm DWM Group Mtg at FCC

SUNDAY, April 8

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, April 9

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Mtg
 6:30 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, April 10

9:00 am Faithful Knitting
 1:00 pm Chrismons Prep.
 5:15 pm Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 11

6:30 am MBS Panera
 5:00 pm Youth Sunday Plan.
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, April 14

10:00 am Baptism Class

SUNDAY, April 15

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp
 5:00 pm FCC Kids!
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

April 8 ~ Easter 2 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Marjorie Flowers**
 Serving Elders: **Nathan & Suzette Nunley**
 Acolyte: **Mackenzie Elliott** Bell Ringer: **Walker Gaddis**
 Elder of the month: **Bob Morris**
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Cori Douglas, Joy Emerson, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende Lott**
 Youth Deacon: **Addison Callis**
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Brian Belcher**
 Choir Message: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* **Connie Ford, Guest Director**
 Prelude: *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him*
 Offertory: *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 Communion: *It is Well with My Soul*
 Hymns: *Crown Him with Many Crowns; Trust and Obey, Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether; He Is Lord*

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Chrismons

If you would like to help make ornaments for our Christmas tree, plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 10, at 1 PM. No experience needed.



Youth Sunday Planning Session

April 11 at 5:00-7:00 PM at Church

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited to have a part in an exciting worship service on April 29! This will be the only planning session, so mark the date in your calendar!

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Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to the annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 24, at 11 am. There will be snacks and an exciting Easter egg hunt!



KBY Spring Youth Work Retreat

April 21-22

\$10 Each

Calling all Chi-Rho and CYF Youth! Come work on Saturday and stay overnight at camp. An evening of fun activities are planned. The event ends after worship on Sunday. Contact the church office if you plan to go!

Worship and Wonder Exciting New Opportunity!

What: Become trained to be a Worship and Wonder Storyteller to help serve the children of our church and learn more about the Bible stories yourself!

When: Saturday, April 28, 8:30-11:30 AM

Where: Worship and Wonder room at FCC

Why: We need YOU! and its FREE!

Who: All interested in becoming a Storyteller and a refresher for current Storytellers

*Please contact Katie Sterett if interested! 270-929-9935 or katiesterett@gmail.com

