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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

So, now, we wait. We watch the news on television and then check our computers and then check our phones and then check some form of social media and then call family or friends and then, we start all over again. Over and over we check and recheck the latest news, information, rumor and conversation out there. What is the newest, hottest and latest word about coronavirus? Where's the hand sanitizer?!? Is it any wonder people tell me they don't move for hours and find themselves utterly exhausted?

None of us, however, can make this move any faster, to even the middle of the story, much less the end. None of us has been here before and, therefore, our guide stones, our learning, even our intuition, is simply shot: Nothing works. No plan for what comes next may be correct, because, nobody knows.

Here's the truth: Nobody ever knows. Ever. Ever. Ever. Our ancestors, both spiritual and otherwise, lived through revolutions, epidemics, pandemics, plagues, earthquakes, tsunamis, wars, occupations, tyrannical rulers, genocide, ethnic cleansing and a host of other horrible things. This is our thing. Yes, it is hard, perhaps harder than anything we have ever experienced. And our ancestors would say to us, "So?" Life is hard and beautiful, terrifying and wonderful. As I heard Fred Craddock say once, "Screw down your courage to the sticking point and be faithful."

Now is the time you get to see how effective your faith really is. Are you afraid? Well, that's just honest. But are you faithful to God and your fellow humans in these difficult days, even while afraid? Can you see the people around us, or do they really matter at all? Our self-centered, individualistic culture isn't good at producing big-hearted lovers of neighbors, strangers and even enemies. Jesus insisted on such things, however. It is the soul of the gospel and good for what ails us and leads to all kinds of wonderful things like faith, hope and love, just to name a few.

So, turn off the television, the laptop, the computer, the phone and pay attention to the world around us. There is an aching, heart-breaking need for attention, kindness, honesty and hope. We are bearers of that good news. We are people made for such a time as this. We are born for this. Our ancestors look to us now to see if we have the mettle for such days. I believe we do. It's the truth of the gospel story. Walk into the toughest of trials with the hope of resurrection. Jesus did. So can we.

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."*

FCC STAFF

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Church Office Hours

Mon–Thurs 8 am–noon and 1 – 5 pm

You may listen to our worship service via your computer or smartphone by accessing www.MIXLR.com/FirstChristianChurch at 9 am CT Sunday, or by using a speakerphone dialing 1-214-699-5100. The access code is 6939237#

FCC App for iPhone & Android

Stay connected with the church, download from the App Store and Google Play - First Christian Church—Owensboro

LET'S JOIN TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS!

We hope that you will join us for worship each Sunday. There are 3 ways to attend:

1. Watch and listen live at 9AM on our **Facebook** page (**you don't need to be a Facebook member, simply Google "First Christian Church Owensboro Facebook" and click the link.**)
2. Listen live at 9AM on **Mixlr** (you don't need to download an app, simply go to fccowb.org, scroll down to the Mixlr box and click play.)
3. Listen live at 9AM by **dialing** 1-214-699-5100 and enter access code 6939237#

The services are saved on Facebook and Mixlr, so you may go back and listen anytime.

To download the Mixlr app:

IPHONE: Download via <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/mixlr/id583705714?ls=1&mt=8>

ANDROID: Download via <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mixlr.android>



Communion at Home!

Send us a picture of
your communion!



Congratulations to....

Julie & Kevin Bartlett on the birth of their daughter, Camille Sophia, born March 20, weighing 8 lbs. Also welcoming Camille is her big brother, Landon. Proud grandparents are Steve & Debby Crone.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...

Joy Emerson and family in the death of her sister, Carolyn Boarman, who passed away February 22.

Terri & Kevin Bailey, Travis, Rachel, and Haven Bailey, Shelby Bailey, and Scott & Patty Hite and family in the death of Terri and Scott's mother, Bonnie Hite, who passed away February 23.

Libby Clemens and family in the death of her mother, Norma Collier, who passed away March 7.

Pictured is a face mask made by Beverly Chelgren. She found sewing instructions posted on the Deaconess website. She is donating masks to those in need. If you need a mask, send her a text at 270-925-2353. Also, Owensboro Health has posted instructions on making masks, as they are in need.



CALENDAR

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, events within the building have been cancelled.

EVERY SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship – join together on Facebook Live, Mixlr, or call 1-214-699-5100 - access code 6939237#

EVERY THURSDAY

Facebook Live with Pastor Chris

THURSDAY, April 9 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service – Facebook Live, Mixlr, or call 1-214-699-5100 – access code 6939237#

April Anniversaries

- 1 Brian & Cathy Hedges
- 4 Nathan & Suzette Nunley
- 5 Pam & Norman Woodward
- 8 Jerry & Joyce Bennett
- 10 Richard & Leslie Carlisle
- 22 Steve & Debby Crone
- 23 Sarah & Gary Hayden
- 25 Carroll & Larkin Hayden
- 28 Austin & Caressa Schrecker



To reduce your carbon footprint:

Use only cold water in your washing machine to save the energy used to heat water.

April Birthdays

- 6 Robert Julius
- 11 Sue Lawson
- 12 Suzette Nunley
- 14 Brad Webb
- 14 Beverly Bartlett
- 16 Jane Miller
- 17 Andy Goodaker
- 17 Joseph McKinley
- 18 J. Chris Michael
- 19 Addison Le Boutillier
- 20 John Dawson
- 22 Rebecca Connor
- 24 Annabelle Baur
- 24 Zoe Carroll
- 25 Mark Carlisle
- 26 Emily Castlen
- 29 Ginger Boehm
- 29 Brian Belcher
- 30 Susan Alford
- 30 Sandy Roberts
- 30 Macy Roberts

First Christian Friends,

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, letters, food, and have visited me. I am very grateful for my church family.

Beverly Bartlett

First Christian Church Friends,

Thank you for the food you sent to Park Regency following the service for my sister, Carolyn Boarman. My entire family was comforted by your act of kindness. May God bless you!

Joy Emerson

First Christian Church,

We are in a season of counting blessings, and we count you all among the blessings we have received this year. Thank you for your generous donations to KBY and to the sailboat ministry. Our camp depends on support from congregations, and your support is a gift that will leave a legacy for generations.

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler

Dear Legacy Fund Committee:

Please extend our sincere appreciation to Legacy Fund for the very generous gift to the Goodfellows Club. One hundred percent of the funds raised will support the needs of our less fortunate school-aged children in Owensboro-Daviess County. You join many other "Goodfellows" who are helping children attend school with warm coats, clothing, shoes that fit and a healthy sense of self.

Again, thank you. The generosity of the Legacy Fund is so vital to the betterment of our community. It is indeed due to friends like you that our community is such a special place.

Gratefully, Kathy Strobel, Goodfellows Club Director

Brothers and Sisters of First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the love bestowed upon our choir and all the guests who attended the "Men Praising God" program. The Spirit of the Lord was in the building, and was first evidenced by the warmth and graciousness shown by the First Christian family. It was so kind and thoughtful of you to provide refreshments afterwards that resulted in a joyous time of fellowship. Thank you so much for everything, and may God bless you all!

Sincerely, The Men's Mass Community Choir

STEWARDSHIP JANUARY 2020

Offering for the Month	\$24,973
Other Revenue Month	<u>3,584</u>
Total Revenue	28,557
Expenses for the month	<u>36,464</u>
Net for the month	(7,907)

OUTREACH JANUARY 2020

West Area Disciples CCK	1,071
Disciples Mission Fund	1,785
HELP Office	450

STEWARDSHIP FEBRUARY 2020

Offering for the Month	\$31,801
Other Revenue Month	<u>1,556</u>
Total Revenue	33,357
Expenses for the month	<u>37,307</u>
Net for the month	(3,950)

Year-to-Date

Offering	\$56,774
Other Revenue	<u>5,140</u>
YTD Revenue	61,914
YTD Expenses	<u>73,771</u>
Net for the year	(11,857)

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KBY Summer Camp Update: The West Area office will be making a decision about summer camp dates at the end of March. Watch for updates!



In February,
FCC Youth
and Adults
worked on
their spares
and strikes!

