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**From the Preacherman....**

Well, you won't believe it, but we had foot washing at First Christian Church in Owensboro. Yes, you read that correctly. Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class washed each other's feet in class last Sunday. When I heard the news, my mouth dropped open. They did what? They washed feet? In our church? I am completely flabbergasted.

Foot washing is an ancient practice of the faithful. As a ritual of welcome into one's home, the washing of dirty feet was standard and ordinary in the ancient world. When women washed Jesus' feet with perfume, the practice was accepted as somewhat normative. It's just what people did.

Here is the thing, though. On Maundy Thursday in John 13, Jesus does not preside at the Last Supper. Instead, he kneels down and washes the feet of his disciples, deniers and betrayers alike. He washes them all. No communion or Holy Eucharist, just water and towel and stinking feet. For those of us in this tradition, who practice communion every time we worship together, it is jarring to read a Gospel that celebrates foot washing, but not Lord's Supper.

What are we to do with such a thing? Ponder it? Certainly. Dismiss foot washing outright, as an ancient practice unfit for modern life? Well, maybe, but I am somewhat suspect of any notion of our ideas being better than ones Jesus had.

How about this? Just do it and see what happens, see what we learn, listen to the Spirit leading. I don't know when or how, just ponder this ritual act and see where it leads. I know what you are thinking, because I am thinking the same thing: not my feet, no way, no how. I need a pedicure first, and then, I will think on it.

Ok, fine, I get it, I really do. But I am intrigued and curious about this whole thing because of all the wonderful questions and insecurities foot washing raises. I think most of us would be okay washing someone else's feet. I really believe that. The problem rests in our inability to let someone else wash our own feet. To let someone else do something like this for me? Nope, I don't think so. What does that say about our sense of self-sufficiency and self-reliance?

This might explain Peter's response to Jesus that night in the upper room. And Peter was wrong. We might be too. Thanks 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders and Katie Sterett. These are struggles worth having.

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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**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](http://www.MIXLR.com/FirstChristianChurch) at 9 am CT Sunday, or by using a speakerphone dialing 1-214-699-5100. The access code is 6939237#

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# FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

LET'S DINE TOGETHER

MARCH 31 - FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

Come hungry and enjoy Breakfast Casseroles, Biscuits & Gravy, and Fruits!  
\$5 per person. No Sunday School classes.



### Welcome New Members

On March 24, Carrol & Cheryl Bell joined our Church family.

The Bell family resides at 10738 Hwy. 951 Hawesville, KY 42348.

We are glad you are here!

### Memorial Wall

The Columbarium Committee is pleased to announce the opening of its Memorial Wall located on the northwest wall of the Old Bell Tower foundation directly across from the Columbarium. Members can have the names of deceased loved ones, family members, or ministers engraved in remembrance on this surface. See the committee members after church on Sunday, March 31, for more details and applications.

### Congratulations to...

Rob & Amanda Gleason on the birth of their son, Ian Grant Gleason, born January 20. Proud grandparents are Dick & Mary Yerington.

Jason & Courtney Burton on the birth of their son, Luke Robert Burton, born March 13. Proud grandparents are Dick & Mary Yerington.

### Dear Church family,

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, flowers and food. Henry and I are so appreciative of your thoughtfulness and compassion. What a great Church family we have.  
Carolyn and Henry Williams

### First Christian Friends,

I would like to thank First Christian for the love and support in the passing of my grandmother.  
Cristina Jones



FCC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
"Spare Car" Show  
June 30 3-5PM



Plan to add your classic vehicle to our exhibition. Watch *The Caller* for more details to follow. To sign up or for more information contact Mike Tichenor at 270-570-3446 or the Church office at 270-684-8879.

### Community Lenten Series: Five Tables

The community Lenten worship services are each Tuesday at 6:30 PM with a light meal served at 5:45PM. An offering for the Help Office will be taken each week.

Date	Speaker	Location
4/2/19	Bob Coons	Faith Lutheran Church
4/9/19	Christine Coy Fohr	First Christian Church (DOC)

### DWM Lenten Devotionals and Salad Luncheons

DWM Lenten Devotionals are each Tuesday at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend, and stay for the delicious DWM Lenten Lunch shared by church members. The tasty salad lunch buffet is \$7 per person with all proceeds going to fund DWM ministry projects. DWM members and all interested church members are invited to share their culinary salad creations for the lunches. Come, and invite your friends to an inspiring Lenten mid-day service.

Date	Speaker	Liturgist	Music
4/2/19	Rev. Bonnie Brown	Kaye Farmer	Ann Jeannette Pierce
4/9/19	Candance Brake	Carroll Laswell	Beverly Chelgren



Saturday, March 30 | 9:00 AM  
2818 New Hartford Road  
Community Center (Entrance E)

*Praise and Worship*  
w/ Titus Chapman

Hosted by Owensboro Christian Church

# Serving in Worship

## March 31 ~ Lent 4 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Ken Lawson**  
 Serving Elders: **Mike Tichenor and Anne Carlisle**  
 Acolyte: **Addelyn Yager** Bell Ringer:  
 Elder of the month: **Tom Maddox**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Lockett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Clayton Roberts**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Mallory Roberts** Shepherd: **Nancy Connor**  
 Choir Music: *Abba*  
 Prelude: *At the Cross*  
 Offertory: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
 Communion: *Air* **Ja Seng Pauhkum, guest violinist**  
 Hymns: *God Is So Good, O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go, Alleluia! Hear God's Story*

## April 7 ~ Lent 5 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Marjorie Flowers**  
 Serving Elders: **Mike & Angela Bruce**  
 Acolyte: **Drew Johnson** Bell Ringer: **Addelyn Yager**  
 Elder of the month: **Carroll Hayden**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Lockett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Camryn Kyle**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Shepherd: **Nancy Connor**  
 Message in music: *Who Am I* **Mike Tichenor, solo**  
 Prelude: *Grace Greater than Our Sin*  
 Offertory: *Lamb of God*  
 Communion: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
 Hymns: *My Hope Is Built; More Love to Thee; Jesus, Stand Among Us; Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

**Elders' Meeting** –Tuesday, April 16, at 5:30 PM in the FaHoLo Classroom

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, March 31 - Lent 4

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
**MONDAY, April 1**  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
 7:00 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal  
**TUESDAY, April 2**  
 12:10 pm DWM Lenten  
 Devotional & Salad Luncheon  
 1:00 pm DWM Day Group Mtg. at FCC

5:45 pm Lenten Meal at Faith Lutheran Church  
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship  
 Service at Faith Lutheran Church

### WEDNESDAY, April 3

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
**THURSDAY, April 4**  
 9:00 am Faithful Knitting  
 2:30 pm Food Pantry  
 6:00 pm DWM Night Group Mtg. at Goodaker's, 4517 Stonegate

### SUNDAY, April 7 - Lent 5

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:15 am Hospitality Team Mtg.  
 10:30 am **No** Children/Youth SS  
 10:30 am Adult Sunday School Only  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, April 8

6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
 7:00 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, April 9

12:10 pm DWM Lenten  
 Devotional & Salad Luncheon  
 5:45 pm Lenten Meal at FCC  
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship  
 Service at First Christian Church

### WEDNESDAY, April 10

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

### THURSDAY, April 11

9:00 am Faithful Knitting  
 5:15 pm Finance Team Mtg.

### SATURDAY, April 13

10:00 am Pastor's Class  
 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

### SUNDAY, April 14 – Palm Sunday

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

### MONDAY, April 15

6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
 7:00 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, April 16

5:30 pm Elders' Mtg.

## STEWARDSHIP JANUARY 2019

Offering for the Month & YTD	\$25,475.00
Other Revenue Month & YTD	<u>3,050.00</u>
Total Revenue & YTD	\$28,525.00
Expenses for the month & YTD	<u>38,164.00</u>
Net for the month & YTD	(9,639.00)

## OUTREACH for JANUARY

Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,785.00
Christian Church in Kentucky	1,071.00
HELP Office	450.00



Lilies add beauty to the sanctuary on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$13.50), attach the form below to your check made payable to FCC and drop it by

Church office by April 11.

I would like to order \_\_\_ lily(ies)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone Invited!

Saturday, April 13, at 11AM

There will be an exciting  
Easter egg hunt along with  
hot dogs, chips, fruit, and drinks!

Donations of candy-filled eggs may be  
dropped off at the Church office by  
Wednesday, April 10.

March 31 – Sunday school canceled for all classes due to 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast.  
 April 7 - No Sunday school for Children or Youth due to Spring Break.



Dreaming of warm summer days?

Make plans now to attend camp this summer at Kum-Ba-Ya. Registration forms are available in the Church office.

Early bird discount ends April 30!

			Early Fee	Fee After 4/30
Young Disciples	6/6 - 6/8	Grade 3	\$98	\$113
CYF	6/9 - 6/15	Grades 9 – 12	294	309
CYF Sailing	6/17 - 6/21	Grades 9 – 12	320	335
Chi Rho Sailing	6/23 - 6/28	Grades 6 – 8	320	335
Chi Rho	7/1 - 7/6	Grades 6 – 8	245	260
Junior	7/8 - 7/12	Grades 4 – 5	196	211
Discovery	7/12 - 7/14	Grades 1 – 2	98	113