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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

When I was a boy I went hiking with some friends in woods near our neighborhood. I don't mean to overstate what we did. We were kids out of school for the summer who decided to make a grand journey through a thoroughly ordinary stand of trees. Not a big deal, or so we thought. After going up and down some hills, following a small creek for a while and working our way through some thick brush, we came out into a neighborhood none of us recognized. We tried to turn back, but soon disagreed about where to go. We had to admit we didn't know how to get home and didn't know what to do. We were lost.

One of the bolder members of our group knocked on a door, called his parents and soon we were picked up and returned to familiarity. It was an adventure we talked of often and shared with relish. *Remember that time we....* But deep down, in the quiet of our souls, we were scared. The unknown was frightening. I stayed close to home for a while after that.

Can we just admit that living in the time of pandemic is scary and frightening? We never really know what is coming next, though we act like we do. "I'll see you next Tuesday" or "Are you going to the game?" are not predictions or certainties, only plans of what we hope to do. Pandemic has chewed that planning up and spit it out at our feet. What is next? Well, we hope for....maybe this....possibly that. We don't know. And that is scary.

Here is what I learned when lost as a child. Knock on the door and ask for help. Rugged individualism isn't Christian. It's stupid. Ask what people of faith did in previous times when they were lost, when their world came to an end. They tell us don't put a period where God has put a comma.

What did we just remember? Good Friday and Easter. Good Friday was awful and terrible, and taken alone, is a tragic ending to hope. Easter and resurrection, heard in isolation from the previous story, is a fairy tale with little connection to real life. But taken together, crucifixion and resurrection? Well that's a completely different story, God enduring the worst for us and with us, and promising hope even through death.

Is life right now as scary as we have ever seen? For most of us, yes, it is. And there is nothing wrong with admitting that. But we also confess this: Our most important story says that God went through exactly this in Jesus- life, death and resurrection. We have faith in one who has been this way before. We may get lost, but we can follow one who knows the way home. In that, I trust these days. So can you.

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 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

Congratulations to Jared & Hillary Ford Krieg on the birth of their son, Ramsey Douglas Krieg, born April 1, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Mick & Connie Ford.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...

Ron and Jane Howard and family in the death of Ron's father, Ernest Dale Howard, who passed away March 26 in Hanson.

Debby and Steve Crone and family in the death of Debby's cousin, Cathy Chambers Resser, who passed away April 1.

Judy Hale and family in the death of her husband, Murray Oldham Hale, who passed away April 3.

Malcolm and Sally Bryant and family in the death of Malcolm's sister, Nancy Clay Bryant, who passed away April 8.

The family of Beverly Bartlett who passed away April 16.

First Christian Family,

Thank you all so much for all the visits, flowers, and cards during Mom's time at Wellington Parc, and for the food, beautiful flowers, cards, and visits at the funeral home. So grateful for Chris being with my family during this difficult time. Really grateful to have such a wonderful Church family.

God bless, Terri Bailey, Scott Hite and families

First Christian Friends,

Thank you for all your cards, prayers, and the beautiful flowers after my father passed away.

Ron and Jane Howard

First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your support in these difficult times. The flowers are beautiful and I will enjoy them so much. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring. Judy Hale and family

STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2020

Offering for the Month	\$36,980
Other Revenue Month	<u>112</u>
Total Revenue	37,092
Expenses for the month	<u>29,583</u>
Net for the month	7,509

Year-to-Date

Offering	\$93,755
Other Revenue	<u>5,252</u>
YTD Revenue	99,007
YTD Expenses	<u>103,354</u>
Net for the year	(4,347)

OUTREACH MARCH 2020

West Area Disciples CCK	1,071
Disciples Mission Fund	1,785
HELP Office	450
Week of Compassion	313

CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EACH THURSDAY

Check the FCC Facebook for a message from Pastor Chris

CHURCHES AND AGENCIES ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Many of you are reenergized by the recent sunshine and are ready to purge your closets and undertake some spring cleaning. "What agency/church", you might ask, "takes household goods, clothing, or furniture?" The Outreach Committee has attempted to answer this question by providing the following partial list of local agencies/churches:

HELP OFFICE (270-685-4971): Located at 1316 W. 4th Street and open from 9:00 -12:00 weekdays, the HELP OFFICE accepts gently used clothing, bedding (such as sheets, pillowcases, blankets), dishes, towels, and pots/pans. They do not accept furniture.

SALVATION ARMY THRIFT STORE (270-685-5576): Located at 235 S Ewing Rd and open from 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30, the Salvation Army accepts bedding, household goods, working electronics including televisions no older than 5 years, household knick-knacks, and clothing. They do not accept mattresses.

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER (270-683-3423): Located at 2818 New Hartford Road at the back of Owensboro Christian Church, the International Center accepts clothing, especially men's and boys' clothing and smaller size clothing. They also accept furniture, bedding, household items, dishes, but NO MATTRESSES. Hours here are somewhat unpredictable, call the office before dropping off anything.

THE SHEPHERD'S HAND MINISTRY (270-316-7920, CONTACT IS GWEN BENNETT): Located at Good Shepherd Church, 3031 Bittel Road and open between 9:00 am and noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, The Shepherd's Hand Ministry accepts clothing, bedding, dishes, household items and food staples for grandparents raising grandchildren. This ministry takes trailers out to other locations two or three times a week.

UNITY FELLOWSHIP (270-683-6103): Formerly Zion Church of Christ and located at 111 7th Street, Unity accepts clothing, dishes, pots and pans, bedding, and limited furniture. Call for hours and information regarding furniture they accept.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH (270-683-0269): Located at 527 Allen Street, Third Baptist has a clothes closet. Call for hours of drop-off.

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (270-683-5626): New Life operates a thrift store and sells gently used clothing, household goods, furniture, bedding, working electronics, home knick-knacks, kitchen utensils, family friendly movies, Christian novels, and children's books.

ST JOSEPH'S PEACE MISSION FOR CHILDREN 270-683-9441: St Joseph's does not need clothing, bedding, or furniture, but can use dishes or cookware.

DAVISS-McLEAN BAPTIST CENTER (270-231-6449, contact Gail Boling): Located at 2526 Lancaster Avenue, the Daviess-McLean County Baptist Center accepts gently used, clean clothing including prom dresses and formals. They are open on Mondays from 9-12, Tuesdays from 9-12 and 2:30-4:00, Wednesdays from 10-11:30, Thursdays from 10-12 and 6-8 pm, and Fridays from 9-12. They also accept household goods, bedding, dishes, and some furniture. Call if you have questions about the furniture.

TRUE NORTH: Located at 527 JR Miller, apartment #4 and open Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 4:00, True North accepts women's clothing, shoes, hygiene items, dishes, bedding, and household goods. They cannot accept furniture.

Fresh Start for Women (270-240-3180, contact Charisse): Located at 1819 W 2nd, Fresh Start accepts paper products, hygiene products, household items, pots and pans, dishes. Occasionally they accept furniture but space is limited, call before dropping off furniture.

Flapjacks for Jackson!

Thank you for your donations for the Roark family to help with Jackson's medical costs. Below are just a few of the pictures sent to the office... Now we are cooking!

(All pictures that we received have been sent to the Roark family.)



May Birthdays

- 1 Janet Westmoreland
- 1 Sheila Campbell
- 2 Joy Emerson
- 3 Richard Carlisle
- 4 Beverly Chelgren
- 4 Missie Hayden
- 4 Sam Gordon
- 5 Maggie Lott
- 6 Roselie McKinley
- 6 John A. Miller
- 8 Yvonne Julius
- 9 Becky Luckett
- 10 Shannon Divine
- 10 Wanda Gilbreath
- 10 Mary Lisa Tunget
- 10 Nick Brake
- 10 John Patrik Yager
- 12 John Weston Wilborn
- 14 Amanda Kyle
- 16 Hannah Kate Divine
- 19 Garrison Johnson
- 20 Walker Gaddis
- 20 Aloma Dew
- 20 Bill Frederick
- 21 Forrest Roberts
- 26 Sophie McKinley
- 26 Robert Howe
- 27 Millie Roberts
- 29 Allison Carter
- 30 Mary Ellen Gant
- 30 Sara Van Slyke
- 30 Jay Bethel
- 30 John Yager

May Anniversaries

- 11 Tom & Barbara Norvell
- 12 John & Jane Miller
- 20 Joseph & Haley Berry
- 24 Eric & Laura Farmer
- 25 Chris & Stacy Castlen
- 26 Holly & Dave Roark
- 28 Linda & Frank Jones



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Kum-Ba-Ya Summer Camp Update Announced April 21

Instead of traditional in-person camps, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya directors and staff are at work right now preparing an entirely new program of virtual gatherings. What new things will God do through technology and our faithful discipleship to connect campers of all ages and grow their faith this summer?

Please watch KBY's social media, website, and your email for details about our new off-site opportunities, and please share them across and beyond your congregations as they are rolled out. We have an unprecedented opportunity to share the gospel to a new cast of virtual campers this year.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyKBY/>

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Our hope and prayer is that the fall will offer us opportunities to meet face-to-face again around the campfire by the lake at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.

LET'S WORSHIP TOGETHER (SEPARATELY) 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, which is accessible on our website.
2. Listen live at 9AM on **Mixlr** – go to fccowb.org scroll down the Home page to the Mixlr information and click in the box.
3. Listen live at 9AM by **dialing** 1-214-699-5100 and enter access code 6939237#

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

The weekly bulletin is posted on the website – look for link near the Mixlr box on the Home page.

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