



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

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From the Preacherman....

So, Laura left home for a few days to visit her parents in Georgia and our house was invaded by bees. That is the headline: Preacherman's house invaded by bees! Well, not actually the entire house, just the room beside the carport was filled with bees. Honeybees, but bees! I went out last Friday to cut grass, grabbed the weed eater and went to work. When I returned to the room my vast skills of observation were engaged completely. The room was full of bees. I somehow missed that the first time around. Keen observer of the world am I. Now, however, they had my full and undivided attention. What am I to do with a room full of bees?

To my relief, my daughter Martha soon arrived at my house after work. She too was astounded at the sight and quickly made some phone calls. On Monday of this week a man showed up with his beekeeper's suit and an infrared camera. We could see a clear image in the wall of the honeycomb the bees were building. Thousands of bees. Making a honeycomb in the wall of my carport. He suited up, removed the drywall and there they were. Thousands of them. He removed the nest and all the bees he could catch and took them to a hive at his house.

What do you make of this? Pay attention. Pay attention to the world around you. This wondrous, astounding, astonishing world that we often ignore because we have such important things to do, so many crucial tasks at hand, so much money to earn that will bring us such happiness, we are told. But this one precious life is what we have, is all we really have, the relationships and people around us, this infinitely wonderful universe of galaxies stretching billions of miles in the night sky, and bees nesting in my wall. Life is at work all around us. Pay attention to that.

And this: Life finds a way, sometimes in ways that make us stop and notice ordinary things that are perhaps more wondrous than we know. I have observed that, as I reacquaint myself with people at church as the pandemic recedes, I am much more patient, more reluctant to finish the conversation, especially if I haven't seen that person in months. My five minute chats now often turn into half hour conversations because I have missed talking to you so much.

"Consider the lilies of the field," says Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 6:28). He knew something about paying attention to the flowers at hand. There were bees.

Peace....Chris

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

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one body of Christ we welcome all
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