



# THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO (Disciples of Christ) CALLER

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## ***From the Preacherman....***

What have you missed? That may be a question with too wide an aim. What have you missed during the pandemic, while we wore masks, worshiped online, met online, did seemingly everything through phones and computers? What things have you missed while we were apart? I actually missed waiting on food in a restaurant. I missed recognizing people in the grocery store. I missed going to ballgames.

I realized last Sunday just how much I had missed seeing your faces during worship. That sounds so simple, even simplistic, but is deeply true to me. Much is hidden by masks: smiles, frowns, yawns, interest. I missed terribly your faces in worship because I read faces when I preach. You can feign attention and hide boredom, you can laugh or cry with the crowd. But faces have always been the braille I read with my eyes when I preach. It has been impossible to do that when you attended on camera or behind a mask. I did not completely understand that until last Sunday. Your faces in person overwhelmed me. You were all talking to me at once!

Which has caused me to think more deeply about what comes next, the importance of our relationships, conversations and meetings. Ok, a confession. I didn't miss meetings. Did any of you really miss meetings? Yes, I thought so. I missed seeing you though, missed the three-minute chats and half hour conversations, missed them terribly because it is often the casual, throw away moments that bear the deepest truth and holiness in hindsight. Moses didn't go looking for the burning bush, but he noticed it. The presence of God is burning brightly everywhere. Do we notice?

I realize the irony in what I write. I will not see many of you in person any time soon. You are people I have known a long time and some I have never met. Yet, somehow, personally or from a distance, our shared interest in seeing and experiencing our faith brings us together, if only for a moment. In you, whether online or in person, I see the face of the risen One, the One who looks at me with deep affection, with grief and with great joy, with the fire of anger and the brilliance of divine presence, with kindness and gentleness and compassion. I see that when I see you. I am grateful to see that again.

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."*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers.....The Congregation  
Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael  
Minister of Pastoral Care....Pam Woodward  
Financial Manager.....Kristin Callis  
Secretary.....Anne Carlisle  
Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce  
Choir Director.....Mike Tichenor  
Nursery Attendants..... Elee Roach  
Chandler Fleischmann

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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 dial 1-214-699-5100. The access code is 6939237#  
Listen Live or archived services on Facebook

## **FCC App for iPhone & Android**

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

## Christian love and sympathy are extended to...

John and Robin Nance, Joe and Mary Beth Nance, Lynda and Tim Loyd, and Lisa Knott and extended family in the death of Hilda Nance who passed away May 24.

### Dear Friends of FCC,

Thank you for the lovely plant you sent for my mother's funeral. Its beauty enhanced the atmosphere surrounding the service and helped to make a difficult time very special. The many notes and cards of sympathy have brightened my days. Your kindnesses are truly appreciated.

Best Wishes Always,  
Joanne Berry

## Congratulations to...

Sarah Clay and Sami Mardam-Bey on the birth of their son, Walter Griffin Mardam-Bey, born on April 21. Proud grandparents are Sally and Malcolm Bryant. Also welcoming Walter are his sister, Catherine Clay, and brother, William Luke.

Whitney & Bob Byrnes on the birth of their daughter, Cameron Elizabeth Byrnes, born on April 23. Proud grandparents are Stephanie & Chuck Williams, and great-grandparents Gloria & John Strehl.

Jason and Lauren Miller on the birth of their son, Jack Everett Miller, born on April 30. Proud grandparents are John & Jane Miller. Also welcoming Jack is his sister, Inara.

Aimee Alford on the birth of her daughter, Alana Faith McNary, born May 18. Proud grandmother is Susie Alford. Also welcoming Alana is her sister, Amira.



One of my favorite songs is "Lean on Me". (I, of course, prefer the Club Nouveau version). The lyrics: *Lean on me, when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on. For it won't be long, before I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.* I think that is how church works...

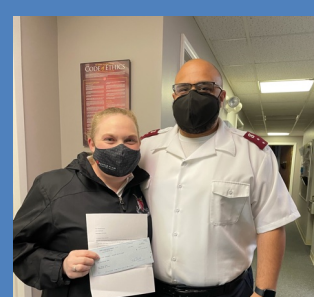
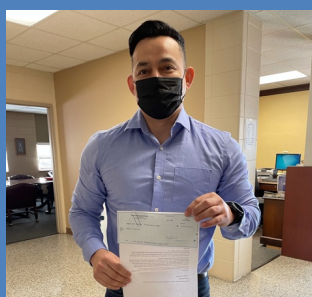
Since Jackson's cancer diagnosis, FCC has supported our family in numerous ways: through sending cards, financial gifts, food, and prayers. The amount of money raised for our family is astonishing. We hope to be able to use it to cram as many memories as possible into the time we have together....however long that may be. Thank you so much.

Holly, Dave, Jackson and Scarlett Roark

## Welcome New Member

On May 9, Eric Wimsatt joined our Church family. You may recognize Eric as our Sunday morning policeman. We are glad you are here!

The repercussions of the Covid-19 Pandemic have been felt throughout our community. Local agencies are working tirelessly to alleviate the food insecurity, homelessness, and trauma caused by lack of income. Because of your generosity and that of contributors to our Legacy Fund, we at FCC have taken an active role in partnering with a few of these agencies to provide needed services. Pictured below are Andrea Robinson, Executive Director of OASIS (with Teresa McKinley), Miquel Quintanilla of Catholic Charities, and Captain Aaron and Rebekah Abram of the Salvation Army, all grateful recipients of our monetary assistance.



The Outreach Committee would like to thank you for sharing your abundance with those who need help. In the coming months we look forward to sharing with you other ways in which your talents and dollars are helping to spread Christ's love.





Let us be in prayer for our  
baptismal candidates:

June 6 – Henry Busse  
Elton Smith



## Chancel flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in  
the chancel on July 4, 18, 25, or August 15  
please contact the church at 270-684-8879.



## Primetimers' Plus Picnic/Potluck

June 7 at 5:30PM

Masonville United Methodist Church

Please let Ron Waite know if you plan to attend:  
[ronwownsbr@aol.com](mailto:ronwownsbr@aol.com). H (270) 683-8510 C (812) 454-8555 or  
in person at church. Plates, eating utensils and iced tea will  
be provided. Remember, guests are always welcomed!

## Congratulations 2021 Graduates! Our graduates will be recognized during worship on May 30.

Daviess County High School - **Adam Lott**, plans to attend  
University of Alabama in Huntsville

Owensboro Catholic High School- **Jenna Glenn**, plans to  
attend University of Kentucky

Owensboro High School - **Addison Callis**, plans to  
attend University of Kentucky

Abeka Academy - **Mackenzie Mahlinger**, plans to attend  
Istituto Europeo de Design

Central Hardin High School – **Seth Luckett**

Deptford High School in New Jersey - **Michael Blackiston**  
(Angie Willis' son)

OCTC – **Chase Luckett**- Associate degree, plans to  
attend Western Kentucky University

University of Kentucky – **Allison Carter** – Bachelor of  
Business Administration, Marketing

# JUNE

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 30**

9:00 am Worship

**Monday, May 31**

Office Closed

**Wednesday, June 2**

6:30 am Men's Fellowship at Panera

**Thursday, June 3**

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

**Sunday, June 6**

9:00 am Worship

**Monday, June 7**

5:30 pm Primetimers' Plus

Picnic/Potluck-Masonville UMC

**June 7 – 11 Junior Camp at KBY**

**Wednesday, June 9**

6:30 am Men's Fellowship at Panera

**Saturday, June 12**

Fellowship Hall in Use

**Sunday, June 13**

9:00 am Worship

**June 13 – 19 CYF Camp at KBY**

**Wednesday, June 16**

6:30 am Men's Fellowship at Panera

**Thursday, June 17**

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

**Sunday, June 20**

9:00 am Worship

**Wednesday, June 23**

6:30 am Men's Fellowship at Panera

**Sunday, June 27**

9:00 am Worship

**June 27-July 3 CYF Mission Trip**

**Wednesday, June 30**

6:30 am Men's Fellowship at Panera

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Casey Callis
- 2 Whitley Ford
- 3 Irma Johnson
- 3 Nancy Moyer
- 3 John Burns
- 3 Jenna Glenn
- 4 Patty Hines
- 6 Nelda Barnett
- 6 Bill Boehm
- 7 Roy Boling
- 8 Bobby Schrecker
- 9 Maxine Goebel
- 9 Joey McKinley
- 9 Nancy Castlen
- 11 Tab Quisenberry
- 12 Scout Carroll
- 14 Andy Luckett
- 17 Evelyn Guthrie
- 17 Carolyn Williams
- 18 Henry Busse
- 18 Trudy Wimsatt
- 19 Nancy Rowe
- 19 Blake Hayden
- 21 Cathy Maddox
- 23 Parker Webb
- 23 Patty Wahl
- 25 Kendra Bronsink
- 25 Addelyn Yager
- 27 April B. Evans
- 29 Laura Green
- 29 Linda Green
- 30 Jenny Busse

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Beverly Dawson
- 1 Sherry & Larry Rhoads
- 2 Eric & Emily Baur
- 7 Kirby & Beverly Chelgren
- 10 Ashley & Brad Webb
- 10 Jim & Sharon Stuart
- 11 Henry & Carolyn Williams
- 12 Candance & Nick Brake
- 14 Mike & Angela Bruce
- 15 Philip & Sara Travis
- 19 Dick & Mary Yerington
- 19 Sue & Ken Lawson
- 20 Mark & Anne Carlisle
- 20 Larry Joe & Cori Douglas
- 25 John & Sandy Roberts
- 27 Jim & Trudy Wimsatt
- 28 Gavin & Molly Roberts

## APRIL STEWARDSHIP

Offering for the Month	\$41,211
Other Revenue Month	<u>3,733</u>
Total Revenue	44,944
Expenses for the month	<u>29,696</u>
Net for the month	15,248

## Year-to-Date

Offering	\$157,803
Other Revenue	<u>8,641</u>
YTD Revenue	166,444
YTD Expenses	<u>127,579</u>
Net for the year	38,865

## APRIL OUTREACH

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

**CYF Mission Trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas**

June 27 – July 3



FCC has 18 campers and 2 counselors  
attending camp this summer!

**All campers are invited to be in worship  
Sunday, June 6, for commissioning!**

**CYF Camp** (June 13–19) Adam Lott, Maggie Lott,  
Camryn Kyle, Jackson Kyle

**Chi Rho Camp** (July 5–10) Mackenzie Elliott, Reise Elliott,  
Daniel Lott, Broderick Divine, Drew Johnson, Whitley Ford,  
John Clay Ford, Max Sterett, Maya Joska, Addie Travis

**Discovery camp** (July 16–18) Jenny Busse, Oliver Busse,  
Libby Johnson, Ross Johnson

Elee Roach and Taylor Mahlinger will serve as counselors.

**KBY no longer accept email for campers**, but mail may  
be sent to: Camper's Name (Camp name – ex. Discovery)

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya  
4943 Barge Island Rd.  
Benton, KY 42025

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



On May 2, 2021, we  
celebrated the  
baptisms of  
Parker Webb and  
Hampton Gaddis.  
(Pictured at left)

On May 16, 2021, we  
celebrated the baptisms  
of Stella Hayden,  
Addelyn Yager, and  
Scarlett Isenbarger.  
(Pictured at right.)

