



THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

Does church membership still matter? Some may be shocked that the question is even being asked, but in conversations with other pastors, in ministerial publications and in anxious discussions among church leaders the question is in the air. Ministers agree that the importance of membership has changed. Many people attend more than one church every week, something unheard of just a few decades ago. Membership in civic and recreational organizations is different, too. The Professional Bowling Association recently cancelled one of its premier events due to lack of interest among sponsors. Golf clubs, country clubs, veterans groups and fraternal organizations struggle to find new members. It isn't just the church, it's the whole country.

I'm not here to debate the reasons, but to embrace the new reality. I tell people that if I see them at church more than three times, I claim them as sheep of my fold. I subscribe to the belief that a pastor serves not only a congregation, but also a community. Thus, Owensboro, Daviess County and beyond are my parish, the geographical territory where God has called me to stand and proclaim the gospel. If someone calls me at 3 a.m., I don't check the church membership roll to determine my response. I answer, whether you are a member or not.

And yet, I believe being a member of a church still matters. Making a commitment to belong, support and sustain a congregation is a demanding thing, but such commitments define us for the better. Promises create habits and habits produce excellence. Call me crazy, but I believe belonging to a church can produce excellence. Membership means accepting the good with the bad, because there is no perfect church. Like every person, each church has strengths and weaknesses, faults and advantages. Every church is a mess, but so are our lives. God accepts us and loves us anyway. And makes us better. Together.

This is not a plea to join, but an invitation to discipleship. Commit to serving Christ in this church, or in some church, accepting the good with the bad, the easy with the difficult. Commit, otherwise you are just dating until you find something better. We need you and you need us. I believe it matters. Do 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."*

FCC 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
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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



Adult VBS Class

June 3 - 5

5:30PM Meal

6:20PM Class begins

The Devil Made Me Do It: The origins of evil, sin, and death from the ancient world until now.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 3-5

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Make plans to be a part of the fun!

Elders', Deacons', and Junior Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, June 2, at 5PM in the Sanctuary

All Elders, Deacons, and Junior Deacons will be instructed on emergency procedures and how to serve communion in the round during the summer months.

LANDSCAPE WORKDAY

June 1

9:00 - Noon

Bring your gloves and garden tools and help make our landscape look beautiful.



Choir Sunday, June 2

Our choir will be sharing some of their favorite anthems from this year in the service.

Plan to join us for this annual event.

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for your Legacy Fund donation of \$2,000 to The Foundation for Excellence Owensboro Independent Schools for the Bounce Back/Grandparent Support Group project. It will be most helpful in providing food, books for children in the program during the 2019-2020 school year and hygiene/books for children for the 2019 Summer Feeding Program.

Janet L. Suwanski,, Executive Director

The Foundation for Excellence Owensboro Independent Schools

To the Flower Ladies,

I want to thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement that was left on my porch this week. You made my day.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Inelle Mobley

Primetimers' Plus Events –

June 3, 11:30 AM – Old Hickory BBQ Luncheon

July 1, Late Afternoon – Picnic/Potluck at Diamond Lake – riding in the Church van an option along with driving your vehicle with or without extra passengers All church members and friends are invited. To make reservations for any event or questions contact Ron Waite at home (270) 683-8510, mobile (812) 454 – 8555 or email ronwownsbr@aol.com.

DWM Salad Potluck

The Day and Night DWM groups will meet together on Thursday, June 6, at 6PM at the home of Janey Burns, 124 E 8th Street for a salad potluck. All women of the church are invited.



FCC 1st Annual "Spare Car" Show June 30 3-5PM



Plan to add your classic vehicle to our exhibition.

To sign up or for more information contact Mike Tichenor at 270-570-3446 or the Church office at 270-684-8879.

Serving in Worship

June 2 ~ Easter 7 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Terry Brownson**
 Serving Elders: **Nathan & Suzette Nunley**
 Acolyte: Bell Ringer: **Jackson Roark**
 Elder of the month:
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Stacey Castlen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Lockett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**
 Youth Deacon: **Whitley Ford**
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Meghan McKinley** Shepherd: **Jessica Wilborn**
 Anthem: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*
 Anthem: *Breath of Heaven*
 Anthem: *You Are Mine*
 Offertory: *We Fall Down*
 Communion: *One World, One Communion*
 Hymns: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified; The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Mike & Janet Tichenor to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Eloise & Willard Weidemann and Philip & Peggy Tichenor.

June 9 ~ Pentecost ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Matt Johnson**
 Serving Elders: **Jon & Jo Anne Skillman**
 Acolyte: **Daniel Lott** Bell Ringer:
 Elder of the month:
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Cori Douglas, Joy Emerson, Marjorie Flowers, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende & Chris Lott**
 Youth Deacon: **CC Webb**
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Meghan McKinley**
 Shepherds: **Libby Johnson and Sandy Roberts**
 Prelude: *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*
 Offertory: *On the Wind of Spirit*
 Communion: *Sometimes a Light Surprises*
 Hymns:

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Naomi & Kevin O'Hearn and Chris Brown to the glory of God and in loving memory of those gone before us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, June 2

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Worship team Mtg.
 5:00 pm Elders' & Deacons' Mtg. in Sanctuary
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, June 3

11:30 am Primetimers' Plus
 Lunch at Old Hickory Bar-B-Q
 5:30 pm VBS Children
 6:20 pm Adult VBS

TUESDAY, June 4

5:30 pm VBS Children
 6:20 pm Adult VBS

WEDNESDAY, June 5

6:30 am MBS Panera
 5:30 pm VBS Children
 6:20 pm Adult VBS

THURSDAY, June 6

2:30 pm Food Pantry

6:00 pm Day/Night Group DWM
 Salad Potluck Mtg. - Burns', 124 E. 8th St

June 6 – June 8

Young Disciples Camp at KBY

SUNDAY, June 9

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café

June 9 – June 15

CYF Camp at KBY

MONDAY, June 10

5:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg

WEDNESDAY, June 12

6:30 am MBS Panera
 11:30 am Property Team Mtg.

THURSDAY, June 13

5:15 pm Finance Team Mtg.

FRIDAY, June 14

4:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use

SUNDAY, June 16

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Education Team Mtg.
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, June 19

6:30 am MBS Panera

THURSDAY, June 20

2:30 pm Food Pantry

SUNDAY, June 23

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, June 26

6:30 am MBS Panera

SUNDAY, June 30

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am 5th Sunday Breakfast
 3:00 pm Car Show
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

PITINO SHELTER VOLUNTEERS ON JUNE 9

Jon & Jo Anne Skillman Aloma Dew
 Nancy Barnard Sally Wood

Celebrate the Church's birthday on Pentecost, June 9, by wearing red to Church!



Flowers in the Chancel

There is an opening for flowers in the chancel on July 14. If you are interested in providing flowers on this date, please contact the office at 270-684-8879.

STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2019

Offering for the Month	\$48,808.00
Other Revenue Month	816.00
Total Revenue	\$49,624.00
Expenses for the month	36,327.00
Net for the month	13,297.00

YTD Offering	105,943.00
YTD Other Revenue	5,262.00
YTD Revenue	111,205.00
YTD Expenses	105,734.00
YTD Net	\$5,471.00

OUTREACH for MARCH

West Area Disciples CCK	\$1,071.00
Disciples Mission Fund	1,785.00
HELP Office	450.00



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Best wishes to all!

Pictured above are Chase Lockett, Kaley Hall, and Sally Lott.



Florida Panhandle Disaster Relief

Through TEAMeffort, FCC youth and sponsors will be aiding in the long-term rebuilding efforts near the Panama City area July 7 – 13.

Camping Season at Kum-Ba-Ya Begins June 6

ALL Campers will be commissioned

during worship on June 2

June 6 - 8 Young Disciples Camper: Issac Sterett

June 9 - 15 CYF Campers: Evan LeBoutillier, Adam Lott, Maggie Lott, Sally Lott, Kaley Hall, and Jenna Glenn

Send a note to let the campers know that you are thinking of them and praying for them!

Camp KBY

4943 Barge Island Road

Benton, KY 42045

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

June 30th FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

\$5 PER PERSON

Come hungry and enjoy Sausage & Grits Casserole, Scrambled Eggs Casserole, Hash Brown Casserole, Biscuits & Gravy, and Mixed Fruits!

No Sunday School classes will meet on June 30.