



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

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From the Preacherman....

Mea culpa. My fault. It can be difficult to say, to admit that I am wrong. I can see the look of astonishment on my parents' faces to hear me say that. Mea culpa. My fault. I have to admit that to you. As your pastor, the spiritual leader of this church, I must admit that the last few months have been like the proverbial frog dropped in comfortable, pleasant water, only to have the temperature rise to boiling over time. Well, the water is bubbling and I am glad for people who help me to see that.

My mistake has been ignoring the advice I consistently give to others. I often ask people how long it took for the knee or hip to go bad, for the relationship to grow sour, for the soul and prayer life to become cold and distant. How long? The answer is related to the question. Expect it to take that long for things to improve. Nothing changes overnight. Consistent effort over a long period brings real change. I tell people that. And ignore it for my own self. Mea culpa.

Too many things, not enough person. That is my experience these days of being your pastor. Everything that stopped for pandemic cannot be restarted all at once. It's summertime, people are travelling, things we couldn't do for 15 months, people we haven't seen in over a year(!), eating out in restaurants, seeing each other's faces in worship, the list is endless. I can't even write good sentences anymore! I should have recognized that, all of that. But I, like many of you, thought we could go right back to the way things used to be. All at once, we could just start back as if nothing happened.

We cannot. Children's Sunday School and Worship & Wonder will be slow to return, as will passing the plates for offering and communion. We have to break in a new administrator in the church office this summer. My wife is having major surgery on her shoulder. We are selling a house in Georgia. And Century Christian Church is closing and will need our support in the transition. And Martha and Leah are moving this summer. And several committees at church need to be restarted. And....

Too many things, not enough person. Things will get started when they get started. "Were you there when I laid the foundations of the earth?" God asks Job from the whirlwind. "Do the songs the morning stars sang at creations still ring in your ears?" Um, no. God is God and I am not. Just breathe and live and love. My fault for forgetting that. Mea culpa.

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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