



THE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO  
(Disciples of Christ)

# CALLER

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

In 2004 at a Sunday morning elders' meeting in Cherry Log, Georgia, Judy Hardy started with a devotion and prayer. I do not remember the devotion, but the prayer was one that unhinged my soul. She read it aloud and I remember little about the meeting until afterwards. I asked her where she found the prayer. In a Bible study she attended. Want a copy? Sure, I replied. And my life was opened to the wonderful and profound Benediction of St. Francis I say at the end of worship.

The prayer goes like this....

May God bless you with Discomfort  
at Easy Answers, Half-Truths, and Superficial Relationships,  
so that you may live Deep Within Your Heart.

May God bless you with Anger  
at Injustice, Oppression, and the Exploitation of People,  
so that you may work for Justice, Freedom, and Peace.

May God bless you with Tears  
to shed for those who suffer Pain, Rejection, Starvation, and War,  
so that You may reach out Your Hand out to Comfort them  
and turn their Sorrow into Joy.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness  
to Believe that You can Make a Difference in this World,  
and DO those things others say cannot be Done.

Doesn't that just melt your soul? I am eternally grateful to St. Francis or whomever penned the profound mystery of this prayer. Just when I think I have it figured out, or settled down, another aspect rises up to greet me and arouse my faith. Do we really need more discomfort, anger, tears or foolishness? Isn't the world filled to overflowing with such struggles? Yes, until you let the prayer speak, truly speak, and the universe is opened to explore in wonder.

Anne Lamott once said that the only two prayers she prayed were "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" and "Help me, help me, help me!" There is much truth in that, there truly is. But also in St. Francis. Pray well.

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**

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**Church Office Hours**  
Mon-Thurs 8 am-noon & 1 - 5 pm

You may listen to our worship service by dialing 1-214-699-5100 using a speakerphone. The access code is 6939237#

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Owensboro



### **Dedication of Child**

Mia Katherine Belcher was dedicated during our worship service on June 18.

Mia is pictured with her parents, Brian & Nina Belcher, and big sister, Lily.

### **Congratulations to ...**

Brady and Jessica McKinley on the birth of their son, Jesse Davis McKinley, born June 12, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Joey & Teresa McKinley. Jesse Davis is also welcomed by big brothers, Mills and Beau.

### **Commissioning Youth Mission Trip Members**

On Sunday, July 2 during worship, we will commission the youth and adult sponsors who are traveling to Baton Rouge on July 2 - 7 for a mission trip. Please keep Sally Lott, Kaley Hall, Adam Lott, Maggie Lott, and sponsors, Kaitlyn Fischer and Pastor Cheryl Russell in your prayers.

### **2017 - 2020 Capital Campaign**

Thanks to all who have filled out and turned in Capital Campaign cards! We hope that if you have not returned your pledge card, that you will do so, soon! You may drop the card in the offering plate, the church office, or mail your card.

Your commitment to helping with the Capital Campaign of First Christian Church is needed and appreciated! You may start your giving immediately!

The Capital Campaign Committee

### **Thank you**

Sue Ann and I want to thank everyone at FCC for your prayers and support during our grandson's diagnosis and early treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma. We cannot begin to adequately express our gratitude. He is a brave young man and the prognosis is very good for his complete recovery.

Thank you from our entire family.

Bob and Sue Ann Morris

### **First Christian Church and Reverend Michael,**

Thank you for the generous donation to the International Center! The generosity from your Church members is greatly appreciated. Our agency could not function without volunteers from our faith-based organizations and churches. Please accept our thanks on behalf of our clients.

Warm regards, Suzann Bartlett

### **Friendship Class Reception**

On Sunday, July 9 during the fellowship time, there will be a reception to honor the members of the Friendship Class. They have disbanded as a class after meeting faithfully for decades for Sunday school. We are grateful for their willingness to show us the way. Please join us as we seek in some small way to honor their efforts and faithfulness.

### **Primetimers' Plus Meal**

Members and friends of First Christian Church (DOC). if you are not currently joining others of like interest and age for Primetimers' Plus activities, we'd love to having you come along. Membership is reasonable - nothing. Duties - none. Outcome, friendship and a laugh or two. The next Primetimers Plus event will be enjoying a delicious meal at the Campbell Club on July 12 at 11:30 am. You may meet at the Campbell Club, or at the Church and ride the Church bus. Let Ron know if you want to join the group, so you will be included in the reservations. Home-270-683-8510, Cell-812-454-8555, [ronwownsbr@aol.com](mailto:ronwownsbr@aol.com) Hope to see you!! Ron Waite



### ***Be a witness for ONEness!***

July 8 - July 12 we will gather as ONE for the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis. Thousands of Disciples gather from across the United States and Canada to demonstrate our unity in service to the Christ. We will hear inspiring messages, elect a new General Minister and President, hear about the results from Mission First! and learn together. Register today at <http://disciples.org/ga>.

## Serving in Worship

**June 25, 2017 ~ Pentecost 3 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Ginger Norris**  
 Serving Elders: **Ginger Norris and Tom Maddox**  
 Acolyte: **Broderick Divine** Bell Ringer: **Sam Busse**  
 Elder of the month: **Wendell Thompson**  
 Deacons: **Aloma Dew; Steve Divine; Eric Farmer; Chris Gaddis; Blake & Missie Hayden; Matt Johnson; Michelle Long; Abbe Quisenberry; Marilee Thompson**  
 Youth Deacon: **Camille Divine**  
 Message in Music: Ann Miller, solo  
 Prelude: *He Leadeth Me*  
 Offertory: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*  
 Communion: Harrison Bryant, cellist  
 Hymns: *We Gather Together; Restless Weaver; Seed, Scattered and Sown; Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Sloane Gant by Mary Ellen Gant, Stuart Gant, Emily Gant Gentry, and Elizabeth Gant Lowry.*

**July 2, 2017 ~ Pentecost 4 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Jack Lee**  
 Serving Elders: **Bob Morris and Amy Frederickson-Wilkey**  
 Acolyte: **Sam Busse** Bell Ringer: **Max Baur**  
 Elder of the month: **Jon & Jo Anne Skillman**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Lockett, Leslie Mobley, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb, Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Maggie Lott**  
 Message in Music: *Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)* Greg Jones, solo  
 Prelude: *Praise Him! Praise Him!*  
 Offertory: *Higher Ground*  
 Communion: *What Wondrous Love is This*  
 Hymns: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service; I Would Be True; In This Very Room; Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

### Flowers in the Chancel

There are openings for flowers in the chancel on July 2, 16, August 20, and 27. If you are interested in providing flowers for any of these dates, please contact the church office at 270-684-8879.

The **July Board meeting has been canceled**. The next Board meeting will be August 8 at 5:15 pm.

**Elders' Meeting** – Wednesday, July 19, at 5:30 pm in the FaHoLo classroom.

**Capital Campaign Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, June 27, at 5:30 pm at FCC.

### Children's Sunday School

No Children's Sunday School on Sunday, July 2 (4th of July weekend).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>SUNDAY, June 25</b>                  9:00 am Worship                  10:00 am FCC Café                  10:30 am Sunday School                  6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, June 27</b>                  5:30 pm Cap. Campaign Mtg.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, June 28</b>                  6:30 am MBS Panera</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, June 29</b>                  1:30 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, July 2</b>  <b>Youth Mission Trip Departs</b>                  9:00 am Worship                  10:00 am FCC Café                  10:30 am Sunday School                  (No Children's' Sunday School)                  6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, July 4</b>                  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, July 5</b>                  6:30 am MBS Panera                  11:30 am ADC Team Meeting</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, July 6</b>                  1:30 pm Bible Study                  2:30 pm Food Pantry</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, July 8</b>                  General Assembly Begins</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, July 9</b>                  9:00 am Worship                  10:00 am FCC Café                  10:30 am Sunday School                  12:00 pm Pitino Shelter                  6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, July 12</b>                  6:30 am MBS Panera</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, July 13</b>                  1:30 pm Bible Study                  2:30 pm Food Pantry</p>
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## STEWARDSHIP MAY 2017

Offering for the Month	\$37,333.00
Other Revenue Month	<u>1,215.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$38,548.00
Expenses for the month	<u>35,482.00</u>
Net for the month	\$3,066.00
YTD Offering	176,817.00
YTD Other Revenue	<u>11,016.00</u>
YTD Revenue	187,833.00
YTD Expenses	<u>177,315.00</u>
YTD Net	10,518.00

## OUTREACH

Disciples Mission Fund	1,785.00
Christian Church in KY West Area	1,071.00
HELP Office	450.00
Easter Special Offering	408.00
Week of Compassion	534.00
Pentecost	471.00

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## Youth & Children Ministries

**God's Garden, God's City**

**Vacation Bible School Registration Form**

**July 17-20, 2017    8:30 am-11:30 am**

Preschool (must be at least 3 & potty-trained) to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ or Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns/Food Allergies/Other Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) who have permission to pick up child from VBS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my child to be photographed Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Breakfast (Circle days child will eat) M T W TH (Served 8-8:30)

Lunch (Circle days child will eat) M T W TH (Served 11:30-12:00)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Four campers are attending Chi Rho Camp **June 26 - 30**: Camille Divine, Mackenzie Mahlinger, Adam Lott, and Maggie Lott. Eight children are attending Junior camp **July 3-7**: Broderick Divine, Ben Luallen, Miles Baur, Whitley Ford, Daniel Lott, Camryn Kyle, Addie Travis, & Annalee Yager.

You may send a note to the campers to let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them!

Camper's Name - Camp KBY  
 4943 Barge Island Road  
 Benton, KY 42025

Email may be sent to [cckkby@wk.net](mailto:cckkby@wk.net). Place camper's full name (no nicknames) in the subject line and **no attachments or graphics**.



*Pictured at left are CYF Campers, Hannah Kate Divine, Sally Lott, and Kaley Hall.*