



# THE CALLER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO  
(Disciples of Christ)

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## *From the Preacherman....*

Among the characteristics people most admire in others is the ability to make up one's mind, to decide on a course of action and to stick with it, no matter what. Changing one's mind is often referred to as "flip-flopping," and is never applied with admiration and respect. Such behavior seems to indicate an inability to follow through and stick to one's principles. We like people who can make a decision, be resolute and refuse to waver from the chosen course.

Often, people go to the Bible with the idea that the Scriptures will give strength and support for making such decisions and sticking with them. Countless millions have found the Bible to be life-giving sustenance in the midst of dark and difficult days. The enduring power of the Scriptures to sustain and inspire is evident generation after generation.

However, the Bible also exists to change our minds, to rattle our comfortable cages and to unhinge us from our relaxed conditions. In worship we have been listening to some of the most familiar, and comforting, texts in the Bible, parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. Among our parables are stories about a sower of seeds, a good Samaritan, a prodigal son, po' Lazarus and a mustard seed.

Teaching in parables was one of the distinctive features of Jesus' ministry. We miss that in our mad scramble to the cross and Easter. Getting to heaven often seems to be the only thing on the church's mind some days. But Jesus had other things in mind. He was dealing with people who had made up their minds about God. Things were settled, set in stone and unchanging. The faithful person's task was to do what had always been done, believe what had always been taught and pass that on to the next generation.

Into this settled world came Jesus teaching in parables. Parables are the great un-deciders of the Bible. Whatever you think you know, whatever you are certain about and have bet your life on, parables will make you reconsider, change your mind and –God forbid—perhaps even force you to flip-flop on an important subject. Parables are spoken in order to open up the world to a mystery, to make us less certain of our own decisions so that we might have to place more trust in God, following by faith and not by sight.

The God of the parables is wild, risky, gracious and demanding; not unlike God in the rest of the Bible, but very unlike what most people want. So, don't decide. Wait. Listen. Behold, I will tell you a mystery....

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 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 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



**O**n Sunday, June 9, we celebrated the dedication of Graham Matthew Johnson, pictured with his parents, Matt & Natalie Johnson.



*Henry and Nancy Connor invite you to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and*

*their daughter, Rebecca's, 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 3 from 4-6:30 PM at the Church*

*5PM there will be bagpiping by Jason Weibel and Rebecca Connor*

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...**

Evelyn Guthrie, Janie, Chip, and Connor Lilly, and Sarah Guthrie in the death of Morris Guthrie who passed away May 29.

Linda Green, Laura Green, and Frank & Brenda Green in the death of Frank's sister-in-law, Ruth Ellen Green, who passed away June 7.

The family of Rev. Lillian Nunnelly, wife of Rev. Dr. Donald Nunnelly, who died June 14.



**June 30 - FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP**

Enjoy Breakfast Casseroles, Biscuits & Gravy, and Fruit!  
\$5 per person. Sunday School classes will not meet June 30.



**Dear First Christian Church,**

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, the cards, and the many expressions of sympathy in memory of my Mother. She enjoyed visiting our church in her 100<sup>th</sup> year.  
Sincerely,  
Gloria Goodaker

**Primetimers' Plus Potluck Picnic – Monday, July 1 -** at Diamond Lake. The church van will leave the church at 5pm for those who want to use this service (\$3.00). We will eat at 6pm. This is a potluck picnic with chicken and catfish provided. The meat will be paid for by individual contributions. Families should bring a dish that feeds 10 people. Entertainment will be the "River City Strings", 8 persons featuring Ann Jeannette Pierce. This will be a listening and sing-a-long activity. Please note: this is not the early fall church picnic.

**PTP Trip to Boonville, IN** to visit Verne & Sue Bethel – July 11 leaving at church at 10AM. Cost \$5.

All church members and friends are invited to Primetimers' Plus events. To make reservations contact Ron Waite at home (270) 683-8510, mobile (812) 454-8555 or email [ronwownsbr@aol.com](mailto:ronwownsbr@aol.com).

**AARP Refresh your driving skills and you could save on auto insurance...**

When you take the AARP Smart Driver course, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. In Kentucky, it is good for 3-5 years, depending on your insurance company at age 55.

A class will be held for members of First Christian Church on August 20 from 12:30-4:30 pm in the Sessions Classroom at Church. The fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members. The fee covers the course workbook and the certification for insurance reduction for those 55 and older. Seating for this class is limited. Call the church office to register (270-684-8879).



## Serving in Worship

**June 30 ~ Pentecost 4 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Steve Divine**  
 Serving Elders: **Chris & Cate Gaddis**  
 Acolyte: **Brennan Benjamin** Bell Ringer: **Colin Ruckdeschel**  
 Elder of the month: **June Stapleton**  
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Cori Douglas, Joy Emerson, Marjorie Flowers, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende & Chris Lott**  
 Youth Deacon: **Broderick Divine**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Brian Belcher**  
 Shepherds: **Libby Johnson and Francy Miller**  
 Prelude: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above  
 Message in Music: *Blessings* **Rebecca Volk, soloist**  
 Offertory: *Serenity*  
 Communion: *I Surrender All*  
 Hymns: *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven; Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind; Gather Us In; Here, Savior, We Would Come*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Ginger & Bill Boehm to the glory of God and in honor of the Mission Trip participants and with prayers for a safe trip.*

**July 7 ~ Pentecost 5 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Kaye Farmer**  
 Serving Elders: **Steve Divine and Ken Lawson**  
 Acolyte: **Scarlett Roark** Bell Ringer: **Brennan Benjamin**  
 Elder of the month: **Pam Woodward**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Stacey Castlen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Luckett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Addie Slone Travis**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Pam Woodward**  
 Shepherds: **Janet Luckett**  
 Prelude: *Ode to Joy* **Henry Busse, piano**  
 Message in Music: *The Servant Song* **Mike Tichenor, soloist**  
 Offertory: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*  
 Communion: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*  
 Hymns: *Lead on, O King Eternal, Called as Partners in Christ's Service, This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Connie & Mick Ford to the glory of God and in celebration of Coralie Jones' birthday.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, June 30**

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast  
 3:00 pm Car Show

**July 1 – 6 Chi Rho Camp at KBY**

**MONDAY, July 1**

5:00pm PTP Picnic Diamond Lake

**TUESDAY, July 2**

2:30 pm Food Pantry

**WEDNESDAY, July 3**

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use

**THURSDAY, July 4**

Office Closed

**July 7 – 13 CYF Mission Trip to**

**Florida Panhandle**

**SUNDAY, July 7**

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School

**July 8 – 12 Junior Camp at KBY**

**MONDAY, July 8**

5:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg.

**WEDNESDAY, July 10**

6:30 am MBS Panera

**THURSDAY, July 11**

10:00 am PTP to Boonville, IN  
 5:15pm Finance Team Mtg.

**SUNDAY, July 14**

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter

### Camping Season at Kum-Ba-Ya

**July 1-6 Chi Rho Campers:** Miles Baur, Zoe Carroll, Broderick Divine, Camille Divine, Whitley Ford, Camryn Kyle, Jackson Kyle, Daniel Lott, Ben Luallen, Addison Travis, and Annalee Yager

**July 8-12 Junior Campers:** Max Baur, Reise Elliott, Mack Elliott, and Walker Gaddis

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



### Flowers in the Chancel

There are openings for flowers in the

chancel on August 11, September 1, 8, and 15. If you are interested in providing flowers on this date, please contact the office at 270-684-8879.



### You Can Make a Difference in a Child's Life

Children will return to school soon. For many children, school lunches may be their only meals during the week, so what happens over the weekend? The Backpack Ministry provides nutritious food for children to eat over the weekend during the school year. We hope to sponsor 65 children at Cravens Elementary again this school year. Would you consider sponsoring one child's backpack for the school year? A year's supply of weekend food costs \$150; however, all donations are appreciated.

If you are able to donate, please make checks payable to FCC and write Backpack Ministry in the memo section. You may drop the donation in the offering plate or in the mail – PO Box 966, Owensboro, KY 42302

Delivery of the backpacks begins the second week of August.



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On Sunday, June 30, we will commission the youth and adult sponsors who are traveling to the Panama City area July 7-13 for a mission trip during which they will be helping with the long-term rebuilding effort. Please keep our youth and sponsors in your prayers as they prepare for the trip: Maggie Lott, Evan LeBoutillier, Sally Lott, Adam Lott, Paige Castlen, Hannah Kate Divine, Joe Lewis, Addison LeBoutillier, Stacy Castlen, and Laura Michael.



Camping season is in full swing! Two groups have enjoyed time at camp and 2 other groups will be heading to KBY in July.

*Pictured on the left are Stella Hayden and Issac Sterett.*

*Pictured on the right are Maggie Lott, Jenna Glenn, Sally Lott, Kaley Hall, Evan LeBoutillier, and Adam Lott.*

