FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

THE CALLER

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From the Preacherman….

I have sometimes wondered how I would have lived and acted in another time. How would it have been to be in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944, as a German or an American soldier or a French citizen? How would I have lived during Teddy Roosevelt's presidency or in China in the 16th Century? An active imagination helps, as does reading books about anything and everything. But reality calls and I answer. We don't get to choose the time in which we live; we get to choose how we will live in the time we have.

The book of Esther puts it similarly. Mordecai is speaking to Esther about how she shall live in perplexing times. He says, "If you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for such a time as this" (4:14). So Esther acts, and her people are saved. She chooses how to live in the time she has.

It can be easy to think that life used to be simpler, carefree and untroubled. When we were kids, weren't things like that? Yes, for children, but not for the adults who lived then. History is full of people who grew up believing life would always be like it was when they were children, not like it really is for them as adults. The Bible speaks to grown-ups, with complex lives and intricate problems. Christianity is multi-layered and multifaceted, with thousands of ways to live faithfully. The Church takes on multiple forms in a million different places so that it can be what it needs to be in the moment for the people involved.

So, what will you be in this moment? Do we look to Jesus to determine the identity of our neighbor or do we look to politics, nationality and ethnicity? We are called to act daily as if Jesus himself were here among us, which he is. As our church lives and breathes in our community, we give and help and serve others, come what may. Our calling to follow Christ is above every other vocation in our lives, no matter what the work is that we do. You may choose not to care about anyone or anything but yourself; it's a free country. But that is not Christian discipleship. And we know it.

For such a time as this you are chosen to be Christian. You are called to be a part of a church in Owensboro, Kentucky. Come what may, you are called to be faithful, loving, kind and bold. You don't have a choice about the time in which you live. You choose how to live in the time you have.

Be Christian.

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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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

Family Fun Day at Ben Hawes Park

Shelter #3 on Sunday, July 1, from 3-7 pm

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with other FCC families and friends.

Enjoy pizza and please bring snacks, treats, and drinks to add to the pizza.

All are invited to our first
5th Sunday Fellowship Meal at 10:30 am on July 29
Featuring an Artist's Showcase at 10 am

Enjoy displays of artwork by our talented folks followed by a meal **of** Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and Strawberry Cake.
The cost of the meal is $5.00.
If you would like to display examples of your artwork, please contact Pam Woodward.

2018 Summer Youth Mission Trip

On Sunday, July 1, we will commission the youth and adult sponsors who are traveling to West Virginia on July 8 – 14 for a mission trip. The group plans to do some home repairs/construction and help with an outreach project for a kid's camp. Please keep Paige Castlen, Hannah Kate Divine, Kaley Hall, Addison LeBoutillier, Evan LeBoutillier, Joe Lewis, Adam Lott, Sally Lott, Shannon Divine, and Laura Michael in your prayers as they travel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REQUESTS

Vacation Bible School is July 16 – 19 and donations of items for the games and crafts sessions will be appreciated. Would you consider donating or loaning items that are listed below? If you are able to donate items, please drop them off at the Church office. If you have items that we may borrow, please label them with your name and drop them off at the office. Labeled items will be returned to you after VBS.

Masking Tape - few rolls
Mini Hot glue sticks - 1 or 2 packs
Three 5-gallon buckets
3 volleyballs
3 soccer balls
15 Hula hoops
8 Puff paint
Cardboard
White card stock
Aluminum foil - 5 extra wide rolls
Glitter pens
50 Paper towel/toilet paper empty rolls
Jumbo wooden craft sticks – 50
Mod podge- 2 jars
Yarn - black and white 1 of each
Pool Noodles
Felt-pack or 2 of sheets primary colors
Rulers
Colorful duct tape - 5 or 6 rolls - primary colors
Empty, clean food boxes (cereal, crackers, etc.)
Super Hero capes, headbands, shields, masks or other hero costume items
Foam shapes, stuffed animals, or the like to fill up a bucket

Children and Youth Book Drive
July 1-15

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a gently used/new children/youth book drive. If you have books that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Church office. The donated books will be divided to help the city and county schools, as well as, children in family court.

First Christian Church,

Aloma Dew and family are so grateful for the comfort and caring from the congregation and staff after Lee's death. We especially thank Rev. Chris Michael, Anne Carlisle, Marjorie Flowers, Connie Ford, Angela Bruce, Nancy Connor, Hilda Nance and the wonderful ladies who did the reception, Mike Bruce, Mike Tichenor and the First/Third Quartet, Stuart Gant and so many, many others who made his memorial service so special and memorable.

We thank the church for the flowers and all the food and, especially for the love and support.

Pictured above are volunteers assembling Chrismon ornaments for our Christmas tree.

Chrismon Workshop, Monday July 9

Don't miss out on stoking your creative skills, so come and join the next Chrismon workshop at church on Monday, July 9, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are working hard to create beautiful Christian ornaments for our next Christmas tree. No experience is necessary. Contact Francy Miller or Martha Lee for more details or just show up that day to work!

Serving in Worship

July 1 ~ Ordinary 13 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Malcolm Bryant**
Serving Elders: **Pam Woodward and Wendell Thompson**
Acolyte: **Daniel Lott** Bell Ringer: **Colin Ruckdeschel**
Elder of the month: **Ken Lawson**
Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Luckett, Leslie Mobley, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb, Sally Wood**
Youth Deacon:
Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Sara Aud**
Message in Music: *Blessings* **soloist, Bree Sommerville**
Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Offertory: *Make Me a Servant*
Communion: *The Love of God*
Hymns: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; Called as Partners in Christ's Service; Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face; I Come With Joy*

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

July 8 ~ Ordinary 14 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Marjorie Flowers**
Serving Elders: **John & Janey Burns**
Acolyte: **Broderick Divine** Bell Ringer: **Daniel Lott**
Elder of the month: **Ken Lawson**
Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Cori Douglas, Joy Emerson, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende Lott**
Youth Deacon: **Camryn Kyle**
Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Natalie Johnson**
Message in Music: *Zion's Walls*
Prelude: *Like a River Glorious*
Offertory: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
Communion: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
Hymns: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise; I Would Be True; God Is Here; We Call Ourselves Disciples*

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, July 1
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:15 am Hospitality Team Mtg
10:15 am Capital Campaign Mtg
10:30 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Family Fun Day at Ben Hawes Park
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY, July 4
Office Closed
THURSDAY, July 5
1:30 pm Bible Study
2:30 pm Food Pantry
SUNDAY, July 8
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:30 am Sunday School
12:00 pm Pitino Shelter
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
MONDAY, July 9
11:30 am Primetimers' Plus Meal at Legend's
1:00 pm Chrismon Workshop
TUESDAY, July 10
5:15 pm Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY, July 11
6:30 am MBS Panera
THURSDAY, July 12
1:30 pm Bible Study
SUNDAY, July 15
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:30 am Sunday School
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
MONDAY, July 16
8:30 am VBS Breakfast
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
11:30 am VBS Lunch
TUESDAY, July 17
8:30 am VBS Breakfast
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
11:30 am VBS Lunch
5:30 pm Elders' Meeting
WEDNESDAY, July 18
6:30 am MBS Panera
8:30 am VBS Breakfast
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
11:30 am VBS Lunch
THURSDAY, July 19
8:30 am VBS Breakfast
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
11:30 am VBS Lunch
1:30 pm Bible Study
2:30 pm Food Pantry
FRIDAY, July 20
5:30 pm Sanctuary in Use
SATURDAY, July 21
6:30 pm Sanctuary in Use

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for providing a space for our youth group to have lunch on Wednesday. We greatly appreciate your hospitality! It was so nice to be able to cool off after a long day of work in your beautiful Church. We could not have gotten so much work done without you!

Sincerely,
The St. Joseph Youth Group

Flowers in the Chancel

There are openings for flowers in the chancel on July 8, September 2, and 9. If you are interested in providing flowers for any of these dates, please contact the Church office at 270-684-8879.

Pitino Shelter Volunteers

July 8, 2018
Forrest Roberts Connie & Mick Ford
Ginger & Bill Boehm

Board Meeting – July 10 at 5:15 pm in the FaHoLo Classroom

Elders' Meeting – July 17 at 5:30 pm in the FaHoLo Classroom

Primetimers Plus Event –
Monday, July 9, 11:30 AM – Join the group for a luncheon at Legends. The speaker will be Beth Benjamin, principal of Owensboro Innovation Academy. Come and join the fun!

All are welcome and if you want to attend the luncheon, please contact Ron Waite at home 270-683-8510, cell 812-454-8555, or email Ronwownsbr@aol.com to make a reservation.

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VBS Children & Youth Registration Form

July 16-19, 2018 8:30 am – 11:15 am

Preschool (must be at least 3 & Potty-trained) to completed 5th grade

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____or Age _____

Parent's 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 8:30 – 9:00**)

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

Parent's Signature _____

VBS Volunteer Registration Form

July 16-19, 2018 8:30 – 11:15 am

If you are able to volunteer, please fill out this form and drop it off in the Church Office.

Name _____

Phone (H) _____(C) _____

Email _____

I can help with VBS in the following ways (circle all that apply):

Registration Breakfast/lunch Games/Activities

Set-up/Clean-up Prepare Snacks Serve Snacks

Early Drop-off Small Group Guide Nursery

Storytelling/Drama Music Decoration Crafts

I am available (circle all that apply) M T W TH