



# THE CALLER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO  
(Disciples of Christ)

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

When Walter Cronkite died, we saw the passing of an icon of television history. He reported the nightly news for millions of viewers, struggled openly when John F. Kennedy was shot, told the truth about Vietnam and Watergate, and was the voice of the voyage to the moon. When he concluded the nightly news with his signature phrase "*And that's the way it is....*" we generally felt that, yes that **is** the way it is tonight. The idea that one voice, one man, could speak for a nation was a remarkable thing for me to believe in as a young man growing up in this country.

And it was also wrong. Cronkite would agree with me, I think: no individual can speak for everyone else. It may be difficult for us to accept this, especially if we long for a time and place that is not so fractured and splintered, as is America today. When Cronkite pronounced "*And that's the way it is....*" we presumed a level of objectivity in reporting that, in truth, didn't exist then, and certainly doesn't now. Cronkite didn't have an agenda, didn't need to have great hair and tried simply to report the news, but contradictions kept cropping up.

He bucked the company line on Vietnam, going there in person to see the truth for himself and contradicting official government reports about progress. He gave credence to early reporting about the outrages of Watergate when most people were dismissing them. It was Cronkite who gave voice to an alternative reading of events, while we as a nation were awakened to the need for civil rights for African-Americans and equal rights for women. The cacophony of voices that now clamor to be heard in our democracy were given impetus and encouragement by a man whose signature statement seemed to indicate that one voice could summarize everything. If that isn't irony, I don't know what is.

Why bring this up? Because Walter Cronkite was a Christian, a man who lived out his faith in his public as well as his private life. In the pursuit of truth in reporting, he uncovered some very unsavory and troubling aspects of our life as a nation, things we didn't want to know, but were called to confront as a people who should repent and aim higher. He told us the truth when it would have been easier to go with the flow and not cause trouble. I think history belongs to the troublemakers, people who believe truth, justice and virtue aren't mere words, but a lifestyle. A certain 1st Century Jewish prophet preached that as well. They killed him for it. And that's the way it is....

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,  
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Play - First Christian Church—Owensboro



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

Mary Stanley Craig Wiggs and Bill & Monique Craig, Jr. and families in the death of Margaret Craig who passed away July 15.

Stacey, Garret, Megan, and Allison Carter in the death of Stacey's mother, Judy Bland, who passed away July 16.

Kaye Farmer, Eric & Laura Farmer in the death of Kaye's great-nephew, Jason Griffin, who passed away July 19.

**In an effort to keep our sanctuary in the best condition, please don't bring any drinks into the worship service.**

Thank you,  
Worship Committee

**Congratulations to...**

Jessica & Josh Fisher on the birth of their son, Oliver Scot Fisher, born July 15. Proud great-grandparents are Irma & Shelby Johnson.

**First Christian Friends,**

Many thanks to our church family for the prayers, cards, texts, food and pies (where did they get that idea), that are helping in my recovery. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.  
Mike Bruce

**First Christian Church,**

Your caring and kindness and many expressions of sympathy during Morris' illness and death are greatly appreciated. Thank you for the visits, cards, flowers, prayers, and food.

We are blessed to be a part of First Christian Church.  
Evelyn and Sarah Guthrie, Janie, Chip and Connor Lilly

**Dear First Christian Church,**

On behalf of the entire Christian Church in Kentucky, we applaud you for your commitment to the Disciples Mission Fund. Your generous support makes the work of the Kentucky Region and our General Church partners possible.

Kentucky has long been a Region that supports DMF giving and, for several years now, has led the way in giving to DMF thanks, in part, to your commitment and generosity. Your gifts go above and beyond, though, and for that we are grateful.

Thank you for continuing to partner with the whole Church as we proclaim the message of wholeness to a fragmented world. You honor all of us who are part of the Kentucky Region through your generous support and commitment to our wider witness. With deep gratitude we celebrate with you that the General church has recognized your commitment.

In Gratitude for you,  
Greg Alexander, Retired Regional Minister  
Linda Jones, Associate Regional Minister  
Erin Cash, Moderator  
Katherine Raley, Chair, Budget & Funds



**DWM get together for 2019-2020 season**

All women welcome.

Saturday, August 17 from 11AM - 2PM at FCC

Lunch provided - NO COST - reservations needed

Call or text:

Kaye Farmer 270-683-3331

Naomi O'Hearn 270-313-4091

**Primetimers' Plus Meal - Monday, August 5, at 11:30 am at O'Charley's**

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).

**Nominees for Church Office**

Each year the Church has the opportunity to select Elders and Deacons for the upcoming year(s). This is a vitally important task and we need every Church member's help. Please take a moment and submit the names of members you believe could serve in these important roles in the life of our Church. The nominating committee will take this list and propose a final list of names for the Congregation to approve. Thank you.

I suggest that the following person(s) be nominated for election as...

**ELDER:**

**DEACON:**

**SIGNATURE:**

Please fill out this form and drop it off at the office or drop into the offering plate on Sunday.

## Serving in Worship

**July 28 ~ Pentecost 7 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Barbara Bennett**  
 Serving Elders: **Mike & Janet Tichenor**  
 Acolyte: **Landry Roberts** Bell Ringer: **Reise Elliott**  
 Elder of the month: **Pam Woodward**  
 Deacons: **Eric Farmer, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Joseph & Meghan McKinley, Abbe Quisenberry, Patrick & Michelle Whitmer**  
 Youth Deacon: **Camryn Kyle**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Natalie Johnson**  
 Shepherds: **Janet Luckett & Libby Johnson**  
 Prelude: *We Declare Your Majesty*  
 Message in Music: *Balm in Gilead* **Dillon Greene, soloist**  
 Offertory: *The Lone, Wild Bird*  
 Communion: *The Lord's My Shepherd*  
 Hymns: *Jesus Loves Me!; Seek Ye First; Come, Share the Lord; O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*

*Flowers placed in the chancel by  
 Kyle, Sara, Ellington, Holden, and Brooks Aud in celebration  
 of their sweet daughter and big sister's sixth birthday.  
 You are so loved and missed Emelia Claire.*

*Flowers have been placed in the narthex by  
 Pam Lockhart and Michelle Cole to the glory of God  
 and in honor of Betty Troutman on her birthday.*

**August 4 ~ Pentecost 8 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Aloma Dew**  
 Serving Elders: **Steve & Shannon Divine**  
 Acolyte: **Anna Travis** Bell Ringer: **Landry Roberts**  
 Elders of the month: **Wayne & Gloria Goodaker**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenée Bowen, Stacey Castlen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Luckett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Miles Baur**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Natalie Johnson**  
 Shepherd: **Jessica Wilborn**  
 Prelude: *The Bell Ringer* **Annabelle Baur, pianist**  
 Message in Music: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* **Rick Case, soloist**  
 Offertory: *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*  
 Communion: *Like a River Glorious*  
 Hymns: *In Christ There Is No East or West; For the Fruits of All Creation; In Remembrance of Me; Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of  
 God and in memory of Clay Burns by his loving family.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, July 28**

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Youth to Holiday World

**WEDNESDAY, July 31**

6:30 am MBS Panera

**THURSDAY, August 1**

2:30 pm Food Pantry

**SUNDAY, August 4**

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

**MONDAY, August 5**

11:30 am Primetimer's Plus Meal at  
 O'Charley's  
 5:30 pm Outreach Team Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, August 7**

6:30 am MBS Panera

**THURSDAY, August 8**

5:15 pm Finance Team Mtg.

**SUNDAY, August 11**

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

## Elders' Retreat

**August 23-24**

**Saint Meinrad Archabbey  
 200 Hill Drive  
 St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577**

**Contact the Church office  
 with your reservation.**

## STEWARDSHIP JUNE 2019

Offering for the Month	\$45,613.00
Other Revenue Month	859.00
Total Revenue	\$46,472.00
Expenses for the month	32,207.00
Net for the month	14,265.00
YTD Offering	218,137.00
YTD Other Revenue	9,359.00
YTD Revenue	227,496.00
YTD Expenses	202,485.00
YTD Net	\$25,011.00

## OUTREACH JUNE 2019

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



## Make a Difference in a Child's Life

For many children, school lunches may be their only meals during the week. 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. **At this point, we have 20 bags funded.** 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 backpacks begins the second week of August.



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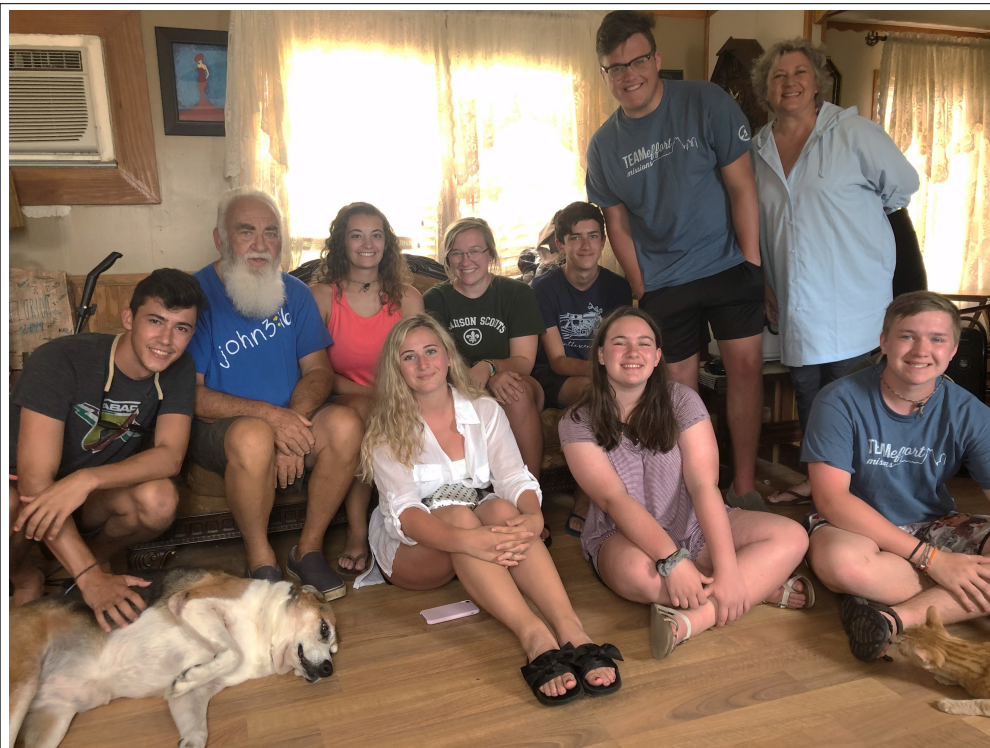
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**HOLIDAY WORLD TRIP FOR CHI RHO & CYF ~ JULY 28 ~ Leaving from church after worship.**



Our CYF Youth and sponsors returned safely from their mission trip to the Panama City area.

While there, they helped a family repair their home and landscape by removing tree stumps and debris. They also built an arbor. The group (except for Stacy) is pictured with Bob, one of the homeowners.

We thank all of you - Paige, Hannah Kate, Sally, Maggie, Adam, Joe, Addison, Evan, Laura, and Stacy - for helping those in need.