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From the Preacherman....

The beginning of September marks six months for me as your pastor. Yes, it is difficult to believe that it has already been that long. My family arrived, as did my furniture; well, most of it. We are grateful and thankful to God to be able to share life and faith with you in this place. What have I observed about our life together in this church over the course of these last few months?

I have noticed how you value worship and teaching and fellowship and service. These are classic, bedrock claims of the Christian community from of old. The early church in Acts lived out the faith in this manner, and no matter what else we focus on or care about, these things really matter. The Christian faith is not complicated, extravagant or complex, but it is deep, very deep, and profound in myriad ways. You do well to live out these practices in the world. They matter.

It is obvious that you have a difficult past with which you are still dealing. The last several years have been hard and cannot be forgotten. You need to tell and retell the stories of your time in the wilderness. I have heard over and over that people experienced God in so many ways during hard times of dislocation and discomfort. Because of this you have powerful resources to share with others who have lost much. Just your presence matters. Tell your stories.

I am convinced that your future is full of hope. The God of the crucifixion is also the God of resurrection. We preach both Good Friday and Easter with our lives, sometimes daily, and while we cannot ever forget the difficulties of the past, we live towards the promise and reality of resurrection. The best way for me to say it is honest hope: we have honest, real, painful, powerful hope. I have lived that. So have you.

People are desperate to hear about honest hope in this world. They grow weary of hearing only heartache. They distrust faith that ignores the difficulty to shout glory all the time. What we share in this place is the honest hope of death and resurrection. That is real and it is the essence of the gospel, and it is good news in this world where it seems all the news is bad. It is not. There is hope.

So, let's have some ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill life together. God knows, you have had your crises. Jesus promised that even after death there was life. You know that, in your bones. Tell others.

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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All Church Picnic

Everyone is invited to the Legion Park East Shelter on September 24 for the annual



Church picnic. You may arrive at 4 pm with the meal starting at 5 pm. Please bring a dish to feed 10 and a serving utensil. The Church will provide meat, bread, and drinks.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

KNITTING

Our Faithful Knitters will resume with a new format this year. We will meet on Tuesdays from September 12-October 31 at 9:00 to 11:00 in the nursery area. We provide transportation for our refugee friends, and we help take care of the children while their mothers knit. If anyone is interested in refreshing your knitting skills, learning to knit, or simply helping with transportation or childcare, please call Ginger Norris, Jo Anne Skillman, Nancy Connor, or Janet Lockett.

COOKING

Because some of our refugee friends have expressed an interest in learning to prepare traditional American dishes, we are partnering with the Daviess County Extension Office in offering cooking classes. These will begin on Tuesday, November 7, and occur each Tuesday through December 12. The scheduled time is tentatively set for 9:30-11:00.

MORE TO COME REGARDING THESE WONDERFUL WOMEN TO WOMEN OPPORTUNITIES!!



All are invited to

Jim Wimsatt's 99th Birthday Celebration

September 17 1 - 3 PM

at

First Christian Church's Fellowship Hall

Thank You

First Christian Friends,

Thank you for the flowers and sympathy cards in the passing of my dad, Bruce Jones.

I am very grateful to be a part of such a loving and wonderful church.

Cristina Jones

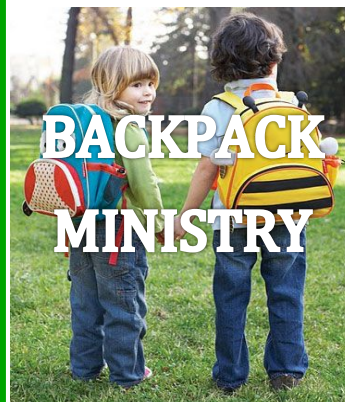
Practice Your Smile....

We need **you** to make our family pictorial directory complete. Lifetouch photographers will be at our Church on November 7, 8, 16, 17, and 18 taking pictures for our new pictorial directory. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks.

International Center Request

The International Center is sponsoring a coat collection of small adult and children's coats for Refugee families. If you would like to donate, please drop coats off in the Church office.

Backpack Ministry Update



Our goal is to fund 65 food-filled backpacks each week for children who attend Cravens Elementary. To date, we have funded 34. Please consider donating to this important ministry that provides food for children who might

otherwise be hungry over the weekends. Delivery of the backpacks will start next week.

One child's weekend meals for one school year costs \$150 to support. If you are able to support one child that would be wonderful; however, **all** donations are appreciated. Please make checks payable to FCC, write Backpack Ministry in the memo section, and either drop the check in the offering plate or mail to the church at P.O. Box 966, 42302.

Serving in Worship

September 10, 2017 ~ Pentecost 12 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Vicki Quisenberry**
 Serving Elders: **Mike & Angela Bruce**
 Acolyte: Bell Ringer:
 Elder of the month: **Tom Maddox**
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Joy Emerson, Becky Gordon, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende Lott**

Youth Deacon:

NO Worship & Wonder

Choir Message: *Forever Blest Is He*
 Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
 Offertory: *It is Well with My Soul*
 Communion: *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Hymns: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee; Jesus Calls Us; Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; Peace Be upon You*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in honor of Catherine Scott.

September 17, 2017 ~ Pentecost 13 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Andy Goodaker**
 Serving Elders: **Ginger Norris and Nancy Connor**
 Acolyte: Bell Ringer:
 Elder of the month: **Tom Maddox**
 Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Shannon Divine, Andy Goodaker, Sale Gordon, Sally Ham, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Cathy Midkiff, Forrest Roberts, Sandra Roberts, Janet Tichenor**

Youth Deacon:

Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Sara Aud**

Choir Message: *Namasté*
 Prelude: *As the Deer*
 Offertory: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*
 Communion: *In This Very Room*

Hymns: *Praise to the Lord; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly; I Come with Joy*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Trudy Wimsatt to the glory of God and in honor of Jim Wimsatt's 99th birthday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, September 10

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:15 am Capital Campaign
 Volunteer Meeting -Sanctuary
 10:30 am Hospitality Committee Mtg.
 10:30 am Sunday School
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, September 11

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

TUESDAY, September 12

9:00 am Faithful Knitting
 5:15 pm Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 13

6:30 am MBS Panera
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 14

1:30 pm Bible Study
 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting

FRIDAY, September 15

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 16

6:00 pm Wedding & Reception

SUNDAY, September 17

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 (Continued)

SUNDAY, September 17 (cont'd)

1:00 pm Jim Wimsatt's 99th
 Birthday Celebration
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp
 5:00 pm FCC Kids!
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, September 18

5:15 pm Education Team Mtg
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

TUESDAY, September 19

9:00 am Faithful Knitting

WEDNESDAY, September 20

6:30 am MBS Panera
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 21

1:30 pm Bible Study
 2:30 pm Food Pantry

SUNDAY, September 24

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 4:00 pm All Church Picnic
 at Legion Park
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Group
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, September 25

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

TUESDAY, September 26

9:00 am Faithful Knitting

September 24, 2017 ~ Pentecost 13 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Rev. Bonnie Brown**
 Serving Elders: **Bob Morris and Amy Fredrickson-Wilkey**
 Acolyte: Bell Ringer:
 Elder of the month: **Tom Maddox**
 Deacons: **Aloma Dew, Steve Divine, Eric Farmer, Chris Gaddis, Blake & Missie Hayden, Matt Johnson, Michelle Long, Abbe Quisenberry, Marilee Thompson**

Youth Deacon:

Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Gloria Goodaker**

Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
 Offertory: *My Eternal Desire*
 Communion: *Let Us Break Bread*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Ken & Sue Lawson to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents.

Pitino Shelter Volunteers

September 10

Forrest Roberts Youth Group

Board meeting – Tuesday, September 12, at 5:15 pm in the FaHoLo classroom.

Elders' Meeting – Thursday, September 14, at 5:30 pm in the FaHoLo classroom.

CROP Walk

Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 PM

Meet at the GRADD Parking Lot and walk the Greenbelt. Donation forms are available in the Church office.



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FCC Kids!
THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5-7PM

PreSchool-5th graders welcome for fun activities and Bible stories!
Dinner Provided

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
700 J.R. Miller Blvd.
(270) 684-8879

Beginning September 17, (every third Sunday of the month), we welcome all children (Preschool - 5th grade) to come to First Christian Church for FCC Kids! This will be a rotation-based program where children will learn Bible lessons through Storytelling, Art, Games, Science, and Cooking. The program will run 5-7pm and includes dinner. We will also be needing help each month, contact Pastor Cheryl if you'd like to volunteer to lead one of these rotations for one (or more) sessions, help provide dinner, or come to be an extra set of hands. Since this is a new program for FCC, we hope everyone will come out and give it a try and make it a success!

First Youth Group of the Year for 6th - 12th Grades September 10 at 5:00 pm

It's time
for FCC
Youth
Group!

6th-12th
Grade

*Dinner
Discussion
Fun
Fellowship*

**Sundays
5-7pm**

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