FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

THE CALLER

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From the Preacherman….

I don't usually recommend television programs in this spot, but feel the need to alert you to an impending event. Starting Sunday night, September 15, the latest edition of Ken Burns' narrative genius goes public. Entitled *Country Music*, Burns will again bring his storytelling gifts to bear on a peculiarly American art form, that mix of Appalachian folk music, African-American blues, Kentucky bluegrass, Texas swing, California honky tonks and the high church of Nashville's *Grand Ole Opry,* that became our unique contribution to music. I am thrilled at the prospect of what I get to see and learn and hear, for at least a couple of reasons.

First, at its heart, country music is basic, elemental, and raw. It is, as Harlan Howell said, "Three chords and the truth." It isn't complicated or intricate, but at its best is brutally honest and astoundingly hopeful in the pain it expresses, whether sung on a Sunday morning in church or Saturday night in a beer joint. The word "elemental" keeps coming up as I listen: something at the core of things, the building blocks of our existence. One commentator notes the struggle at the heart of life, "the constant tug of war to make country music as mainstream as possible and the periodic reflexes to bring it back to its roots."

And that is the second reason I am interested: roots. What is at the heart of things for this music and for us, as Christians and the Church? We live in disorienting times. What did people of faith do in earlier periods to re-orient themselves to the ways of God in the world? What shall we do in this time? These are big questions, larger than any television series for sure, but ones we must ask or risk having other people provide answers we may not agree with. The roots of country music are deep and wide and peculiar and odd; so is our faith. Do we know that, remember that? If we forget, all is lost.

So, here is another invitation. Plan on being in Sunday School in the sanctuary from October 20 through November 10 as we discuss faith, ethics, theology and church in 2019. We have some questions to ask, and perhaps some tentative answers to find, but mostly we have our honesty to offer each other and God. At the heart of things is that. It is enough.

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

September 29 11:30 AM at FCC
All are invited.
Please bring a dish to serve 10.
Meat and drinks provided.

Choir News

On Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 pm, there will be a **Handbell Choir** meeting of former and future bellringers – young and old. If you are interested in being a part of the handbell choir, be sure and come to this planning meeting.

Soon the choir will begin practicing music for the seasons of **Advent and Christmas**. This is an excellent time to add your voice to the choir. You are invited to choir rehearsals each Wednesday night at 6:00PM.

PRIMETIMERS PLUS LUNCHEON

Monday, October 7 11:30 AM
TGI Fridays
5135 Frederica St.

Guest speaker will be
Amanda Owens, Director
Puzzle Pieces

Contact Ron Waite for reservations to Primetimers Plus activities:
Home - (270) 683-8510
Mobile - (812) 454-8555
ronwownsbr@aol.com or contact the church.

Save the Dates!

October 20 – November 10

Communal Adult Sunday School Classes

with Rev. Chris Michael

in the Sanctuary

Make plans now to attend!

Dear Friends:

It is with profound gratitude that the members of Pilgrimage Christian Church and her pastors wish to thank you for your great generosity. You have no idea what difference the grant from the Legacy Fund has made in our lives. We thank God for you and for the relationship that we have.

We look forward to having a relationship with those members of the congregation that we don't know. If at any time you need something, please don't hesitate to ask. We know how to pray. It is what has sustained us for 32 years and will continue to do so.

Again, thank you so much for continuing to share with us. May God exceedingly and abundantly bless you and continue to do ministry for the kingdom.

Yours in His Service,
Rev. Brenda Cardwell, Pastor
Rev. Judith Bowles and the members of Pilgrimage Christian Church (DoC), Maryland

Dear First Christian Church,

CASA of Ohio Valley is a unique child-focused, independent organization that provides trained, caring community volunteers to help our Family Court judge make life-changing decisions based on the best interest of the child. Our volunteer Advocates and staff devote themselves to helping the children appointed to the CASA program. Since 1996, CASA of Ohio Valley has served hundreds of local children.

Thank you for your Legacy Fund gift of $1,000 that supports our efforts to create awareness and prevention efforts to protect our most valuable asset – our children.

We are so very grateful for your wonderful gift that will be used to increase awareness and care for abused children in our community!

Rosemary Conder
Executive Director

Serving in Worship

September 15 ~ Pentecost 14 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Vicki Quisenberry**
Serving Elders: **John & Janey Burns**
Acolyte: **Scarlett Roark** Bell Ringer: **Jackson Roark**
Elder of the month: **Ginger Norris**
Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Andy Goodaker, Sally Ham, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Laura Michael, Cathy Midkiff, John & Jane Miller**
Youth Deacon: **Annalee Yager**
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Pam Woodward**
Shepherds:
Prelude: *The God of Abraham Praise*
Message in Music: *I Can Only Imagine*
Offertory: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*
Communion: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*
Hymns: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise; Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us; Let Us Break Bread Together*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul A., Jeffrey C., and Mark C. Hedges by their family.

September 22 ~ Pentecost 15 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Jack Lee**
Serving Elders: **Rev. Bonnie Brown and Carolyn Williams**
Acolyte: **Hampton Gaddis** Bell Ringer: **Scarlett Roark**
Elder of the month: **Ginger Norris**
Deacons: **Eric Farmer, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Joseph & Meghan McKinley, Abbe Quisenberry, Patrick & Michelle Whitmer**
Youth Deacon: **Broderick Divine**
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Sara Aud**
Shepherd: **Janet Luckett**
Prelude: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*
Choir Message: *God is With You*
Offertory: *Have Faith in God*
Communion: *Waltz in b minor, Op. 69, No. 2*
Hymns: *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven; More Love to Thee, O Christ; Take Our Bread; Shalom Chaverim*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, September 15
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:30 am Sunday School
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
MONDAY, September 16
10:00 am Fellowship Hall in Use
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
TUESDAY, September 17
5:45 pm Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY, September 18
6:30 am MBS Panera
5:00 pm FCC Kids + Middle School Youth
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, September 19
2:30 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Meeting
SUNDAY, September 22
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am Education Team Meeting
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
MONDAY, September 23
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
TUESDAY, September 24
11:30 am Property Team Mtg.
5:30 pm Elders' Meeting
WEDNESDAY, September 25
6:30 am MBS Panera
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY, September 28
2:00 pm Sanctuary in Use

Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, at 5:45 PM in the FaHoLo Classroom

Elders' Meeting –Tuesday, September 24, at 5:30 PM in the FaHoLo Classroom

DWM Fall Retreat

October 19-20
Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas, KY
Keynoters: Rev. Lisa Caldwell-Reiss and Rev. Dr. Toni Hawkins
Music: Andra Moran and Deb Garr
Registration form in the Church Office.

Flowers in the Chancel

There are openings for flowers in the chancel on October 6, and November 3. If you are interested in providing flowers on any of these dates, please contact the office at 270-684-8879.

When we stand with those who desire to provide for their families in an environment that is safe and full of opportunity, we embody Christ's love for our neighbor. When we sit together over 'a cup of tea' and listen to each other's stories and dreams and commit to hold each other in the bonds of community and fellowship, we embody the love of Christ. Reconciliation Ministry is your mission of embodiment to love one another as Christ loves us. Your giving enlivens our Churchwide witness and presence as the one body of Christ in the communities where we live and serve! Thank you for your generosity!

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Nominees for Church Office

Each year the Church has the opportunity to select Elders and Deacons. Please take a moment and submit the names of members you believe could serve in these important roles in the life of our Church. Thank you.

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

ELDER:

_____

DEACON:

_____

SIGNATURE:

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Please drop this form off at the office or into the offering plate Sunday. Members of the Nominating Committee are Jack Lee; Nelda Barnett; Jane Howard; Mitch Stapleton; Andy Goodaker; Marilee Thompson; Brian Belcher; Stacy Castlen; Gloria Goodaker; Angela Bruce.

FCC Kids + Middle School

Wednesday, September 18 5 - 7 PM

All Preschool – Middle School kids are welcome for fun activities and Bible stories.

Middle Schoolers be ready for a scavenger hunt!

Meal provided by Education Team – Pizza, Fruit, Veggies

Volunteers:
Meal Set-up/Clean-up: Jessica Wilborn; Sara Aud
Story Teller: Kyle Aud
Rotation Leaders: Leigh Anne Castlen; Kristi Isenbarger; Elizabeth Benjamin
Rotation Assistant: Missie Hayden