



# THE CALLER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO  
(Disciples of Christ)

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

“For the times they are a-changin,’” sang Bob Dylan a few years ago, but he could well have been talking about now. We see and experience the expected changes in weather and seasons of the year. We look in the mirror and notice time passing in the addition of wrinkles and gray hair, which can be a jolting experience. Other changes are simply a matter of keeping up with the times moving steadily forward.

In the church office we have noticed the need to change some things in order to keep up with the times. Specifically, how we communicate with you will soon undergo some changes. Beginning in December of this year the church newsletter will only be published once a month. All of the important information you will need for the month ahead will be in that publication. We are glad to mail that newsletter to you, but part of the reason for the change arises from the astonishing ways people now communicate.

Some of you rarely see a document on anything but a page of paper. Others of you seldom read anything unless it is on a cell phone or computer screen. I use email and texting, while my family will text and use apps I will never touch. (Ask my wife. She will tell you). The ways we talk to each other vary widely and we want to do a better job of using all the ways available to us.

We will print a newsletter and mail it to your house once a month. If we can email it to you and save the postage, paper and print costs, all the better. Please let us know. The more we can reduce our usage of print and paper, the better that is for the planet. But we are also going to investigate other means of communication as well. We are studying apps and website technologies. The communication platforms are numerous and varied today. We want to use them all. Please help us know how to communicate with you, and the world, in better ways.

We live in transformative times, not unlike the world of 500 years ago. The invention of the printing press by Gutenberg in the mid-1400s allowed for the mass production of books, newspapers and speeches by the next century. Most people couldn't even read until then. Now, the world's libraries are in our pockets. We have the most important and transformative message in the world to share. Help us figure out how to share it better.

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**

Ministers.....The Congregation  
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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



**We Welcome New Member,**  
Sherry Rhoads, who joined our Church family on September 15. Sherry resides at 1913 Paddock Pointe Cove, 42301. Her daughter and son-in-law are Stacy & Chris Castlen.

We are glad you are here!

### **Congratulations to...**

Brandon & Rachel Sheriff on the birth of their daughter, Frances Griffin Sheriff, born September 16. Proud grandparents are Anne Sheriff and Ben Norris. Frances Griffin was also welcomed by big brother, William Sloan.

## **Save the Dates!**

### **Ethics: Faith in Action**

Sunday School class for all  
Starts October 20 in Sanctuary  
Led by the pastor and you!

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

Lou & Vicki Bellamy and Emily & Eric Baur and families in the death of Lou's mother and Emily's grandmother, Jessie Bellamy, who passed away September 12.

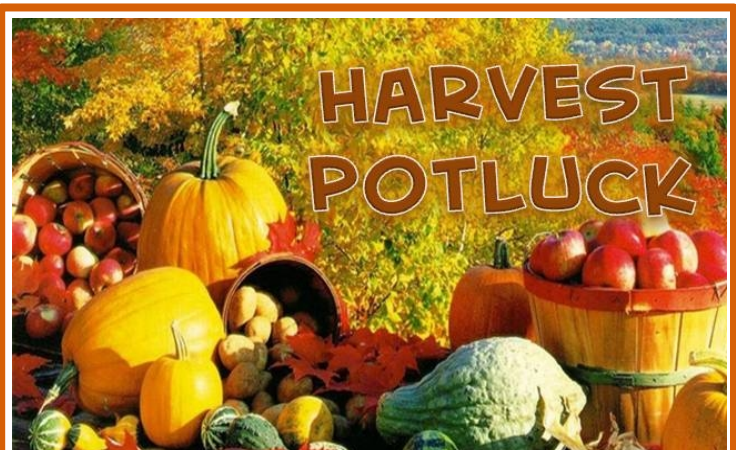
Greg & Lori Evans, Tricia & Robert Sirls, Bill & Debbie Evans, George & Judy Evans, and Susan & Mike Edmondson in the death of Eugene Evans, Jr. who passed away September 19.

### **Invitation to join the choir...**

On Wednesday, October 2, at 6pm the choir will begin preparations for Advent. All are invited to be a part of the choir during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This is an excellent time to add your voice to the choir!

Also, it's not too late to join the Handbell Choir. Come to rehearsal on Thursday, October 3, at 6PM.

**Thank you for not bringing food or drink  
into the sanctuary.**



**September 29 11:30 AM at FCC**

**All are invited.**

**Please bring a dish to serve 10.  
Meat and drinks provided.**

### **PRIMETIMERS PLUS LUNCHEON**

**Monday, October 7 11:30 AM**

**TGI Friday's  
5135 Frederica St.**

**Guest speaker:**

**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.**

### **FCC Friends,**

Many thanks to Chris and Pam and for all the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls.

Mike Matthews

### **First Christian Church,**

Thank you so much for providing lunch for us during our trip to Owensboro. Our trip would not have been made possible without your generosity and support.

We accomplished a great deal during our week there and we can't thank you enough for enabling us to serve in your community.

Thank you again and know that your church is always in our prayers.

St Mark Youth Group, Goodrich, Michigan

## Serving in Worship

### September 29 ~ Pentecost 16 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Brian Belcher**  
 Serving Elders: **Suzette & Nathan Nunley**  
 Acolyte: **Scarlett Isenbarger** Bell Ringer: **Hampton Gaddis**  
 Elder of the month: **Leslie Mobley**  
 Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Andy Goodaker, Sally Ham, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Laura Michael, Cathy Midkiff, John & Jane Miller**  
 Youth Deacon: **Daniel Lott**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Libby Johnson**  
 Shepherd: **Kristi Isenbarger**  
 Prelude: *This is My Father's World*  
 guest pianists: **Henry Busse and Sam Busse**  
 Message in Music: *God, Thou Art Love* **1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Quartet**  
 Offertory: *Higher Ground*  
 Communion: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*  
  
 Hymns: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service; Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life; An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine*

### October 6 ~ World Communion Sunday ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Ken Lawson**  
 Serving Elders: **Jon & Jo Anne Skillman**  
 Acolyte: **Elton Smith** Bell Ringer: **Scarlett Isenbarger**  
 Elder of the month: **Mike Tichenor**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenae Bowen, Stacey Castlen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Luckett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Max Sterett**  
**NO Worship & Wonder or Children & Youth Sunday School Classes**  
 Prelude: *Gather Us In*  
 Choir Message: *Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells*  
 Offertory: *Let Us Break Bread Together*  
 Communion: *Sonata Pathetique* Second Movement  
 Hymns: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness; My Faith Looks Up to Thee; Sweet, Sweet Spirit; Peace Be Upon You*  
  
*Flowers have been placed in the chancel in loving memory of Clara & B.C. Green and the many years of their service and devotion to First Christian Church by Suzette & Nathan Nunley.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, September 29

9:00 am Worship  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 11:30 am Harvest Potluck  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, September 30

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

### TUESDAY, October 1

1:00 pm DWM Day Group Mtg. at FCC

### WEDNESDAY, October 2

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 6:00 pm Choir Advent Music Kick-off

### THURSDAY, October 3

2:30 pm Food Pantry  
 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm DWM Night Group Mtg. at Luckett's, 7050 US Hwy 231

### FRIDAY, October 4

5:30 pm Sanctuary in Use

### SATURDAY, October 5

1:30 pm Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary in Use

### SUNDAY, October 6

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:15 am Green Chalice Team Meeting  
 10:30 am Sunday School Adult Classes only  
 5:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, October 7

11:30 am Primetimers' Plus Lunch at TGI Friday's

### WEDNESDAY, October 9

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

### THURSDAY, October 10

5:15 PM Finance Team Mtg.



## DWM Day & Night Groups' October Meetings

All ladies of the church are invited!

Day Group will meet October 1 at 1PM at FCC

Night Group will meet October 3 at 6PM at the home of Janet Luckett, 7050 US Hwy 231

## 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 forms are in the Church Office.



Thank you to all who donated funds to support the Backpack Ministry. Through your generosity, sixty-five children at Cravens Elementary now have food for their weekend meals. This would not be possible without your contributions.

## STEWARDSHIP AUGUST 2019

Offering for the Month	\$31,610.00
Other Revenue Month	1,388.00
Total Revenue	\$32,998.00
Expenses for the month	34,378.00
Net for the month	(1,380.00)
YTD Offering	294,251.00
YTD Other Revenue	13,987.00
YTD Revenue	308,238.00
YTD Expenses	266,534.00

## OUTREACH AUGUST 2019

YTD Net	\$41,704.00
West Area Disciples CCK	\$1,071.00
Disciples Mission Fund	1,785.00
HELP Office	450.00





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**FCC Kids!**

**&**

**Middle School Youth Group**

**October 16**

**5 - 7 PM**

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

**Middle Schoolers will be assisting with the Churchwide Chili Supper!**

**Volunteers:**

**Meal: Pam Woodward & Jason Roberts**

**Set-up/Clean-up: Leigh Castlen; Mallory Roberts;**

**Kristi Isenbarger**

**Storyteller: Kristi Isenbarger**

**Rotation Leaders: Emily Baur; Sara Aud; Sara Travis**

**Rotation Assistants: Libby Johnson; Missie Hayden;**

**Katie Sterett**

## CHURCHWIDE CHILI SUPPER FUNDRAISER

FOR  
2020 CYF INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP



♦ **WEDNESDAY**  
♦ **OCTOBER 16**  
♦ **5 PM**

Quarts of chili will be available  
Wednesday, October 16, and  
Sunday, October 20.