



THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

Starting Sunday, October 20 in the sanctuary, you are invited to a Sunday School class called *Life Together: How Can We Follow Jesus in the 21st Century?* The class will wrestle with some of the deep ethical issues of our day: What do we do? How do we act? How do we live like Christians in these confounding days? Everyone is invited, from high school to senior adults. I am curious to hear how you act and live out your faith in this community and the wider world.

One of the incredible, astonishing gifts of this church is our Sunday School. Before I moved here, I was told how many people were active in Christian education and, frankly, I didn't think the numbers were true. They are. We have no classrooms open and unused on Sunday mornings. You fill them up to overflowing, so I am curious to see what kind of energy you can generate together, listening to the conversations of the gathered community of faith. However, I am also aware that blind spots develop when we meet only with people like us. Has that happened here? What do we believe, but what do we miss? I don't know, but we are about to find out.

I also believe we have to begin to wrestle with Exile, or how the Church-- capital "C," all of us Christians in North America, liberal to conservative-- deals with being dislocated from the central place in society, with smaller numbers and less influence and power. I believe we are in a time of massive change, cultural and technological. Everything is up in the air. The people of God have been through this before, in Babylonian Exile or under Roman rule or when the Roman Empire fell or when nation/states rose to prominence. We have been here before, but *we* haven't been *here* before, and that is quite scary. Can we act out of faith or will fear guide our behavior? The politics of the world cites fear. What does our faith say?

Finally, what will become apparent to us in our time together are the generational and political differences that divide us. I am curious if we will have the fortitude to listen to and truly hear what other Christians have to say without quickly forming our own opposing opinions to be heard immediately thereafter. My question is simple: Will we listen to each other? That may be the deepest question of all. Because if we cannot, if all we can do is spout our beliefs, then just hang a "For Sale" sign on the door outside because we are done. We. Are. Done. God isn't finished, but we are. Can we listen?

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
Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8 am-noon and 1 - 5 pm

You may listen to our worship service via
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The access code is 6939237#

FCC App for iPhone & Android

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All are invited
**CHURCHWIDE CHILI SUPPER
FUNDRAISER**
FOR
2020 CYF INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP



◆ **WEDNESDAY**
◆ **OCTOBER 16**
◆ **5 PM**

To-go quarts of chili will be available
Wednesday, October 16, and
Sunday, October 20.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...

Becky, Andy, and Chase Luckett in the death of
Becky's sister-in-law, Bonnie Wright, who passed
away September 27.

Primetimers' Plus Events

Thursday, October 17, leaving at 7AM from the
Church – Trip to Brown County, IN – Cost \$20 per
person with breakfast in Huntingburg and lunch
in Nashville, IN on your own

Monday, November 4, 11:30 AM – Lunch at
Niko'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.

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

Save the Dates!

**Life Together: How Can
We Follow Jesus in the
21st Century?**

Sunday School for
CYF & Adult Classes

Gather in the Sanctuary each
Sunday, October 20 through
November 10. The class will be
led by the pastor and you!

First Christian Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful plants, the cards,
and the many kindnesses extended to my family
and me following the passing of my mother.

Lou Bellamy

Beginning in December of this year, *The
Caller* 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 print and mail that newsletter to
your house once a month, but if we can email it
to you and save the postage, paper and print
costs, all the better.

Please email the church at anne@fccowb.org
to let the office know if you want to continue to
receive a printed copy of *The Caller*. The more
we can reduce our usage of print and paper, the
better that is for the planet.

We are also investigating other means of
communication as well. We are studying apps and
website technologies. The communication
platforms are numerous varied today. We want
to use them all. Please help us know how to
communicate with you, and the world, in better ways.

Serving in Worship

October 13 ~ Pentecost 18 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Pam Woodward**

Serving Elders: **Malcolm Bryant and Aloma Dew**

Acolyte: **Henry Busse** Bell Ringer: **Elton Smith**

Elder of the month: **Mike Tichenor**

Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Cori Douglas, Joy Emerson, Marjorie Flowers, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende & Chris Lott**

Youth Deacon: **Sam Busse**

NO Worship & Wonder or Children's Sunday School

Prelude: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Choir Music: *Amazing Grace*

Offertory: *Softly and Tenderly*

Communion: *The Love of God*

Hymns: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation; Let the Whole Creation Cry; God Is Here!*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Bill & Susan Frederick to the glory of God and in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their sons, Bart and Brett.

October 20 ~ Pentecost 19 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist:

Serving Elders: **Mark & Janet Luckett**

Acolyte: **Luke Wilborn** Bell Ringer:

Elder of the month: **Mike Tichenor**

Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Andy Goodaker, Sally Ham, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Laura Michael, Cathy Midkiff, John & Jane Miller**

Youth Deacon: **Max Baur**

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Katie Sterett**

Shepherds: **Missie Hayden and Ginger Norris**

Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Choir Message: *Let Me Walk with You*

Offertory: *Quiet Rest*

Communion: *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

Hymns: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Gather Us In; I Come with Joy*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Rebecca & Mike Glenn and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Don & Carol Lee Riley and in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 13

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:00 am Nominating Team Mtg.
10:30 am SS Adult Classes only
12:00 pm Pitino Shelter
5:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal

MONDAY, October 14

9:30 am Conference Room in Use
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, October 15

9:00 am Faithful Cooking
11:30 am Property Team Meeting
5:30 pm Elders' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 16

6:30 am MBS Panera
5:00 pm All Church Chili Supper
5:00 pm FCC Kids!
5:00 pm Middle Youth Grp
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 17

7:00 am Primetimers' Plus to Brown Co.
2:30 pm Food Pantry

SUNDAY, October 20

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:30 am Sunday School (CYF & Adult classes in the Sanctuary)
11:15 am Education Team Mtg.
5:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

MONDAY, October 21

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, October 22

9:00 am Faithful Cooking

WEDNESDAY, October 23

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

SUNDAY, October 27

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:15 am Columbarium Team Mtg.
10:30 am Sunday School (CYF & Adult classes in the Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Trunk or Treat + Meal

MONDAY, October 28

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, October 29

6:00 pm Cub Scouts
9:00 am Faithful Cooking

WEDNESDAY, October 30

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

SUNDAY, November 3

All Saint's Day

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am FCC Café
10:30 am Sunday School (CYF & Adult classes in the Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

PITINO SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

October 13

Candance & Nick Brake

Nancy Castlen

Chris Gaddis

Natalie Johnson

Elders' Meeting –Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 PM in the FaHoLo Classroom

STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 2019

Offering for the Month	\$31,247.00
Other Revenue Month	<u>2,829.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$34,076.00
Expenses for the month	<u>31,683.00</u>
Net for the month	2,393.00
YTD Offering	325,497.00
YTD Other Revenue	<u>16,816.00</u>
YTD Revenue	342,313.00
YTD Expenses	<u>298,217.00</u>
YTD Net	\$44,096.00

OUTREACH SEPTEMBER 2019

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



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OCTOBER 16 5PM

**CHURCHWIDE
CHILI SUPPER +**

FCC Kids!

&

Middle School Youth Group

Fun activities and Bible stories for
Preschool – 5th grade

Middle Schoolers will assist with the
Churchwide Chili Supper!

Volunteers:

Meal: Pam Woodward & Jason Roberts

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

Storyteller: Kristi Isenbarger

Rotation Leaders: Emily Baur; Sara Aud; Sara Travis

Rotation Assistants: Libby Johnson; Missie Hayden;

Katie Sterett



+ Supper

Sunday, October 27, at 5PM

All are invited to decorate their cars,
wear a costume (if you like), and pass
out candy to our Trick or Treaters.

*Come treat the goblins
and stay for a meal.*