



THE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

“Give me all your money!” says the stick-up man in the bank heist in the old movie. The frightened clerk quickly fills a bag with loose cash and the robbers ride off into the sunset to divvy up the loot. Sometimes they are caught, sometimes they aren’t. Sometimes a safe is involved, or not. The movies all run together.

I don’t know why, maybe it is too many bad sermons, but that scene plays out in my head every time I preach about money, talk about church finances or discuss the budget. “Give us all your money” might as well be the title or theme of the campaign, right? I mean, we clean up the language, but the reality is the same. Just sit still while we talk about money.

Well, maybe not. “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof” proclaims the psalmist (Ps. 24). All of life is a gift, from my first breath, to the last; every thought, action or deed is freely wrought, offered to God, or not. When we speak of offerings or church budgets, we aren’t just speaking of ordinary, mundane actions. We are talking about the very things that remind us, deeply and powerfully, of where we come from, to whom we belong and where we are going.

A guy told me once that he didn’t come to church because we talked about money too much. Really? What should we talk about more? We live in a society that values us according to what we earn and how much we have. Personally, and maybe it’s just me, I need reminding at least weekly that all I have is a gift, that I am profoundly and wonderfully made in the image of God, and God goes to incredible lengths to get me back. Maybe I worked hard to get where I did, but opportunities abounded as well, and still do, through no effort on my own. They are a gift. I need to be reminded of that gift. And the opportunities offered to us to contribute to helping others and serving God.

It’s not complicated. God gives us life and meaning and hope. What we do with those things is our gift to God and others. In the days and weeks to come you are going to be hearing a lot about church budgets, the capital campaign, stewardship and finances. Good for us. We may not like having to decide what we give or how much is enough, but that decision-making process is good for us, faithful and hopeful in this world. Our stewardship is deeply and profoundly important. We take that seriously here. Thanks be to God.

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
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You may listen to our worship service by dialing 1-214-699-5100 using a speakerphone. The access code is 6939237#

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NEWS

We are grateful to all who have been able to give or pledge to the Capital Campaign. Thus far, the following people have made commitments to help pay off our building debt and plan for our future as a church. If you have not pledged yet, please prayerfully consider what you might give to support the ongoing work of God in this place. --CM

Kyle & Sara Aud	Norma Collier	Carroll Laswell	Tab & Vicki Quisenberry
Terri Bailey	Nancy & Henry Connor	Ken & Sue Lawson	Jason & Mallory Roberts
Nancy Barnard	Norris & Pat Cotton	Jack & Martha Lee	John & Sandy Roberts
Nelda Barnett	Kaye Farmer	Mark & Janet Luckett	Mike & Cheri Robinson
Brian & Nina Belcher	Connie & Mick Ford	Tom & Jackie Maddox	Harroll & Pearl Simon
Barbara Bennett	Chris & Cate Gaddis	Ken McDanell	Jon & JoAnne Skillman
Rodney & Joanne Berry	Andy Goodaker	Joey & Teresa McKinley	Mitch & June Stapleton
Verne & Sue Bethel	Wayne & Gloria Goodaker	Chris & Laura Michael	John & Gloria Strehl
Ginger Boehm	Morris & Evelyn Guthrie	Ann Miller	Nancy Swanks
Roy & Sue Boling	Carroll & Larkin Hayden	Francy Miller	Mike & Janet Tichenor
Ann Boone	Marbrey Hedges	John & Jane Miller	Patty Wahl
Mike & Angela Bruce	Bonnie Hite	Leslie Mobley	Brian & Jessica Wilborn
Sally & Malcolm Bryant	Allen Holbrook & Forrest Roberts	Bob & Sue Ann Morris	Henry & Carolyn Williams
Dan & Julie Burg	Ron & Jane Howard	Ginger Norris	Sally Wood
Janey & John Burns	Doug & Brenda Hoyt	Dr. Tom Norvell	Norman & Pam Woodward
Sheila Campbell	Mary Johnson	Nathan & Suzette Nunley	David & Debbie Yates
Mark & Anne Carlisle	Matt & Natalie Johnson	Gene Parks	
Leslie & Richard Carlisle	Linda Jones	Jim & Martha Quisenberry	

Mark Your Calendar!



WE NEED YOU
to make our new family directory complete

Lifetouch photographers will be at our Church on November 7, 8, 16, 17, and 18 taking pictures for our new pictorial directory. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...

Mary Ellen Gant, Stuart Gant and family in the death of Mary Ellen's brother and Stuart's uncle, Rev. Walter K. Price, who passed away October 4.

Donations for St. Joseph Peace Mission For Children & Yewell Home for Boys

All are invited to donate items for the St. Joseph Peace Mission and the Yewell Home. Items are being collected by the DWM and may be dropped off in a box in the entry foyer. Wish List: peanut butter crackers; syrup; ketchup; canned tuna; popcorn; individual bags of chips; teabags; sugar; dish detergent; pop tarts; instant oatmeal packets or breakfast protein bars; socks (boys white crew sizes medium or large)

Thank You

A special thank you to everyone for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, food, flowers, and the chancel bouquets during my recent surgery. They are truly appreciated.

First Christian people are the best!

Pearl Simon

Trudy and I would like to say "thank you" many times over for all your kindness and love shown to us for the past 2 years, for all the food, visits, cards, and especially for my recent 99th birthday celebration. What a blessing each and every one of you are to us.

Love and Prayers,

Jim & Trudy Wimsatt

REFUGEE MINISTRY COOKING CLASSES

Some of our refugee friends have expressed an interest in learning to prepare traditional American dishes, so 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. If anyone is interested in helping with transportation or childcare, please call Ginger Norris, Jo Anne Skillman, Nancy Connor, or Janet Luckett.

Serving in Worship

October 15, 2017 ~ Pentecost 19~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Ann Miller**
 Serving Elders: **John & Janey Burns**
 Acolyte: **Brady Benjamin** Bell Ringer: **Broderick Divine**
 Elder of the month:
 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: **Merrie Katherine Allen**
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Beverly Dawson**
 Choir Message: *Order My Steps*
 Prelude: *The Solid Rock*
 Offertory: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*
 Communion: *Sweet By and By*
 Hymns: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!; Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us; Alleluia!; Shalom Chaverim*

October 22, 2017 ~ Pentecost 20~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Alpha Jo Luallen**
 Serving Elders: **Jon & Jo Anne Skillman**
 Acolyte: **Parker Webb** Bell Ringer: **Brady Benjamin**
 Elder of the month:
 Deacons: **Aloma Dew, Steve Divine, Eric Farmer, Chris Gaddis, Blake & Missie Hayden, Matt Johnson, Michelle Long, Abbe Quisenberry, Marilee Thompson**
 Youth Deacon: **Lucas Ruckdeschel**
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Brian Belcher**
 Choir Message: *A Gospel Alleulia*
 Prelude: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
 Offertory: *Blessed Assurance*
 Communion: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*
 Hymns: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun; Jesu, Jesu; God Is Here!; O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

invites all to their

QUILT SHOW and CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 11:00 – 3:00 PM

If you have a special quilt you would like to display or would like to have a booth at the craft fair contact Third Baptist's church office.

The flowers have been placed in the chancel today by Mr. and Mrs. Morton Holbrook III and Allen Holbrook and Forrest Roberts to the glory of God and in memory of Morton and Margaret Holbrook and in honor of the anniversary of their wedding on October 18, 1940.

Choir Rehearsal and Christmas Music Preview Party October 18 at 6:00 PM

This is your opportunity to join the choir for the Advent season.

Hope to see you there!

Mike Tichenor, Choir Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 15

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Chi Rho/CYF Youth Group at Trunnell's Corn Maze
 5:00 pm FCC Kids!
 6:00 pm Boy & Cub Scouts

MONDAY, October 16

12:00 pm Legacy Team Meeting
 5:15 pm Education Team Meeting
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

TUESDAY, October 17

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

WEDNESDAY, October 18

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

THURSDAY, October 19

1:30 pm Bible Study
 2:30 pm Food Pantry
 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting

FRIDAY, October 20

5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, October 21

5:30 pm Wedding

SUNDAY, October 22

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Hospitality Team Mtg Fellowship Hall
 10:30 am Sunday School
 3:30 pm Pastor's Class
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp
 6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts

MONDAY, October 23

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

TUESDAY, October 24

9:00 am Faithful Knitting

WEDNESDAY, October 25

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

THURSDAY, October 26

1:30 pm Bible Study

SUNDAY, October 29

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am FCC Café
 10:30 am Sunday School
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp
 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat
 6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts



Flowers in the Chancel

There are openings for flowers in the chancel on October 15, 29, November 5, and 12. If you are interested in providing flowers for any of these dates, please contact the church office at 270-684-8879.

STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 2017

Offering for the Month	\$33,325.00
Other Revenue Month	<u>212.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$33,537.00
Expenses for the month	<u>36,402.00</u>
Net for the month	(\$2,865.00)

YTD Offering	329,103.00
YTD Other Revenue	<u>62,640.00</u>
YTD Revenue	391,743.00
YTD Expenses	<u>382,797.00</u>
YTD Net	\$8,946.00

OUTREACH

Disciples Mission Fund	1,785.00
Christian Church in KY West Area	1,071.00
HELP Office	450.00



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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 JR Miller Blvd
(270)684-8879

On October 15, (every third Sunday of the month), we welcome all children (Preschool - 5th grade) to come to First Christian Church for FCCKids! This is a rotation-based program where children learn Bible lessons through Storytelling, Art, Games, Science, and Cooking. The program will run 5-7pm and includes dinner.

We also need 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. We hope everyone will come out and give it a try!

First Christian Church
Trunk or Treat
& Chili Supper
October 29 2017
5pm
700 JR Miller Blvd

Calling all Trunks!

Our annual Trunk or Treat & Chili Supper is coming up on Sunday, October 29, at 5pm and we are in need of decorated trunks with candy to hand out! Please let Cheryl know if you plan to decorate your trunk and hand out candy so we can make sure we have enough candy.