



THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO
(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

Since at least the 2nd Century A.D. Christians have been honoring their saints and martyrs. *The Martyrdom of Polycarp*, probably written near the middle of the second century, attests to this reality:

Accordingly, we afterwards took up his bones, more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more pure than gold, and deposited them in a fitting place, so that when being gathered together, as opportunity is allowed us, with joy and rejoicing, the Lord shall grant us to celebrate the anniversary of his martyrdom, both in memory of those who have already finished their course, and for the exercising and preparation of those yet to walk in their steps.

The custom of commemorating all the martyrs and saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the 3rd Century. All Saints Day eventually came to be celebrated on November 1, and we will mark the day in worship on November 3.

Some people may worry that All Saints Day sounds too much like ancestor worship or idolatry of the dead. Maybe, but I don't think so. I believe it is a profoundly important opportunity to remember people who made it possible for us to be here today. Without these saints neither our church nor our country nor our families would exist. In a culture that only values the latest innovation or fad, we desperately need to be reminded that we did not invent the world, but inherited it from our ancestors. Our solemn duty is to pass on to the next generation what has been given to us in sacred trust. All Saints Day helps us to remember where we came from, and who we came from, so that we can more clearly know where to go.

During worship on the first Sunday in November you will be given the opportunity to name aloud the saints of God who have fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. We will fill the sanctuary with memories, but also with hope, for the gospel promises us that those who die in Christ live again, both now and forever more. Yes, there will be tears, for "weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5).

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

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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...

Forrest Roberts and Allen Holbrook and family in the death of Forrest's mother, Nell Moss Roberts, who passed away October 14 in Atlanta, GA.



Think Green Tips from your FCC Green Chalice Team

- Use reusable shopping bags whenever you go to the store.
- Say "no thanks" when a pharmacist or fast-food clerk tries to put your one or two items in a bag.
- Use reusable cups for coffee, soda and other beverages. Keep one in your car or backpack for fast food and carry out.

• And reuse some of the extras at home -- keep extra napkins and reuse plastic cups and cutlery.

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the cards, meals, and visits during this time of recuperation. Each and every card, call, and etc. helped lift my spirits.

Thanks again!

Sandy Roberts

First Christian Friends,

I would like to think the Church and especially the ones who give their time each week to make and deliver the bouquets of flowers.

The flowers brighten my week and I enjoy visiting with the ones who bring them.

Thank you ALL for thinking of me.

Betty Troutman

Friends at First Christian Church and Legacy Fund,

Thank you so much for your support of the "Fellowship on the River" fellowship breakfast. It is so nice when people of diverse backgrounds and all ages come together in worship, praise, and fellowship. Christian love was on full display at the fellowship. We would not be able to bring our community together in this manner without the support of our friends such as you.

Thanks again for everything!

The Men's Mass Community Choir

Chick Owens, President

9th Annual Faith Fest Owensboro

An opportunity to meet and learn about the many Faith Communities of our area. For a schedule of events go to www.faithfest.org.

Save the Date

Elders and Deacons

Sunday, November 17, at 4PM

FCC Sanctuary

All Elders and Deacons are invited to a joint meeting to prepare for Advent and worship.

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 it is for the planet.

Beginning in December of this year, *The Caller* will only be published once a month. 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.

Primetimers' Plus Events

Monday, November 4, 11:30 AM – Lunch at Niko's, 2200 E. Parrish Ave. (Hwy. 54) – Guest speaker: Eric Scharf, CEO Wendell Foster

Tuesday, December 3, 9AM – Christmas Brunch at Miller House

Monday, January 6, 11:30AM – White Elephant Luncheon at Briarpatch

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.

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

Sunday School for CYF & Adult Classes
Gather in the Sanctuary each
Sunday through November 10.
The class will be led by the pastor and you!

Serving in Worship

October 27 ~ Pentecost 20 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Barbara Bennett**
 Serving Elders: **Chris & Cate Gaddis**
 Acolyte: **Stella Hayden** Bell Ringer: **Henry Busse**
 Elder of the month: **Mike Tichenor**
 Deacons: **Eric Farmer, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Joseph & Meghan McKinley, Abbe Quisenberry, Patrick & Michelle Whitmer**
 Youth Deacon: **Will Sterett**
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Mallory Roberts**
 Shepherds: **Kristi Isenbarger and Suzette Nunley**
 Prelude: *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 Message in Music: *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* **1st/3rd Quartet**
 Offertory: *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*
 Communion: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
 Hymns: *Guide Me, O Thou, Great Jehovah; Here, Savior, We Would Come; O God of Vision; In the Garden*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Morton & Margaret Holbrook by Morton Holbrook III and Allen Holbrook & Forrest Roberts.

November 3 ~ All Saint's Sunday ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Eric Baur**
 Serving Elders: **Ken Lawson and Jason Roberts**
 Acolyte: **Brennan Benjamin** Bell Ringer: **Stella Hayden**
 Elder of the month: **John & Janey Burns**
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenae Bowen, Stacey Castlen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Andy Luckett, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**
 Youth Deacon: **Mackenzie Elliott**
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Sara Aud**
 Shepherds: **Missie Hayden and Jessica Wilborn**
 Prelude: *For All the Saints*
 Choir Message: *Before the Throne of God*
 Offertory: *Shall We Gather at the River*
 Communion: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*
 Hymns: *How Firm a Foundation; I Have Decided to Follow Jesus; All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by the FaHoLo Class to the glory of God and in loving memory of their deceased class members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Trunk or Treat + Meal
 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, October 28

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, October 29

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

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 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

MONDAY, November 4

11:30 am Primetimers' Plus Meal at Niko's HWY 54
 5:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg.
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
 6:00 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, November 5

1:00 pm DWM Day Group Mtg. at FCC

WEDNESDAY, November 6

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

THURSDAY, November 7

2:30 pm Food Pantry
 6:00 pm DWM Night Group Mtg. at Goodaker's, 4517 Stonegate Dr.



November DWM Day & Night Groups' Meetings

All ladies of the church are invited!

Day Group will meet November 5 at 1PM at FCC

Night Group will meet November 7 at 6PM at the home of
 Gloria Goodaker, 4517 Stonegate Drive

The DWM Service Project for November
 is collecting supplies for True North Sober Living for Women which is located one block north of the Church at 527 J. R. Miller Blvd.

Some of their needs that we will be assisting with are: pillows, twin sheet sets, twin blankets, towels/wash cloths, personal hygiene items

If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the church office.

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+ 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.*