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**From the Preacherman....**

The end of the year draws near. The days will be full to the brim with holidays, holy days, family engagements, and church events. Likely as not, our calendars are already overflowing and you are wondering where to put everything. It is the nature of things for life to overwhelm, suddenly or slowly, and to cheat you out of paying attention to the things that really matter. Before the blizzard begins, take a moment to decide what matters and where you will put your energy and attention.

There is much going on at church. We will celebrate baptisms this Sunday in worship. I hope you can be here to share in that sacrament with us. Thanksgiving is coming soon, with an anniversary dinner for all who can make it at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 19. We have much to be grateful for in our church and in our lives. This church will soon mark one year of occupancy in this building. You have stories of losses and hope to tell. People are hungry to hear those, and you have them.

The Stewardship Campaign has begun and hopefully you have received a letter and pledge card in the mail. Offer some thought to what you may give to our church budget in 2018. Your pledge helps us to know what will be offered and gives you a goal to meet as the days of the new year roll by. The Capital Campaign continues as we seek to pay off the small amount of building debt which remains. If you have not already given to our campaign, please give some thought to that need as well.

With December comes Advent, my first season of expectancy and anticipation with you in this place. I know, it's too early to think about Advent and Christmas, but we either plan for the season or it rushes upon us and devours all of our dreams. Even now, start to create space and time for the holy to be born into your lives. Christmas does not have to be so busy. Say "yes" to some things, but say "no" to others in an intentional effort to listen and see God again in this world.

Finally, who can you invite to share in the life and love of this church? There is no better time to consider doing that than now. People who have dropped out of church might be open to the serious discipleship and inquiry, even open questions, that occur in this community of faith. We don't have all of the right answers, nor even all of the correct questions, but we do know some, and we are willing to ask and follow simultaneously. On such decisions great faith is built. Let us ask and follow and hope.

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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# NEWS

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

Gary and Mary Lisa Tunget in the death of Gary's sister, Karen Tunget Davis, who passed away October 24.

## DWM Bake Sale - November 19 Just in Time for Thanksgiving!

Everyone is invited to purchase their favorite treats before the holidays! Goodies will be for sale in the entry hallway before and after worship. Come early and pick up your favorites.

*Proceeds benefit our DWM outreach budget.*

## Congratulations to ...

Lacey & Shaun Schroeder on the birth of their daughter, Blake, on October 28. She has two very proud big sisters, Braelynn and Reagan. Proud grandparents are Dona & Terry Johnson and great-grandmother Nelda Barnett.

## Columbarium Information Available

The FCC Columbarium Committee has a new brochure in the narthex explaining the location and function of our burial site at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Daviess, built upon the original church stones. Members of the committee will be in the narthex for the next few weeks following worship service answering questions you may have about the columbarium. For more information or to subscribe, contact Carolyn Williams or Martha Lee.

**Join the Primetimers Plus for lunch** on Monday, November 13, at The Local Kitchen and Bar, 3118 Alvey Park Drive at 11:30 am. or if you want to ride the bus, please arrive at the Church at 11 am. Guest speakers will be Janet Suwanski and Chris Gaddis, discussing Owensboro Public Schools Foundation for Excellence.

The **Primetimers' Plus** also have a trip planned for November 28 leaving the Church at 1:15 pm. The group will tour the Reitz Home, which will be decorated for Christmas, followed by dinner at the Log Inn.

Let Ron know if you want to join the group for either of these events, so you will be included in the reservations. Home-270-683-8510, Cell-812-454-8555, or [ronwownsb@comcast.net](mailto:ronwownsb@comcast.net).

## NOMINEES FOR CHURCH OFFICE

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

**ELDER:**

**DEACON:**

**SIGNATURE:**

Please fill out this form and mail it to the church at P.O. Box 966, 42302 or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Nominating Committee members are Casey Callis, Julie Burg, Doug Hoyt, Debby Crone, Joseph McKinley, Wendell Thompson, Cori Douglas, and Bob Morris.

## Last Chance to Sign Up for Your Photo Session!

You may *easily and quickly* sign-up for your photo session online following web address: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6px1b30/> You may also contact the Church office to sign up.

## Dates of the photo sessions for Pictorial Directory:

November 16, 17 from 2 – 9pm and November 18 from 10am-5pm

Pictures will be available for Christmas.

## Anniversary Celebration Meal

Our FCC Fellowship Team is planning an Anniversary Celebration Meal on Sunday, November 19, at 5 PM. The menu is ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, salad and dessert. The cost will be \$8.00 per person with children 6 and under free. We request that you make reservations on Sunday the 12th at church or contact the church office. This will help us know how many to prepare for. You may pay when you make your reservation or that evening. All youth groups will meet that evening, so we expect a big crowd. We will be asking for volunteers for a cleanup crew.

## Canned Food Drive

November 19<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Sunday. As part of our worship experience that day, we ask you to consider helping to feed the hungry. Please bring several non-perishable food items into the sanctuary with you that day. They will be collected during worship.

## Dear Friends of First Christian,

Thank you so very much for your kind donation to the Church in Dad's memory. His Owensboro church friends were ones he held in high regard after his move to Indianapolis. He would be so proud to know he was remembered with a donation to his Church home.

Sandra Steele Bowling



From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our fourteen Disciples related colleges and universities or seven seminaries and divinity houses. On November 19, our Church will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

# Serving in Worship

## November 12, 2017 ~ Pentecost 23~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Forrest Roberts**  
 Serving Elders: **Ken Lawson and Jason Roberts**  
 Acolyte: **Walker Gaddis** Bell Ringer: **Drew Johnson**  
 Elder of the month: **Ginger Norris**  
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Joy Emerson, Becky Gordon, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende Lott**  
 Youth Deacon: **Maggie Lott**  
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Sara Aud**  
 Choir Message: *Down by the Riverside (with Standing in the Need of Prayer)*  
 Prelude: *O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth*  
 Offertory: *Walk Worthy*  
 Communion: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
 Hymns: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King; Take My Life; Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters; O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frankie & Jarred Barron and Susan & Warren Bryant.*

## November 19, 2017 ~ Pentecost 24~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Tom Maddox**  
 Serving Elders: **Wayne & Gloria Goodaker**  
 Acolyte: **Mackenzie Elliott** Bell Ringer: **Walker Gaddis**  
 Elder of the month: **Ginger Norris**  
 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: **Evan LeBoutillier**  
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Gloria Goodaker**  
 Choir Message: *Look at the World*  
 Prelude: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
 Offertory: *Simple Gifts*  
 Communion: *The Master Hath Come*  
 Hymns: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come; Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us; Let Us Talents an Tongues Employ*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Mary Ellen Gant to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Justice William M. Gant.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, November 12

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:15 am Hospitality Training  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter  
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp  
 6:00 pm Boy & Cub Scouts

### MONDAY, November 13

11:30 am Primetimers Plus Meal at The Local Kitchen and Bar  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

### TUESDAY, November 14

9:30 am Faithful Knitting  
 5:15 pm Board Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, November 15

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 10:00 am Choir Room in Use  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, November 16

2:00 pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions  
 2:30 pm Food Pantry

### FRIDAY, November 17

2:00 pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions

### SATURDAY, November 18

10:00 am Lifetouch Photo Sessions

### SUNDAY, November 19

8:45 am DWM Bake Sale  
 9:00 am Worship

### SUNDAY, November 19 Continued

10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 2:00 pm Youth Orchestra Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Anniversary Celebration Meal  
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp  
 5:00 pm FCC Kids!  
 6:00 pm Boy & Cub Scouts

### MONDAY, November 20

5:15 pm Education team Meeting  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting  
 7:00 pm Youth Orchestra Concert

### THURSDAY, November 23

Office Closed

### SUNDAY, November 26

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 6:00 pm Boy & Cub Scouts

### MONDAY, November 27

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

### TUESDAY, November 28

9:30 am Faithful Cooking

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 10:00 am Choir Room in Use  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, November 30

5:30 pm Elders' Meeting

## November 26, 2017 ~ Pentecost 25~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Nelda Barnett**  
 Serving Elders: **Vicki & Tab Quisenberry**  
 Acolyte: **Max Baur** Bell Ringer: **Sam Busse**  
 Elder of the month: **Ginger Norris**  
 Deacons: **Aloma Dew, Steve Divine, Eric Farmer, Chris Gaddis, Blake & Missie Hayden, Matt Johnson, Michelle Long, Abbe Quisenberry, Marilee Thompson**  
 Youth Deacon: **Jules Allen**  
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Michelle Long**  
 Message in Music: *This Is My Father's World*  
 Prelude: *Hallelujah, What a Savior*  
 Offertory: *Wherever I May Wander*  
 Communion: *Symphony No. 9 in e minor (From the New World) 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement - Largo*  
 Hymns: *O Worship the King; Jesus Calls Us; This Is a Day of New Beginnings; Let All Things Now Living*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Beverly Bartlett to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Dane Bartlett, on his birthday.*

### Pitino Shelter Volunteers - November 12

Ginger & Terry Norris Cathy Midkiff  
 Marilee & Wendell Thompson

### Hospitality Training for Deacons and Others

**November 12 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall**  
 We are blessed with many visitors each Sunday and would like to help visitors feel welcome. There will be a training session for deacons and any others who feel the call to welcome visitors who may need directions to the sanctuary and/or the Sunday school classrooms or have questions.




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On November 19, (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 runs from 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!