



THE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO  
(Disciples of Christ)

# CALLER

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## From the Preacherman....

While watching The Masters golf tournament last weekend, I noticed the various routines each player undertook while preparing to take a swing. Some tugged on sleeves, while others carefully positioned feet. Some took an exact amount of time before each shot, while others chose clubs with alarming alacrity, only to pause for an eternity over the ball. Over and over each player practiced a certain routine, something learned from years of play, in order to calm the nerves and focus the mind under immense pressure. Despite all of that, Ray's Creek still swallowed shot after shot. Ask Tiger.

Routine and practice and habit matter immensely in the world. At home, with your family and at work. So why do people so readily despise habits when applied to church and faith? It is as if something new and different is always the *Truth* that is sought, while the routine and practiced pale in comparison. Think about the changes to our order and schedules this year due to the pandemic: all we want is something normal and recognizable, like Thanksgiving at Grandma's or Friday night football or worship with a room full of people.

But The Master's was in November this year. No blooming azaleas. Sports and school have been hit and miss. And holidays? Well, those are taking some planning, aren't they? Lots of Zoom family gatherings will happen, I suspect. And church is still a struggle, no routine and ritual and habit, the things people so readily denigrate about faith practices. Perhaps these are the very things that gave it life and lasting persistence in our world. The simple things we do each week that, surprisingly, form us into the people that God intends for us to be.

Thus, when Advent arrives on November 29, we will do what our ancestors did in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. We will light candles to signify the coming of God's light into a dark world. We will wait with patience and anticipation for salvation we cannot achieve on our own. We will give to others and pray for our world, mourning in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Advent and Christmas are so welcome this year because we anticipate their order and routine.

We need that now, perhaps more than ever. The ordinary and common, the routine and mundane. Come, Emmanuel. With hope, we wait.

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."*

### CHURCH STAFF

Ministers.....The Congregation  
Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael  
Minister of Pastoral Care....Pam Woodward  
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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.MBSL.com/FirstChristianChurch](http://www.MBSL.com/FirstChristianChurch)  
at 9 am CT Sunday, or by using a  
speakerphone dialing 1-214-699-5100.  
The access code is 6939237#

Listen Live or archived services on  
Facebook

### FCC App for iPhone & Android

Stay connected with the church,  
download from the App Store and  
Google Play - First Christian Church—  
Owensboro

# Christmas Eve Services

## CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SERVICE at 5PM ~  
Weather permitting, we will meet in our parking lot for a candlelight service .

ONLINE SERVICE at 7PM ~ Join us on Facebook or Mixlr for a candlelight service.

### Congratulations to...

Jamie & Adam Graham on the birth of their son, Beau Curtis Graham, born October 27. Proud grandparents are Jody & Charles Emerson and proud great-grandparents are Verne & Sue Bethel.

### Welcome New Member

On November 8, Libby Clemens joined our Church family. Libby resides at 4416 Oakhurst Bend, 42303.

**We are glad you are here!**

### Christian love and sympathy is extended to...

Ann Jeannette Pierce and extended family in the death of her uncle, John David Frugé, who passed away October 23.

Harroll and Pearl Simon and extended family in the death of Harroll's sister, Mary Alice Baker, who passed away November 13 in Fishers, IN.

Barbara & Tom Beane and Jane & John Miller and extended family in the death of Barbara and Jane's aunt, Sue Mattingly, who passed away November 14.

### 2ND ANNUAL REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Between now and Christmas, the Primetimers are encouraging FCC members to contribute to this worthy cause with the proceeds going to support the FCC Pantry, FCC Refugee Pantry, FCC Community Garden Box or the Help Office.

Due to the current health situation, we are suggesting that each FCC family member please contribute financially. The suggested amount is \$25, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to FCC with "Reverse Advent" in the memo line.

Your financial contribution will help put food on the table for needy families.

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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING VIA FLOCKNOTE DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14.

PLEASE VOTE WHEN YOU  
RECEIVE THE EMAIL

#### ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON:

2021 Board Leadership Ballot  
2021 General Budget  
Bylaw Change:  
(Adding Columbarium Committee information under Property Committee.)

## Sunday Morning Worship Online and Dial-In

**We hope that you will join us for worship each Sunday. There are 3 ways to attend:**

**\*Facebook Live! - Watch and listen live Sunday at 9AM on our Facebook page, which is accessible via our website. You do not need to be a Facebook member to access the Church's Facebook.**

**\*Listen live at 9AM on Mixlr - go to [fccowb.org](http://fccowb.org) scroll down to the Mixlr information and click in the box.**

**\*Listen live at 9AM by Dial-in 1-214-699-5100, enter access code 6939237#**

Services are recorded on Facebook and Mixlr, so you may access them any time.



## FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL AND FLOWER MINISTRY

There are openings for floral bouquets to be placed in the chancel on Sunday mornings: January 10, 31, February 7, 14. If you are interested in providing flowers for any of these dates, please contact the office at 270-684-8879.

Every Monday morning, volunteers divide the chancel bouquets into smaller arrangements that are delivered to our friends at home or in a nursing home. If you would like to help make bouquets or deliver flowers contact the office.

## IN APPRECIATION

First Christian Church,

Again, I want to thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement, cards, and the Halloween treats. You have brightened my day so often. Thank you. I do appreciate all of your kindness.

God Bless, Inelle Mobley

First Christian Friends,

The many cards, notes, flowers, meals, and prayers offered on our behalf have meant so much. We have truly felt supported and cared for by our church family. Thank you for the many times you have rescued us with deliveries of items we needed. Knowing that we have our church family to help us is carrying us through this difficult time. We are very grateful.

Sue, Ken, and Meg Lawson

### SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP

Offering for the Month	\$27,283
Other Revenue Month	<u>126</u>
Total Revenue	27,409
Expenses for the month	<u>34,646</u>
Net for the month	(7,237)

#### Year-to-Date

Offering	\$316,064
Other Revenue	<u>15,897</u>
YTD Revenue	331,961
YTD Expenses	<u>284,633</u>
Net for the year	47,328

### SEPTEMBER OUTREACH

West Area Disciples CCK	1,071
Disciples Mission Fund	1,785
HELP Office	450

## DECEMBER

### CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, December 2

6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Panera  
11:30 am Property Team Mtg. Sanctuary

#### Thursday, December 3

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

#### Sunday, December 6 – Advent 2

9:00 am Worship Online and  
\*In-Person for last names V, W, Y, Z

#### Wednesday, December 9

6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Panera  
\*In-Person for last names A, B, I

#### Sunday, December 13 – Advent 3

9:00 am Worship Online and  
\*In-Person for last names A, B, I

#### Wednesday, December 16

6:30 am Men's Bible Study - Panera  
\*In-Person for last names C, D, E, T

#### Thursday, December 17

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

#### Sunday, December 20 – Advent 4

9:00 am Worship Online and  
\*In-Person for last names C, D, E, T

#### Wednesday, December 23

6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Panera  
Office Closed

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Outdoor Service

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service Online

#### Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Worship Online and  
\*In-Person for last names F, G, J

#### December 28-December 31

Office closed

**\*The order of those invited to worship in-person is subject to change as the number of Covid-19 cases are monitored. Please watch your email for your invitation to sign-up to attend.**

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brian Wilborn
- 2 Tracy Elliott
- 2 Molly Roberts
- 5 Tina Baker
- 6 Addison Callis
- 7 Mallory Roberts
- 9 Sally Ham
- 9 Jane Howard
- 10 Stacey Carter
- 10 Todd Harper
- 11 Jennifer Yates
- 11 Brende Lott
- 12 Beau Isenbarger
- 12 Larkin Hayden
- 13 Sara Aud
- 16 Ann Miller
- 17 Luke Wilborn
- 18 Philip Travis
- 19 Gene Parks
- 20 Patty Matthews
- 21 Anna Travis
- 21 Elle Aud
- 22 Madelyn Castlen
- 22 Kevin O'Hearn
- 23 John Strehl
- 23 Brennan Benjamin
- 24 Graham Johnson
- 24 Kaye Farmer
- 25 Malcolm Bryant
- 25 Ken McDanell
- 31 Cailyn Fleischmann
- 31 Stephanie Williams

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Jason & Mallory Roberts
- 12 Jake & Kristi Isenbarger
- 17 Janet & Rich Suwanski
- 23 Roy & Sue Boling
- 27 Jim & Cathy Midkiff
- 27 Mike & Rebecca Glenn

### To reduce your carbon footprint:

Run your dishwasher only when it is full and you could save 100 pounds of CO2 emissions every year.



## Trunk or Treat

