



THE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO  
(Disciples of Christ)

# CALLER

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## From the Preacherman....

Like most of you, I possess a veritable plethora of devices that help me keep time. I own several wristwatches that I wear for different occasions. My cell phone serves as my alarm clock in the morning. There are clocks on my microwave and stove, in my vehicle and on the walls of my home. When I was a distance runner I had a clock that ticked in my head telling me how fast I ran that last mile. As a preacher that same clock tells me when it's time to make the turn for home and finish the sermon. Yawns have a similar effect.

Each of these clocks helps me to keep time according to a schedule of events that must start and end as anticipated. There are ways to stretch time, but you pay for it later. Stay up past your bedtime to catch the end of the game and you will feel it tomorrow. Try to squeeze in another stop on the way home from work and dinner is late, the kids are cranky and the whole evening is off. Despite everything we say about needing more money, it is the lack of time that causes so much stress in our lives. You can always make more money, but time? Where do you get more of that?

So we come to Christmas, worn down by schedules and commitments and trying to squeeze too much holiday spirit into a finite amount of time, and we forget that the birth of Jesus is the invitation to keep time according to a different standard of measure. No, I don't mean the shift in calendars from B.C., Before Christ, to A.D., *Anno Domini*, In the Year of Our Lord. I mean something deeper and more profound and more hopeful than a mere human construct like a calendar which marks time chronologically.

The birth of Jesus announces the advent of the fullness of time, *kairos*, God's time. It is an event that we desperately need to observe each year, because it resets our priorities and demands that we pay more attention to God's reign among us, keeping time in a different way. It allows us to celebrate life after that chronological marker, Death, because the gift of God in Jesus is life everlasting. We are invited to participate in loving service that we will never finish, because anything worth doing takes more than a lifetime to complete; thus, we live by faith, and not by the clock on the wall.

Christmas comes each year, regular as clockwork. But Christmas really came only once, and forever changed the ways we measure, value and mark time. Eternity lived and walked among us. Still does. Nothing has ever been the same since.

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  
Minister of Pastoral Care...Pam Woodward  
Financial Manager.....Kristin Callis  
Secretary.....Anne Carlisle  
Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce  
Choir Director.....Mike Tichenor  
Nursery Attendants.....Cynthia Smith  
Chandler Fleischmann  
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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.MIXLR.com/FirstChristianChurch](http://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

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

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*Let us celebrate the coming of  
our Lord, Jesus Christ*

DECEMBER 24 5PM

Please come and join us for a service  
of prayer, song, and worship as we  
celebrate the birth of our Lord.

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

## PIZZA SALAD AND DESSERT

DECEMBER 29 11:30 AM

### We Welcome New Members

Bob & Patty Hines, joined  
our Church family on  
November 24.

The Hines' family address is  
PO Box 48, Philpot, KY 42366.

We are glad you are here!

### Many thanks to.....

the Outreach Team for once again coordinating  
Christmas Gifts given to children. Thank you to all  
who donated gifts - fifty kids at Foust Elementary  
will have a much brighter Christmas.

the Primetimers' Plus for organizing a food drive  
to benefit the FCC Pantry, FCC Refuge Pantry, and  
the Community Food Pantry in Germantown Park.

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

Chris & Cate Gaddis and family in the death of  
Chris' father, Buddy Gaddis, who passed away November 25.

Cathy Maddox and family in the death of her niece,  
Macy Simmons, who passed away November 25.

### Members of First Christian Church,

We can't thank you enough for your support of the Evans'  
family in such a sad time. We greatly appreciate all of the food  
and drinks sent for our family. Gene's belief was "Love thy  
neighbor as yourself".

Thank you!

The Evans Family (Eugene, Eudell)

### First Christian,

Thank you for all the floral bouquets, they make my day.  
Thank you to the Primetimers' Plus and Sunday school  
classes that send cards, they are very much appreciated.

Patricia Kelley

### First Christian Friends,

Thanks to all who sent cards, came to visit me, the phone  
calls I received, and to all who offered prayers for me during my  
recent physical problems.

Nelda

## All Church Winter Potlucks

All are invited!

Wednesdays, January 8 – February 19  
5PM in the Fellowship Hall

Come during the winter months to enjoy a family style  
meal. Please bring a dish to feed 10, serving spoon,  
and your own drink. These are casual gatherings –  
no work, no program - just fellowship.

*If County schools are closed the meal will be cancelled.*

**Primetimers' Plus Events - Monday, January 6,**  
11:30am White Elephant Luncheon at Briarpatch

**Thursday, January 16, leaving at 9AM** – Trip to  
Louisville for meal at Havana Rhumba and tour Picasso  
exhibit. Cost of \$20 includes trip and museum fee.

All church members and friends are invited to  
Primetimers' Plus events. To make reservations contact  
Ron Waite at (270) 683-8510, (812) 454-8555,  
or [ronwownsbr@aol.com](mailto:ronwownsbr@aol.com).



## Serving in Worship

**December 22 ~ Advent 4 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgists: **Doug & Brenda Hoyt**  
 Serving Elders: **Chris Gaddis and Shannon Divine**  
 Acolyte: **Parker Webb** Bell Ringer: **Anna Travis**  
**DECEMBER ELDER OF THE MONTH: Rev. Bonnie Brown**  
 Deacons: **Eric Farmer, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Joseph & Meghan McKinley, Abbe Quisenberry, Patrick & Michelle Whitmer**  
 Youth Deacon: **Addie Slone Travis**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Missie Hayden** Shepherd: **Elizabeth Yager**

**January 5 ~ Christmas 2 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Pam Woodward**  
 Serving Elders: **Pam Woodward & Carolyn Williams**  
 Acolyte: Bell Ringer: **Addelyn Yager**  
**JANUARY ELDER OF THE MONTH: June Stapleton**  
 Deacons: **Kyle & Sara Aud, Lenee Bowen, Stacey Castlen, Libby & Andy Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Cathy Midkiff, Patty Wahl, Brad Webb; Sally Wood**  
 Youth Deacon: **Clayton Roberts**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Beverly Dawson** Shepherd:

**January 19 ~ Epiphany 2 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Leslie Carlisle**  
 Serving Elders: **Rev. Bonnie Brown and Wendell Thompson**  
 Acolyte: **Hampton Gaddis** Bell Ringer: **Scarlett Roark**  
 Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Andy Goodaker, Sally Ham, Andy Luckett, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Laura Michael, John & Jane Miller, Sandy Roberts**  
 Youth Deacon: **Adam Lott**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Shepherd:

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Ron Waite to the glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Floyd B. Waite.*

### January DWM Day & Night Groups' Meetings

*All ladies are invited!*

Night Group: January 2 at 6PM at Leslie Mobley's home, 4621 Loftwood Dr

Day Group: January 7 at 1:00PM at FCC

During the annual **Congregational Meeting** on December 8, the 2020 Operating Budget, Strategic Plan, and Slate of Leadership were approved.

**Flowers in the Chancel** - There are openings for flowers in the chancel on January 5, February 2, April 19, and 26. If you are interested in providing flowers for any of these dates, please contact the office at 270-684-8879.



### Together we can reduce our carbon footprints and fight global warming

- Let's keep our car tires properly inflated, and
- Clear extra junk out of the trunk.
- Drive at a steady speed, not jackrabbit starts or stops.
- Keep our cars tuned up and air filter clean.

*Excellent, we'll all be driving lean, mean, green machines.*

**December 29 ~ Christmas 1 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Carroll Hayden**  
 Serving Elders: **Carroll Hayden & Leslie Mobley**  
 Acolyte: **Addelyn Yager** Bell Ringer: **Parker Webb**  
 Deacons: **Eric Farmer, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Joseph & Meghan McKinley, Abbe Quisenberry, Patrick & Michelle Whitmer**  
 Youth Deacon: **Zoe Carroll**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Sara Aud** Shepherd: **Janet Luckett**

**January 12 ~ Epiphany 1 ~ 9:00 AM**

Liturgist: **Angela Bruce**  
 Serving Elders: **John & Janey Burns**  
 Acolyte: **Scarlett Roark** Bell Ringer:  
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Leslie Carlisle, Cori Douglas, Joy Emerson, Marjorie Flowers, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende & Chris Lott**  
 Youth Deacon: **Miles Baur**  
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Katie Sterett** Shepherd:

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Lenee Bowen to the glory of God.*

The FCC Board needs YOUR skills! Through our strategic planning process, the Board has determined FCC is in urgent need of a Comprehensive Communications Plan. This ad-hoc group will evaluate the needs of the church and determine if a Communications Committee with full board representation is warranted or if duties may be shared among existing committees. If you have skills in any of the following areas or perform communications functions for an existing committee, please contact Anne to sign up:

Communications, Marketing and/or Public Relations experience

- Internal communications to members and potential members
- External communications to community, including sharing missions of the church including VBS, Church services/Sunday School, Legacy Fund, Community Garden, Burmese missions, etc.
- Print media and Social media
- Group text messaging
- Digital sign management
- Thank you notes to and recognition of donors
- Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall soundboard and video management
- Other communications as needed

Thanks! FCC Board

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, December 22 – Advent 4

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

### TUESDAY, December 24 - Office closed

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### WEDNESDAY, December 25 – Christmas - Office Closed

### SUNDAY, December 29

9:00 am Worship  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 11:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal  
 6:30 pm Boys Scouts

**The January birthday and anniversary list can be found on page 5.  
 The January calendar can be found on page 6.**



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### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

January 5 1PM



### FCC Kids!

January 12 5-7pm

Fun games and Bible stories for Preschool - 5th Grade



### WEST AREA SKI THING

January 24-25

For Youth in Grades 6 - 12

January 24 - Spend the night at FCC

January 25 - Travel to Paoli for fun in the snow





## **January Birthdays**

5 Jack Lee  
5 Charles Mahlinger  
6 Joyce Bennett  
6 Martha Quisenberry  
8 Max Baur  
10 Barbara Beane  
11 Teresa McKinley  
11 Mary E. Johnson  
11 Henry Connor  
12 Riley Glenn  
13 Cori Douglas  
15 Elizabeth Yager  
15 John Clay Ford  
16 Becky Gordon  
16 Zeke Douglas  
18 Hampton Gaddis  
18 Mark Lockett  
18 Joseph Berry  
20 Camryn Kyle  
20 Janet Lockett  
20 Pearl Simon  
20 Gary Tunget  
21 Bonnie Hite  
22 Millie McDannel  
22 Julie Burg  
23 Stacy Castlen  
27 Scarlett Roark  
27 Mike Tichenor  
27 Francy Miller  
27 Norris Cotton  
29 Natalie Johnson  
31 Tres Sterett

## **January Anniversaries**

2 Terry & Patti Brownson  
14 Katherine & Pavel Zbořil  
17 Chris & Laura Michael  
19 Jim & Martha Quisenberry  
20 Gloria & John Strehl

# January 2020

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February 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			January 1, 2020	2	3	4
			Office closed	2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm DWM Night Group (Mobley's, 4621 Loftwood Drive)	6:00pm Friends in Faith Epiphany Party	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am Worship 10:00am FCC Cafe 10:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Middle School Youth Group 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scouts	11:30am Primetimers' Plus White Elephant (Briarpatch) 6:00pm Cub Scouts	9:00am Faithful Sewing 1:00pm DWM Daytime Group (FCC)	6:30am MBS Panera 9:00am Christmas Tree Taken Down 5:00pm All Church Potluck 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5:15pm Finance Team Meeting (Conference Room)		
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