

THE CALLER



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
OWENSBORO, KY

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From the Preacherman....

In my study at church is a pan, a thin 6x9 piece of metal on which my grandmother Michael cooked biscuits for her family. I don't mean she popped open a can to cook the biscuits. No. She kept flour in a large wooden bowl in a bin on the back porch. She would pull out the bowl, sift the flour, add ingredients, and cook 8 biscuits at a time, twice a day. She did this for, oh, around 60 years. You do the math. I was an English major in college, so counting is not my thing, but she made miles of biscuits for all who put their feet under her table. Miles of biscuits.

When I look at that pan, I see her hands expertly kneading the dough, pulling off a piece, rolling it in her palms, placing it on the surface and pressing down lightly with her fingers in a fist. After an agonizingly long time of anticipation, I see her pulling the pan from the oven, biscuits having risen, golden brown on top, butter and jelly and jam and country ham and sausage and sorghum syrup waiting on the table. Hungry yet? I am.

While we may say that physical, ordinary, everyday things don't matter, they often do. I don't think they count in the way our world thinks. Money and wealth and power are crucial to our culture. But when you separate the wheat from the chaff, the possessions that are most crucial are those that remind us of people and places and events, deep and powerful memories that make us who we are. Every single item on my desk or shelves has a story that connects it to people important to my life. Things don't matter, until they do.

The pulpit, lectern and communion table here in my church in Owensboro were all made from an immense tree that stood near the old sanctuary. The tree was killed by the fire that destroyed the church building in 2013, but the wood from that tree was salvaged, shaped and formed into magnificent pieces that now serve this congregation. These merely wooden pieces tell a deep and powerful story of death and resurrection into new life. They are things that don't matter, until they do.

Sometimes people admire that church furniture up close. They run their fingers along the wood, reminiscing about the old church and the fire, often hearing that story told to them as they marvel at the skill and artistry. People almost always notice the cracks in the wood as well, the imperfections in the pulpit and the table and the lectern. And the people. But that's okay. The cracks are the good stuff; they tell the story. They are like the cracks in our souls. The cracks are how the light gets in. And gets out.

Peace... Chris



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28				1	2 Private Event 8 am - 5 pm (FH)
3 Worship/Sunday School	4	5	6 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	7 Refugee Food Pantry 2:30 pm	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship/Sunday School Egg Hunt 10:30 am	11 Primetimers Lunch+ 11:30 a.m.	12 Junior League 5:30-7:00 pm (FH)	13 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am DWM Night Group- 12pm ^ Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	14 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm	15 Good Friday (no service)	16
17 Easter Sunday Worship/Sunday School	18	19	20 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	21 Refugee Food Pantry 2:30 pm	22 Earth Day 	23
24 Worship/Sunday School Youth Group 5:00 - 7:00 pm	25	26 Women's Guild of Owensboro (FH) 9am -12pm	27 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Practice- 6:00 pm	28 Private Event- FH New Beginnings O'boro 8 am - 5 pm	29 Private Event- FH New Beginnings O'boro 7am - 5pm	30

*Men's Fellowship meets at Panera- 4600 Frederica St. ^ = meeting at Century 21- 1735 Fredrica St. + = meeting at iHop-3080 Highland Pointe Dr, Owensboro, KY 42303

BIRTHDAYS

2 Danielle Ervin	16 Jane Miller	20 John Dawson	26 Emily Castlen	30 Macy Roberts
6 Robert Julius	17 Andy Goodaker	22 Rebecca Connor	28 Michael Ervin	
11 Sue Lawson	17 Joseph McKinley	24 Annabelle Baur	29 Brian Belcher	
12 Suzette Nunley	18 J. Chris Michael	24 Zoe Carroll	30 Susan Alford	
14 Brad Webb	19 Addison Le Boutillier	25 Mark Carlisle	30 Sandy Roberts	

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Brian & Cathy Hedges
- 4 Nathan & Suzette Nunley
- 5 Pam & Norman Woodward
- 10 Richard & Leslie Carlisle
- 22 Steve & Debby Crone
- 23 Sarah & Gary Hayden
- 25 Carroll & Larkin Hayden
- 28 Austin & Caressa Schrecker

February Financials:	
Offering for the Month:	\$39,087
Other Revenue Month:	\$197
Total Revenue:	\$39,284
Expenses for the month	\$38,636
Net for the month	(\$648)
Year-to-Date Offering	\$57,555
YTD Other Revenue	\$4,274
YTD Revenue	\$61,829
YTD Expenses	\$73,511
Net for the year	(\$11,682)
Outreach:	
West Area Disciples CC	\$2,167
Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,881
HELP Office	\$550



Cinco de Mayo!- Mission Trip Fundraiser

Wednesday May 4th 5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy our Mexican cuisine and support our high school summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee! We would love your help purchasing the ingredients! Look for a Sign-up Genius link for food donations to be emailed mid-April.

2022 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Dates

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya dates are set and registration has begun! Please turn in registration forms with half of camp costs to Michael in the office by May 1st. Checks may be made payable to First Christian Church with "Camp" in the memo line. You can find the dates below:

June 6-11 Chi Rho (6-8)

June 12- 18 CYF (9-12)

June 24-26 Discovery (K-2)

June 27-July 1 (3-5)

July 4-8 Chi Rho Sailing (6-8)

July 11-15 CYF Sailing (9-12)



To sign up, visit:

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camp/>



Easter Egg Hunt!

Following the worship service on Sunday, April 10, we'll be having an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30! If you would like to donate candy for the event, please bring plastic eggs filled with WRAPPED candy to the church by Saturday, April 2nd.

Worship and Wonder/Children's Sunday School

April 3- No Worship and Wonder or Children's Sunday School

April 10- Palm Sunday/Egg Hunt- No Children's Sunday School

April 17- Easter Sunday- We are offering Worship and Wonder, but no Sunday School



DWM- Disciples Women's Ministries

DWM day group will meet on April 6th at noon in the 2nd floor coffee bar. We'll have an exciting presentation of Women of the Bible. The night DWM will meet Wednesday, April 13th at 12 noon at Century 21: 1735 Fredrica. Bring lunch. For our service project in April, we are asking you to visit your shut in (friend at home) with a flower or goody bag (or whatever you wish). Happy Easter all!

Holy Week Schedule at First Christian:

April 10- Palm Sunday Worship- 9 am
April 10- Easter Egg Hunt- 10:30 am
April 14- Maundy Thursday- 7 pm
April 17- Easter Sunday Worship- 9 am

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