



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

THE CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

C.S. Lewis once said, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." So shall we. As we move into the last two months of the year few things look like they did two years ago. However, it isn't two years ago. It's now. We are all different people, changed by experiences good and bad. We have much to look forward to in the days to come if we don't spend all of our energy trying to recreate the past.

All Saints worship will take place at 9 a.m. on November 7. We will remember those who have died in the last year, as well as earlier, acknowledging both what we lost as well as what we hope for in the life to come. We hope to conclude the service at the church columbarium that day, weather permitting. Worship & Wonder will also return that day for children through elementary school. Thanks for the leaders planning to begin this ministry anew. After worship we plan to begin again with food in the fellowship hall before Sunday School. Come join us for coffee and doughnuts if you can.

Advent begins November 28. Yes, it is already that time of year. The season of waiting, anticipation and longing for Christmas draws near. This year we will have a Blue Christmas service on December 5 at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. December is often a time of celebration and sadness mixed together. We will acknowledge the difficulties of our grief as we hope for the light of God to shine in the darkness. Symphony Sunday returns to our church on December 12. We look forward to worship with the Owensboro Symphony whose presence was profoundly missed last year.

Normal will look like now. Few things will look like they did two years ago, but that is ok. They will look like they do right now and that is good enough for this season. The important thing for us is to live into a future offered to us by God's own hands. That is living by faith. The worst thing we can do is try to recreate what we thought was so great about 2 years ago, or 5 years ago, or even 50 years ago. Unless I am completely wrong, time travel is still an impossibility, so we cannot go back. To continue to try and recreate the past is to live by fear, not faith. I am not afraid of the future. Don't you be either.

Give it time. This odd, strange way of living will be ordinary before long. God has not abandoned us. We shall move into the future with hope.

Peace....Chris

Our Church Mission:

"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."

Denominational 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
Communications and
Admin Support Staff.....Michael Ervin
Financial Manager.....Kristin Callis
Choir Director.....Mike Tichenor
Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce
Nursery Attendant..... Elee Roach
Sherry Rhoads

Contact Us:

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If you haven't checked out our social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way.

Facebook: FCCOwensboro
Instagram: @fccowb

Join us for worship in person or online!

First Christian Church Offers multiple ways to join in worship each week. Join us in person on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

If you would like to participate in online worship, we livestream each service to our Facebook account:

www.facebook.com/FCCOwensboro

You may listen to our worship service via your computer or smartphone by accessing:

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR

November 1

6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

November 3

6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

November 4

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

8:30 am - 1:00 pm Vaccine Clinic

**November 7- All Saints Sunday
Worship/Sunday School**

November 8

6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

November 10

6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

5:30 pm Thanksgiving Potluck

November 11- Veterans Day

November 14- Worship/Sunday School

November 15-

6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

November 17-

6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

November 21- Worship/Sunday School

November 22-

6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

November 24

6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

November 25- Thanksgiving Day-
Church Office Closed

November 28- Worship/Sunday School

November 29-

6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

*Men's Fellowship meets at Panera- 4600 Frederica St

BIRTHDAYS

3 Calvin Gilbreath

4 Anne N. McMahon

11 Miles Baur

12 Cheri Robinson

12 Eric Farmer

13 Linda Ward

13 Doug Hoyt

14 Jody Emerson

14 Reid Sterett

15 Candance Brake

16 Mia Belcher

16 Nina Belcher

16 Ginger Norris

16 Nancy Barnard

16 Garret Carter

16 Rich Suwanski

17 Ellen Hayden

18 Beverly Dawson

19 Mick Ford

19 Kristi Isenbarger

20 John Roberts

21 Madeline Howell

21 Robert Goebel

21 Earl Mac Green

21 Ashtyn Callis

21 Brooks Aud

22 William Hayden

23 Billy Isenbarger

24 Robert Lawson

26 Pam Woodward

27 Paige Castlen

28 Sherry Rhoads

29 Mackenzie Mahlinger

30 Kerri N. Bruckner

30 Seth Woodward

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Steve & Cathy Perrin

15 Robert & Yvonne Julius

16 Ronnie & Mary Lynne Roach

16 Jason & Nan Pierce

27 Mitch & June Stapleton

28 Barbara Bennett & Hervey Howell

28 Ron & Jane Howard

September Stewardship Update:

Offering for the Month:	\$28,140
Other Revenue Month:	\$59
Total Revenue:	\$29,199
Expenses for the month	\$38,314
Net for the month	(\$10,116)
Year-to-Date Offering	\$329,522
YTD Other Revenue	\$14,030
YTD Revenue	\$343,552
YTD Expenses	\$300,016
Net for the year	\$43,536
<u>Outreach:</u>	
West Area Disciples CC	\$2,142
Disciples Mission Fund	\$3,571
HELP Office	\$900



Dear church family,

Thank you so much for your kindness at the passing of my mother, Jean Fruge'. You are like bright stars in the darkest night shining with God's love.

Love always,
Ann Jeannette

DWM- Disciples Women's Ministries

During the month of November, we will be collecting items for True North Treatment Center. Please consider donating items like: twin sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths, and toiletries (specifically toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and deodorant). If you would like to join the ministry, please come to one of our monthly meetings. The daytime group will meet November 2, at 1:00 p.m. at Janet Tichenor's home. The night group will meet Nov. 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Janet Luckett's home.

For more info, contact Kaye Farmer: jdkfarmer@gmail.com



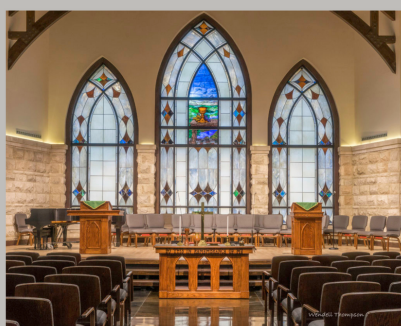
Church Family Thanksgiving Potluck- Wed Nov 10, 5:30 p.m.

FCC Primetimers will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Potluck for the entire church family. Join us for good food and fellowship on Wednesday, November 10. Turkey and dressing will be provided! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. Reservations are requested. We'll have reservations sheets available after worship on Oct 31 and Nov 7. For more information or to sign up another way, call or e-mail Ron Waite: ronwownsbr@aol.com Home - (270) 683-8510

Dearest Church Family,

We are so thankful for the outpouring of love and support we have received during the loss of our mother/grandmother, Louise Hobbs. From the hugs and support during her brief illness to the flowers, meal, and having our dear pastor preside at her funeral, we will be forever touched by the love that defines First Christian Church.

- Families of Sherry Rhoads, Kathi Hornback, and Stacy Castlen



First Christian Church
Cookbook 2021

Recipes Submitted by:
members and friends of FCC

Coming Soon: FCC Cookbook 2021

Thank you to everyone who submitted your favorite recipes for our church cookbook. We can't wait to share this with you sometime next month. Keep an eye out for more information about how to get your copy when they are ready!

"You don't stop riding when you get old, you get old when you stop riding."

- Anonymous

Check out FCC's coolest Elder Emerite, Jim Wimsatt, celebrating his 103rd birthday in style





2021 R E V E R S E



ADVENT CALENDAR



**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM
TO YOUR FAMILY ADVENT
BOX AND THEN
BRING THE ITEMS TO FCC**



**December 1 – box of cereal
December 2 – peanut butter
December 3 – cooking oil
December 4 – boxed potatoes
December 5 – macaroni and cheese
December 6 – can of fruit
December 7 – can of tomatoes
December 8 – can of tuna
December 9 – pkg. of pudding cups
December 10 – jar of applesauce
December 11 – can of sweet potatoes
December 12 – cranberry sauce**

**December 13 – can of beans
December 14 – box of crackers
December 15 – package of rice
December 16 – package of oatmeal
December 17 – package of pasta
December 18 – spaghetti sauce
December 19 – chicken noodle soup
December 20 – tomato soup
December 21 – can of corn
December 22 – can of chicken
December 23 – can of carrots
December 24 – can of green beans**

This is an opportunity to continue to help others in our community. These items will be distributed starting in January where there is a need in the: FCC Pantry, FCC Refugee Pantry, Germantown Park Box or the Help Office.

There will be a collection table(s) in the lobby on Sundays starting on:

- **December 5** for December 1-8 items.
 - **December 12** for December 9-16 items.
 - **December 19** for December 17-24 items.
- Collect these items at home with your family and bring them in by December 19 **OR** sponsor the Advent month (all 24 items) for \$30 by cash or check. Please put Reverse Advent in the memo section of your check.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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