



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

THE CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

The last quarter of the year is always frenetic. Holidays and holy days draw near. Days grow shorter as seasons change. Plants and people prepare for the long, cold days ahead. Much must be done in little time. We cram an awful lot of busyness into the last three months. On September 25 it was three months until Christmas!

The church is the same. We need many things from you in a short amount of time. We need to hear from you about people who might consider serving as Elders or Deacons. We need to hear if you are interested in serving on a committee, as a chairperson or member. We will be asking you to consider what you can give financially to support the work and ministry of this church in 2022. We need to know if you can teach Sunday School or help with Worship and Wonder.

People may think, well, someone will take care of that. Someone else will do it. I'm too busy to help, too tired to do anything, too worn out to worry about things others will do. Well, maybe not. We are all busy, tired and worn out. The last 18 months have been brutally difficult. Everyone has struggled with pandemic, not just a few people. Everyone has. Your pastor has, I know that. You need to know that the future in the church does not look like the past. I am hopeful, but also realistic. Some ministries or projects will never start back. Some ministries will begin again because people care enough to see that it continues. But some won't.

We are a congregationally led church, which means members have to act in order for ministries to occur. The pastor and various church leaders can lead, but we are not a business in competition with other church businesses. We are the body of Christ, made up of people and groups with spiritual gifts for the service of God and neighbor. We will do what we can do right now with the people we have, but no more.

Remember your history, the fire that destroyed our church in 2013. The event was crushing and terrible and demoralizing. And yet, from those ashes came this church, no, not the building, but you, all of you, who struggled and suffered and decided it was important to stay through the worst days in order to see better days.

Better days than these will come. That, I believe. How can you serve in the mean time? And yes, it is a mean time, but God and God's people are tougher than the meanest days. You and your skills and abilities are needed here. The virus will end. God's people will not.

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:



CALENDAR

October 3- Sunday
World Communion Sunday
 Worship and Sunday School

October 4- Monday
 6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

October 5- Tuesday
 1:00 pm DWM Day Group
 4:30 pm Columbarium Meeting

October 6- Wednesday
 6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

October 7- Thursday
 2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry
 5:30 pm Primetimers+ Potluck

October 10- Sunday
 Worship and Sunday School

October 11- Monday
 6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

October 13- Wednesday
 6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

October 14- Thursday
 5:30 pm Elders Meeting
 6:30 pm DWM Night Group**

October 17- Sunday
 Worship and Sunday School

October 18- Monday
 6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

October 20- Wednesday
 6:30 am Men's Fellowship*

October 21- Thursday
 2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

October 24- Sunday
 Worship and Sunday School

October 25- Monday
 6:30 pm OCTC Chorus

October 31- Sunday
 Worship and Sunday School

BIRTHDAYS

1 Nicholas Brake;
 Steve Divine;
 Max Sterett

3 Megan Carter;
 Sara Travis

4 MacKenzie Elliott;
 Colin Ruckdeschel

7 Clayton Roberts

8 Bob Hines

9 Wade Harper

10 Angela Bruce;
 Annalee Yager

11 Kaley Hall

12 Patti Brownson

13 Cathy Midkiff

16 Rebecca Glenn

19 Flem Gordon

20 Janet Tichenor

23 Lois Bethel

24 Michelle Ruckdeschel

25 Daniel Lott

25 Allen Holbrook

26 Camille Divine

27 Mary Lynne Roach

27 Kent Sullivan

28 Renee Robertson

29 Nancy Swanks

30 Jeff Howe

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Andy & Libby Johnson

3 Joseph & Meghan McKinley

4 Chris & Cate Gaddis

7 Carrol & Cheryl Bell

8 Wendell & Marilee Thompson

14 Jason & Amanda Kyle

17 Tim & Kathy McGlothlin

21 Jay & Lois Bethel

21 Blake & Missie Hayden

25 Shannon & Steve Divine

28 Casey & Kristin Callis

29 Bill & Susan Frederick

August Stewardship Update:

Offering for the Month:	\$32,749
Other Revenue Month:	\$1,345
Total Revenue:	\$34,095
Expenses for the month	\$37,164
Net for the month	(\$3070)

Year-to-Date	
Offering	\$301,383
Other Revenue	\$13,971
YTD Revenue	\$313,354
YTD Expenses	\$261,702
Net for the year	\$53,652

Outreach:	
West Area Disciples CC	\$1,071
Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,785
HELP Office	\$450

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

** = Cathy Perrin's home- 4680 Hunters Ridge

DWM- Disciples Women's Ministries

During the month of October, we will be collecting items for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). We would like to help these children by collecting supplies they can use as they are transitioned from one home to another. Please consider donating items like: toiletries (specifically deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, nail polish, combs), books, games, or anything else you think a teen could find useful. If you would like to join the ministry, please consider coming to one of our monthly meetings. The daytime group will meet on Oct 5, at 1pm, at the church. The nighttime group will meet on October 13, at 6:30 pm, at Cathy Perrin's home. For more info, contact Kaye Farmer: jdkfarmer@gmail.com



Refugees from Afghanistan

Owensboro will receive 100 refugees from Afghanistan in the months ahead. We are asked to consider helping with a variety of needs, but perhaps most importantly with housing and mentoring. Individuals and families will be well oriented and educated by the International Center here in town, but we are asked to consider possible places for immigrants to live as well as serving as mentors to help families become accustomed to our culture and community.

This is a big ask, so to speak, of any church family or individual. There are many ways we can perhaps help, with food, clothing, and other things, but most important, beyond all else, is our welcome. How shall we welcome the stranger to our community?

Columbarium Committee-

The Columbarium Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 5 at 4:30 pm at church to review plans for the next season. The Columbarium committee welcomes all those members who are interested in maintaining the Columbarium space for the inurnment of deceased members, and in continuing procedures for the respectful burial of our FCC members and family. We welcome you to join our committee or to call Martha Lee or Angela Bruce for more information about the Columbarium.



Attention all youth and those young at heart:

The Green River Area Down Syndrome Association (GRADSA), one of our Legacy Fund recipients, is hosting a fundraiser Buddy Walk on October 23 from 9:00 to 12:00. Wouldn't it be fun to form a FCC Team?! If you are interested, contact Ginger Norris (millidog@bellsouth.net) or Teresa McKinley (jmckinley3@bellsouth.net).

For additional information, check out the GRADSA website at: <https://www.ds-stride.org/gradsabuddywalk>.



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Donations for Refugees



First Christian Church has volunteered to provide household items needed to set up apartments for the incoming refugees. Listed below are items that the new arrivals usually need. Other churches/agencies have signed up for toiletries, cleaning supplies, furniture, and coats; however, if you have a heavy, gently worn winter coat (children's, women's, men's) that you would be willing to donate, the International Center would welcome it. The largest size they typically need is an adult medium. In order to better space out the items needed, there will be 2 rounds of donations:

ROUND 1- Oct 1- Oct 10

- Wash cloths/towels
- Shower curtain/rings
- Bathroom trashcan
- Large trashcan
- Forks, knives, spoon sets
- Dish sets
- Glasses
- Tea/Coffee Cups
- Can Opener
- Cooking utensils
- Cookware (pots/pans)
- Mixing bowls
- Chef knife

Round 2- Oct 10- Oct 24

- Measuring cups and spoons
- Sink strainer
- Dish drainer
- Rice cooker
- Dish towels/pot holders
- Clothes hampers
- Hangers
- Lamps
- Light bulbs
- Scissors/kitchen shears
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Alarm clocks

In order to ensure that all items are covered,
we're asking everyone to sign up.

To sign up, please visit: www.fccowb.org/refuge



Dear Church Family,
Thank you very much for the blanket and graduation recognition. I am so excited for college and to start this next chapter of my life. I know the transition will have its ups and downs, but knowing that I have my church family behind me means a lot! Thanks again and wish me luck!
Fondly, Addison Callis

Pastor Chris and Members of First Christian:
Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent and for the wonderful dinner that you prepared for us. Thank you, Chris, for the kind words and stories about Dad. He loved his church and the people. He will be missed a lot but we appreciate everything you all did to help us through this difficult time. - The Bethel Family

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during the loss of our Dad. We are grateful and appreciate all the prayers, flowers, Pastor Chris, Brian Hedges, the wonderful meal that was served and all the other things you did for us. My Dad loved his church family and we can't thank you enough for everything! - Donna Sheehan, daughter

Dear Church:
It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge all the ways in which our FCC family honored our father, Ken Willis, during his memorial service. From the lovely flower arrangement gift to the delicious meal prepared by the FaHoLo class, love filled our church home. We were particularly touched by the service itself, which beautifully captured who our dad was, especially his abiding love of and dedication to our mother Suzanne. While she was unable to join us, her presence was felt though each story shared. Thank you all so much for all that you did to help us celebrate the life of our dad. - Ken Willis and Angie Blackiston

Thank you, church family, for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food. It is so comforting to feel the love that radiates from First Christian. Thank you also, Chris, Laura, and Pam for your caring concern for my welfare.
Sincerely, June Stapleton

Thanks from Pam Woodward

For the past 3 years, I have been masquerading as your minister of pastoral care. After 45 years as a church member, I joined the church staff, helping to fill gaps wherever they appeared. I promised to stay as long as I was helpful, or until I had grandchildren. Astonishingly, we now have two of those, for whom Norman and I will provide care beginning October 1. Thank you for trusting me with the joys and sorrows of your lives. I have loved this work, and I'm so grateful that you gave me the opportunity.

With love and thanks for all your kindness,
Pam



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- Vaccines are FREE for everyone
- Free merch while supplies last!
- For questions, contact (270) 686-7744

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(single-dose)

Moderna
(two-dose)

Pfizer
(two-dose)

Green River District

HEALTH DEPARTMENT



FIRST
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October 14 and October 28

8:30 - 1:00 pm

***vaccine selection may change based on availability; please call to confirm**