

THE CALLER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
OWENSBORO, KY



From the Preacherman....

The beginning of June marks the unofficial start of summer and with it, the hope that the pace of life might ease a bit and allow for some much needed rest and relaxation. You may have planned trips or family gatherings around the grill, but there are other things as well. Each summer I hear the same words that beckoned St. Augustine to turn to his Bible: "Take and read. Take and read." So, yes, read your Bible this summer, but what else could you take and read in your free time? I thought you'd never ask.

I begin with the least read, but most important literature in our culture: poetry. The Shadow of Sirius by W. S. Merwin has accompanied me for a while. The collection won a Pulitzer Prize in 2009 and is worth the time. I also have on hand The Poems of Dylan Thomas for, you know, light reading. I encourage you to subscribe by email to The Writer's Almanac so you can read poetry daily. It's good for your soul.

I can recommend a few books from my faith perspective. Why the Bible Began: An Alternative History of Scripture and Its Origins by Jacob L. Wright is a fascinating read. When Church Stops Working by Andrew Root and Blair D. Bertrand has helped me to see the issues and problems facing the church in 2025. And God Spoke to Abraham: Preaching from the Old Testament by Fleming Rutledge is a wonderful collection of sermons by a great preacher and writer. Lower Than the Angels: A History of Sex and Christianity by Diarmaid MacCullough is an eye-opening account of how faith and culture have changed again and again in its understanding of sex and human sexuality.

In history I can recommend Twilight of the Gods (The Pacific War Trilogy) by Ian W. Toll. His storytelling is fantastic; I learned so much. My brother-in-law sent me Skunk Works by Ben Rich and Leo Janos. It details the story of the development of the U-2 and Stealth aircraft. The Rise and Reign of the Mammals: A New History, from the Shadow of the Dinosaurs to Us by Steve Brusatte awaits more than a quick look on my part. It is our story writ large over millions of years.


Recently my daughter Leah sent the intriguing book: The Name of This Band is R.E.M. by Peter Ames Carlin. I can't wait to luxuriate in the story of one of the world's great bands from one of the world's great towns, Athens, Georgia.

And finally, coming in November to our church is Anna Carter Florence, professor of homiletics at Columbia Theological Seminary. She will be preaching here and leading some group sessions. She recently published A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture. It is well worth your time, as will be her lectures and teaching when here in Owensboro.

What are you reading? What can you recommend? Get off your phone or computer, turn off the television, crack open a book and travel the universe while never leaving your seat.

Peace, Chris

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Elder's Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	5 Refugee Food Pantry	6	7
8 Worship/Sunday School	9 Estes Elementary Art Camp 8-12 →	10 Estes Elementary Art Camp Primetimers Lunch @ 11:30 a.m. Great Bavarian Haus-Evansville	11 Estes Elementary Art Camp Elementary Youth Group Choir	12 Estes Elementary Art Camp	13 Estes Elementary Art Camp	14
15 FATHERS DAY Worship/Sunday School	16 Retired Teacher Lunch 10-1	17	18 Elementary Youth Group Choir	19 Refugee Food Pantry	20	21
22 Mission Trip → Worship/Sunday School	23	24 Impact 100 Event 5:00 -7:00 p.m. (FH)	25 Elementary Youth Group Choir	26 OPD Rehearsal (all day)	27 OPD Graduation (all day) 	28 Return from Mission Trip
29 Worship/Sunday School	30					

Birthdays

1 Casey Callis
2 Whitley Ford
3 John Burns
3 Jenna Glenn
3 Irma Johnson
4 Patty Hines
6 Katherine Zboril
7 Roy Boling

8 Bobby Schrecker
9 Nancy Castlen
9 Maxine Goebel
9 Joey Mckinley
11 Tab Quisenberry
14 Andy Luckett
17 Evelyn Guthrie
17 Carolyn Williams
18 Henry Busse
19 Nancy Rowe
19 Blake Hayden

21 Cathy Maddox
23 Patty Wahl
23 Parker Webb
25 Addelyn Yager
29 Laura Green
29 Linda Green
30 Jenny Busse

Anniversaries

Eric & Emily Baur
Nick & Candance Brake
Mike & Angela Bruce
Mark & Anne Carlisle
Kirby & Bev Chelgren
Philip & Sara Travis
Brad & Ashley Webb

John & Beverly Dawson
Larry Joe & Cori Douglas
Ken & Sue Lawson
Larry & Sherry Rhoads
Gavin & Molly Roberts
John & Sandra Roberts
Henry & Carolyn Williams

**Primetimers Plus
Lunch Outing**
Great Bavarian Haus
Evansville, IN on 6/10 @ 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Janet Luckett or Barbara Chavez ASAP

April Financials

Offering for the Month:	\$45,807
Other Revenue Month:	\$4,770.24
Total Revenue:	\$50,577.24
Expenses:	(\$48,743.72)
Net:	\$1,833.52

Year-to-Date Offering	\$158,842.72
YTD Other Revenue	\$11,743.37
YTD Revenue	\$170,586.09
YTD Expenses	(\$210,260.40)
Net for the year	(\$39,674.31)



HELP WANTED

HELP NEEDED IN OUR CHURCH NURSERY!

Our nursery team is looking for someone who is caring and dependable and would like to join us in providing a safe and nurturing environment for our youngest members during service. If you're interested or would like more details, please contact the Church office @ 270.684.8879. Your support can make a big difference!



Sound Board Operator

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) located in Owensboro, KY is seeking a skilled and detail-oriented Audio Visual Technician to support worship services and events by operating the sound system, projector, live streaming and electronic signage systems. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in audio and visual technology, with the ability to troubleshoot and maintain AV equipment. This role requires a blend of technical expertise, mechanical knowledge, and excellent problem-solving skills to ensure seamless operation of audio-visual systems for in person and online streaming of worship services.



CAMP KBY & RETREAT CENTER

- Junior Camp (gr. 3-5) June 2-6
- Sailing Camp (gr. 6-12) June 9-13
- Discovery Camp (gr. K-2) June 20-22
- Chi Rho Camp (gr. 6-8) June 23-28
- CYF Camp (gr. 9-12) June 30-July 5

FEB 1
REGISTRATION
BEGINS

SAVE THE DATES



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