



THE CALLER



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) OWENSBORO, KY

From the Preacherman...

Christianity is about conversion. Whatever else you may want to say about the Way of Jesus, you must include in the definition the basic truth that the Christian faith is about a change of mind and life. I discovered very early in my ministry that if I was going to be faithful to my calling as a preacherman, then I would have to preach for change and conversion in the lives of individuals and the church.

However, an emphasis on conversion does not necessarily mean a weekly call to the altar to repent and rededicate one's life to God. To stress change does not imply constant turmoil or disorder. The sudden conversion of Saul on the Road to Damascus is but one of many conversion stories in the Book of Acts, and Luke does not make any one of them into the model for coming to faith in Jesus. Conversion to faith in Christ is a process developing slowly over time with periods of intensity and passion.

Over the past few Sundays I have been preaching from stories of conversion in Acts. Those stories shed light on the question "How are we becoming Christian?" I choose the word "becoming" on purpose. It implies that faith has a definite starting point and direction but is never finished or fulfilled in this lifetime. In other words, we are never fully Christian, only becoming more and more like the One we seek to follow as disciples.

I also chose to use the plural pronoun "we" because salvation in Jesus Christ is never a solitary process. Our culture celebrates individual striving and achievement, but Jesus calls people into relationships and community. No one can be a Christian all alone. Other people convert us to faith in Jesus. I sometimes wish that this was not so because it means we need each other, even when we annoy and infuriate one other, maybe especially then. I sometimes think that the church is God's wacky science experiment in which strange ingredients (us) are mixed together in odd circumstances just to see what will happen.

I really don't understand how we all got here and I am not really sure what God is up to, but that was the story in the early church as well. We are being changed daily into something that more closely resembles the dying and resurrected body of Christ. That is a little exciting and a lot scary, but it seems to be how God makes Christians.

Peace....Chris



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Last day to sign up for Camp! Choir Men's Fellowship 6:30 am	2 Refugee Food Pantry 1:30 pm	3	4 
5 Worship/Sunday School 	6 Youth Orchestra Concert @ FCC 7:00 p.m.	7 DWM	8 CINCO DE MAYO Church Meal @ 6:00 p.m. Choir Men's Fellowship 6:30 am	9	10	11
12 Worship/Sunday School	13	14 Elders Meeting 5:30 p.m.	15 end of year youth party Choir Men's Fellowship 6:30 am	16 Refugee Food Pantry 1:30 pm	17	18
19 Special Offering Worship/Sunday School	20 	21 Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. AARP Class with Carroll Laswell 11:00 - 4:00	22 Choir Youth Group Men's Fellowship 6:30 am	23	24	25
26 Worship/Sunday School	27	28	29	30	31	

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

Birthdays

1 Sheila Campbell
2 Mark Chavez
2 Joy Emerson
3 Richard Carlisle
4 Bev Chelgren

4 Missie Hayden
6 Roselie McKinley
6 John Miller
8 Yvonne Julius
9 Becky Luckett

10 Nick Brake
10 Shannon Divine
10 Wanda Gilbreath
10 Mary Lisa Tunget
10 John Patrik Yager

14 Amanda Kyle
14 Susan Rice
16 Vangie Evans
17 Hannah Kate Divine
19 Thomas Johnson
20 Bill Frederick
20 Walker Gaddis
20 Aloma Dew

21 Forrest Roberts
26 Edie Johnson
26 Sophie McKinley
27 Millie Roberts
29 Allison Carter
30 Sara Van Slyke
30 John Yager

Anniversaries

Joseph & Haley Berry
Chris & Stacy Castlen
Eric & Laura Farmer
Ronnie & Marilyn Forrester
Frank & Linda Jones
John & Jane Miller
Tom & Barbara Norvell
Steve & Cathy Perrin
Dave & Holly Roark

March Financials

Offering for the Month:	\$50,161
Other Revenue Month:	\$1,029
Total Revenue:	\$51,190
Expenses for the month	\$39,402
Year-to-Date Offering	\$112,972
YTD Other Revenue	\$8,131
YTD Revenue	\$121,103
YTD Expenses	\$125,275
Net for the year	\$4,172
Outreach:	
West Area Disciples CC	\$0
Disciples Mission Fund	\$0
HELP Office	\$0
Food Pantry	\$1,294

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

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MAYO

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 8**

DINNER AT 6 PM
**FELLOWSHIP
HALL**

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!
THERE WILL BE A RESERVATION SHEET IN
THE LOBBY OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW.





JUNE 3-8 CYF CAMP (GRADES 9-12)
 JUNE 10-14 JUNIOR CAMP (GRADES 3-5)
 JUNE 17-22 CHI RHO CAMP (GRADES 6-8)
 JUNE 24-28 SAILING CAMP (GRADES 6-12)
 JUNE 28-30 DISCOVERY CAMP (GRADES K-2 & ADULT)
 JULY 1-5 CAMP AGAPE (GRADES 6-8 IN FOSTER CARE)



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MEETINGS

DWM 5/7 @ 12:00
AT FCC

ELDERS MEETING
5/14 @ 5:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETING
5/21 @ 5:30 P.M.

DWM 5/8 @ 12:00 AT
CENTURY 21



YOUTH GROUP SUMMER UPDATES

**LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR
CAMP IS MAY 1ST**

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES WILL MEET LIKE
NORMAL THE MONTH OF
JUNE AND WE WILL TAKE
OFF THE MONTH OF JULY.**

**HOWEVER,
RUSS & AMANDA EVANS
WILL BE CONTINUING TO
MEET WITH MIDDLE &
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
THROUGHOUT THE
SUMMER FOR ANY AND
EVERYONE ABLE TO
ATTEND!**



END-OF-YEAR YOUTH GROUP PARTY!

**WEDNESDAY MAY 15TH
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
@ FCC**

**HAPPY 
MOTHER'S
DAY!**



MEMORIAL DAY

**MONDAY, MAY 27TH!
CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

