

THE CALLER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
OWENSBORO, KY

From the Preacherman....

One after another the letters are arriving in the mailbox at home. The emails are filling the inbox as well. Some requests even appear as text messages on my cell phone. They want my money, all of it if I will give it to them. Multiple kinds of groups, businesses, organizations and companies are hoping I will purchase a subscription or make a one-time gift to sustain their bottom line. Oh, and let's not forget the persistent noise of our political campaigns as well. Everybody wants my money, a little or a lot.

You might think, then, that this missive will proceed to make the same request: give the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Owensboro, Kentucky as much money as you can, as much money as God wants you to give, in our upcoming stewardship campaign. You might think that, might consider this a subtle and sly appeal for your hard-earned cash. You would be wrong.

I am here to lament the monetization of everything, the insidious effort of evaluating something based solely on its dollar value. It happens everywhere and all the time, so I won't give you stories or details. Of course we have basic needs that cost money. Some system of barter and exchange is necessary to human existence. I know that. The value of life, however, cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The friendships I have over the course of my lifetime are meaningful beyond measure.

So, I ask a few, simple questions to clarify the issue:
How much is enough? It is a difficult question, simple but profound. Enough. Does our faith and deepest set of values define that? Or does the swirl of culture and advertisements around us determine for us the meaning of enough?



If you have enough, what can you share? Most religions have a percentage, a tithe, to guide what to offer others, but the key is in "enough." Spend some, save some, and give some means you live within your means, save for a rainy day and have some money to share.

If you can share, where would your gift do some good? Ah, here comes the church request, right? Well, maybe. There are lots of places that can and will use your gifts well. You know those in your community better than I do. I can tell you all the things my church does to serve and help others, but there are other organizations that do good things as well. Find some places and support them. It matters to them and to you.

On the shelves in my study at church are hundreds of items of great value, but virtually worthless: a thimble, a mouse in pope garb, a biscuit pan, a tambourine, a plastic fork figure, a medal from a marathon, and so on. Every different thing has a story, a person or place behind it that makes the thing invaluable and priceless to me, my crucial stuff. But the monetary value is nil. The most valuable things I have are worthless, but wonderful and irreplaceable. You have some too. Remember that. Few things matter as much. Give the rest away.

Peace, Chris

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Handbells MS/HS Group Worship/Sunday School	4 Greg Olson Concert @ 6:30 p.m.	5	6 Elders Meeting @ 6:30 Elementary Youth Group Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir	7 Refugee Food Pantry	8	9
10 Handbells MS/HS Group Worship/Sunday School	11	12	13 DWM Thanksgiving Meal Men's Fellowship 6:30 am	14 OPD Academy Graduation Rehearsal	15 OPD Academy Graduation	16
17 All Disciples Sing @ 4:00 MS/HS Group Worship/Sunday School	18 	19 Garden Club 9-12	20 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Elementary Youth Group	21 Refugee Food Pantry	22	23
24 DWM Bake Sale Handbells Worship/Sunday School	25 Christmas Tree Decorating Day 8-12	26	27 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Elementary Youth Group	28 	29	30

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

Birthdays

2 Steve Perrin
3 Calvin Gilbreath
11 Miles Baur
11 Mia Belcher
12 Eric Farmer
12 Cheri Robinson

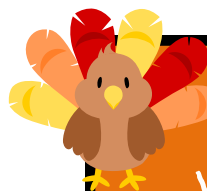
13 Doug Hoyt
13 Deborah Yates
14 Reid Sterett
14 Jody Emerson
15 Candance Brake
16 Nancy Barnard

16 Garret Carter
16 Nina Belcher
16 Ginger Norris
17 Ellen Hayden
18 Beverly Dawson
19 Mick Ford
20 John Roberts
21 Klara Zboril

21 Ashtyn Callis
21 Joseph Brooks Aud
21 Robert Goebel
21 Madeline Howell
22 Blake Hayden
26 Pam Woodward
27 Paige Castlen
28 Sherry Rhoads
29 Vivian McNatton

Anniversaries

Ron & Jane Howard
Mitch & June Stapleton
Ronnie & Mary Lynne Roach
Hervey Howell & Barbara Bennett



FCC Thanksgiving Meal

Wednesday, November 13th @
5:30 p.m.

FCC will provide Turkey & Dressing.
Please bring a side or dessert! All
family and friends welcome!

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CAMP



FCC YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

AT THE EVANS'



PUMPKIN SMASH BASH BONFIRE & WEENIE ROAST

RSVP on the GroupMe App

IMPORTANT!

- DWM meeting is on 11/13 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Next Elders Meeting is on 11/6 @ 6:30 p.m.
- FCC Board will NOT meet in November
- Thanksgiving Meal will be on 11/13 @ 5:30 p.m.
- All Disciples Sing/Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
- DWM Bake Sale is on 11/24
- Christmas Tree decorating day is on 11/25 @ 8:00 a.m.

August Financials

Offering for the Month:	\$42,349
Other Revenue Month:	\$1,110
Total Revenue:	\$43,459
Expenses:	(\$49,306)
Net:	(\$5,907)

Year-to-Date Offering	\$319,545
YTD Other Revenue	\$21,663
YTD Revenue	\$341,208
YTD Expenses	(\$355,974)
Net for the year	(\$14,766)

September Financials


Offering for the Month:	\$34,830
Other Revenue Month:	\$4,625
Total Revenue:	\$39,455
Expenses:	\$40,388
Net:	\$933

Year-to-Date Offering	\$354,375
YTD Other Revenue	\$26,288
YTD Revenue	\$380,663
YTD Expenses	(\$396,362)
Net for the year	(\$15,699)



Come with Thanksgiving
PSALM 95:1-7

**All Disciples Sing
& West Area Annual Meeting**
Sunday, November 17 at 4pm
First Christian Church
700 J. R. Miller Blvd.
Owensboro



www.westareadisciples.org

Join us for the 26th West Area All Disciples Sing & Annual Meeting at 4PM Central on Sunday, November 17, at First Christian Church in Owensboro. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community of faith to lift our voices in thanksgiving for all that God has done among us.

The West Area All Disciples Sing & Annual Meeting is more than just a musical gathering; it is a chance for West Area churches to connect, share, and strengthen our bonds. As is our tradition, our worship will include a time of offering for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. We hope that the All Disciples Sing will feature a diverse lineup of choirs and musicians from across our congregations, each bringing their unique style, talents, and spirit to the celebration. Based on Psalm 95:1-7a, this year's theme is "Come with Thanksgiving." We'll collect our annual offering for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. First Christian Owensboro will host a cookie reception following worship. We look forward to experiencing the joy of all of our voices lifting the sanctuary with songs of celebration and thanksgiving.