



The Caller

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
OWENSBORO, KY

From the Preacherman....

Maybe I'm wrong. People who have known me for a long time will be surprised at my willingness to admit that. I don't like to acknowledge my mistakes, much less confess them, but I could be wrong about the mess in this country and world. As a preacher you would think I might know better, what with all the supposed signs and warnings of impending doom all around us. You don't have to travel far to find religious leaders who proclaim with certainty that "The End is Near!"

After all, it is a strange time to be alive. Politics from the local to the national to the international level are a wonder to behold. Everyone yells about the other side and their plans to destroy the country, but nobody actually does anything to fix a problem. Apocalyptic religionists of all shapes and flavors curry support for supposedly accurate readings of divine scripture, lining up predictions and prophecies that herald the Second Coming or Divine Judgment or somethingsomethingsomething. And Artificial Intelligence listens quietly in the corner awaiting its fullness of time.





To all of this I say, "Remember." History is replete with stories of people who became convinced that surely the world is so terrible, the people so horrible, that God will end it all, or we will end it all ourselves. But that wasn't true in 1945 or 1918 or 1865. A third of Europe's population died in the 14th Century from bubonic plague. Millions of people got sick one day and died the next, but life continued. In light of many terrible deaths in his own family Robert Frost was asked the most important thing he had learned about life. "It goes on," he said. Our time is not special just because we live in it, but that thought won't sell many tickets in our self-centered world, so we ignore it.

Don't miss the moment because you are worried about the next. Pay attention to this marvelous world around us. Laura and I watched a Rose-breasted Grosbeak at our bird feeder last Saturday. We eagerly await the Eastern Bluebirds that occasionally visit and the Downy Woodpeckers are a daily treat. What do you miss because you are too busy to see what is right in front of us? Listen. Watch. Stop talking. Stop doom-scrolling!

In her poem "The Summer Day" Mary Oliver writes,
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?

Peace.... Chris



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3  Wear a HAT to Church Worship/Sunday School	4 OCTC Community Choir Concert @7:00 p.m.	5	6 Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser @5:30 p.m. LAST Youth Groups Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.	7 Refugee Food Pantry 10-1	8	9
10  Worship/Sunday School	11	12 Elders Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. in FaHoLo Room	13 POTLUCK 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.	14 Finance Meeting @Noon in Conference Room	15	16
17 Worship/Sunday School	18	19 Primary Election Day! 	20 Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.	21 Refugee Food Pantry 10-1	22	23
24  Worship/Sunday School	25  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	26	27 Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30
31 Worship/Sunday School						

***Men's Fellowship at Great Harvest on Frederica Every Wednesday @ 6:30 a.m.**



- 1 Sheila Campbell
- 2 Mark Chavez
- 2 Joy Emerson
- 3 Richard Carlisle
- 3 Susie Kunze
- 4 Bev Chelgren
- 4 Missie Hayden
- 5 Gary Bielefeld
- 5 Maggie Lott
- 6 Rosalie McKinley
- 6 John Miller
- 9 Brendon Howton
- 9 Becky Luckett
- 10 Shannon Divine
- 10 Wanda Gilbreath
- 10 Mary Lisa Tunget
- 10 John Patrik Yager
- 14 Sidney Howton
- 14 Amanda Kyle
- 14 Susan Rice
- 17 Hannah Kate Divine
- 19 Garrison Johnson
- 20 Aloma Dew
- 20 Walker Gaddis
- 21 Forrest Roberts
- 26 Edie Johnson
- 26 Sophie McKinley
- 27 Millie Roberts
- 29 Allison Carter
- 30 Sara Van Slyke
- 30 John Yager

Happy Anniversary!



- Haley & Joe Berry
- Chris & Stacy Castlen
- Bethany & Seth Duke
- Eric & Laura Farmer
- Marilyn & Ronnie Forrester
- Gus & Paige Huddleston
- Sharon & Jeff Rice
- Jena & Joseph Jacobs
- Bandon & Tabitha Lucas
- Jane & John Miller
- Tom & Barbara Norvell
- Cathy & Steve Perrin
- Dave & Holly Roark

March Financials

Offering for the Month:	\$51,333.28
Other Revenue Month:	\$1,699.46
Total Revenue:	\$53,032.74
Expenses:	\$42,353.66
Net for the Month	\$10,679.08
Year-to-Date Offering	\$113,958.54
YTD Other Revenue	\$10,629.86
YTD Revenue	\$124,588.40
YTD Expenses	\$139,882.52
Net for the Year	(\$15,294.12)

Upcoming Events

Congratulations

(in advance) GRADUATES



Maxwell Louis "Max" Baur is graduating from Owensboro High School and will be attending **Transylvania University** in the fall. Max will have his big brother Miles with him, and Annabelle will have the house and her parents all to herself!



Andrew Peter "Drew" Johnson is graduating from Owensboro High School and will be attending **Indiana University**. The Johnson family will need to add in some Hoosier red to their Louisville red.



James Walker "Walker" Gaddis is graduating from Owensboro High School and will be attending **Western Kentucky University** in the fall. We are sure Walker will have a fabulous place to tailgate this fall with or without his parent's spot, and Hampton will get the house all to herself!



MacKenzie Lee "Mack" Elliott is graduating from Daviess County High School. She will be attending the **University of Kentucky** in the fall. If that stained glass behind Mack looks familiar, it is because she had her Senior pictures taken at FCC. What a great idea! Gorgeous!



Samuel John "Sam" Busse is graduating from Owensboro High School and will be attending and planning to do great things at **DePaul University** in Chicago, Illinois. The first of the three Busse boys is off!

Welcome New Members

Our youngest, tiniest member, **Phoebe Lee Duke** (6 lbs. 1oz. 19"), was born to Seth and Bethany on April 7th. Chris Micheal was impressed with her full head of hair.



On 4/22 **Sharon and Jeff Rice** joined the Church. They are both retired and enjoy spending time gardening, traveling, and camping and boating at Patoka Lake. They have five children and eight grandchildren. Their address is 4214 Hayden Park Drive (42303).

Events FROM LAST MONTH



After their service project for My Sister's Keeper, the FCC **Disciples Class** was all smiles!



The **Easter Egg Hunt** took place after Palm Sunday due to Spring Break. That didn't stop our young Disciples from finding all the eggs!



The parents of **Lilly, Murray, and Mary Glenn** attempted to recreate a picture from the past.



Henry & Tessa, our youngest communion servers, are serving communion on a Wednesday.



KWC Choir Spring Concert



Garden Club meeting



Hospice Volunteer Banquet

In addition to our "church" services & activities, in **ONE WEEK** the church hosted a 60th birthday party, two funerals, a garden club meeting, the Hospice volunteer banquet, and the KWC spring choir performance. It was a BUSY, emotional week!