



# THE CALLER



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) OWENSBORO, KY

From the Preacherman....

I know a lot (and I mean a lot) of people don't care about this, but college football season has started, and few things excite me as much. For many people that is not the case, and I get it, but for me, not many things thrill me as much as the start of football season.

It could be because of the places I have lived. My brother Sean and I filmed games when we were in high school in Eastman, Georgia. I went to college in Athens, Georgia, where football is more religion than mere sporting event. I followed football, high school and college, wherever I have lived, be it Louisville, Kentucky or Elberton, Georgia or Narrows, Virginia or Ellijay, Georgia. In some of those places teams won state championships, a truly remarkable experience. To move to Valdosta, Georgia was a special treat, given that the high school stadiums in South Georgia are bigger than some colleges, and the history richer. Owensboro offers its own deep tradition of football. It matters here.

It could be that I enjoy football season because of the people I meet and the experiences I have at games. Tailgating before and after games, watching on television to see my children in the crowd, the astonishing exhilaration of big wins and the absolute deflation of close losses are experiences that cannot be matched, anywhere, anyplace or anytime. I wouldn't trade those encounters for anything in the world.

However, if I am honest, the ultimate reason I care so much about football has to do with my parents. I remember standing on the sidelines with my father when he coached at Oconee County High School and watching them stop George Rogers of Duluth on the goal line for four straight plays. I remember my mother painting our faces before high school games in Simpsonville, South Carolina. I remember hunkering down by a radio in 1978 straining to hear Larry Munson's call on a cold October night in Lexington, Kentucky. And I remember the last autumn my father and I shared, talking about Georgia football until he talked no more.

I remember and care because the people who were closest to me also cared and passed along their passion and deeply held convictions, not merely with words, but with deeds and actions and in ways I can scarcely name. People like that also passed along their faith, living it out so gently and plainly that it seemed as simple as drinking water from a dipper, cold and clear, washing away everything else that seemed important.

Some things matter. Some things really matter. My family and my faith taught me things that really matter. May yours do so as well.

Peace....Chris

# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>HAPPY ★LABOR★ DAY</b>	3 <b>DWM</b>	4 <b>DWM</b>	5 Refugee Food Pantry	6	7
8 Worship/Sunday School MS/HS Group	9	10 Elders Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	11 <b>DWM</b> Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Elementary Youth Group	12	13	14
15 <i>picnic</i> MS/HS Group Worship/Sunday School	16 Retired Teachers Luncheon 10-1	17 Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	18 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Elementary Youth Group	19 Refugee Food Pantry	20	21
22 MS/HS Group Worship/Sunday School	23	24	25 Men's Fellowship 6:30 am Choir Elementary Youth Group	26	27	28
29 MS/HS Group Worship/Sunday School	30					

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

## Birthdays

1 Stuart Gant  
2 Cate Gaddis  
4 Lucille Fischer  
4 Cherilyn Kizer  
4 Mike Robinson  
5 Emma Roberts

5 Jim Westmoreland  
5 Lily Belcher  
7 Mary Yerington  
11 Nancy Connor  
13 Martha Lee  
13 Anne Carlisle

14 Mike Bruce  
16 Gloria Goodaker  
16 Patty Schrecker  
17 Jackson Kyle  
18 Jim Wimsatt  
18 Reise Elliott

19 Tom Norvell  
19 Ross Johnson  
21 Terry Brownson  
21 Margaret Miller  
21 Katie Sterett  
22 Cheryl Bell

25 Chris Gaddis  
25 Carroll Laswell  
25 Steve Rice  
25 Marilee Thompson  
26 Brenda Hoyt  
26 Norman Woodward  
28 Meghan McKinley  
28 Tom Maddox

## Anniversaries

Kyle & Sara Aud  
Kaitlyn & Adam Fischer  
Wayne & Gloria Goodaker  
Todd & Amy Harper  
Doug & Brenda Hoyt  
Mike & Patty Matthews  
Tab & Vicki Quisenberry  
Tres & Katie Sterett  
Gary & Mary Tunget  
John & Elizabeth Yager

## June Financials

Offering for the Month:	\$33,726
Other Revenue Month:	\$1,016
Total Revenue:	\$34,743
Expenses for the month	\$48,752
Year-to-Date Offering	\$248,506
YTD Other Revenue	\$14,893
YTD Revenue	\$263,399
YTD Expenses	\$255,919
Net for the year	\$7,480
Outreach:	
West Area Disciples CC	\$0
Disciples Mission Fund	\$0
HELP Office	\$1,000
Food Pantry	\$0

*thank you*

"FCC FAMILY, THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS, CARDS, CALLS, VISITS, & PRAYERS DURING MY TIME OF TREATMENT. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND FAITHFULNESS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

LOVE, JO ANNE & JON SKILLMAN

# picnic

**CHURCH PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH  
LEGION PARK @ 5:30 P.M.**

**FCC WILL PROVIDE MEAT &  
DRINKS PLEASE BRING A SIDE!  
ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
WELCOME!**

## MEETINGS

DWM DAY GROUP-  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1:00 P.M. @ FCC

DWM LUNCH GROUP-  
SEPTEMBER 11, 12:00 P.M.  
@ FCC

ELDERS MEETING IS TUESDAY,  
9/10 @ 5:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY,  
9/17 @ 5:30 P.M.

## **DWM** service project

"BACK TO SCHOOL TIME IS UPON US AND THAT MEANS ITS TIME FOR US TO PREPARE TO HELP WITH THE SCHOOLS WHO PROVIDE BACKPACKS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NEEDING A LITTLE EXTRA ASSISTANCE. THE BAGS ARE \$5/WEEK THIS YEAR AND WE TRY TO DO AT LEAST 65. SO, 1 STUDENT FOR THE YEAR IS \$165. ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN GIVE WILL HELP, THANK YOU!"

## **OUTREACH**

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

OUR CHURCH DELIVERS FOOD TO REFUGEE FAMILIES ON THE 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

YOU CAN DELIVER ON ONE OR BOTH THURSDAYS AND IT ONLY TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME. IT WILL BE THE MOST REWARDING HOUR OF YOUR WEEK!

IF INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS MISSION, PLEASE CONTACT TERESA MCKINLEY AT 270-314-9936

## *Youth*

**Middle and High School students are meeting on Sunday nights:**

**2:00 p.m. Chi-Rho Youth Group Meeting**

**4:30 p.m. CYF Youth Group Meeting**

**Elementary aged students will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings!**