

THE CALLER



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Dear Friends,

As we round out our sermon series on the five core values of our church, I am charged to preach this Sunday about “Faith-filled fellowship that binds us together for spiritual enrichment.” When I think about fellowship, the images that come to my mind are almost always images of the church—of experiences that I have had as a result of belonging to a community of faith. I wonder whether that is simply because I grew up in the church and continue to find the church at the center of my vocational and social life, or if there is something distinctly Christian about the relationships that are the hallmark of genuine community. As it often is, the truth is probably somewhere in between. And yet there must be some reason that everything we hear about the early church in scripture is a testament to a post-Easter faith that was lived in the context of community. The church was never to be a gathering of like-minded individuals who had punched their ticket to heaven by “giving their heart to Jesus”, nor consumers of religious knowledge and experiences. Rather, *ecclesia*—the word in the New Testament that is translated “church”—refers to the gathering, community, or fellowship of those who are “called out.” Take the community out of church and there is really nothing left.

That is pretty consistent with my experience too. In fact, the church has taught me just about everything I know about the value and importance of community. The church is where the promises made to my parents at my baptism to “raise and encourage me in the faith” were kept. It is where I began to learn what it means to live as a fellow human being created in the image of God. It is where I have found support in grief, healing in pain, counsel in perplexity, and encouragement when the journey is difficult. It is where I have witnessed people know one another most deeply and care for one another most intensely. Those experiences are not just fond memories. They are living testimony to the character of a God who created us for community: to support and sustain one another, to love and forgive, to teach and encourage. We learn about God in part by learning about our neighbors and living in community.

As I reflect on those lessons—the stories, the experiences, and the relationships woven throughout them—I am grateful. I am grateful for the blessing of the individuals and communities who demonstrate the value of fellowship. And that is one of the many reasons I am grateful for you, First Christian Church. You know a thing or two about the value of faith-filled fellowship. I hope you realize that the kind of fellowship we forge amongst ourselves is part of our testimony in our community. In the midst of a fragmented world, the alternative way of faith-filled fellowship smacks of hope and promise. It proclaims a God who seeks to be in relationship with us marked by love, forgiveness, and common purpose. It is a visible sign of God’s reign here in our midst. And it is part of the way we address the deep hurt of the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. After a week away, I’m looking forward to being back with you on Sunday.

Warmly,
Jake



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome Renee Chandler who is pictured with her son, Landon, into our Church family. The Chandler family resides at 9984 Hwy 405, Maceo, KY 42355.

We are glad you are here!

Our mission is to manifest Christ’s love by empowering all to compassionate service.

Core Values

- Inspirational Worship**
that connects us and sends us forth
- Intellectual Engagement**
that enriches our faith journey through theological exploration
- Compassionate Outreach**
that is extended to meet critical needs
- Authentic Hospitality**
that nurtures and celebrates diversity
- Faith-Filled Fellowship**
that binds us together for spiritual enrichment

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CYF Mission Trip:

Do you have extra American Airlines Frequent Flyer Miles? If you have 70,000 AAdvantage miles, then you could offset the purchase of one of our youth's flight for our upcoming CYF mission trip to Nicaragua. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Bekah immediately, rebekah@fccowb.org or 214-793-8818.

Thank you for considering to give this generous gift!



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Bettie Sue Powers Childers who passed away Tuesday, May 8.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Work Day

May 19 at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Lunch provided. Roofing and general repairs.
Contact Mike Bruce for information.



Congratulations.

to Dr. Craig & Katie Alexander on the birth of their son, Craig Holt Alexander, born May 14. Holt weighed 10 lbs 3 oz. and is welcomed by big sister, Sidney Kathryn. Proud grandparents are Bob & Sue Ann Morris.

Owensboro Medical Health System

Marietta Fleming—4402

Chi-Rho & CYF Activity

Ozone Laser Tag

Sunday, May 20

We will meet after the 2nd service and travel together. Each youth should bring \$10 for laser tag and lunch.

Graduate Recognition—Class of 2012

These graduates will be recognized during 10:30 Worship Service on May 20.

High School

Owensboro High School

Henry Callis

College

Bellarmino University

Shannon Ham
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Ben Hedges
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Saint Louis University

Adair Quisenberry
Bachelor of Science in Nutrition & Dietetics in
Pre-PA Scholars Program

Vanderbilt University

Matthew Holbrook
Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Indiana State University, Terre Haute

Jon Hedges
Bachelor of Science in Criminology

Mercer University

Emily Garrott
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton College

George Callis
Bachelor of Science in Economics with
concentration in Finance

Western Kentucky University

Laura Hedges
Bachelor of Science in Design, Merchandising,
and Textiles

Jamie McLaughlin

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Graduate

University of Cincinnati

Brende Lott
Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery

University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Meg Lawson
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)

Worship for Sunday, May 20

SUNDAY IN WORSHIP		10:30 a.m. SERVING SCHEDULE May 20
May 20 Liturgist: <i>Ken Willis</i> Prelude Offertory Anthem Organist Choir Director Scripture & Sermon Hymns: This Is My Father's World; Near to the Heart of God; In Remembrance of Me; O Christians, Haste; Peace Be upon You	10:30 am Worship Last Sunday of Easter Children's Moment: <i>Rev. Rebekah Krevens</i> "Prelude" Pachelbel "Prayer" Fauré "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" arr. Scott Phyllis Newman Ann Miller Colossians 3:12-17 Rev. Jake Caldwell	Elders: <i>Alpha Jo Luallen and Ginger Norris</i> Deacons: <i>Sue Bethel, Nancy Connor, Jonathan Fleischmann, Leslie Mobley, Vicki Quisenberry, Forrest Roberts, Jo Anne & Jon Skillman</i> Elders serving the hospital: <i>Mark & Janet Luckett</i> Acolyte: <i>Kaley Hall</i> Nursery Workers: <i>8:30 Cathy Midkiff 10:00 Ginger Boehm</i> Children's Worship & Wonder: <i>Sarah Rastorfer</i> Video Taping: <i>Charlie Brown</i> Servers: <i>FaHoLo Class</i> Offering Counters: <i>Carroll & Larkin Hayden</i> <i>Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Steve, Heather, Harper, and Taylor Henry to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve's parents, Virgil & Wanda Harper Henry.</i>
8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: <i>Flem Gordon</i> Children's Moment: <i>Rev. Rebekah Krevens</i> Hymns: I Sing Praises; All Hail King Jesus; Love the Lord Your God; Peace Be upon You		

Church Calendar
SUNDAY, May 20 8:30 am Casual Worship 9:15 am Light Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Graduate Recognition 11:30 am Fellowship & Graduate Reception 11:30 am Chi-Rho & CYF to Ozone 5:00 pm Vespers-Marbrey Hedges 5:30 pm Choir Room in Use
MONDAY, May 21 12:00 pm Men's Lunch Group 6:00 pm Boy & Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Community Garden Mtg
TUESDAY, May 22 6:00 pm Kenny Higgs 7:00 pm Choir Room in Use
WEDNESDAY, May 23 6:30 am MBS @ Panera Bread 5:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, May 24 1:30 pm Bible Study
FRIDAY, May 25 5:30 pm Lighthouse Recovery

Memorial Flowers	STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012														
There are openings for memorial flowers on June 10, July 8, 15, 22, & 29. If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact the church at 684-8879. <i>Thank you!</i>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Offering/Receipts for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$47,158.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses for the Month</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$35,898.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YTD Offering/Receipts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$151,959.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YTD Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$144,028.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Fund Offering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,865.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Fund Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$32,969.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Offering—Easter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,642.00</td> </tr> </table>	Offering/Receipts for the Month	\$47,158.58	Expenses for the Month	\$35,898.42	YTD Offering/Receipts	\$151,959.91	YTD Expenses	\$144,028.33	Capital Fund Offering	\$5,865.00	Capital Fund Expenses	\$32,969.94	Special Offering—Easter	\$1,642.00
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<p style="text-align: center;"> The One Park Place Singers, under the direction of Coralie Runyon-Jones, will present a concert Sunday, May 20 at the One Park Place Assisted Living Facility on Frederica Street at 3:00 in the afternoon. The program, A Sampler of American Music, will feature poetry and familiar songs depicting the history of the nation from the Pilgrims to the present day. Julie White is the accompanist for the chorus and will be joined by her husband, James White on the violin and Connie Ford, flute. Elizabeth Paris will be featured playing a medley of popular music written by American composers. Selections from American poets will be read by Gray Hurt. The public is cordially invited to attend this concert for which there is no admission charge. </p>															
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP JUNE 11—14 8:30 A.M.—11:30 A.M.															
Please contact the church office (684-8879) or fill out the form below and return it to the office by May 20th if you are interested in helping with our Vacation Bible School.															
Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____															
I can help with VBS in the following way (circle <u>all</u> that apply):															
With Registration	Set-up/Clean-up	Provide snacks													
Help with early drop-off	Be a tribe leader (lead small group)	Decorate													
Be a teacher/asst. teacher, choose from the following: storytelling, games, crafts, music, Opening/Closing Ceremony															
Take photos	Serve food	Nursery													
I am available to help on these days: (circle all that apply) M T W TH															

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First Christian Church Summer 2012 Youth Activities

School is almost out and summer break is only days away. There's no reason to be bored this summer. We have plenty of youth activities planned. Below is a schedule of our summer youth activities. More information will be posted as each activity gets closer.

- May 20th Chi-Rho & CYF Youth Activity: Ozone Laser Tag (11:30am—1:30pm)*
27th Youth Activity (all ages going to camp): Make Friendship Bracelets for Camp and Pass out VBS flyers (400-5:30pm)
- JUNE 1st Chi-Rho Lock-In (7pm-8am)
3rd CYF Mission Trip Meeting (11:30am)
10th Decorate for Vacation Bible School (all ages) (11:30am)
10th-16th CYF Camp
11th-14th Vacation Bible School (all ages) (8:30-11:30am)
18th-23rd Chi-Rho Camp
24th CYF Activity: Go out to eat for lunch (11:30am)
29th-1st Mini Camp
- JULY 1st Final CYF Mission Trip Meeting (11:30am)
4th-11th CYF Mission Trip
6th-8th Discovery Camp
11th West Area Holiday World Trip** (travel on your own)
16th First Christian Youth – Holiday World Trip** (8:30am)*
29th Chi-Rho & CYF Mystery Trip

*Chi-Rho = Middle School Youth & CYF = High School Youth

*For all activities we will meet at the church at the starting time.

**The official West Area Holiday World trip is scheduled during the CYF mission trip, so I have scheduled a separate trip to Holiday World for our youth. Our youth are invited to go to one or both events. We will take the church bus on July 16th.