



THE CALLER

Kyle's Korner

Sometimes, inconsistencies drive me crazy. When I see them in myself, I am frustrated. When I see inconsistencies in others, I get judgmental and think unkind thoughts. We all have them, yet the ones that seem to get my feathers ruffled the most are the snapshots we take. For instance, a few days ago I saw a minivan with a "Choose Life" license plate excessively speeding and darting in and out of lanes of traffic. One of my thoughts: Whose life is being valued now? Certainly not the others on the road with them.

The other snapshot that got me thinking was seeing the driver of a Toyota Prius (you know, the ones with the hybrid engine that is good for the environment) discard a cigarette butt, an empty cup, and other trash on the side of the road. One of my thoughts: They must have paid a lot of money for the environment saving engine to justify trashing the environment.

At any given moment, we can be "caught" contradicting our most cherished values. Those that capture that moment will think less of our values. They might even choose to throw it back in our face when it suits them to do so. Yet, we should continue to have those values and work hard to implement them into our daily living.

No one is perfect. Even the most gifted will fall short from time to time. LeBron James still misses the occasional lay-up. Peyton Manning still fumbled the snap from the center sometimes. Beautiful models can sometimes have an ugly expression on their face in a photograph. TV reporters and news anchors get their tongues tied by words every now and then.

We all stand in need of grace and forgiveness. Our faith tells us that we have it at all times from God through Jesus Christ. Yet, we need to extend it to one another too. You know, love one another as Jesus loves you. It's helpful to forgive yourself when you make a mistake and/or fall short of your expectations. Then, you have a model on how to forgive others when they mess up too.

The month of May is filled with celebrations. This Sunday, May 1, we will honor our high school graduates. These young people have been a part of the life and ministry of this congregation for their formative years. We are family and we celebrate with them this wonderful milestone in their lives.

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April Budget Corner

General Budget needed per month	\$22,522.67
General Budget received in April	\$16,684.00
Building Accounts received in April	\$ 40.00

As we prepare for this next chapter, it is necessary to remind ourselves to give, why we give, and what is most important in our ministry together. Sermons through the month of April will not only touch on how we are filled with new life, but how we might invest our ministry resources for greater impact on our community and the world.

Next Sunday, May 8, we will honor all women in worship on Mother's Day. It a day to celebrate life and honor those who gave birth to us.

Then, Sunday, May 15, is Pentecost Sunday -- the birthday of the Church and coming of the Holy Spirit to us. As far as Christian holidays go, it's probably the most underappreciated day. Yet, it is important for us to acknowledge that day in our worship. Please plan to wear red that day. Red is the color we give to the Holy Spirit -- the color of the tongues of flame that give vision to the Holy Spirit in our midst.

If you don't wear red that day, know that you will be forgiven. Still, theologian Patrick D. Miller once said that the distance between the way we go and the way Christ goes is a call to repentance and a need for forgiveness and grace.

Finally, May 29 is Memorial Sunday. In our prayer time, we will honor those who have lost their lives in service to our country. We have much to celebrate as a community and many people to honor. During this time of year, we are winding down school year activities and getting ready for summer festivities. In all of it, may we see God's grace alive and active in these moments of joy, celebration, and honor. May we seek to find that grace in the midst of our congregation and share it with others who are in need.

I'll see you Sunday.

Kyle

GOOD SAMARITAN Food Needs for May

Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in April. This month Good Sam is need of cereal & crackers. Your continued support is very much appreciated!



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS! 1916-2016

Musgrave Pencil Company Inc. will be celebrating 100 years of manufacturing in June. Please join the Hulan Family on Friday, June 10, 2016 as they celebrate their family owned business. Lunch will be provided along with tours from 12:00 noon—2:00 pm

RSVP by June 1 to lynn@pencils.net or call 800-736-2450





NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery is provided during the Worship service for our infants through four year olds. Barbara

Thompson is our wonderful and dedicated Nursery staff person, who is in her 39th year at First Christian Church!

May 1	Buie Williams
May 8	Evelyn Coffey
May 15	Mattie Ray Wiser
May 22	need a volunteer
May 29	Kay Simmons

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Worship and Wonder: Children ages 3 years old through fifth grade are welcome to join Donnye and Bonnye Fields following the praise hymn the 1st & 3rd Sunday of this month for their own special time of worship in the Worship and Wonder room and sometimes in Class Rooms 2 & 3.

May 1	Worship and Wonder
May 15	Worship and Wonder

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school for adults, children & youth from ages 4 through 12th grade.

The Caring & Sharing class will be starting a new study on May 8. They will be studying Adam Hamilton's new book, "Half Truths" which explores popular sayings that miss the point. We will join Adam in his search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture. All are welcome to join us. Class starts at 9:00 am.

ELDERS MEET

The Elders will meet Sunday, May 15, at 8:00 am

BOARD MEETS

The board will meet Sunday, May 15, at 5:30 pm

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet Sunday, May 8, at 7:30 am for Breakfast. Speaker to be announced.

DISCIPLES WOMEN (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 9:30 am with Helping Hands, a light lunch (provided) at 11:30 am and a program at noon.

Our guest speaker will be Rhonda Reed., who will share highlights of their recent world tour.

CIRCLES MEET

Circle I - Tuesday, May 17, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor.

Circle III - Tuesday, May 17, at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.



In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living

Carriage House Inn

Rose Marie Clark
Mary Lynn Prince

Glenn Oaks
Albert Smithson

Brookdale Senior Living
Cornelia Riddle

At Home

Lisa Adams
Janie Bartlette
Sandy Craig
Terry Craig
Missy Eakin
Brenda Hancock
Buddy Haynes
Virginia Ann Haynes
Miles McCullough
Curtis Morton
Annette Palmer
Leighton Reed
JoAnn Smith
Ted York

May 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11:15 am Graduates Reception	2	3	4 7 pm Choir	5 Noon-National Day of Prayer	6	7
8 Men's Breakfast	9	10 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am CWF	11 7 pm Choir	12	13	14
MOTHER'S DAY						
15 PENTECOST 8:00 am Elders Meet 5:30 pm Board Meets	16	17 2 pm Circle I 6 pm Circle III	18 7 pm Choir	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 7 pm Choir	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31 5:30 pm T-Ball Parents Meeting				



May Birthdays

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| 3 Frank Philpott | 24 Tera Davis |
| 4 Jimmy Clark | Cory Smith |
| 5 Wallace Hancock | 25 Ted York |
| 7 Rhonda Reed | 29 Iris Schumann |
| 8 Chris Simmons | 30 Amy Philpott |
| 9 Tom Hulan | 31 Chris Boggs |
| 10 Alix Harwell | |
| 11 Bonnye Fields | |
| Donnye Fields | |
| Sarah Riddle Caperton | |
| 12 Brandon Byrd | |
| 16 Andi Harwell | |
| 21 Carol Crouse | |
| 22 Ruby Taylor | |

May Elders

Terry Craig
Lynn Riddle

May Deacons

May 1 Group 4
May 8 Group 1
May 15 Group 2
May 22 Group 3
May 29 Group 4