



THE CALLER

Kyle's Korner

As Pentecost Sunday is recently in the rearview mirror and we look forward to what else the Holy Spirit can do in ministry with us, I am reflecting on the first 14 years of my ministry -- particularly the time I spent counseling and directing church camps.

One of the joys of that time was watching young people claim their faith and talk about how they want to experience the church differently. These young people had deep faith and wanted to witness to that faith, but their churches back home weren't really interested in hearing their voices. The adults in their churches loved that they were present -- usually in the back row of pews or the balcony -- but rarely were they invited to speak.

Through the joy of social media, I have had the luxury of being able to stay connected to many of these "kids" who were campers. Today, they live all over the country and are doing amazing things in their professional and personal lives. Many are still connected to a faith community and continue to live their deep faith.

The same can't be said for many of their same age peers. Many late 20 and 30 somethings and even a few in their 40's (I can't believe that I am THAT old), have taken a path that no longer includes a faith community. Many felt as if their voice didn't matter and they walked out of the doors of that church and never walked into the doors of another. But, they are searching. Maybe not like generations that came before them, but they are searching and longing for a connection to a faith community -- a place to belong.

A Disciples' clergy colleague relayed this experience last week: "Talked to an actual millennial today looking for a church, yes they exist. Her thoughts? I can't go there cuz I don't believe in that and I can't go there because it's too much of a production. I grew up Catholic but I can't go there because it's changed so much it's not familiar anymore. Maybe I just don't know what I'm really looking for.

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May Budget Corner

General Budget needed per month	\$22,522.67
General Budget received in May	\$15,063.00
Building Accounts received in May	\$150.00

So there it is.....Maybe none of us really know what any of us really want in church and that's why this is hard."

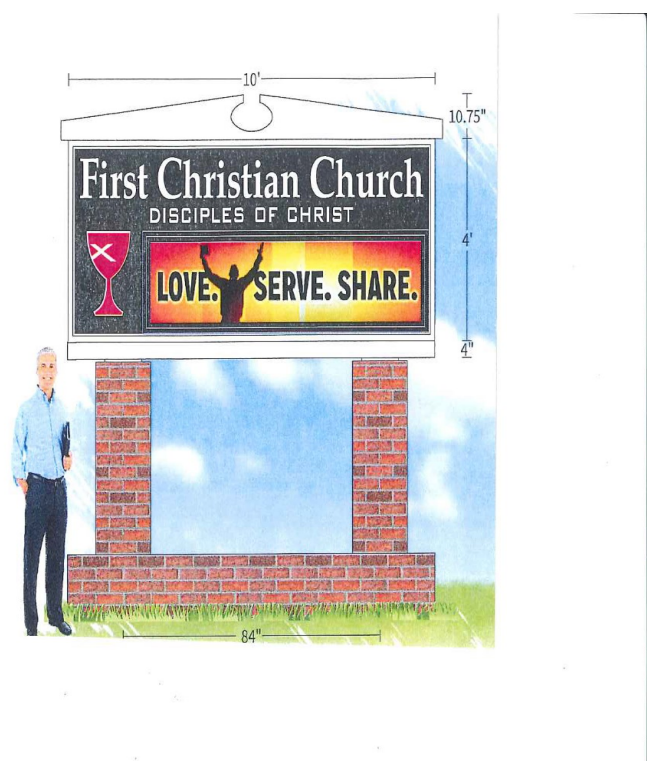
Currently, the voice of young people and folks new to the Christian faith is quiet in our congregation. It won't be quiet forever because the flames of the Holy Spirit are burning hot to cleanse, refine, and renew. The breath of the Holy Spirit is filling us with new life to invigorate us beyond our current situation. We are the perfect place for those seeking a faith connection in a broken, complex world to find it. We can and will be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world that Shelbyville and Bedford County need. Will we be ready when the Spirit moves?

I'll see you Sunday.

Kyle

GOOD SAMARITAN Food Needs for June

Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in May. This month Good Sam is need of canned goods: fruit, vegetables, meats etc. Your continued support is very much appreciated!



Coming This Summer!

For months the Board has talked about ways to increase the visibility of our church in the community. A new sign is ONE of those ways. The large permanent name of the church and chalice will help folks identify us. An LED changeable sign will help us deliver current relevant information as we embark on a new phase of ministry at First Christian. A BIG thank you to Kay Dennis for leading this project and to the Board for helping to make it a reality.



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!

June 5	Hilda Smith
June 12	Cathy Haithcote
June 19	Ellen Taylor
June 26	Blaire Cartwright

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.

June 5	Worship and Wonder
June 19	Worship and Wonder

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

ELDERS MEET

The Elders will meet Sunday, June 19, at 8:00 am

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will not meet during the summer months. They will resume in September.

DISCIPLES WOMEN (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, June 14, beginning at 9:30 am with Helping Hands, bring a sack lunch at 11:30 am and at noon we will have a short business meeting followed by a time of sharing. This will be the last meeting until September.

CIRCLES MEET

Circle I - Tuesday, June 21, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor.

Circle III - Tuesday, June 21, 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
Ernie Brewbaker
Terry & Sandy Craig
Missy Eakin
Joel Haithcote
Brenda Hancock
Virginia Ann Haynes
Miles McCullough
Curtis Morton
Annette Palmer
Leighton Reed
JoAnn Smith
Ted York

June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 5 pm TBall practice	8	9 5 pm TBall practice	10	11
12	13	14 9:30 am Help- ing Hands 11:30 am CWF 5 pm TBall practice	15	16 5 pm TBall practice	17	18
19 8 am Elders Meet	20	21 2 pm Circle I 6 pm Circle III 5 pm TBall practice	22	23 5 pm TBall practice	24	25
26	27	28 5:30 pm TBall game	29	30 5:30 pm TBall game		



June Birthdays

1	Elsie Reese Samuel Sinquefield Fay Womble
3	Anita Fields Micky Pietkiewicz
10	Buddy Taylor
13	Janie Burke Rose Marie Clark
20	Kelly Pietkiewicz Shirley Smith
25	Naomi Thompson
30	Zach Warren

June Elders

Wilma Beam (6/5 & 26)
Frank Douglas (6/12)
Lynn Riddle (6/19)
Wayne Schumann (WL)

June Deacons

June 5 Group 1
June 12 Group 2
June 19 Group 3
June 26 Group 4