



# THE CALLER

## Kyle's Korner

It's summer. There is a lot going on in people's lives that take them away from church on Sunday mornings -- vacations, family gatherings, extra activities, and general busyness to fill our days and nights. Some of you may have taken advantage of a wonderful summer weekend and missed worship on Sunday. In case you did, here is a quick recap of Sunday's sermon:

We all want to control what goes on in our lives -- personally, professionally, socially, and more. However, things happen everyday that show us that we aren't in control of anything -- despite our best efforts. When that reality smacks us in the face, we become overwhelmed, anxious, depressed, confused and often feel isolated, even from the ones we love and who love us the most.

My spiritual/theological point on Sunday was that when Jesus set his face to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-62), it was not to go there and assume control of the government, economy, and every other element of society. Rather, it was to go there and become completely immersed in the chaos that is human life -- pain, suffering, confusion, brokenness, and even death. God, through Jesus, shows us that God is not that kind of controlling God. God, through Jesus, shows us that God is willing to feel everything we feel, experience everything we experience, hold us, love us, and bring us to the other side of that experience.

We are blessed to worship a God who desires to be in deep relationship with each of us, to intimately and fully know us. God desires to maintain that relationship with us for every moment of every day that we walk on this earth. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ."

So, while we experience chaos and being overwhelmed by the things we cannot control, we know that we are never alone, never separated from the deepest relationship, the most complete love we can ever know.

I am confident that folks who were present heard this message and maybe a whole lot more. I'm okay with people interpreting the word through the lens and/or filter of their own experience and faith journey. I am okay with people accusing me of stirring the calm waters of this congregation. I am here to do that, in part. But, know that what I am doing as a leader and as a preacher is piquing your imagination about what life looks like when we live the Christian faith.

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### June Budget Corner

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| General Budget needed per month    | \$22,522.67 |
| General Budget received in June    | \$13,655.00 |
| Building Accounts received in June | \$40.00     |

I am not setting out a plan but casting a vision for people to view as we work to build the Kingdom of God on earth. We pray the prayer every Sunday, not my will, but "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." But like I said on Sunday, we too often let our experience, our plan, dictate our faith rather than letting Jesus be Jesus to lead us forward on the path building God's Kingdom on earth.

We are a little over a month away from celebrating the first 150 years of ministry of First Christian Church in Shelbyville. We have much to celebrate. Yet, as we look forward building God's Kingdom on earth, we have an opportunity to shape what the next 150 years of ministry in this congregation. What a witness that will be!

I'll see you Sunday.

Kyle

### **GOOD SAMARITAN Food Needs for July**

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



### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS 150 YEARS OLD!**

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 14, 2016**



Call it a Birthday, or call it a Homecoming! We will be celebrating this monumental time in the life of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Following worship, we will have a Pot Luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Previous Ministers will be invited as well as all members, past and present. There will be lots of memorabilia set up from the past for all to see and reminisce about.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the past and look forward to making more memories for the future of First Christian Church!

### **MARCUS YOUNG CONCERT**

Many of you know Marcus Young. He sings in our choir on a regular basis as well as doing vocal specials in our Worship Service from time to time. Marcus is currently doing his "Eyes Wide Open Tour" and will be doing a concert, Sunday, August 7, at 2 pm at First Christian Church. A love offering will be taken up following the concert and his CD's will be for sale in the Gathering area.



## 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!

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|---------|------------------|
| July 3  | need a volunteer |
| July 10 | Kay Simmons      |
| July 17 | Mattie Ray Wiser |
| July 24 | Jane Bartlette   |
| July 31 | need a volunteer |

A clipboard will be passed around during worship this month to sign up for volunteers for the 2016-2017 year.

## 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.

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| July 3  | Worship and Wonder |
| July 17 | 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, July 17, at 8:00 am

## BOARD MEET

The Board will meet Sunday, July 17, at 5:30 pm

## 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 not meet during the summer months. This also includes Helping Hands. They will both resume in September.

## CIRCLE MEETS

Circle I - Tuesday, July 19, at 2:00 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  
Brenda Hancock  
Virginia Ann Haynes  
Kevin Johnson  
Miles McCullough  
Curtis Morton  
Annette Palmer  
JoAnn Smith  
Ted York

# July 2016



| SUN                             | MON                   | TUE                                           | WED | THU                                           | FRI                          | SAT |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|
|                                 |                       |                                               |     |                                               | 1                            | 2   |
| 3                               | 4<br>OFFICE<br>CLOSED | 5                                             | 6   | 7<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game                   | 8                            | 9   |
| 10                              | 11                    | 12<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game                  | 13  | 14<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game                  | 15                           | 16  |
| 17<br>8 am Elders<br>5:30 Board | 18                    | 19<br>2 pm Circle I<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game | 20  | 21<br>10 am CBS mtg<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game | 22                           | 23  |
| 24                              | 25                    | 26<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game                  | 27  | 28<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game                  | 29<br>5:30 pm T Ball<br>Game | 30  |
| 31                              |                       |                                               |     |                                               |                              |     |



## July Birthdays

- 1 Susan Derryberry
- 3 Becky Cortner
- 6 Tom Bierovic
- 8 Carl "Terry" Craig
- 9 Wade Crick  
Anne McMahon
- 13 Ashton Crick
- 17 Tommy Beam
- 18 Lynne Farrar
- 20 Jennifer Carden
- 22 Dennis Farrar
- 24 Gerrell Haynes
- 25 Linda Yockey
- 27 Marky Gilmore

## July Elders

- Henry Hulan
- Wayne Schumann (WL)

## July Deacons

- July 1 Group #1
- July 10 Group #2
- July 17 Group #3
- July 24 Group #4
- July 31 Group #1