



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SHELBYVILLE, TN 931-684-7467

# THE CALLER

## Kyle's Korner

A few years ago as part of my Lenten journey, I engaged in the study "Walking the Footsteps of Jesus." This study took a look at places Jesus went, people Jesus met, and things Jesus said. I spent some time reflecting on passages from the Gospels in their historical, geographic, and cultural contexts -- all to discern what message Jesus was trying to communicate to the first readers of the Gospels and us. The study was fruitful for me to look at those places and that context as I reflected on Jesus' message when he lived on earth and how that message might live anew in me.

We are bringing this year's Lenten journey to a close. Next Sunday, April 9, we turn our attention to the last week of Jesus' earthly journey. We will celebrate Palm Sunday during worship. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was a fantastic experience for those who were closest to Jesus. Yet, the days of that week were high drama in Jesus' life and ministry. His footsteps would take him to many places that called Jesus to a bolder and more confrontational place against the religious and political leadership. Jesus made a mess in the Temple, talked of the Last Judgment, and washed his disciples' feet in an act of true servanthood and discipleship.

Plan to come to worship on Thursday, April 13, as we will observe the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal and arrest in our Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. This service will focus on the evening and night of Jesus' arrest and the expectant hope of Christ's victory over death. We begin the service in the light with communion and move to darkness as we experience the betrayal and rejection of Jesus on that last night of Jesus' life.

We claim hope and faith that the cross was not the final expression of Jesus' earthly experience. On Easter Sunday, April 16, we will worship God in a full celebration of Christ's victory over death in his resurrection. Our journey from the ashes of our failings and humanity to the cross and the Empty Tomb will be complete. We are able to only walk so far in the footsteps of Jesus -- to the cross. There are steps that Jesus must take alone. Yet, we are assured that we will join him again outside the Empty Tomb.

My friends, come to worship and celebrate God's activity in your life. Come to worship and experience God's radical love for you. In Christ we have a sure foundation and a deep love. It is time to experience that love once again.

I'll see you Sunday.  
Kyle



## March Budget Corner

General Budget received in March	\$11,562.00
Building Accounts received in March	\$ 0

## WELCOME SAMUEL DEAN PHILPOTT !!!

Please join us in Worship on April 23 to welcome our newest member as Benji & Amy Philpott dedicate their son, Samuel Dean Philpott, to First Christian Church!



### T-BALL 2017 NEEDS YOU!

There are plenty of jobs and time for service. Please add your name either by email or on the congregational sign up sheets. Specific dates and times will be available as the 2017 season is finalized. Thank you for your service and commitment to this vital 34 year of First Christian Church Ministry!

Tuesday, April 25, members of First Christian Church will be volunteering their services to the Community Soup Kitchen at the First Methodist Church on the Square. We will only be meeting, greeting and serving this time. They begin serving at 5:00 pm so volunteers should be there no later than 4:30. There will be a sign up sheet available on the Communication table to volunteer.



## GOOD SAMARITAN

### Food Needs



Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in supporting Good Samaritan. No matter what time of year it is, Good Sam is always in need of food. We will continue to ask for any of the following: canned meats, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, crackers and peanut butter. You may also bring other kinds of food that is not mentioned above. Your continued support is very much appreciated!

## FLOWER CROSS FOR EASTER

Last Easter Sunday, many of us participated in placing flowers and greenery in the PVC pipe/chicken wire-covered cross. What began as a black, rough and unattractive shape evolved into a powerful symbol of rebirth once it was covered in beautiful, fresh spring flowers and greenery. We smiled and enjoyed its beauty during the Easter service. Our hearts were touched and our understanding of the Resurrection was underscored as the cross was carried down the aisle and out onto the front porch for all who drove by to see.

On this Easter morning, remember to bring flowers, branches from flowering shrubs or green branches to decorate the Flower Cross. If our early spring weather leaves your yard without bulbs and shrubbery blooming on Easter morning, then magnolia leaves, boxwood, clumps of long, green grass tied securely or tree branches with young leaves will serve as perfect additions. We hope that everyone who comes to worship on Easter morning will add something to the Flower Cross. There will be extra items available for those who forget or for our visiting guests.



## 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.

April 2           Worship and Wonder  
April 16          Worship and Wonder

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday School for adults. The Adult SS Class, led by Ruth Cartwright, meets in the Parlor. The Caring & Sharing Class, led by Wayne Schumann, meets in room 11. The Cross & Chalice Class, led by Frank Douglas meets in room 15. Classes begins at 9:00 am.

## ELDERS MEETS

The Elders will meet Sunday, April 23, at 8:00 am.

## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will host our monthly Congregational Breakfast on April 9, at 7:45 am. Kyle will continue with our monthly Congregational Conversation immediately following breakfast.

**CWF** will meet April 11, 2017 beginning with Helping Hands at 9:30 am, followed by a sack lunch at 11:30 am. Roxanna Francesconi will be our guest speaker.

## CIRCLE I

Circle I will meet, March 21, 2:00 pm in the Parlor

## CIRCLE III

Circle III will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 4:30 pm

## In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living

*Carriage House Inn*

Rose Marie Clark  
Mary Lynn Prince  
Carolyn Ray

*The Heart Remembers*

Mattie Ray Wiser

*Brookdale Senior Living*

Cornelia Riddle

*Celebration Way*

Harriet Melson

## At Home

Lisa Adams  
Ernie Brewbaker  
Edna King  
Wallace & Brenda Hancock  
Virginia Ann Haynes  
Edna King  
Eric Newell  
Annette Palmer  
Kerry Thompson  
Naomi Thompson  
Ted York



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9	Palm Sunday	10:00 am
April 13	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
April 16	Easter Sunday	10:00 am

## Reading Through the Bible Schedule

### April

1	1 Samuel 10-12	Psalm 89:19-52
2	1 Samuel 13-15	Psalm 90
3	1 Samuel 16-19	Psalm 91
4	1 Samuel 20-22	Psalm 92
5	1 Samuel 23-25	Psalm 93
6	1 Samuel 26-28	Psalm 94
7	1 Samuel 29-31	Ecclesiastes 1
8	John 1-3	Ecclesiastes 2
9	OFF -- PALM SUNDAY	
10	John 4-6	Ecclesiastes 3
11	John 7-9	Ecclesiastes 4
12	John 10-12	Ecclesiastes 5
13	John 13-15	Ecclesiastes 6
14	John 16-18	Ecclesiastes 7
15	John 19-21	Ecclesiastes 8
16	OFF -- EASTER SUNDAY	
17	2 Samuel 1-3	Ecclesiastes 9
18	2 Samuel 4-7	Ecclesiastes 10
19	2 Samuel 8-10	Ecclesiastes 11
20	2 Samuel 11-13	Ecclesiastes 12
21	2 Samuel 14-17	Proverbs 18
22	2 Samuel 18-20	Proverbs 19
23	OFF	
24	2 Samuel 21-24	Proverbs 20
25	Colossians	Proverbs 21
26	Philippians	Proverbs 22
27	Amos 1-3	Proverbs 23
28	Amos 4-6	Proverbs 24
29	Amos 7-9	Proverbs 25
30	OFF	

# April 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7 pm Choir	2 9:30 am CBS	3	1
2	3	4	5 7 pm Choir	6 9:30 am	7	8
9 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 7:45 am Congregational Breakfast & Conversation. 6 pm Community Palm Sunday Serv.	10	11 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am CWF	12 7 pm Choir	13 9:30 am CBS 6:30 pm Maunday Thurs. Serv.	14 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	15
16 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	17	18 2 pm Circle I 4:30 pm Circle III	19 7 pm Choir	20 9:30 am CBS	21	22
23 10 am Dedication of Sam Philpott	24	25 4:30 pm Commu- nity Soup Kitch- en	26 7 pm Choir	27 9:30 CBS	28	29
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Fellowship Hall floor being waxed



### April Birthdays

- 4 Preston Hall
- 6 Curtis Morton  
Larry Price
- 10 Cornelia Riddle  
Mary Lynn Prince
- 13 Sally Bellar  
Beth Parameswaran
- 14 Lucy Mitchell
- 18 Ray Crouse  
Phil Womble
- 19 Virginia Parrish
- 22 Sandy Gilmore
- 23 Eric Richardson
- 26 Lisa Adams

### April Elders

- Bobby Newell
- Rhonda Reed

### April Deacons

- Need volunteers