

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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SUNDAY SERVICE

July 2, 2017

Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Sermon: "Following Where God Leads"  
Rev. Jackie Summers

Scripture: Genesis 24: 1-9, 34\*38, 42-49, 58-67

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

June 18: 89

June 25: 86

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*First Christian Church*



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**GENERAL BOARD VOTES TO FORWARD REV. TERESA HORD OWENS TO  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS THE NOMINEE FOR GENERAL MINISTER AND  
PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



The Search Committee for the General Church had more than 40 people recommended last summer, nine of them were screened in accordance with the search process and four were interviewed in person. Rev. Hord Owens has been recommended to the General Board and they have voted to forward her as the nominee for GMP of the Christian Church (DoC). What they saw in her was that unique combination of pastoral leadership, active presence in all expressions of the church and administrative experience that was needed.

Hord Owens has been a Disciple since young adulthood. Currently, she serves as Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor at FCC (DoC) of Downers Grove, IL. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations and the mentoring of youth and young adults. She is married to Walters Owens, Jr. with whom she will soon celebrate 30 years of marriage and they are proud parents of an adult son.

Here are a few interesting things about Rev. Hord Owens. Her favorite Bible verses are John 17: 23 and Micah 6:8. The person who influenced her most in her faith life was her grandfather, Rev. Noel Hord who was a leader and shaper of young adults where she grew up in Terre Haute, IN. The part of her ministry that brings her the most joy is to "be and share the Good News" through the church's commitment to living into Christian unity. If elected, she will be the first African-American woman to lead a mainline denomination in the United States. Music is a big part of her life, she sings in her church choir, her husband is a choir director and her son is a music producer. Her favorite hymn is "Great is Thy Faithfulness" which reminds her that God's mercies are new every morning and God's provisions for her and the church is always refreshing and constant. She loves anything chocolate.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### HERO CENTRAL

#### Discover Your Strength in God

Saturday, July 22 - registration starting at 8:15 am, Opening Session at 9 am. Closing Session at 5 pm with supper for all attending, plus families. Registration forms are available in the church office!

### SAFE HAVEN

Safe Haven will be having a Volunteer Fair at their facility 217 West Third Street. The fair will be on Saturday, July 8 from 10am-12pm. We are looking for the following positions:

**Volunteer Office Assistant** to manage the day to day office duties such as answering the phone and completing intake information on new residents. Computer skills are needed and people skills are a must.

**Volunteer House Manger**, all shifts, to answer the door, manage the pantry and laundry facilities, assisting residents by answering questions, enforcing shelter guidelines and doing weekly room inspections.

**Volunteer Case Management Coordinator** to assist clients in goal setting, developing a plan of action and then reviewing the plan on a weekly basis. If you are a woman who enjoys working with other women and children, please join us for light refreshments at 930 am and registration at 10 am, as well as a shelter tour, brief instructional presentation and testimonials.

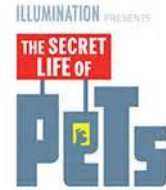


### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Sept. 22-24 for the Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott. It is a great opportunity to get away and recharge yourself spiritually with other women. Watch for more details on theme, keynote speakers and cost (less than \$100 for the week-end!)

## FLAT JESUS

If you missed out on receiving a Flat Jesus, please ask in the church office for a copy. You color and laminate Flat Jesus to travel with you this summer. Please take photos with Flat Jesus as you travel or have fun at home and post your pictures on the church Facebook page. We may also share your photos on our church website.



### SUMMER MOVIES

Here is the schedule for summer movies that we will attend as a church this summer:

Wed, July 19 - Secret Life of Pets

Wed, July 26 - Sing



The movies begin at 9:30 in Princeton, but we will gather at the church at 8:30 to leave. Please call the church office by Tuesday of each week so we can plan for space for everyone. All ages are welcome, but younger than kindergarten must have an adult with them.

### IKEA OUTING



There will be an outing to IKEA in St. Louis on Friday, July 14. The outing will include shopping and lunch at IKEA, with a possible stop at the mall on our way home depending on time. We will also eat supper on the way home. Meals and shopping expense are on your own. If you are interested in going, please contact the church office. We are asking a donation of \$10/person to cover gas for the trip.

## Why Grandma gave.....



One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

Please join us as we gather for a religious service at the amphitheater on Market Street. Help Celebrate Freedom!  
Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM – Bring lawn chairs!  
\*Inclement weather moves the event to Heartland Worship Center

### SERVING IN JULY



**Deacons:** Gary Bellessa, Marilyn Bellessa, Ken Burkitt, Chuck Wiles, Larry Boewe, Lizzie Ireland  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Communion Preparers:** Esther Calverley & Doris Deputy  
**Sanctuary Straightener:** Janice Alka  
**Elder on Call:** Judy Sigler

**Acolytes:** Luke Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

### OFFERING - June 18, 2017

General	\$1,653.00
Sunday School	8.00
Blessing Basket	28.00
Website	200.00
Fellowship Time	21.75
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$1,918.75

### OFFERING - June 25, 2017

General	\$2,514.00
Blessing Basket	2.00
Camp Fees	165.00
Mission Trip	28.00
Website	100.00
Outreach	8.00
Books	<u>120.00</u>
Total:	\$2,937.00



## Independence Day lessons for church life

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.



**Our Prayer List**

Sylvia Spencer, Tammy, Ben Conrad, Billie Sue “Sudie” Morris, Tony, Scott Nettleton, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Frank Pixley, Mary Faye Wyatt, Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long, Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Cindy Hocking, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo, Mindy Newsum, Tammy White, Stu Grant, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Diane Whitenack, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Larry Peterson, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it’s leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.



# July 2017

Senior Group Meets Every Wednesday  
from 10:00 AM –2:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Fellowship Time	3 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Membership 4:45 PM	4  Independence Day	5 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group	6 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	7	8 General Assembly
9 General Assembly	10 Exercise 9-9:45 AM General Assembly	11 Christian Action 5:00 PM Counseling Anxiety Group 7-8:30 PM General Assembly	12 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Movie Day Senior Group General Assembly	13 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	14	15 IKEA Trip
16 Fellowship Time Chi Rho Camp Cluster Picnic	17 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Chi Rho Camp World Outreach 5:00 pm	18 Counseling Chi Rho Camp Stewardship 6:00	19 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Movie Day Senior Group BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Chi Rho Camp	20 Exercise 9-9:45 AM COOKIE DAY Chi Rho Camp	21 Chi Rho Camp	22 VBS 8:30am-5:00 pm Chi Rho Camp
23 JYF Camp <hr/> 30 HOT BREAKFAST	24 Exercise 9-9:45 AM JYF Camp ~~~~~ 31 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	25 Counseling Grief Group 7-8:30 PM  JYF Camp	26 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Movie Day Senior Group  JYF Camp	27 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  JYF Camp	28 JYF Camp Post-High Camp	29 JYF Camp Post-High Camp







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| 1  | Tim Wiser                                     | 13 | Johnathan Foshee<br>Duane Lewis                     |
| 2  | McKinnon Anderson                             |    |   |
| 4  | Debbie Calverley                              | 14 | Wes Brooke<br>Evelyn Frick<br>Colin Matthew Lathrop |
| 5  | Kathy Foshee<br>Barbara Escobedo              | 17 | Jayla Rose Griggs                                   |
| 6  | Logan Baker                                   | 20 | Fred Jackson  |
| 7  | Jeff Foshee<br>Amanda Andrews<br>Bernie Wyatt | 22 | Mary Jo Luth<br>Paula Street                        |
| 8  | Barry Roberts                                 | 23 | Avery Joelle Swift                                  |
| 10 | Kaycee Lewis                                  | 26 | Emily Waterbury                                     |
| 12 | Chuck Wiles                                   | 29 | Emma Mayhue<br>Bill Berry                           |
|    |   | 30 | Brianna Meyer                                       |

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| 1  | Curt & Lesley Hipsher   |
| 5  | Mike & Linda Gill   |
| 11 | Jim & Jackie Summers  |
| 17 | Dennis & Kay Mundy<br>Melvin & Marilyn Hocking<br>Lisa & Ben Benedict |
| 21 | Don & Betty Tharp   |