

First Christian Church Newsletter

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Welcome wholly.
Love authentically.
Share God's grace abundantly.

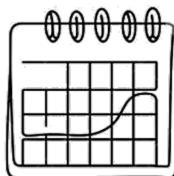
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Upcoming Events

- **Sun, May 17—Worship Service** at 10:00 am
Join us each Sunday, in person or online, via Facebook and YouTube!
- **Tues, May 19—Women's Bible Study** at 2:00 pm
Open to anyone non-binary or fem-identifying who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study. A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to everyone on the Bible Study list serv prior to the call. To be added to the Bible Study list serv, [email the church office](#).
- **Sun, May 24—Worship Service** at 10:00 am
Join us each Sunday, in person or online, via Facebook and YouTube!
- **Mon, May 25—Memorial Day**
- **Tues, May 26—Women's Bible Study** at 2:00 pm
Open to anyone non-binary or fem-identifying who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study. A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to everyone on the Bible Study list serv prior to the call. To be added to the Bible Study list serv, [email the church office](#).



Letter from Pastor Dan

Greetings From the Pastor:

Well it's official, our first week together is in the books! My family and I really appreciate

the outpouring of welcome and love from the congregation. I am slowly getting to know you all,

thank you for your patience and grace as I find my way in our ministry together.

I generally have my bible verses picked out a month to six weeks in advance but I am

always happy to write a sermon around questions or suggestions from the congregation. If you

have questions about the bible, sermon ideas/illustrations, whatever, please reach out to me!

Some of my best sermons are inspired by interactions and collaborations with the congregation.

I was thinking about having office hours a couple times a week in a coffee shop or office

space in Covington. That way I would be in a set place and time if anyone wanted to drop by

and chat? If this sounds like something that would be useful please drop me a line via

text/email.

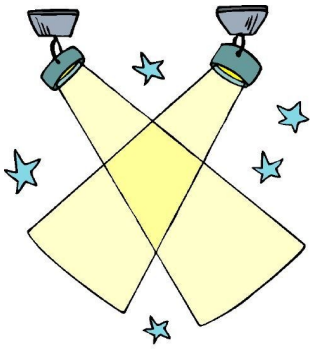
I am slowly working my way through the church directory and introducing myself. If you

would like to set up a time to meet and get to know one another reach out to me!

If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care do not hesitate to call/text/email.

I am filled with excitement for what the Great Spirit has in store for us!

Spotlight: Sterling Staggs



Welcome to the Spot-light, Sterling!

As you read you may recognize some of these questions... we are using the Proust Questionnaire as used in Vanity Fair. It is said that in answering these questions, an individual will reveal their true self! Read along and decide for yourself.)

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Being with family and friends

What is your greatest fear?

Our country, not returning to a kind gentle place to live.

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

People who talk about the Golden Rule but have no way of knowing they are not following it.

Which living person do you most admire?

My wife

What is your greatest extravagance?

Eating out

What is your current state of mind?

Mind what mind, I've got no mind, I'm the Village Idiot.*

On what occasion do you lie?

To protect one's feelings.

Which living person do you most despise?

People who do not respect the rights of others

What is the quality you most like in a person?

Their smiles.

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

I hope someone will tell me.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife, family and the people reading this.

When and where were you happiest?

This sounds dorky: in the presence of God , family and friends.

Which talent would you most like to have?

To bring Joy and peace to people

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I hope I have been a good husband, Daddy, Friend to my friends.

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

I would like to come back as an Eagle, soar, go to football games and Poop on some Politicians

What is your most treasured possession?

Although I don't own them, my family and friends are the things I treasure.

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

One who is not loved.

What is your favorite occupation?

Teaching

What is your most marked characteristic?

My voice and white hair.

What do you most value in your friends?

When they return calls and texts.

Who are your favorite writers?

Poe and Robert Fulghum

Who is your hero of fiction?

Donald Duck

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Johnny Appleseed

Who are your heroes in real life?

My wife, daughters Sarah and Lydia and my grandson Jasper, Richard, Sheri, Chris, John Huff and John I., Bill I., Donna S., and all members of FCC that have hung in there to see the church survive

What are your favorite names?

Mark, Mathew, Sarah, Lydia

What is it that you most dislike?

People who have no tolerance of people who are different.

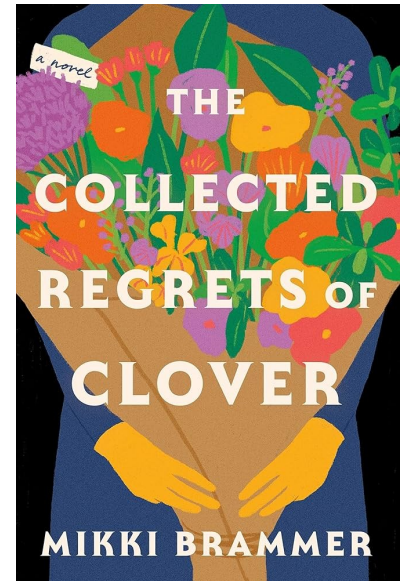
What is your motto?

Cheer Up things could be worse, so I cheered up and sure enough things got worse.

Thank you to everyone who attended the April session of our First Christian Church Book Club! Your attendance and participation always make it a special time.

The next book voted to be our focus is "The Collected Regrets of Clover" by Mikki Brammer.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm. The Book Club is open to all and we would love to see you join us! If you have not attended before and would like to be added to our Book Club Email List, please contact the church office via email at firstonfifthcc@gmail.com and let me know!



Prayer Requests

If there is a name that needs to be removed or added to the prayer list, please contact the church office via email at firstonfifthcc@gmail.com. Prayer request details are kept private and only first names will be published publicly for prayer. Prayer Requests will remain on the list for one month, and then will automatically be removed unless we have been asked to keep it on.

- family and friends of Katie M.
- Liz
- Mary
- Nicholas
- Phillip and Marilyn
- Scott
- Sterling Staggs and family