

# The Communicator



First Christian Church, Russellville, KY May 2016  
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*A message from Rev. Dann*

## The Present Time

Currently experts are trying to read the future for us. Economists are spending a lot of time with statistics, so they can tell us which way the economy is moving. Odds makers are analyzing baseball and basketball teams, so they can predict which teams will win games. And pollsters are interviewing people so they can tell us which way public opinion is going prior to the presidential election in November.

To be successful at forecasting you have to have both information and skill. The weather forecaster has to know what the barometric pressures are. The economist has to have the figures on the gross national product. The pollster needs to get information about what groups of voters say they are going to do in November. But even with all the data each expert has to interpret the information.

Jesus used weather forecasting as an illustration. Luke, the Gospel writer, records Jesus saying: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing you say, 'There will be scorching heat;' and so it happens.

You Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" (Luke 12:54-59 NRSV)

This question has caused a lot of discussion about what Jesus intended. I think he was interested in helping people discover what the possibilities are for folks to be faithful to God. You see Jesus himself was a sign, and he was asking, "Can you see what God is doing in this time? ... in your life?"

There may even be an urgency in Christ's question, "Why Do You Not Know How To Interpret The Present Time?" People were missing the meaning of who they were and what they were doing. They were not able to see the future taking place right in front of them. So they were not doing the things today, to help them be ready for tomorrow.

Jesus' question is to us too: Why do WE not know how to interpret the present time? The question Jesus asked pushes us to understand what God's will is for me. What God's will is for our church.

Let's look together for new directions and old pathways that will lead us into the future of God's intended ministry for us as individuals and for our congregation.

**We are Disciples of Christ,**  
A movement for wholeness in a  
fragmented world. As part of the one  
body of Christ, we welcome all to the  
Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



## Vacation Bible School

June 5-8 United Methodist Temple

5:30—8:00 pm

Hosted by: United Methodist Church,  
First Christian Church,  
First Presbyterian Church



At Ray & Paula Clark's  
Saturday, June 11th 6:00 pm  
Meat provided, bring a covered dish



# Church Picnic

Happy Father's Day  
June 19th

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 19th**

*Immediately Following Services*

*The meeting is to approve the budget and elect officers for next year.*

**Special Called Board Meeting;**

Sunday, June 5th following services

### First Christian Church

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Moderator: Ray Clark  
Moderator-Elect: Billy Goley  
Treasurer: Ellen Nealy  
Secretary: Vicki Kemp

Accompanist: Martha Foster  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am

### Prayer Concerns:

Danny Anderson  
David Corbin  
Shirley Hicks  
Victor Page  
Lauren Riley Stafford  
Claire Wilson  
Joe Schafer  
Henryetta Bouldin

Connie Brown  
Sarah Emberger  
Mike Boyles  
Cheryl Oberhausen  
Mae Thompson  
Connie Walker  
David Wilkins  
Keith Hobbs

Maydeen Bailey  
Tyler Foster  
James Page  
Dillon Porter  
Joyce Chesnut  
June Robinson  
Lois Brown

Esther Bishop  
Jean Gragg  
Rita Baldwin Osborne  
Missy Maxwell  
Bettie Williamson  
Joyce Chesnut  
Donna McMichaels

### Serving in June, 2016

Elders: Ray Clark, Mildred Taylor  
Deacons: Vicki Kemp, Lucy McCormick, Evelyn Driver  
Greeters: Volunteers