



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Welcome New Members!

It is a pleasure to welcome eight people into our congregation who united with us on July 29.



**Charles Brown**, pictured with his parents, **Harsh and Frances Brown**, responded to the invitation at the 8:30 service to unite with us as an Associate Member. A resident of St. Louis, and a member of the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Lemay, Charlie united with our congregation as an expression of his desire to foster ecumenical development between his home church and ours. He and his wife, **Gayle**, are the parents of two grown children, and live at 521 Chapel Dr., St. Louis, MO 63125.

At the 10:30 service we welcomed **Rev. Randall Sawyer** and his wife, **Joyce Sawyer**, by transfer of their membership from the First Christian Church in Mexico, where he served as minister for many years until his recent retirement. Joyce is employed as the office manager of a dental office in Mexico, and enjoys singing and reading. In retirement, Randy has begun serving as a chaplain at the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, and works as a hypnotherapist. They live at 1820 Bennington, Mexico, 65265, phone 573-581-5317.



It was a joy to welcome **Joo Mansung** and his wife, **Suh Sunok** and their three daughters, **Chaysie**, a MU student studying journalism, **Kyung** a Hickman High School student, and **Rina**, a student at Lange Middle School, into our congregation at the 10:30 service, transferring their membership from a congregation in St. Charles. Natives of South Korea, Sun and her daughters have moved to Columbia within the past year and worshiped with us for several months. Joo Mansung is a professor of

theology at Chunan University in South Korea, and will return to his native land again to teach in the fall. They live at 17 Broadway Village Dr., Apartment C, Columbia, 65201, phone 875-8075. Welcome, new friends!

## Tonight, Thursday, Worship!

You are invited to worship tonight, Thursday, August 2, in our sanctuary. Melissa Straw's musical friends are on tour and they worked us into their schedule. We hope that you can come at 7:00pm to experience a contemporary style of worship. Child care is provided.

~Amy Kay Pavlovich

## Sunday Services

On Sunday morning we will have the special treat of meeting Alexander Campbell, one of the founding fathers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) movement, portrayed by the Rev. John Bolen, Disciples of Christ minister and professor at Simpson College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. The scripture for the day will be John 17:20-23, serving as the basis for the sermon "The Form of the Unity Worthy of Christ," presented at both worship services.

Here is your opportunity to go back to frontier to meet one of the great religious leaders of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Wear something fitting the occasion and be prepared to join us for a great day of worship.

Music this Sunday will include the Old Time Hymn Sing at 8:25 and 10:25. Pat Rybolt will be the song leader at the early service and Harlan Hackett will lead at the late service. Also, Pat will provide special music at the 8:30 service with a solo, "We Are One Lord." The special music at the 10:30 service will be a solo by Brenda Mosby, "People Need the Lord," and clarinet pieces by Sally Estes.

### Weekly Report

July 29, 2007

Received \$5,592.40

Received to Date \$71,312.94

Attendance - 272

(includes early worship - 53)

From the Frontier to the Future



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1832 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2007

## Heeerrreee's Johnny!

As I mentioned last Sunday morning, I usually come home from General Assemblies renewed with energy and enthusiasm for doing the work of the church. There have been a few times when that wasn't the case, as in 1991 when Michael Kinnamon's nomination for General Minister and President was defeated by those who opposed his views on some social issues, and said he did not have enough pastoral ministry experience to make a good leader for the whole church. But mostly the opportunity of hearing great preaching, and singing great hymns of the church with 6,000 of my closest friends lifts me out of any spiritual ruts I have been in, and charges me up.

One of the greatest things about attending assemblies, especially as the years roll by, is the chance to see old friends. I've heard people say that is the main reason they go to assemblies! It happens all the time at assemblies; I agree to meet someone at the book display, or in a certain section of the auditorium at a certain time, but I never leave enough time to get from one point to another. Walking down the hallway, around a corner, or into the exhibit hall, it seems I always run into someone I've known from another time and place and have to stop and talk. It happened last week as I ran into a couple who were members of the church in Roswell, New Mexico, whom I recruited to serve as Chi Rho sponsors of our youth group, and who now serve as lay ministers for one of our Texas Disciples congregations. I just couldn't walk on by without stopping to renew our friendship and find out what is happening with them and their two sons, now grown into men, whom I knew as little boys in the early 1970's.

For a few years I felt guilty about missing a few business sessions because I was out in the hallway talking to some friends, but finally it dawned on me how important that time is. Reconnecting with old friends, and making new friends, is re-connecting with the body of Christ. And that's what the church is all about.

I was chatting with Gene Moore after church last Sunday about the assembly, and he reminded me what assemblies have meant to him through the years. Having been a minister in the church since 1937, he said assemblies remind us that we are part of something much larger than our congregation which meets at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & Walnut

on Sunday mornings. If for no other reason than this, we should keep going to assemblies, because we are part of something much larger than the First Christian Church of Columbia. We are part of a body which has congregations all across the United States and Canada. And, more than that, because we are one in Christ with all Christians, we are part of a world-wide universal body. In these days of deep religious, political, economic and social divisions which separate us from one another how very important it is to connect ourselves with one another whenever and wherever we can!

## Meet Our Associate Minister Candidate

Our Associate Minister candidate is coming to Columbia to meet you at the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic. As you share in the fun and food and fellowship on Sunday evening at the Reichmann Shelter at Stephens Park, you will have the chance to meet our Associate Minister Candidate. The picnic begins with fun and games at 4 p.m. Don't miss it! We need you to be there!




**Church Eat-Out**  
Friday - Aug. 3  
5:30 p.m.  
Country Kitchen  
Everyone Welcome!



Our sincere thanks for all the wonderful people who came to our rescue on Sunday during Bill's fainting spell. Your kindness will always be remembered.  
Bill & Mary Niedergerke

Thanks very much for the flowers delivered by Hartley and Kim Rogers. Thanks also to John for his calls during and after my surgery. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.  
Gerald Ramsey



## News of the congregation


Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for his lovely solo, "My Tribute," which he offered in worship at both early and late services last Sunday. He was accompanied by **Norma Miller**.


Congratulations to **Genie Rogers** whose historical pieces for the Visitor have been recognized by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Ms. Sharman Hartson, Curator of the Historical Society, called the church last week to tell us she has been collecting the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary articles during the year. She used our church as an example of how to celebrate the history of the church in her workshop at the General Assembly last week in Ft. Worth. We have invited her to attend the Coming Home Sunday celebration in October and hope she will be able to attend.

Congratulations also to **Mona Stevenson**, whose design was used in making stoles for the Regional Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the General Assembly last week in Ft. Worth, Texas. As they were recognized for their work on behalf of the church, the thirty-four Regional Ministers were each wearing a stole with a design created by Mona. They were beautifully done and a credit to her creative talent!

After spending several days at Boone Hospital, **Lois Brown** has been released and moved to The Bluffs Nursing Home. Our prayers are with **Ken Bright, Ed Bright's son** who has recently spent some time in the hospital. **Jerry Vaught** continues to receive care at Boone Hospital. **Bill Niedergerke** was admitted to Boone Hospital on Sunday morning and is undergoing a series of tests at this time. **Martha Cooper** is also at Boone Hospital.

**Wardrobe Donations** There is a need at the Wardrobe for men's white shirts and black pants. If you have these items to donate, you may take them to the Wardrobe at 715 Park Ave. Call for times and days of operation (442-3260).  
Thank you!





Hayley Batterson -  
July 31



## Picnic with Alexander Campbell

All-Disciple area churches, NBA residents/staff, and Lenoir Woods residents are invited to a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic on Sunday, August 5, 2007. The afternoon picnic will begin with **games and visiting at 4:00, supper at 5:00** and the **program at 6:00**. The festivities and picnic will be held in and around the Reichmann Building at Stephens Lake Park. We are very fortunate to have as our guest, Rev. John Bolen, Disciple minister and professor at Simpson College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He has spent many years honing the skills of portraying Alexander Campbell in his appearance, dress and speech.

Amy Kay will be in charge of games for all the kids. We hope some of the old-fashioned games will appeal to the kids, like potato sack races! Anyone who is able to help Amy Kay, please call her at the church office.

Supper will be an old-fashioned picnic of fried chicken and potluck. The church will supply the chicken, plates, utensils, and lemonade. Any one who is able, is asked to bring a dish. We hope to have a good crowd and plenty of food for our guests.

Our friend, Elder Campbell will be present, in character, and will offer the blessing before supper. He will be around to discuss the challenges of church history of the day and the pull between the Campbellites and the followers of Barton Stone. He will deliver the program at 6:00 following supper.

## Sunday Church Services: August 5, 2007

Rev. Bolen will deliver the sermon as Alexander Campbell, in dress and speech, at both services on August 5. Once again we will return to our 1832 roots. Anyone who wishes is encouraged to **dress in period clothing**. The old-fashioned offering boxes, so beautifully crafted by Harlan Hackett and Will Houston at the beginning of our anniversary year, will be put back in service. We will try very hard to be "in period".

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

## 50-Year Member Picture

Those of you who have been members of First Christian Church in Columbia for 50 years are asked to mark Sunday, September 9, 2007 on your calendar, immediately following church. Recently, a 50-year picture surfaced from the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we would like to have a matching picture taken in Fellowship Hall of the 50-year members as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be part of a framed collage for the historical room. Church records reveal there are 65 active members, 23 inactive members and 9 out-of-town members who have been 50-year FCC members. We want all of you who are able, to be in this official 50 year picture. Copies will be available for the cost of printing to anyone interested.

## Reminders

- If you are a veteran please use the sign up sheet in the church office and let us know who you are, the branch of military you served and the dates of service. This is for a Veteran's Day recognition of FCC veterans on Nov. 11, 2007.

- We need your story about you and the church. It can be a funny recollection, an experience, a special event in your life that created a bond with the church or anything you want to write about. These stories will be collected and bound in a pamphlet to share with each other. Please turn stories in to the church office, or e-mail to Mary Bancroft at: [mbancr01@juno.com](mailto:mbancr01@juno.com)

## Historical Vignettes

This week is the last week of reviewing local mission opportunities and some of the community needs supported by the church and its members. Next month the focus turns to the history and recent changes in the National Benevolent Association (NBA). Sally Robinson has generously donated her time in the writing of the upcoming month of articles.

Thank you to the many people who have gone to so much effort to write the short

vignettes that are so informative. Each one has been carefully crafted by the author to be informative and interesting. Sometimes more than one person is directly involved in the writing and production. This week is a good example in the article written on the Food Bank. Ray Lansford, a long time volunteer for the Food Bank, agreed to share his information and knowledge of the organization. Ray has failing eyesight so he dictated the content of this week's article to his wife Beuna, who wrote it in longhand. She gave it to Sally Robinson to enter into computer format. Sally sent it to me via e-mail and I sent it on to my dependable editor, and then received it back for a final editing job. After this part was finished, I sent it electronically to Kay at the office to be published.

Many people are involved before publication and the efforts of each are so appreciated. I have had dependable and trustworthy editors throughout the first seven months and will give full credit at the end of the year to all those involved. Efforts are always being made to produce as close to accurate information as we can obtain. I thought everyone would be interested in just how much effort goes into an article. Special thanks and appreciation to all our wonderful writers who have devoted so much time in getting facts and events correct.

~Genie Rogers

## Voluntary Action Center

First Christian Church has been a long and generous supporter of Voluntary Action Center (VAC). VAC has been a provider of basic services and is considered the agency "of first and last resort." Information is provided and referrals are made for all human needs to existing social service providers in the community. VAC provides emergency assistance to families in need. They provide community-wide volunteer coordination and encourage and award volunteering in the community through the sponsorship of the yearly "Hero Awards." VAC is "tuned in" with a finger on the pulse of emerging and continuing human needs in the area.

When no other resources are available, VAC will try and meet emergency needs once

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## Voluntary Action Center cont.

yearly in peoples' lives with help through transportation, utility assistance, shelter, prescription drugs, clothing, etc. They use their resources to mobilize other community resources and encourage all groups to work together.

The majority of funds for the operation of VAC come through United Way, City of Columbia, and donations from the churches. The FISH fund is administered by VAC and is money that passes through the Interfaith Council for basic needs of the individual client. With the increase of homelessness and demands on the downtown churches, VAC has been a tremendous resource in relieving pressure on individual churches in dealing with transients. If FCC has a stranger stop into our office requesting a bus pass or help with a prescription medication, the ministers can send them to VAC. After VAC funds are exhausted, most churches, including FCC have a pastor's discretionary fund for similar purposes.

Cindy Mustard, the long-time director of VAC, has nurtured a board that is engaged in the community to do good works. Every resource is utilized for clients that come through their doors. The Christmas in July banquet is held yearly for the homeless to get a good meal and as a fund-raiser. The large Christmas basket program is one that FCC Circles/Groups participate in annually. The presence of VAC in the community makes the work of all the other agencies easier as VAC deals with the most basic of problems. We are blessed to have Voluntary Action Center working to alleviate suffering and poverty on the streets of Columbia. FCC makes an annual contribution from the Church in Society budget of \$1,300 with an additional \$500 specifically for the dental aid fund, and \$500 for the prescription drug fund. FCC designates money to these two specific funds as they, along with utility assistance have far greater demands than resources to meet the needs in the community.

~Genie Rogers

## The Food Bank – The Second Crop

In the 1970s, the City of Columbia, the University of Missouri, and the Columbia Public Schools were all expanding. Economic conditions and historically high interest rates created an economic climate creating hard-

ships for rural and urban low-income people in Boone County.

In 1980, Peggy Kirkpatrick, a teacher at Columbia College, became concerned when she observed people searching dumpsters in the alleys for food. In 1981, she and her Social Science class created an organization to collect and distribute food to low income residents of Columbia. The Food Bank was supported through donations of fresh food, canned food, and dated items by organizations, including the USDA food surplus program, Schnucks and Nowells. Many people volunteered their time to collect donations and deliver them to the distribution center. Volunteers repackaged the food into family-size quantities and distributed it to people who had registered their need with local government administrators.

The Columbia community recognized the great need, which the Food Bank met, and support for the services of the Food Bank quickly expanded to churches, classes of school children, and other interested citizens who cared about the need for food. Because of Columbia College's deep roots in the Christian Church, it was natural for First Christian Church to be one of the first churches to embrace and promote the Food Bank service. Reverend Sam Langley and Reverend Ken Watson were dedicated leaders in the effort.

The Food Bank operated in a small building in North Central Columbia. The number of needy families, many with children, quickly exhausted the donated supplies. In 1981 the food program provided 18,000 pounds of food to the hungry. By 1985, the Food Bank had outgrown its space. Space for refrigerated food was so limited that many times the food had to be distributed immediately or refused. In 1986 alone, the Pantry had distributed over one million pounds of food. The City of Columbia and Boone County collaborated on an expansion of the Food Bank. A new warehouse of 12,860 square feet was purchased to collect and distribute almost three million pounds of donated food.

The news of success of the Columbia Food Bank spread to adjacent counties, all with similar problems to Boone County. Currently, the Food Bank is reaching 33 Missouri counties with food. The success of the volunteer base and the methods of getting the job done caught the attention of many regional and national corporations who contributed semi-truck loads of dry and frozen food. Space for storage, and delivery by truck service to outlying areas was planned. A fund drive was necessary to increase freezer and re-

frigeration capacity so donated food could be received from large corporate donors. By 1990 the Food Bank had distributed three million pounds of food packaged by volunteers to nineteen counties in Central Missouri.

The mid-west floods of 1993 and 1995 caused new problems with more people needing food for survival. Families in 27 counties were depending upon the Food Bank. The city, county, state, and federal governments all were participating in the supply and distribution of food within the flooded areas of mid-Missouri. Service and civic organizations urged their members to become volunteers in the repackaging of food to these needy families in crises.

The warehouse of 12,860 square feet acquired in 1989 became too small. A new facility of 64,000 square feet was built for \$3 million with a 10,000 square feet area designated for volunteers to repackage 18 million pounds of food. This service center was financed by civic and service organizations. Many of them pledged as little as 25 cents a week for a three-year period.

First Christian Church of Columbia has been a proud supporter of an idea born and developed by a dedicated teacher, and staffed by volunteers to serve the needy. The volunteers today, as in the early days of the Food Bank, provide the majority of services in the distribution system of packaging and repackaging of dry and frozen food. Last year during one month, the Food Bank fed 80,000 people with 20.5 million pounds of food. FCC youth and college groups volunteer monthly to repackage dry and frozen food and stock shelves. FCC conducts monthly food drives and an annual Food Sunday in February helps supply the stock of food on the Food Bank shelves. In addition, our current Church in Society budget donates \$650 per year to the Central Missouri Food Bank and Pantry.

Peggy Kirkpatrick continues to be an angel of mercy to thousands of families. She regards food as a basic need and sees the biblical directive to feed the hungry as a responsibility for all of us. She had a dream, put out her message, gathered volunteers giving them a mission, and put a plan into action. The result was an agency, which has provided food to hundreds of thousands of people who otherwise would have been hungry, in a country where there should be no hunger. The supporters of the Columbia Food Bank have followed Jesus' instruction to feed the hungry with love and compassion for all who are in need.

~Raymond and Beuna Lansford



This Sunday, August 5, all youth groups and friends are invited to come to our game night at 4:00pm at Stephens Lake Park. We will be inside the pavilion some, but mostly outside if the weather permits. Parents and all adults who don't want to play can come and visit in the pavilion during our game time. (Please see the other announcement about this event on the insert page.) Just as a reminder, the person whom we hope becomes our new Associate Minister will be at the games and rest of the picnic. Please come and meet him – your opinion about him matters and we want to hear your thoughts!

Next Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our regular youth groups and then on the 19<sup>th</sup> we are invited to the Broadway Bash which is from 6:00 – 8:30pm. Broadway Christian Church (DOC) hosts this event which is full of fun things to do and eat. Amy Kay will even be sitting on the dunk tank late in the evening... so come on over and let's see how good your aim is! More details about this event will come in next week's Visitor.

## Thank you, Intern Elizabeth!


After a full summer of flexibility and cheerful attention to the work of the church, Elizabeth is ending her Internship with us on Friday, August 3. She has been lovely to work beside through the crazy summer days. We couldn't be happier with the Internship ministry itself and are thankful for who Elizabeth is as a person and as a co-worker.  
~Amy Kay Pavlovich

## Wiffle Ball Extravaganza

After worship on Thursday night, we will head over to Stephens to play a rousing game of Wiffle Ball! The festivities will begin at 8:30pm and we hope you are ready to come and hit some home runs! All are invited to this theologically deep and spiritually motivating event. ;) Contact Amy Kay or Elizabeth with questions.

## Welcoming Students

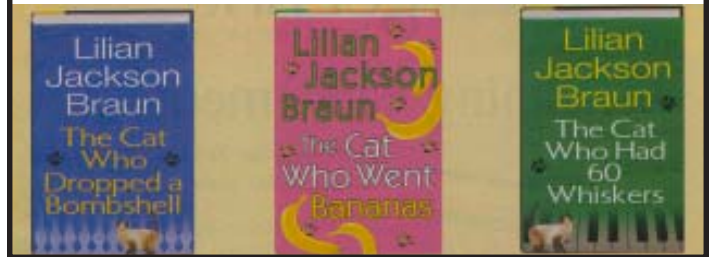
This probably doesn't even need to be said... but I'll say it anyway. ;) Our college students are gearing up for the fall semester and coming back into town in waves. Many leases begin on August 1, so we will hopefully be having students visit from now until the end of September who are really searching for a church home away from home. Please welcome all whom you see with your generous hospitality. We work hard to invite students to the church and then just hope that they feel our welcome when they come through the doors.  
~Amy Kay Pavlovich



## BOOK ORNER

Those of you who are familiar with Lillian Jackson Braun's "The Cat Who..." series (of which there are 28 so far) will be happy to know the Library has just added three new books to its collection of 7. Titles are "The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell," "The Cat Who Went Bananas," and "The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers."

These fanciful stories feature Jim Quilleran who unexpectedly became heir to a very large fortune and used it to benefit his home town, Pickax City, "a little bit north of everywhere." You will enjoy the (mildly) mysterious developments as "Quill's" two Siamese cats play surprising parts in solutions. Koko and Yum Yum have well-known extra-sensory abilities and display them well.



## Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club begins meeting again on Sept 26 at 12:30 in Morris Parlor. Have you forgotten your summer reading assignments? Many of us are requesting the assignment to be posted again. Here it is: September, Rosamund Pilcher's *September*; October, the Public Library's One Read *Water for Elephants*; November, *The Faith Club—A Muslim, A Christian, and a Jew: Three Women Search for Understanding* by R. Idiby, S. Oliver, and P. Warner; January, *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon; February, *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson; March, *Riding Shotgun* by Rita Mae Brown; April, *Personal History* by Katherine Graham; and May, *Hardship and Hope: Missouri Women Writing About their Lives*, edited by Carla Waal and Barbara Oliver.

Questions? Call or email Linda Hutton - ph. no. 442-5423 and [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)

## Happy Birthday



Ava Shifley-Aug. 5  
Hartley Rogers-Aug. 7  
Don Mosby-Aug. 8  
Nathan Sapp-Aug. 8  
Kelly Mueller-Aug. 8  
Brenda Bailey-Aug. 9

Muriel Leach-Aug. 9  
Norma Miller-Aug. 9  
John J. Yonker-Aug. 9  
Kristy Rees-Aug. 10  
Robert Seltsam-Aug. 10  
Brianna Shepard-Aug. 11

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## Sunday's Schedule-August 5, 2007

*Van Driver:* TBA *Telephone:* TBA

### **8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary**

*Worship Asst:* Betty Moon, Anne Linn, Tommy Gay Evans

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Donna Houston

*Communion Preparation:*

Gary & Cheryl Unterschut

### **9:30 Church School**

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

### **10:30 Worship in Sanctuary**

*Sermon:* Dr. John Bolen *Liturgist:* Elizabeth Mottaz

*10:30 Elders:* Mary Bancroft, Marilyn Schappert, and  
Nelson Trickey

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Julie Nichols, *North Door*

Hilary Nichols, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged:* C.K. & Paula Hoenes

*Delivered:* Marsha & Tom Sisson

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (Aug. 5 - 11)

- Sun. - Old Time Hymn Sing  
- Terrace Apts. Vespers, 3:00 pm  
- 175th Anniversary Picnic, Stephens Lake, Reichmann  
Building (Games-4:00 pm, Supper-5:00 pm,  
Speaker-6:00 pm)  
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 pm, Green field
- Tue. - Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 pm
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15-8:30
- Thur. - Women's Ministries Board Mtg., 9:30 am, Parlor

