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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) **VISITOR**

## **FCC Celebrates 175 Years!**

### **The Early Years of Formation**

During the period of the early 1800's, American colonial settlers expanded into western settlements. In 1821, Missouri was the first state to be carved out of the Louisiana Purchase. The new settlers brought with them the established religions from their areas of migration, but those religions quickly took on a more independent flavor reflective of the new American frontier. The newly settled areas had few established churches and few trained ministers. In the absence of ministers, laymen conducted simple prayer services with scripture reading and group singing. They often met in people's homes or a centrally located community building.

Two theologians, Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell, were leaders who developed a new religious fervor. They represented a blend of Calvinist teachings mixed with Baptist and Presbyterian philosophies. They became leaders in independent thought and Christian unity and a new frontier religion began to evolve. Their thought and preaching influenced the settlers that came through Kentucky and into Missouri.

In 1824 a group of men and women joined together in an area north of Columbia, and became the Bear Creek Christian Church. Their attitudes of worship and thinking reflected this new frontier religion. In 1832 several Bear Creek church members moved their membership to charter a church in Columbia, thus recording the beginning of the Columbia Christian Church.

It was a cold day in January of 1832. Fifteen men and women began meeting in a Columbia home to discuss the teachings of Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell. They circled a pot bellied wood stove for warmth, prayed for guidance from God and sang hymns. A charter was drawn up and a new Columbia Christian Church was born. Follow us through the eyes of history as the story unfolds for the next 175 years.....  
Genie Rogers

### **Frontier Worship Service!**

What was it like to worship in a Christian Church on the American frontier? This Sunday, January 14, you can find out as we kick off our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with worship patterned after that described in the early writings of Alexander Campbell, one of the founders of the Disciples of Christ.

A very simple order of service will be followed without printed worship bulletins. Sister Melissa Straw and the Columbia Shape Note Singers will lead congregational hymns from the period without musical accompaniment. Men and women will be seated on opposite sides of the sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be administered by a congregational lay leader, and the Exhortation for the day will be presented by Barton Warren Stone and "Raccoon" John Smith who will appear in period clothing.

Mannequins with period costumes will be on display in the Narthex and the Historical Room, and everyone is invited to wear something which harkens back to earlier days of our church's history.

There will be a place for you and your kindred at 8:30 and 10:30 in the house of the Lord this coming Lord's day!!



## A Night for the Knight

Our mid-month movie in January will be "A Knight's Tale" (2001). It is the rousing story of lowborn William Thatcher's quest to change his stars, win the heart of an exceedingly fair maiden and rock his medieval world. We find William facing the ultimate test of medieval gallantry — tournament jousting — and trying to discover if he is the stuff of which legends are made.

The story follows this fearless squire and his band of medieval misfits — softhearted Roland, hotheaded Wat, Kate the blacksmith and an unknown writer named Geoff Chaucer — as they careen their way toward impossible glory in a story that's part romance, part road trip, part exuberant swashbuckler.

Beside being a rollicking good time (PG-13, awesome soundtrack, and great comedy), this film finds its real message to be about grace, mercy, and salvation. Not bad for a movie that is just plain fun!



The movie will be shown in our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Cinema on Friday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. We'll have cold water, hot popcorn, and warm fellowship. No need for reservations, we have plenty of comfortable seats. The film is 2 hours and 12 minutes. Child care is provided.

### Installation of Our New NE Area Minister!

You are invited to help install the

**Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian**

**Saturday, January 13, 2007  
at 3:00 p.m.**

**Olivet Christian Church (DOC)**  
1991 S. Olivet Road, Columbia

A Loving Offering will benefit  
Area Ministries

Questions? Call the NE Area Office  
at 573-442-5815

## History Happens

Beginning on January 21 during the Sunday School hour (9:30), Ken Watson will be teaching a 4 week class on the history of First Christian Church. The C.L. Class is graciously allowing us to meet in Morris Parlor for this time. The class will give a brief overview of the history of the Disciples of Christ in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century in order to set the 1832 beginning of our congregation in an historical context. We'll spend the last three weeks looking at some of the amazing story of our church, how it has grown and interacted with our community and the larger denomination. There is no need to register for the class, just come on up to the Parlor on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and join us as we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary through our history.

### Thank You

I am enjoying the poinsettia very much. Thank you for remembering me in such a lovely way. Thank you again.

Elwyn Ewer

## CWF Meeting Reminder

The second meeting for the CWF Nominating Committee will be held Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Morris Parlor. The first meeting was a great success and we feel like we made great strides. Thanks to all of you for your input!! See you on the 22nd!!



### Book Club

Ladies—the Book Club returns in January with a powerful read in a new location. The Jan. selection is Frank McCourt's memoir *Teacher Man*. One review promises "A dazzling writer with a unique and compelling voice, McCourt describes the dignity and difficulties of a largely thankless profession with incisive, self-deprecating wit and uncommon perception." McCourt is the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Angela's Ashes*. We will meet at Linda Hutton's home, 2252 Country Lane on Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m. Please call 442-5423 if you have questions or need directions.

## News of the congregation

**Fred List** has returned home after spending a few days at Regional Hospital last week. **Marge Carey** was admitted to Boone Hospital late last week and is recuperating from surgery there. **Jim Carter** is recuperating from surgery at Boone Hospital on Thursday.

**Sue Fidler** died at her home on Thursday evening, January 4. Along with her long-time friend **Anita Dresser**, Sue had been a member of our congregation since July of 1998 after having lived in St. Louis many years. A graveside service was held on Monday at the Salisbury, Missouri City Cemetery. A memorial service was held on Wednesday Jan. 10 at the Lenoir Chapel. Our sympathy is extended to Anita and all their friends in the church and her niece, **Sara Kasteleyn**.

### Elders' Institute 2007

"Spirituality: the Essence of Eldership"  
January 19-20, 2007, Rickman Center

Keynote: Dr. Bill Paulsell, Professor of  
Church History at Lexington  
Theological Seminary

## Happy Birthday!



Nannie Lou Mallett-Jan. 14  
Bradley Daugherty-Jan. 14  
Susan Ballard-Jan. 15  
Janet Mountjoy-Jan. 15  
Gary Magruder-Jan. 15  
Wallace Ahrens-Jan. 16  
Michael Simon-Jan. 16  
Mason Stevens-Jan. 17  
Mary Bess Green-Jan. 18  
Mike Mountjoy-Jan. 18  
Mike Korman-Jan. 18  
Heidi Lentz-Jan. 18  
Margie Ellis-Jan. 18  
Royanne Tracy-Jan. 19  
Kay Ahrens-Jan. 20  
Connie Guy-Jan. 20



JYF = (grades 3 - 5)  
 Chi Rho = (grades 6-8)  
 CYF = (grades 9-12)

[www.firstchristian.org/youth](http://www.firstchristian.org/youth)

**Youth Sunday = Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4**

JYF, Chi Rho and CYF are all preparing for Youth Sunday each Sunday this month at our regular times. We have some excellent times ahead of us and hope that you come to be a part of the happenings! If you have any questions, feel free to call, email or facebook any time!

Partners, we are still looking for an adult to sponsor each of the groups through this month and to help on Youth Sunday morning with the coordination of all the preparations. Please let me know if you are interested and able to help out.

**College Notes...**

Welcome back! We will gather for the Back Room beginning this Wednesday from 8:45 – 10:00pm starting in the Fellowship Hall. Come on by and enjoy the homemade goodies, fellowship and study with friends from all of the institutions of higher education in town. It will be good to be with one another again and hope to get to know new friends throughout this promising semester!

**Gulfport, Mississippi Mission Trip Thanks**

Special thanks are extended to all of those who thought of our group of 17 and checked in on our web site updates. We felt your support and continue to be thankful to be a part of this outward-thinking church.



**Front Row L-R:** Ashley Morris, Kelly Mueller, Alisha Gay, Jessi Klockow, Elizabeth Rottman, Amy Kay Pavlovich and Wes Glenn

**Back Row L-R:** Rick Wells, Kathleen Keaveney, Cody Horton, Tim McCarty, Tom Sisson, Mark Couch, Brandon DeHart, Rev. Jimmy Spear (FCC of Louisiana, MO), Craig Stramel and Eric Arnett



**Annual Planning Retreat** - Jan. 21st,  
12:00 noon-2:00


**VIP Luncheon** - Jan 28th, Morris  
Parlor, after 10:30 worship

**All-Church Food Drive “Souper Bowl  
of Caring”** - Sunday, Feb. 4th

**Administrative Board Mtg.** - Feb. 7,  
6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

**FCC Night with the Stars** - Thursday,  
Feb. 8

**Weekly Report**  
 January 7, 2006  
 Received \$13,552.13  
 Received to Date \$260,511.43  
 Attendance - 301  
 (includes early worship - 57)

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Instead of allowing advertisers and credit card companies to be the influences on money matters in your home, you can teach your kids to be money-smart at any age.

On the book cart is a new book, Your Kids Can Master Their Money, written by Christian financial experts Ron & Judy Blue who are also parents that know handling finances is an important life skill your kids need to succeed. Here are tested ways to raise: generous givers, prudent planners, smart shoppers, savvy savers, intelligent investors, willing workers. The tools are all here—age appropriate activities, games, incentives, challenges—to help your kids master their money, with fun ways to help them learn how.

# The Visitor

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**Campus Ministry Intern:** Kelly Mueller

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Melissa Straw, Choir Director  
Norma Miller, Pianist

**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director

### Support Staff:

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Jim Burt, Custodian

Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
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## Sunday's Schedule-Jan. 14, 2007

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke    *Telephone:* Nancy Watson

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

*Worship Asst:* Colleen Nilges

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Cherry Hinderberger

*Communion Preparation:*

Gerald and Susan Ramsey, Jason Bent

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

*Church School Greeter:* Dorothy Porter

*Nursery Volunteer:* Susan Ripley

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker    *Liturgist:* Brenda Martin

*10:30 Elders:* Joyce Stanley, Sam Langley, Jacki Davidson

*Deacons:* The England Team

*Greeters:*

Sam Langley, *North Door*

Mark and Pam Hunsaker, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Banner Bearers:* Sam Creasy and Jack Creasy

*Candlelighters:* Josh Ripley and Ryan Boger

*Flower Ministry:*

*arranged:* Nancy Watson

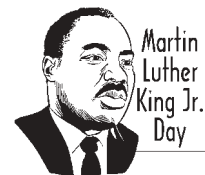
*delivered:* Judy Cunningham

*Evangelism Calls:* TBA

## This Week (Jan. 14 - 20)

Sun. - 175th Anniversary Kick-off and Old Hymn Sing  
- JYF (grades 3-5), after 10:30 worship until 2:00 p.m.  
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8), 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Mon. - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance  
(office closed)



Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Worship Planning Mtg., 4:15 p.m., John's office  
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Thur. - Membership Committee, 7:00 p.m., Morris Parlor