



**Welcome
New Members!**

It was a joy to welcome Nancy Grieme and her son Bryan into our church at the late service on Sunday, May 27, as they united by transfer of membership from a congregation in Urbana, Illinois. Nancy is the owner and operator of the Lil' Critters Corner Day Care Center and enjoys movies, reading, yard work, gardening and cooking. Bryan will be a 9th grader at Jefferson Junior High School and is a sports enthusiast who particularly loves basketball and golf. They reside at 1513 Richardson Street, 65201 (ph. # 874-8975).

Earlier in the spring we welcomed Shawn and Christy Von Talge into our congregation. The parents of two year old Kayla, they united by transfer of membership from a congregation in Greenview, Illinois. Shawn works in the mortgage banking business and enjoys Mizzou sporting events, hunting and poker. Christy is a homemaker who enjoys running, interior design and computers! Their address is: 18200 N. Barnett School Rd., Clark, MO 65243 (ph. # 573-256-0144).



Sunday Services

Our worship services on Sunday, June 17 will include readings from Psalm 139:1-14 and the well-known verses found in Matthew 6:25-34, which will provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "18 1/2 Inches Taller!" Special music at 8:30 will be a solo by Brenda Mosby, "Majesty." At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will sing "Down to the River to Pray."



STARS – June 26, 2007

**Come join the fun at the
summer resort of
Jerry & Connie Guy**

Fish, Swim, Boat & Visit

Leave First Christian Church - 9:30 am
Back - 4:30 pm
Cost - \$10 per person
Make reservations - call church office
(449-7265) by June 23

Mid-Month Movie Night

Friday, June 15th

7:00 p.m., 3rd Floor Cinema

Crossing Arizona



Congregational Meetings

After each worship service-

June 24th

Agenda - Budget

Weekly Report
June 10, 2007
Received \$5,942.00
Received to Date \$432,292.61
Attendance - 224
(includes early worship - 40)

From the Frontier to the Future



**First
Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
Columbia, Missouri

1832 175th Anniversary 2007

Heeerrreee's Johnny! will be back next week...

Flower Ministry Message

Beginning July 1 the price for our flowers in the sanctuary each week will be raised to \$30. Our present flower provider had wanted several months ago to raise our prices. For that and a variety of other reasons it has been decided to change flower providers. After interviewing numerous florists this past week it became apparent that no florist was willing to provide for us at our present rate. In fact, many rates quoted were from \$50-\$65. Gerbes came in low and has been selected as our new florist, as a result. I feel there is a dependability and good business attitude with the individuals there, as well. In addition, First Christian has a business history with Gerbes.

When you sign-up to donate flowers this Sunday remember to bring your checkbook, as all sign-ups are pre-pay.

We thank you for your donations that beautify our church each Sunday and for your understanding about the cost increase.

~Mary Daugherty

Twilight Festival

Come on out to the downtown festival any Thursday evening this month from 6-8pm. If you swing by the church, we will be enjoying children's creative art projects on the corner of 10th and Walnut... if it isn't extremely windy or raining.

~Amy Kay

THANK YOU!
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THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who came Sunday night and made our ice cream social a fun successful party. Lots of tasty desserts and ice cream were gobbled up. Thanks to Nat Scavone and his able assistant wife Bette for taking our group and candid pictures. Thank you to Sarah Storm and Carol Slusher for their fantastic kitchen help and also to Lynn Klotz and Edith Taylor for their help. The names of our bakers and picture information will be in our next Visitor. Thanks again for supporting our "175th Anniversary Celebration" events.

~Sharon Winner

Heifer International Ark

We are well on our way to the goal of \$5,000 to purchase an Ark with Heifer International. This is a 175th anniversary project of the whole church. Thank you to everyone who has made a purchase of chicks, geese, rabbits and parts of other animals. A special big **Thank You** to Harlan Hackett who made our Ark for the display. This Ark will stay at the church for years to come. The display will be in the Narthex once a month until December or we reach our \$5,000 goal. You may contribute anytime by making your check payable to First Christian Church and writing in the memo section Heifer Ark then dropping the check in the offering plate on Sunday morning or by the church office during the week. Thank you for helping First Christian to help people around the world to have a better quality of life through your gift to Heifer International. If you want to learn more about Heifer go to their website at www.heifer.org. We currently have raised \$919.

~Sally Robinson

CWF Membership Chair

Please turn in your information for the 2007-08 CWF yearbook. Please send your information by email to Debbie Potthast at pottdhda@socket.net This will be the most convenient way to transfer the information this year. Stacia Schaefer is beginning to put the yearbook together and we need your information by the end of June. If you have questions, please contact me at 443-0368. Thanks so much.

~Debbie Potthast

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **April and Kevin Jennings**, who gave birth to a baby boy on Friday, June 8 at the Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Missouri. He came into the world weighing 5 lbs, 12 ozs, 19 inches. The proud family members of our congregation include grandparents, **Bruce and Susan Woodbury**, aunt, **Meadow Woodbury**, great grandmother, **Doris Neidhardt**, and great aunt, **Jean Hall**.

Among the members of our congregation who have been in our concern recently are: **Ivis Silvey** who was released from Boone Hospital late last week. **Jason Rochholz** returned home after spending a few days in the hospital recently. **Tom Carey** was admitted for testing at Boone Hospital last week.

Our sympathy is extended to **Gene Taylor** and **Dana Morgenthaler** on the death of their mother, **Marjorie Shaw**, who died on Tuesday evening, June 5 at Boone Hospital. A member of our congregation for more than 60 years, she was 96 years old. Funeral services were conducted by **John Yonker** at Memorial Funeral Home on Friday morning, June 8. She is also survived by her sons-in-law, **Jim Taylor** and **Melvin Bradley** of Columbia, a step-daughter, step-son, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and six step great-grandchildren.

We also extend our sympathy to **Cherry Hinderberger** and her family on the death of her mother, **Bonnie Ludwig** who died on June 8 in a Cape Girardeau hospital. Funeral services were held in Jackson, Missouri on Monday morning, June 11.

Did you notice the nice article which appeared in the Sunday, June 10 issue of "The Columbia Daily Tribune" about the recent GED graduation? One of the persons mentioned making a difference in the lives of these adult learners was our own **Jean Hall** who teaches at the Adult Learning Center. Congratulations, Jean!

Thank You

Thanks to those members of the bell choir that performed at the Doris Chiles Garden Memorial ceremony (Melissa Straw, Jean Hall, Debbie Taylor, Becky Baumgartner, Sally Estes, Rob Martin). Also thanks to Melissa and Jean for the lovely duet. And, to John for the blessing. It was a beautiful ceremony.

Brenda Martin and family



Jon McRoberts - June 18
Jeff England - June 19
Donna Meyer - June 20
Carol Slusher - June 21
Rodney Swope - June 21
Aimee Anderson June 21
Mark Hunsaker-June 22
Glenn Rainey -June 22
Kim Reardon - June 22
Amanda Jorgenson - June 22
Sarah Keithley - June 23
Heather Hunsaker - June 23

175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers



June Is Lay Leadership Month

This week the spotlight shines on three men who dominated leadership positions and were perhaps the most influential congregants during the tenure of Dr. Lemmon. They spanned the period of the Great Depression, World War 11 and the decade following. Dr. Lemmon smoothly worked behind the scenes to conduct church business. He met with his committees prior to Board meetings and hashed out business decisions over morning coffee. Ideas developed and there were seldom surprises. These three men loved their church and fought hard to see it succeed. The third and fourth weeks of June will feature those who inherited the mantle of leadership in the following thirty years during periods of national unrest and declining church attendance all over the country. While providing solid leadership to the church during these tenuous decades they were also proven leaders in the community.

Minute for History

On June 17 both services will have a "Minute for History". The presenter at the early service will be Mary Daugherty and for the late service will be Jessica Humble. Even though Sunday is a day we celebrate Fathers Day, the minute of history will feature outstanding church women. Needless to say, Father's Day was thought of after the piece was written, or perhaps it reinforces the idea that behind every successful man is a good woman?

July Concert

Mark your calendars for one of our greatly anticipated events for our 175th anniversary celebration. Bob Ault, a ragtime pianist who tells and weaves the stories of history through his music will perform in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. A reception to meet the musician will follow in Fellowship Hall. This event will be open to the public and free of charge. Invite friends, families and neighbors for an evening of rousing and toe-tapping music.

Lay Leaders

A.C. Ragsdale
1890-1969

The year was 1928. The growth of First Christian Church led to overcrowded facilities. Two construction projects were proposed: 1) erect a four-story education building on the north side of the sanctuary; 2) change the sanctuary configuration. The then current "Akron Plan" had the platform and pulpit in an alcove in the northwest corner with pews in a semi-circle facing it. The change to a rectangular sanctuary with pews facing west and a raised chancel and pulpit in the west remains today.

These two projects brought A. C. Ragsdale to the frontline of church service for the next thirty plus years. He was selected as the chair of the fund-raising committee to oversee the building project. Serving with him were R.A. Miller and M.M. Jones, three men who became visionaries to accomplishments in the church during the next forty-years. By early 1929, three-fourths of the construction cost was pledged and some payments were made. On May 5, 1929, the Education Building cornerstone was placed prominently at the northeast corner. In October 1929, the national economy crashed. The church and Mr. Ragsdale had to cope with a financial crunch and an indebtedness that would continue through the decades of the Great Depression and World War II. Nevertheless, the new Education Building and remodeled sanctuary were dedicated on December 8, 1929.

At a church dinner in January 1953, Mr. Ragsdale and minister C. E. Lemmon ceremoniously announced that all church debt was paid and burned the mortgage. Mr. Ragsdale had been the church diligent finance director and treasurer through long, arduous times since 1928. In July 1962, when Dr. Lemmon announced plans to retire in May 1963, Mr. Ragsdale was on the search committee for a successor pastor.

Mr. Ragsdale began his church work in 1920 as Sunday School superintendent. In June 1922, he and four others started a thriving

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1890-1969

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church Men's Club, and three decades later he helped organize the denominational Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) and was elected their president. On business trips around North America and Europe, he visited and learned from other churches to benefit our church.

Arthur Ragsdale spent his career as a professor at Missouri University in the College of Agriculture Dairy Department. He and his wife had three daughters—Ruth, Jean and Beth. Ruth, a retired medical researcher, has returned to Columbia in her retirement and is a member of our church again.

Mrs. Ragsdale was also prominent in church affairs locally, statewide, and nationally. Daughter Ruth relates that when her father was a boy in rural southwest Missouri, his father died, yet A.C. later earned degrees at MU, sent for his mother, sister, and two brothers and helped them to receive MU educations. In his denominational "Stewardship and Finance Guidance Manual," Mr. Ragsdale underlined, "The return of the tithe or one tenth is an expression of stewardship, but ten tenths of money, time, and abilities belong to God. Stewardship involves the earning, spending and saving of money as well as giving to the church." This quote sums up A.C. Ragsdale.

~Bob Leach

Roscoe A. Miller
1891-1985

Roscoe A. Miller, business manager of Christian College, now Columbia College, served as Sunday School superintendent from 1935-1961. Under his leadership and organizational skills, the youth and adult Sunday Schools prospered both in attendance and curriculum.

One of the first high school youth conferences of our denomination, Central Western Young People's Summer Conference convened for a week in June at Christian College for nearly 30 years. Mr. Miller served a dual role as college supervisor and conference director, choosing Missouri pastors

and church leaders well liked by young people to serve as the faculty. FCC regularly sent about a dozen of our young people to be in conferences of 200 Disciple youth.

In 1949, R.A. Miller was the recipient of the first annual Cosmopolitan Club "Citizenship Award." In early 1958, he was chairman of a church financial campaign to help the building fund for the fledgling Broadway Christian congregation. The goal of \$50,000 was oversubscribed. In 1962, he was elected both church Keystone Class vice-president and the first president of the new Columbia Council of Churches. On all levels, he was active in the life and work of Christian Church men.

Despite the precarious financial times during the 1930s, the FCC Sunday School, under R. A. Miller, thrived. Significant changes under his leadership were the total remodeling of the Education Building and the creation of the Higbee Youth Center.

~Bob Leach

Mack Marquis Jones
1896-1979

M. M. Jones served for 40 years as chairman of the church property department overseeing the building facilities. An MU Agriculture Engineering professor, he was once offered a position at Ohio State University but declined, according to his daughter Virginia Sinclair, because his family was "too intricately involved" in First Christian to leave. His expertise helped maintain the church through the difficult times of the Great Depression and World War II years.

At one time, he also served as the president of the large Men's Bible Class, which merged in 1962 with the prospering Keystone Class. He was a prominent force on the 1956 committee for the new Broadway Christian Church and a member of the Lenoir Board of Trustees until he and his wife, when retired, moved into one of the cottages. He also served on the pastoral search committee for a successor to Dr. C. E. Lemmon in 1963. There were few positions involving the church he did not hold. A church Elder and Trustee, he, his wife, Hannah, two daughters, Marjorie and Virginia, and son, Donald, were all active in First Christian.

A significant undertaking during Mr. Jones' years as property chairman was in 1969. The

sanctuary was extensively remodeled redesigning the chancel and creating a narthex in the back. An elevator serving all four stories was added, and most classrooms were rearranged. Surprisingly, it was all completed in time for the state church convention held here the end of April. He frequently would check the work at the end of the day and one day to his dismay found some faulty connections in the breaker box done mistakenly by a hurried workman. He spent most of the evening at the church getting the problem resolved, "so his church wouldn't burn down" as he told his family.

One of Mr. Jones' great satisfactions was securing Garfield Moore of Paris, Mo., as custodian. He proved to be a versatile, competent, strong, and congenial worker for 24 years (1945-1969). To him, Mr. Jones was a mentor on the job.

Symbolic of his nature, each year during the Christmas pageant M.M. Jones would sit on the front row with a fire extinguisher. In the earlier years there was a line of lighted candles along the front of the choir loft illuminating the sanctuary. The full choir participated dressed in their choir robes and Mack feared their long robes might catch fire. He would be pleased that his granddaughter and husband, Becky and Kerry Bramon, returned to FCC this past spring by transfer of membership. Mack Jones was a fierce protector of the church, the faith, his family, and the members of the congregation.

~Bob Leach

Wilson's Celebrate 30 Years of Ministry!

Congratulations to Jim and Jayanthi Wilson who are celebrating 30 years of ministry in June! Jim was ordained at the Hillcrest Christian Church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on June 12, 1977. Since then, he and Jayanthi have had the opportunity of living and working in Canada, the United States, India, Lesotho and most recently have been serving in Botswana, in southern Africa. Before leaving for Africa several years ago, they served the Jacksonville-Cairo Christian Churches in Randolph County, and have returned to the U.S. to visit our congregation on two occasions. Our prayers continue to support them in their teaching ministries.



www.firstchristian.org/youth

Chi Rho and **JYF** will be meeting briefly in the Fellowship Hall after the late service on Sunday, June 17th to answer any last minute questions about their mission trips. Parents are invited to stay with the youth through this last touching-base type of meeting. Chi Rho will be leaving on Monday and JYF on Saturday!

VBS begins June 24th – yeeha! Older youth are invited to volunteer and younger youth are invited to participate. We will not have youth groups on the 24th for obvious reasons.

Partner thanks to **all of those who played games with us at the Ice-Cream Social** and to **Dane Pavlovich** for helping lead the festivities.

College Notes...

Mission Trippers are invited to be at the Mid-Month Movie this Friday, June 15th to reflect upon their trip and the movie Crossing Arizona. It begins at 7pm in the Cinema. Also, on Sunday, June 17th, we will be having a game night from 8 – 10pm at the Pavloviches. Requests have been made for “Apples to Apples” or other interactive games (i.e. guitars will not be present). :) If you need directions, call!

Special thanks to **Hartley and Kim Rogers** for providing hamburger and hotdog buns and a gigantic ice-cream cake for our last college BBQ. It was all excellent and we appreciate your donations!

Thanks...

As was mentioned at the 10:30 service last Sunday, Dane and I are celebrating Sebastian’s great health reports. Amazingly and thankfully, Sebbie has outgrown all of his initial scary concerns. We couldn’t be more thankful for him, his great doctors and you all! Thank you so much for your support throughout the first two years of his life. w/appreciation and thanksgiving
~Dane and Amy Kay Pavlovich

Whitaker-Ferguson Scholarship Awards Presented

Established in 1958 by First Christian Church members, Wallace and Viola Ferguson Whitaker, the Whitaker-Ferguson Scholarship was funded to provide scholarships to local high school students preparing for careers in ministry, medicine, nursing, teaching or other serving occupations.

The Rock Bridge High School award was presented on May 22 by John Yonker to Britany Berk. A member of Bethel Baptist Church, Britany has participated in her church youth group, church choir and a church mission trip, and has received several academic awards, and participated in the People to People Student Ambassadors program. She plans to continue her education for a career in nursing.



Amy Kay Pavlovich attended the Hickman High School awards assembly on May 30 and presented the Whitaker-Ferguson Scholarship to Laura Fuemmeler. Laura is an active member of Midway Locust Grove United Methodist Church and has participated in church mission trips with her family. She has been a member of the Columbia Swim Club and the Hickman swim club during high school, and plans to study for a career in nutrition, physical therapy or athletic training.
~John Yonker

Dear FCC Family,
I was honored to be the recipient of the H.Glenn and Vera M. Purdy Scholarship this year. Thank you so much for your continued support and love! Being part of our church means so much to me and I look forward to spending the rest of my college years with all of you.



Molly Read



Dear First Christian Church Family,
First off I would like to express my gratitude for the First Christian Church Christian College Scholarship. This scholarship means the world to me. I would like to say thank you so much for the opportunities that First Christian has given me over the last 3 years. From the moment I stepped foot in FCC I knew, as Amy Kay would say, I had found a home away from home. Since that moment three years ago the church has supported me in every way possible from when I wanted to be a teacher until I realized my call to the ministry. You have given me opportunities to help with the River of Life, speak in service and help narrate the Christmas pageant to name just a few. It has been a life-changing three years and I cannot wait to see what my last semester holds within it. This scholarship is an amazing gift that will help me finish my undergraduate career on a high note and continue with preparation to move on to seminary. The true gift though has been and always will be how from the start I felt like I was part of something and making a difference. As a new chapter of my life begins to take shape, I wish to let you know that the lessons, laughter, occasional “you turkey” J and good times will stay with me forever and help me in the future be a better minister. I truly consider myself blessed to have found such an amazing church. Thank you once again for the very generous scholarship!

Kathleen Keaveney



I’m very proud to be this year’s recipient of the Whitaker-Ferguson memorial Scholarship. I plan to use this scholarship to pursue a career in nursing and eventually a career as a missionary. Thank you very much.

Brittany Berk

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-June 17, 2007

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* TBA

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Brenda Mosby

Communion Preparation:

Robert and Cathy Seltsam, Ellen Brothers

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

Nursery Volunteer: Amy Marrero

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Harsh Brown

10:30 Elders: Judy Cunningham, TBA, Perry Stemmons

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Jerry Vaught, *North Door*

Dick Vaught, *South Door*

Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

Candlelighters: Matthew Hoepfner and Megan Potthast

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Roy Rogers

Delivered: Gary and Cheryl Underschutz

Evangelism Calls: Harsh Brown

This Week (June 17 - 23)



- Sun. - Father's Day
- JYF (grades 3-5) and Chi Rho (grades 6-8) after 10:30
worship - Mission Trip briefing
- Terrace Vespers, 3:00 pm
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 pm, Red Field
- Mon. - Chi Rho Mission Trip - Junction City, Kansas
(June 18-21st)
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 am, Senior Center
- Thur. - Twilight Festival, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Sat. - JYF Mission Trip- Hannibal & Louisiana, MO
(June 23rd & 24th)