



Welcome New Member!

It was a joy to welcome Tommy Gay Evans into our congregation at the 8:30 service on Sunday, June 17 by transfer of her membership from the First Christian Church of Greater New Orleans. A former aerobics instructor and Mother's Day Out Director, she enjoys gardening and singing, and participating in the women's ministries of the church. She and her husband David moved to Columbia in April and they reside at 828 Oaklawn Drive, 65203 (phone # 449-9259). Welcome Tommy Gay!!

Sunday Services

Facing some unknown ailment or limitation, the Apostle Paul prayed for God to take it from him, but was forced to live with it! How did he do it? How can we do it? Paul's experience provides the text (2 Corinthians 12:1-10) and theme for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Living With Limitations" on Sunday, June 24.

Special music for the day: at the 8:30 service Pat Rybolt will sing "More Than a Song." and at the 10:30 service during the offertory Margaret Straw will play a violin solo, "Minuet 3," by J.S. Bach and will be accompanied by Mary Bancroft. Also at the 10:30 service, the Chancel Bells will perform the prelude, "God's Beautiful World." The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Bread and Wine of Life/As the Deer."



The excitement is about to begin! We are rounding up all kids ages 3 years through 5th grade to join us for Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 24th through Thursday, June 28th. We will eat a yummy dinner from 5:30 to 6:00 each evening and then we will be singing, hearing Bible stories, making crafts, playing games and watching Chadders newest video. You won't want to miss it! You are not too late! Registration is easy. Just call the Church office at 449-7265.

A couple notes:

- 1) On Sunday only we will begin registration at 5:00. Every other day will begin at 5:30.
- 2) On Thursday we would love all church members to join us in Fellowship Hall from 7:30 to 8:00 for our final Showtime Roundup. We will be wrapping the week up with singing and a special treat! It is a great time to see what the kids experienced throughout the week. Please join us!

Budget Questions? Attend the meeting...

**June 21st, 5:30 p.m.
Morris Parlor**

Members are invited to attend a meeting to help answer any questions that they have concerning the budget to be voted on next Sunday. Join us!

From the Frontier to the Future



**First
Christian
Church**

(Disciples of Christ)
Columbia, Missouri

1832 175th Anniversary 2007

Heeerrree's Johnny!

Having mentioned that I was scrambling for something to fill this week's pastoral column, Fred Mottaz pointed to the flower ministry chart resting on the office floor, awaiting the names of people to be filled in for the coming year. And it set to me to thinking!

Think about all those people who will be honored and remembered in the next twelve months! I suppose we could simply put their names in the worship bulletin and set the flowers out each Sunday, but a long time ago we started mentioning their names during worship services as a reminder of their lives. And each Sunday as I call their names I remember the faces of people who have worshiped and served with us, who have laughed and cried with us, who have been, and are still, part of us. And I remember the words of Hebrews that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have run, and continue to run, the race of faith with us. Think about all those people and give thanks to God for them!

And think about all the people who share in this great ministry, who arrange and deliver the flowers week by week. It is such a simple thing, but what an important part of the church's ministry. Think of all the people who receive the flowers! So many of you know the joy it gives, to see the smiles on the faces of people in the hospital, homebound, or now residents of a nursing home, when you walk in the door with a beautiful bouquet. No amount of money can repay you!

What a great ministry it is! I've been in churches which have artificial flowers on almost permanent display in the sanctuary. They don't have to be ordered and paid for each week. They don't have to be set out before worship each Sunday. They don't have to be removed from the sanctuary, arranged and delivered each week. They just sit there and need dusting!

And they don't do anyone any good! But thanks to Jimmy and Grace Smith (bless his memory!) we have taken upon ourselves the hassle of a flower ministry. When I think about the flower ministry I think of all of you who make it work and I say "Thanks be to God!" It's a lot of work, and it costs some money, but think about what it does - it spreads the fragrance of Christ around this community! Thanks be to God!

Congregational Meeting

At the conclusion of both worship services on Sunday, June 24, a meeting of the congregation will be called to order by Moderator Sarah Read to consider adoption of the church budget for the coming church year which begins July 1. All members of the church are encouraged to study the budget, included in this issue of the VISITOR, and to be present to cast their vote at the congregational meeting.



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**



Thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers. And a special thanks to Millie Bolman, Bettie Koelling, Mary Tompson, Millie Caringer, Frances Brown, Mary Bancroft and Dr. Yonker.
The Family of Marjorie Shaw

This has been a wonderful day - lots of cards and visitors for my 92nd birthday. To cap the day, I received the altar flowers and they are beautiful. It is always great to be remembered.

Dubby Muir

Weekly Report

June 17, 2007

Received \$5,695.97

Received to Date \$443,858.00

Attendance - 240

(includes early worship - 57)

News of the congregation

Our sympathy is extended to **Dorothy Durnil** on the death of her husband, **Ron Durnil**, who died Friday evening, June 15 at Boone Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by John Yonker on Wednesday morning, June 18 at Memorial Funeral Home. Ron spent many years teaching physical education in the Columbia Public Schools, and had been a member of our congregation since 1970. Also surviving are: two sons and their families, Terry and Cindy Durnil and Gary and Julie Durnil; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

We also remember in our prayers **Kara Stumpe**, Mizzou student and former Campus Ministry Intern with our congregation, on the recent death of her father.

Beth Browne and her family are also in our prayers. Beth's brother, **Joseph Thornburg**, remains in the hospital in Independence, MO following an auto accident.

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our concern at Boone Hospital are **Tom Carey**, **Dottie Leath** and **Edith Taylor**. **Bedonna Clark** has returned to her home after spending a few days in the hospital last week. **Kevin Bright**, **Ed Bright's** son, has returned home after being hospitalized last week.

Best wishes and God's speed to **Julie Bramon**, the daughter of **Kerry and Becky Bramon** who left on Monday for Kathmandu, Nepal where she will spend six weeks working for the non-profit Peace Rehabilitation Center. The center provides a safe house, counseling, and support for women who have escaped from the sex trade industry. Julie will be teaching English, art and piano lessons. She will be a senior at William Jewell College in the fall.

We always appreciate the special music provided for our worship services, and say thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her solo at the early service last Sunday. Also, thanks to **Norma Miller** for playing the piano at the early service and providing organ/piano duets at the late service with **Mary Bancroft**, and to **Melissa Straw** and the members of the **Chancel Choir** for their great anthem at the late service.

We thank **Darren Hellwege** for his continued work filling in for our custodian Jim Burt. Darren has been caring for numerous weddings held at our church. We are thankful for him and for everyone who extends hospitality to all people who come to the church.

Summary 2007-2008 Church Operating Budget (Proposed)

	2006-2007 Budget	2007-2008 Budget	Net Change
<u>INCOME</u>			
<u>Tithes & Offerings:</u>			
Pledged Offerings	\$411,992.66	\$408,122.00	(\$3,870.66)
Unpledge Offerings	\$42,000.00	\$59,000.00	\$17,000.00
Loose Offerings	\$8,500.00	\$7,500.00	(\$1,000.00)
Church School	\$750.00	\$550.00	(\$200.00)
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$463,242.66	\$475,172.00	\$11,929.34
Permanent Funds	\$70,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$10,000.00
Rent	\$45,000.00	\$64,535.00	\$19,535.00
Scholarships	\$8,841.24	\$5,670.00	(\$3,171.24)
Memorial Funds	\$11,853.75	\$16,450.00	\$4,596.25
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
CWM	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Cash forward	\$14,550.00	\$32,000.00	\$17,450.00
Total Income	\$613,987.65	\$675,527.00	\$61,539.35
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Administrative	\$388,408.66	\$400,332.00	\$11,923.34
Adult Education	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Awards/Scholarships	\$11,610.24	\$8,620.00	(\$2,990.24)
Campus/Young Adult	\$2,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$400.00
Childrens Education	\$6,375.00	\$6,575.00	\$200.00
Church in Society	\$10,125.00	\$10,125.00	\$0.00
Evangelism	\$1,625.00	\$1,675.00	\$50.00
Membership	\$3,130.00	\$3,730.00	\$600.00
Office	\$24,250.00	\$21,800.00	(\$2,450.00)
Property	\$79,500.00	\$127,750.00	\$48,250.00
Publicity	\$27,943.75	\$32,900.00	\$4,956.25
Stewardship	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
World Outreach	\$43,575.00	\$44,175.00	\$600.00
Worship	\$7,705.00	\$7,705.00	\$0.00
Youth Ministry	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$613,987.65	\$675,527.00	\$61,539.35



175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

June is Lay Leadership month

This week we continue with two more good and faithful servants of First Christian Church. These two men bring us into the mid and late 1900's with their service to church and community. Their stories are told on the following page.

Thank You

Thanks to Mary Daugherty for delivering our Minute for History in the early service and Chris Creasy in the second service. Ken Watson has been writing all the Minutes for History for the year with the exception of the dialogues written by Jean and Parker Rossman in May, July, September and December.

July Concert

Date: **Thursday, July 19, 2007 7:00** in the sanctuary; Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

About the Performer: "Bob Ault has been performing for over 50 years and playing the music of Blind Boone for 35. Best known for piano and banjo, he also plays 25 other instruments. He is a ragtime composer, an organist and has entertained everywhere from Carnegie Hall to Japan. He has served on the board of directors of the Scott Joplin Foundation in Sedalia, Missouri. His playing is influenced by his studies of thousands of recordings and he plays in a style based on the work of the musicians who played this joyous music when it was new 90 years ago. He lives in Blackwater, and plays regularly at the Iron Horse Hotel on weekends."

This concert is one of the key events for our 175th year. It is free and open to the public so invite a friend or neighbor. The nursery will be open for kindergarten and under. I guarantee an evening of wonderful music and fun.



Thank you to our ladies who provided the wonderful desserts for our June 10th Ice Cream Social: Laura Crane, Linda Hutton, Brenda Mosby, Shirley Park, Joyce Stanley, Sarah Storm, Lorene Trickey, Jerri Vaught, and Sharon Winner.

June 10th Ice Cream Social



Look at those desserts!



50 & 60 Year Members!



Above: 50 year + members (Sharon Winner, Ray Lansford, Don Mosby, Bette Scavone, Genie Rogers, Lorene Trickey, Beuna Lansford, Jean Rossman, Kathleen Shreaves and Nelson Trickey)

Left: 60 year church members (Jean Rossman and Don Mosby)

Lay Leaders

Robert L. Howard **1891-1973**

An active member of First Christian Church, Robert L. Howard and his wife spent time in activities to improve their community and church. Robert Howard was a lawyer, law school professor, and promoter of civic improvements. He is credited as the moving force behind the drafting of the city's council-manager form of government and the successful election adopting the city's home rule charter in 1949 that continues to govern Columbia today.

Former Mayor Bob Smith recalls the election to adopt the city charter as being very contentious. The mayoral system that had governed Columbia prior to 1949 was plagued by political favoritism and financial recklessness. The mayor and the Council opposed the charter because they wanted to retain their influential positions. Jane Howard Wray, daughter of Robert Howard, recounted that the day the charter was to be delivered to the Council in preparation for a public vote the police showed up at the family home to deliver a note from the Council saying it would not pay to make copies of the document. The Charter passed in a special election on March 29, 1949, by a 2/3 majority.

In 1977 the Municipal Building, 600 East Broadway which housed all city government functions, was renamed the Howard Building. In May 2007 the Howard building was renovated and rededicated by Mayor Darwin Hindman in a public ceremony.

Robert Howard was a constitutional law professor at Missouri law school for over 35 years. Many local lawyers had him as a professor. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Bob". Mayor Hindman whose families were neighbors, shared a rumor that was never confirmed, but widely reported: "when Franklin D. Roosevelt was attempting to reorganize the Supreme Court to get his New Deal proposals through, he proposed a plan to appoint an extra justice for each one who did not retire at 70 (At the time 6 of the 9 justices were over 70). The first person reported to be on his short list to add to the court was Robert Howard, a known 'yellow dog Democrat' from Boone County." His plan failed to get through Congress and was not even supported by his own party, therefore Howard never received the Supreme Court appointment.

Robert Howard and his wife Loreta had three children, Fred, Erma, and Jane, who were all active in the church. Mrs. Howard was one of the founding members of Harrah Circle and served initially as Treasurer. Robert Howard was a loyal member of Kiwanis, serving as President in 1950.

~Genie Rogers

James E. Smith **1911-2002**

Jim Smith "Jimmy," as his friends called him affectionately, served as a Sunday School teacher, choir soloist, church Elder, and Church Board chairman, and part of or chair of nearly all committees of the church. He was an accomplished musician who sang in the choir for decades, led vocal groups, and traditionally was either one of the three kings in the Christmas pageant or sang *The Kings of the East Came Riding*.

Perhaps one of the first things Jim is remembered for after joining the church is leading 150 men in song at an annual men's dinner in April 1945. Later, in March 1946, Jimmy spoke briefly and movingly in behalf of the C.L. (Christian Leaders) class of mostly young couples as he presented a new pulpit Bible in memory of Kenneth S. Davis, a Navy lieutenant who died during World War II and had organized the C.L. Class (Davis was the grandfather of C. K. Hoenes). Jim served as chair of the fund drive in 1969 for major renovations to the church. In late 1969 following Glynn Burke's resignation, Jim was named chairman of the pastoral search committee. The selection of Dr. Sam S. Langley in 1970 led to a successful 21-year pastorate for the church. During the "Langley years" Jim and Grace Smith brought us the "Ministry of Flowers". Realizing that the flowers from Sunday worship, weddings and funerals could bring joy to shut-ins and those hospitalized, they began a delivery program that has proved to be one of the most successful outreach efforts of our church.

A horticulturist, who taught at the University of Missouri, Jim and his wife, Grace had five daughters, Gracie, Mary Kay, Jeannie, Peggy, and Barbie. Grace still lives in the Columbia area. The couple broadened their Christian experience and vision by laboring in church summer work camps at Hazel Green Christian Academy in the Kentucky Appalachian Mountains and at the Heifer Project International Ranch and Conference Center in northwest Arkansas. Here at home, we are stirred by the hand bell choir ringing the three octaves of bells the Smiths donated to enhance the worship music for the church.

Jim Smith served as chair of the 150th anniversary of the church in 1982. It was an exhilarating year of dinners, returning former pastors, outstanding historians, music, and reunions, much like we are enjoying during this year of 2007. *Partners with God* by Kathy Dains was published, with biographical sketches and photos of our 21 senior pastors up to that time. Moray Loring Kiehl and family funded it as a memorial to Herbert Loring. Jim Smith looked back on the first 150 years of FCC and felt pride in his church. Today in 2007, we are grateful for his leadership and devotion, along with many other leaders who create for us a bright and prosperous future for First Christian Church.

~Bob Leach

More Pictures from the Ice Cream Social



Youth and Young Adults attending the Ice Cream Social



50 Year + Church Members Baptized in Our Church



Some Recent New Members



Couples Married in Our Church



Christian College Alumnae



Several of Our Ministers



Some of the 175th Anniversary Committee Members



www.firstchristian.org/youth

No youth groups will be meeting this Sunday, June 24 because we are involved in VBS! If you aren't involved yet, but would like to be (even for a night or two), just talk with me or our Director, Jessica Humble. :)

JYFers, we'll see you this Saturday morning to take off for our mission trip!! And, **CYFers** we'll see you on Wednesday, June 27th at our regular meeting time, 7:15.



The Chi Rho mission trip has started off well! As you can see, our host church (Zion UCC, Amy Kay's home church) was ready to receive us and we have already worked a ton at one of Junction City's main helping agencies. We invite you to check our web site at www.firstchristian.org for our full journal.

College Notes...

Thanks to all of those who are helping with VBS this year and who have been active in our college happenings so far this summer! Special thanks are extended to **Tom Yonker** and **Jessica Klockow** for attending the Mid-Month Movie and sharing some of their experiences from the Humane Borders mission trip.

Happy Birthday!



- Steve Evers-June 25
- John Hickey-June 26
- Julie Holliday-June 26
- Nelson Trickey-June 28
- Mary Kay Mueller-June 28
- Kyle Zimmer-June 28
- Thomas Yonker-June 30

Thank you!

First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for allowing us to store our bikes in your facility. We could not do what we do without you.
In the fight against cancer,
The 2007 Hopkins 4K for Cancer

Hopkins 4K for Cancer is a 4,000-mile, summer-long bicycle trek from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. Their mission is to unite communities across the country in the fight against cancer by spreading awareness, raising funds and fostering hope.

Make a Difference

If you haven't had a chance to get in on a Christian service mission—like Arizona, Yakama or Gulfport—because of a conflicting schedule or something else, here's an exhilarating new choice. Persons are needed anytime to help Church World Service (CWS) to staff its New Windsor, Maryland, distribution center for just a day or more. The center is unable at present to keep up with the need overseas for some kinds of crisis relief kits. It seeks help to assemble and process kits, like the ones we do at Festival of Sharing time.

The schedule will accommodate persons whose schedules do not fit their church's summer service groups elsewhere. Both individuals and groups can set their schedules with CWS.

New Windsor is a small town about 37 miles northwest of Baltimore via highways 26 and 31. It is well known among churches and denominations. Eighteen-wheeler trucks we see loading at every Festival of Sharing head for New Windsor. Our church proudly participates in CWS year 'round.

For scheduling or information, just call 410-635-8700, the Brethren Church Service Center hospitality office in New Windsor.

~Bob Leach

Mark Your Calendars for:

**July 15
Blood Drive
at**

**First Baptist Church
12:30-6:00 p.m.**

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for Columbia Faith and Education
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Ph. # 875-1035

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Sunday's Schedule-June 24, 2007

Van Driver: Cliff Tompson *Telephone:* Nina Oliver

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Millie and Larry Caringer, Colleen Nilges

Elder for 8:30 Service: Don Mosby

Communion Preparation:

Joni Cupp, Bryant and Susan White

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt

Nursery Volunteer: Molly Read

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Debbie Taylor

10:30 Elders: Mary Daugherty, Eldon Drennan, Brenda Mosby

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Jeff and Amy LaHue, *North Door*

Marvelee Ridgeway, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Candlelighters: Logan Garton and Sam Poole

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Elizabeth Mottaz

Delivered: Jeff and Susan Ripley

Evangelism Calls: Gene & Micki Kirkham

This Week (June 24 - 30)

Vacation Bible School June 24 - 28



- Sun. - Congregational Meeting, after each worship service
- No youth groups
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School - Registration at 5:00 p.m.,
Dinner from 5:30-6:00, Ending at 8:00 p.m.
- Church Softball Game, 8:00 p.m., Red Field
- Mon. - VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Tue. - STARS trip to Guy's Place, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15-8:30 p.m.
- Thur. - Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m. (everyone invited for
the final Showtime Roundup 7:30-8:00 p.m.)
- Twilight Festival, 6:00-8:00 p.m.