



## WORLD RELIGIONS TOUR IN ST. LOUIS

First Christian Church has contracted with Linda Koenig of Gateway Tours of St. Louis to visit the beautiful houses of worship of five of the world's religions in West County. Our stops will be:

- ⇒ Tour of the new Hindu Temple of St. Louis. Learn about Hindu beliefs and customs while visiting this imposing and beautiful temple.
- ⇒ Visit the St. Louis Abbey/St. Anselm Church. This modern chapel's design is wonderfully unique.
- ⇒ Buffet lunch at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Enjoy delicious Greek delicacies prepared by members of the congregation.
- ⇒ Tour Assumption Church. View and appreciate the gorgeous new iconography
- ⇒ Tour Temple Israel. View the 3200-lb. sanctuary sculpture which depicts events in the Book of Exodus. Learn about Reform Jewish traditions and worship services.
- ⇒ Visit the Daar ul Islam Mosque. Learn about Islamic worship and customs, inside this beautiful mosque.

Our congregation has invited other Christian churches to join in the trip and we hope to have a good representation from all. What a great way to spend a day learning and meeting new friends or seeing old acquaintances. **THE TOUR IS OPEN TO ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND.**

Date of Trip - **Friday, July 13, 2007.**

Bus Leaves from Broadway Christian Church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. sharp and we will be back to the parking lot by 6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50 per person (includes transportation, tour guide and lunch)

**Deadline for reservations** is Monday, July 9, 2007. This is critical since we are working with a tour guide.

Call the church office 449-7265 to make reservations. Make checks payable to First Christian Church, c/o of Carol Slusher.

Sponsored by :

- S - Seniors
- T - Together
- A - Affirming our faith in God
- R - Reaching out to one another and others
- S - Serving Christ



## Sunday Services

Celebrating our heritage of freedom and democracy, our worship services on July 1 will include appropriate hymns and special music for the day. The Old Time Hymn Sing for the early service will be from 8:25-8:35 and led by Donna Houston with Norma Miller at the piano. For the late service the hymn sing will be from 10:25-10:35 and led by Melissa Straw with Mary Bancroft at the organ. The Chancel Choir anthem at the 10:30 service will be "For Spacious Skies." Two passages of scripture, Deuteronomy 8:6-18 and Galatians 5:1, 13-15 will set the tone for Dr. Yonker's sermon focusing on the heritage and responsibility of freedom.



### Weekly Report

June 24, 2007

Received \$6,596.00

Received to Date \$450,537.02

Attendance - 263

(includes early worship - 50)

*From the Frontier to the Future*



**First  
Christian  
Church**

(Disciples of Christ)  
Columbia, Missouri

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

## From the Land Beyond the Workroom...

"God is with us – wah-who!"

This week during Vacation Bible School, many truths have been affirmed about our God and tonight's truth is indeed a "big T Truth." It is helpful to remember that *God is with us* as we respond to all of the happenings of the world. It has been especially helpful to dwell on such truths through the past week...

Two youth groups went on mission trips this last week and I was fortunate enough to get to be with them on their journeys. The Chi Rhoers went to Junction City, Kansas, with Molly Read as our additional adult for four days and learned of all the ways that the city responds to the needs of their people. Their city is located next to one of the biggest Army bases in the United States and therefore has many families in crisis after years of deployment to war. We saw a summer lunch program, a boys and girls club, parks/gyms set up for children without the accompaniment of adults, a homeless shelter and an Armed Services YMCA. We jumped in and served while we learned about the comprehensive approach to meeting peoples' needs. Many correlations were made between their city and our city and we will continue to make such connections as we learn and serve around Columbia together.

As we worked (and I mean long hours of working, actually), we thought and talked about many things. We wondered what it might be like to mother small children while a spouse was in combat. We wondered what it might be like to run a homeless shelter. We wondered what it might be like to be homeless. It can be hard to wonder such real and difficult things; however, it would be much harder if we didn't understand God to be with us as we deal with such circumstances.

The JYFers went to Hannibal and Louisiana, Missouri, with the Kormans as our additional adults to take care of God's creation (pick up a bit of trash), learn about Sam Clemons a man who had much to say about life and faith (Mark Twain, as we called him) and help lead worship by putting on a skit for the Children's Moment. We played a lot, as we should do being elementary aged Christians. One of the events of our two day trip was an all church "Lawn Party"

hosted by their minister at the church's parsonage. It was a grand affair with tables and chairs set up all over their expansive lawn. Intergenerational chatting could be seen throughout the numerous gaming areas and lounging spots. An impressive cadre of side dishes to many varieties of BBQed meats kept our tummies very happy. We were taken in by their people and were loved as if we were part of their family. We met Immy, Barbara, Dude, Sarah Jane, and a host of others whom we quickly grew to adore. Our kids played with their kids and the next day, a two year old professed that Heather Hunsaker was his best friend. It felt good. It all felt good. Yes, *God is with us* and sometimes it is quite easy to sense the presence of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God for these difficult and good opportunities to learn and grow as Christians. Thanks be to God for being with us through all of our lives' journeys.

VBS treasure verse for the night: "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 ~Amy Kay Pavlovich

*(see insert for Chi Rho and JYF trip pictures)*

## Melissa Straw Resigns

Melissa Straw has submitted her resignation and will end her service as our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir Director, effective at the conclusion of the July 15 worship service when the choir begins its four-week summer vacation. Melissa began her work with us in November 1993, and has not only brought her skills and love for music, but also her love for people to the music ministry of our congregation. She is looking forward to continuing her work as Director of the Missouri Symphony Society Children's Chorus, as well as having the opportunity to worship on a regular basis with her husband, Mike, daughter Margaret and son Matthew at Broadway Christian Church where Mike is choir director.

A reception honoring Melissa will be held following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, July 15.

Contributions are being received in the church office for those wishing to make a financial gift to Melissa. Checks should be made out to "First Christian Church", noted for the "Melissa Straw Gift," dated no later than July 13. ~John Yonker

## News of the congregation

Our sympathy is extended to **Betty Moon** on the death of her sister, **Lillian Hilgedick** who died on Sunday, June 17, at Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Booneville. She was 79 years old. A memorial service was held at First Christian Church in Fayette on Tuesday, June 19.

Among other people who are in our concern at this time are **Shirley Park** who is recovering from a fall last Friday evening; she was hospitalized overnight and released on Saturday. **Sam Langley** was treated in the emergency room at Boone Hospital last Friday following a fall at the West Village Manor Nursing Home where he is now a resident. He has recently moved there after spending a short time living with his son and daughter-in-law, **Stan and Trudy** who live in northern Boone County.

**Tom Carey, Edith Taylor and Dottie Leath** have returned home after spending some days at Boone Hospital recently.

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her nice vocal solo at the early service last Sunday, accompanied by **Norma Miller**. Also, thanks to **Margaret Straw**, elementary age daughter of **Melissa Straw**, for her lovely violin solo presented as an offertory at the 10:30 service last Sunday.

Thanks to **Elizabeth Rottmann** for presenting the Children's Moment and to **Tom Shrouf** for presiding at the communion table last Sunday.

## Flower Ministry

There are a few dates left to donate flowers for the flower ministry this coming fiscal year. Please come by the church office to sign-up, for those of you who are interested. Thank you. ~Mary Daugherty

Your Special Birthday!



Elwyn Ewer-92 on July 6

Ruth Brandenburg-96 on July 8



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

JYF and Chi Rho – got some kindness... and sneakiness in you for this week? We will both meet after the late service this Sunday for lunch and will then split off into our groups. The emphasis of the day will be upon random acts of kindness... we will surprise some people by leaving them little, fun gifts with our own personal youth group touch. Some of the youth will be going out in the van, so if you need to come and leave early, please let me know at the beginning of our time together. Side note: there is no need to wear camouflage or black – we won't be that sneaky as we leave our kind little packages... but you may wish to wear or bring clothes you can play in easily. :) Both groups will end in prayer by 2:00pm.

Wanna Partner? I could use two additional fun souls to be with us on our journeys. Let me know if you are interested.

Partner thanks to **Molly Read, Kim and Mike Korman** and the many adults who sent goodies with us on our trips. (See pastoral column or web site for more info.) Thanks also to **Intern Elizabeth Rottmann** for everything that she did while we were gallivanting across the mid-west.



- Mary Jane Anderson-July 1
- Bette Scavone-July 1
- Emily Unterschutz-July 1
- Gina Henry-July 2
- Jadie Arnett-July 3
- Andrew Nichols-July 4
- Stacia Schaefer-July 5
- Elwyn Ewer-July 6
- Haley Evers-July 6
- Jack Estes-July 7

## River of Life

We understand the difficulties of summer schedules, but this Sunday, July 1, we have a big day in Sunday School as we are video taping our segment on the seasons of the church year. The signs have been made, the teleprompter has been loaded and now all we need are you elementary kids to come and pull it all off! We even have some remote locations we will be taping from when we go live from the studio... Hope to see you this Sunday from 9:30 – 10:20am on the third floor!

## Children's Worship

During the months of July and the first few weeks of August we will not be having Children's Worship, but do hope that the kids continue attending worship in the big sanctuary. We are planning special things each and every week to try to engage the elementary aged children. For instance, a few weeks ago on a first Sunday of the month we had instruments available downstairs and upstairs for the kids to play during an African-American Spiritual. It was great fun... more of these types of things will be happening so that the younger Christians continue to be engaged in the worship services.

Special thanks to our Children's Worship leaders for making this another good year in the upper sanctuary. **Kim Boger, Jessica Humble** and **Holly Gieseke** have all been our consistent and wise worship leaders. Thanks also to the many **Youth Helpers** who enhance the kids' experience in worship as they respond to God in the art and game rooms. You all are so appreciated!

## College Notes...

We have summer happenings coming up that we hope might fit into your schedules: Another Random Movie Night will be on Monday, July 2 from 8:00 – 10:00pm in the Cinema. I will have a couple of new documentaries for you to choose from for our evening's viewing and discussion. Thanks to **Sarah Klockow** for Partnering our CYF mission trip to Gulfport for Disciple Disaster Relief during the week of July 8th. We will return home just in time to go bowling with you all on Sunday, July 15th. The time of this event is still to be announced as we will plan around the leagues and our Sunday schedule. Friday, July 20th we will have a Mid-Month Movie from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Cinema. Please let me know if you have any questions about these planned activities or want to get together in-between-times for other happenings! It is great to be with you all this summer!!



## BOOK ORNER

Published in 2007, **Grace Under Fire** by Andrew Carroll is a different book, the first of its kind. It is an inspiring and spiritual collection of letters and e-mails by U.S. troops and their families from the American Revolution through the War on Terrorism. The author went through a massive archive of 75,000 previously unpublished wartime correspondences to pick out some of the most intimate, dramatic, historic and insightful letters ever written about God, religion, and spirituality. The fifty chosen are featured in this very special book, and they emphasize how extremely important faith has been and continues to be in the lives of U.S. troops and their families.

You will be surprised at seeing the personal testimony of journalist David Bloom of NBC News, e-mailed to his wife the day before he died of a blood clot caused by long hours cramped inside a tank recovery vehicle. Also included are letters from two brothers who fought on opposite sides of the Civil War, chaplains, nurses, and a doctor asking the timeless question, "Where is God in wartime?" Pictures, facsimiles and excerpts make this an unusual book.

You are invited to  
"Experience the Miracle"  
on 4th and Broadway  
the

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**  
cordially invites you to attend the  
dedication service of their new

**Center for Christian Education**

**Saturday, June 30, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Reception immediately following  
in the Fellowship Hall

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

## June is Lay Leadership Month

This week winds up the month honoring church lay leaders. We end with J.M. Silvey, one of the great benefactors of this church. Mr. and Mrs. Silvey's generosity has allowed First Christian Church to have a strong financial base. His financial stewardship and spiritual leadership continue to be an inspiration to this congregation.

## Old Time Hymn Sing

As part of the 175th celebration, choir director, Melissa Straw and organist, Mary Bancroft, have been conducting an "old time hymn sing" the first Sunday of each month. This week is the first Sunday of July. The hymn sing for the early service will be 8:25-8:35 and 10:25-10:35 for the late service. Dig out your old favorites and send requests to Melissa (e-mail: [strawsinger@earthlink.net](mailto:strawsinger@earthlink.net)) or call the office with your request.



## Help Build an ARK

Sunday, May 6 was the beginning of a fund raising drive to provide a 175th anniversary gift of an ARK of animals through Heifer International. A full ARK costs \$5,000.00.

There will be a display in the Narthex to receive donations before or after church until our goal is reached. We have a good start of contributions, but need more to fill the ARK.

## 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 study 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 event is one of our key events for our 175<sup>th</sup> year. It is free and open to the public so invite a friend or neighbor. The nursery will be open for kindergarten and under.

## Church and "Old Fashioned" Fun with Alexander Campbell

As one of the 175th activities, **Sunday, August 5, 2007** a guest preacher is scheduled to be in the pulpit. His name is Alexander Campbell! To welcome him to Missouri and Columbia for the first time we will step back to 1845 in time and dress. After church and a brief nap, Elder Campbell will be our guest at the all-Disciple picnic at the Reichmann Building in Stephens Lake Park. All disciple churches in the area will be invited plus all our many friends from Woodhaven and Lenoir. Old-fashioned games will be available for the kids and some old fashioned visiting, stump speaking and fried chicken for everyone. Mark your calendar.



## October Homecoming

**Sunday, October 14** is designated as "Coming Home Sunday." Rev. David Yonker, an FCC Timothy, will be the guest Minister. All former ministers, Associate Ministers, former members and staff will be invited for church and a catered lunch in Fellowship Hall. Mark the date on your calendar, invite your church friends "back home." All former ministerial staff will be contacted. More details will be coming.

## Honoring Our Veterans



As America approaches the 4th of July we would like the names of FCC men and women who have served in the Armed Forces, during war and peace-time since the founding of the church. These patriots will be compiled in a list of honor and published on Veterans Day, November 11. Please submit your name, parents, grandparents or a friend you remember who served the USA in uniform (this includes Confederate and Union soldiers during the American Civil War) who were members of this church. Please give us the name of the soldier/veteran and the branch of military service. If a relative died in combat please note which conflict. An insert is enclosed which can you can mail, or you can return it to the church office or place in the offering tray on Sunday. You may also send an e-mail to Genie Rogers : [gbr@socket.net](mailto:gbr@socket.net) or the church office: [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org). A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex and the office for the next few months.

## Lay Leadership

### J.M. Silvey (1909-1988)

Few lay people had the depth and scope of influence within the First Christian Church as did highly respected businessman, J.M. Silvey. His name was synonymous with philanthropy as he gave generously both of his time and his treasure to the community and to his church.

James Madison ("Jack" to his many friends) was born in 1909. His professional career began at a small farmers exchange in South Gifford, MO, moving up to manage grain elevators then becoming a troubleshooter in MFA's home office in Columbia in 1938. His move to Columbia began his meteoric rise in the world of agriculture economics and the local business environment. In 1946 he was one of the organizers of the highly successful MFA Insurance company (now Shelter Insurance) of which he served as President. Following strong disagreements with the parent company, he, followed by twenty other executives left, MFA in 1964 and formed the Silvey Insurance Company. Seizing new opportunities in the acquisition of existing fire and casualty companies and spawning new life insurance companies and a finance business, Jack Silvey proved once again that hard work, intelligence, fairness and the instinct he had for advantageous business decisions made him a giant in the field of insurance and business. In 1984 the Royal Group Inc. purchased Silvey Insurance giving the shareholders a large profit. Jack Silvey remained President until his death in 1988.

J.M. Silvey's instinct for business was surpassed only by his strong feelings of church, faith and the sharing of his good fortune. In later years when asked about his success he pondered and replied, that he felt "any success he had began when he began tithing to the church". His strongest civic interest was the Christian Church. He served in every position and leadership role at FCC, including elder and President of the Church Board. In 1956 he served as chair of the committee to plan for Broadway Christian Church. In 1962 he

served on the pulpit committee that was to seek a replacement for Dr. Lemmon. He was elected for an unprecedented third term as President of the 129th annual assembly of the Christian Church of MO in 1968. He donated land and money to the MO School of Religion and served it as President of its Board of Directors for 18 years. Generous with their pledges and offerings, Mr. and Mrs. Silvey have been the two greatest benefactors of the church. In the mid 1980's a check for \$140,000.00 was received from the Silveys to establish a fund to promote attendance and growth in church membership. This fund has led to the financing of the very popular radio spots that are on the radio several times a week on AM and FM radio stations to this day. They continue to be the most popular of our outreach efforts and have a community wide following.

In addition to supporting his church, Jack Silvey was committed to the community that had been good to him. He served tirelessly on the Christian College (now Columbia College) Board, the Board of Lenoir Retirement Center and involved himself in progressive city government. He was on the original commission to write a charter for the city of Columbia which resulted in our current city manager form of government. After the Charter was adopted he headed the personnel panel that appointed the new city government's first department heads.

J.M. Silvey died in 1988 at the age of 78. Rev. Dr. Sam Langley conducted his memorial service in the sanctuary of First Christian Church. His widow, Ivis Silvey resides at Lenoir Woods. The Silveys had two children who were raised in the shadows of the FCC church family: Marilyn Silvey Tatlow who died in 2005 and Jim Silvey who is currently a member of our congregation. Jim and his wife, Billie and their daughter, Sheryl, were all baptized in this church. Jim served many years as a deacon before being one of the families to help establish Broadway Christian Church where he was also an active participant. A number of years ago, Jim and Billie returned home to First Christian Church and now represent and continue the legacy, along with their Mother, Ivis, of the outstanding good works of the Silvey family in their community and their church.

~Genie Rogers



Above: 2007 Chi Rho Mission Trip  
Right: 2007 JYF Mission Trip  
(see pastoral column for details)



# The Visitor

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Mary Bancroft, Coord. of Music & Organist  
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Norma Miller, Pianist

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

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## Sunday's Schedule-July 1, 2007

*Van Driver:* Chuck Scott *Telephone:* Sara Klockow

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

*Worship Asst:* Joni Cupp

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Bettie Koelling

*Communion Preparation:*

Genie Rogers, Gene and Micki Kirkham

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

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Kelly Mueller

*10:30 Elders:* Jacki Davidson, Carol Slusher, Eldon Drennan

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Jacki Davidson, *North Door*

Molly Read, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Burnham Team

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged:* Emmy Croll

*Delivered:* Cindy and Thomas Rose

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (July 1 - 7)

- Sun. - Old Time Hymn Sing, 8:25 and 10:25 a.m.  
- JYF (grades 3-5) and Chi Rho (grades 6-8), after 10:30  
worship until 2:00 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Green Field
- Mon. - Random Movie Night, 8:00 p.m., Cinema
- Wed. - July 4th Holiday, Office Closed  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen



# INDEPENDENCE DAY