



Ice Cream Social
June 10th, 6:00 pm

All-Church Ice Cream Social

As part of our "175th Anniversary Celebration," we are having an all-church ice cream social this Sunday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have been asked to bring a dessert, thank you very much, and we know it will be delicious with the ice cream that will be provided. Yes, we will have chocolate, strawberry and vanilla! And yes, we will have ice cream cones also.

We want this to be a fun casual party and we want EVERYONE to come. We also want to record some more of our church history by taking several pictures. Some of the groups will be 50 year church members, 50 year members who were baptized in our church (probably born in 1945 or before), couples married in our church, family groups, all the kids present (young and old), the 175th anniversary committee, to name a few.

If you are "eligible" for any of these group pictures, we REALLY want you to come. If you don't drive or don't want to, PLEASE call the church office and sign up for a ride. Leave a message if the office isn't open. We WILL pick you up because we WANT you here!!! If we haven't seen you for awhile, it's okay. Come on home! (We'll have name tags.)

Hope to see you Sunday and be ready to smile for the birdie. ~Sharon Winner

Sunday Services

The story of Jesus' conversation with the father of a sick son, and two subsequent healings, found in Mark 9:14-29, sets the scene for Sunday's sermon, "Help My Unbelief!" by Dr. Yonker.

Special music at the 8:30 service will be a solo, "All That I Am," by Linda Chandler. At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will sing "Train Up A Child."

Weekly Report

May 27, 2007

Received \$4,507.72

Received to Date \$417,408.16

Attendance - 225

(includes early worship - 49)

Weekly Report

June 3, 2007

Received \$14,829.45

Received to Date \$432,292.61

Attendance - 322

(includes early worship - 63)

Groups
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A WILD RIDE THROUGH GOD'S WORD

We're rounding-up all cowboys and cowgirls from age 3 through 5th grade for **Vacation Bible School, June 24-28**. We will gather each night from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. for dinner, bible stories, crafts, games and more! Registration forms will be mailed out or you may call the Church office at 449-7265. We want to see you there!

Volunteering at Avalanche Ranch is easy (and really appreciated)! Everything is supplied for you and requires little preparation. A joyful and willing attitude is all you need. We still need the following: Horseplay Games Leader, Chadder's Wild West Theater Leader, Elementary Ranch Crew Leaders, Prairie Dog Preschool Crew Leaders, Registration Attendants, Cowpoke Craft Helpers.

Please call Jessica Humble at 441-8021 if you are interested in volunteering.

From the Frontier to the Future



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Columbia, Missouri



Heeerrreee's Johnny!

Anyone who takes time away from family, work and familiar routine to participate in a mission trip comes back a changed person. So it was for nine of us returning from our week-long trip working on the Yakama Indian Mission in southeastern Washington.

For some of us it was simply the eye-opening experience of traveling to a beautiful part of the country we had never seen before. For others of us it was the opportunity to learn about a culture much different than ours, as we talked with Mexican migrant farm workers who share life with the Native Americans on the Yakama reservation, and who work ten hours a day, six to seven days a week for about \$10,000. For all of us it was the great opportunity to become better acquainted with members of our own church as we spent eight days together, eating, working, talking, learning about each other. I learned again what I've known a long time, that we really don't get to know each other until we have the chance to eat and work together.

As we return from Yakama we will soon get back into our routines, and get busy with all the important, and not-so-important things which occupy our time. But the images and memories of our Yakama experience will remain with us: moving irrigation pipes and grooming goats, digging trenches for the foundation of a new home for a migrant worker family, renovating the bathrooms in the basement of the Log Church, readying them for summer children's program which begins this week, and making tortillas and eating lamb burgers, evening games of basketball and late night games of hearts.

Counting the children, youth and adults who have gone to work all the way from Hannibal, to St. Louis and Kansas City, from Kentucky, to West Virginia, from Texas to Arizona and Mexico, Wyoming, and Washington, many First Christian Church people have been changed by mission trip experiences. Many of us have had our eyes opened as we have talked to people and learned about their struggles to live in difficult circumstances. And we have come home changed in many ways.

May all our eyes be opened to see the ways in which we may serve, in our own city, across the country and the world. And may God bless us with the joy of seeing the world changed through our efforts, be they large or small.

Mid-Month Movie

The College Mission Trip participants would like to invite you to the showing of Crossing Arizona in our 3rd Floor Cinema on Friday, June 15 at 7:00pm. We will begin with a brief introduction to the movie, watch the documentary and then reflect upon it together. If it is of interest, the college students will share some of their gatherings of border issues from their recent travels to Tucson, Arizona and Aguas Prieta, Mexico.

This is a summary of the movie that you can see with your popcorn and soda on Friday night: With Americans on all sides of the issue up in arms and Congress embroiled in a knock-down-drag-out policy battle over how to move forward, Crossing Arizona shows how we got to where we are today.

Heightened security in California and Texas has pushed illegal border-crossers into the treacherous Arizona desert in unprecedented numbers – an estimated 4,500 a day. Most are men in search of work, but increasingly the border-crossers are women and children seeking to reunite with their families. This influx of migrants crossing through Arizona and the attendant rising death toll have elicited complicated feelings about human rights, culture, class, labor and national security.

Crossing Arizona examines the crisis through the eyes of those directly affected by it. Frustrated ranchers go out day after day to repair cut fences and pick up the trash that endangers their livestock and livelihoods. Humanitarian groups place water stations in the desert in an attempt to save lives. Political activists rally against anti-migrant ballot initiatives and try to counter rampant fear mongering. Farmers who depend on the illegal work force face each day with the fear that they may lose their workers to a border patrol sweep. And now there are the Minutemen, an armed citizen patrol group taking border security into their own hands. As up-to-date as the nightly news, but far more in-depth, Crossing Arizona reveals the surprising political stances people take when immigration and border policy fails everyone.



News of the congregation

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our concern at this time are: **Cliff Tompson** who is at home recovering from recent surgery at Boone Hospital. **Ivis Silvey** was admitted to Boone Hospital last week and hopes to return to her home at Lenoir in the next few days. **Jean Taylor's husband, Jim**, is at home recovering from surgery last week at Boone Hospital. Our sympathy is extended to **Carol Harris-Randerson** on the death of her sister-in-law, **Lola Sue Briscoe**, who died at her home in Columbia on May 30. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 5 in Ashland. **Jason Rochholz** was admitted to the University Hospital early this week. **Marjorie Shaw** was admitted to Boone Hospital on Tuesday.

Our sympathy is extended to **Rena Moore** and her family on the death of Rena's youngest sister, **Betty Dobiynski**, in Dallas, TX. Betty passed away on May 27th and Gene and Rena attended the funeral service held in Clifton, TX on May 30th.

Sam Langley has moved from Lenoir to live with his son and daughter-in-law, **Stan and Trudy Langley**, in northern Boone County. He is looking forward to staying in touch with members of the church and may be reached at their home phone, 573-696-1001. His address is 860 E. Breedlove Drive, Sturgeon, MO 65284.


Mark and Judith Wildman have a new granddaughter, **Ellie Dakota Colborn**. She is the daughter of **Jeff and Jennifer Colborn**. Ellie was born Tuesday, May 22 at 6:42 a.m. She was 19 3/4 inches and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Thank you to the special crew that helped assemble the last newsletter: **Will Houston, Kent Kurtz, Perry Stemmons, Dave Beam** and **Anna Cathryn Yost**.

A big thank you to **Paula Kurtz** for assisting with proofing the photo directory.

Congratulations to **Chaplain Sally Robinson** on her 20th year of ordination anniversary on June 7th.

**Your
Special Birthday!**

 **Dubby Muir-92**
on June 11

175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

June Is Lay Leadership Month

There are many ways to demonstrate God's work through every day living. June is the month we recognize the importance our lay leaders had in the growth and development of the church, while at the same time providing leadership skills in the growing community of Columbia.

First Christian Church, dating back to the early days of establishment, has been the church home for a large number of prominent people in the history of Columbia. Members of FCC were the leading businessmen, academicians, and politicians of Columbia. Many of these civic leaders, who were also FCC members, used their skills to provide church leadership for budgets, Sunday School teaching, organizing relief efforts, church expansion and renovation, and consistently brought in ministers with exceptional skills and backgrounds. In short, many, many people over a period of 175 years contributed in making FCC a church with broad influence at home and with the ability to impact people around the world. This month we will profile selected members of our congregation who have had a profound impact on the church **and** the community.

The individuals who will be covered in June are:

1st week: Margaret Ann Lenoir (1833-1928) and Frank Nifong (1867-1955)

2nd week: A.C. Ragsdale, M.M. Jones, R.A. Miller, James E. Smith

3rd week: Frank G. Harris, Sr. and Robert Howard

4th week: J.M. Silvey

Ice Cream Social

As a 175th Anniversary Activity an Ice Cream Social will be held on June 10th at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Don't plan to miss this event. It should be a fun evening with many delicious desserts to sample.

Quilt

A whopping number of 168 quilt squares have been submitted for the Anniversary quilt. Meetings begin this week by the Quilt committee to begin layout, dimensions and determining the design of the quilt.

Heifer Ark

Donations will continue to be collected until the goal of \$5,000.00 is reached to purchase an ARK of animals. The animals will be distributed along with help and training to impoverished families world wide to provide food and to develop self-reliance. Heifer is a highly successful program in attacking the problems of world hunger and conservation.



July 19 - Ragtime performance by Bob Ault with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

August 5 - All-Church Picnic at Stephens Lake

October 14 - "Coming Home Sunday" with Dave Yonker, guest preacher, and lunch in Fellowship Hall

October 20 - FCC float in Homecoming Parade

November - "Book of Thanksgiving" will be published honoring church veterans

December 30 - Time Capsule of FCC information and church trivia from 2007 will be buried

Frank Nifong

Dr. Frank G. Nifong was not only one of Columbia's outstanding pioneer philanthropists, he was a devoted family man, a "buggy doctor", and an active member of First Christian Church. On January 19, 1867, Frank Nifong was born to the William Nifong family, who moved to Missouri from North Carolina. Another pioneer family, who followed the same path to Missouri, was the Lenoirs. Frank Nifong grew up in Madison County and went to Missouri Medical College in 1887 at St. Louis. In 1900, Frank and Lavinia Lenoir were married in a ceremony at First Christian Church. After having an active business and social life in St. Louis, the young couple moved to the Lenoir farm, otherwise known as "Maplewood", on the south-east edge of Columbia in 1905.

Slater and Margaret Lenoir built the original Maplewood home in 1877. The name was derived from a large grove of sugar maple trees on the land. Since its completion, the only people to live in the Maplewood home are the Lenoirs, their daughter Lavinia, and Dr. Frank Nifong. Today the Maplewood home is the centerpiece of the Frank G. Nifong Memorial Park. The home also had several out buildings including servants quarters, a carriage house, a large red barn, a stone pump house, stables, and a root cellar.

Once in Columbia, Dr. Nifong immediately established a successful medical practice. He used horses and carriages to call on his patients as well as a one-cylinder, horseless carriage, the "Red Devil". Later in his life, his buggies, coupe, and a fringe-topped surrey were frequently used in University of Missouri parades, especially during the Farmers' Fair week. One of his best-known cars was a black Pierce-Arrow, a landmark that could be regularly spotted in the Columbia community. Among his many contributions are the development of the University of Missouri medical school; the building of Boone County Hospital; the development of the Department of Health Education for Stephens College; and the establishment of a system of county hospitals in the state of MO.

Dr. Nifong was a member of the committee appointed in early February, 1922 to investigate sites for a new First Christian Church building. Committee suggestions included the location of the Tandy Building at 9th and Walnut (\$37,000); the Odd Fellow lot on Walnut Street (\$34,000); the Dozier Stone lot on 9th street (\$30,000); Garth Homestead (\$30,000); and the Judge Stewart lot (\$7,500) and Mrs. D.A. Robnett (\$12,000) lot, both on the corner of 10th and Cherry streets. Dr. Nifong pointed out that some of these lots were no larger than the church's present lot. He also noted that traffic on 9th street was heavy and the area might prove to be undesirable. In addition, Dr. Nifong felt it could become a problem if our church sang on hot days with open windows at the same time the Methodist church and the Episcopal Church were singing. Dr. Nifong thought the Tandy property would work well because there was plenty of room to expand over the coming years, and it was close to the current location.

In addition to being scholarly and well thought of in the medical community, Dr. Nifong was a family man. He lovingly referred to his wife as "Miss Lavinia", and in 1944 he wrote a book named *After-glow*. He had a special fondness for and dedication to the citizens of Boone County. In his book, Dr. Frank G. Nifong wrote:

"Stay, stay at home, my heart, and rest;
Home-keeping hearts are happiest;
For those that wander they know not where
Are full of trouble and full of care;
To stay at home is best."

In June 1947, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Nifong, longtime members of our church, entered into an agreement to establish a senior citizens' home under the auspices of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church. The Lenoir Memorial Home was in honor of Mrs. Nifong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Lenoir, and was in part possible because of Dr. and Mrs. Nifong's donation of land and money. The construction of the home, which later became known as the Lenoir Retirement Center, was begun in 1947 and completed in 1949.

Dr. Frank G. Nifong died at age 88 on the Fourth of July in 1955. Lavinia Lenoir Nifong died in 1959 at age 91. Both are buried in Columbia Cemetery.

~Chris Creasy

Margaret Ann Lenoir

When the anniversary of First Christian Church was celebrated two years late in 1890, Margaret Ann Lenoir had been a member for 65 years of the 77 years the church had been in existence.

Margaret was the daughter of Austin and Lavinia Bradford. She was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, on September 20, 1833. Her parents moved to Boone County when she was a small girl. She married Slater E. Lenoir in 1864. They had one daughter, Lavinia (Mrs. Frank G.) Nifong. Margaret died in 1928. Dr. Carl Agee, pastor of First Christian Church, conducted her funeral.

Her newspaper obituary tells of her love for the church, her charitable contributions, and her loyalty to the principles of Christian virtue. Maplewood was her lifelong home in Missouri. In this home she was a gracious hostess to her friends, a gentile Southern lady.

Margaret Lenoir lived prior to the time of women deaconesses, elders, and ministers. In the Christian Churches, local women's groups operated such as Ladies Aid Societies, Pastor's Aid Societies, etc. These groups of women worked tirelessly behind the scenes, sewing, serving meals, and ministering to the poor and sick. During her era of work in the Women Aid Societies, came the orphanages, the Bible Colleges, the Bible Chairs, and many service projects for our local church.

The estate she and her husband passed on to her only daughter, Lavinia, along with that of Dr. Frank Nifong (following profile) formed the economic base for establishing Lenoir Home, and later Woodhaven.

Many of Margaret Lenoir's pallbearers are recognized as forbearers of members of First Christian Church and/or prominent leaders in the community: S. F. Conley, Hartley H. Banks, Samuel Moss, T.B. Hickman, George Evans, and E.M. Watson.

~Tom Shrout

Welcome Michaela and Elizabeth

We welcome to our staff Michaela Ragains, a junior Fashion Design major at Stephens College who hails originally from Lebanon, and Elizabeth Rottmann, a junior Elementary Education major at Mizzou who is originally from Jefferson City. We invite you to get to know the ladies through the summer months when they will be working with us. Makalia will be our part time Receptionist on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays while Elizabeth will be our Summer Ministry Intern. Her work will be interspersed throughout the week and will equal around 35 hours each week. We are glad you are here, Michaela and Elizabeth!



Michaela Ragains



Elizabeth Rottmann

Happy Birthday

Matthew Loring-June 10
Gavin Rose-June 10
Matt Batterson-June 11
Pat Ritchie-June 12
Conner Stormer-June 12
Ronald Durnil-June 13
Mitchell Taylor-June 13
Dodie Palmer-June 14
J.W. Stafford-June 14
Janice Janssen-June 15
Will Houston-June 16

Many Thanks

Worship thanks from May 27th to:

Lisa Zimmer for helping with the sound for our scripture skit and **Dan Backues** for his ongoing service as our sound person. **Daren and Janie Hellwege, Russ Chandler and Ryan Hunsaker** for their acting in our scripture skit. The choir jumped in to help create our speaking crowd and the children did a nice job being divided tongues. What a lovely way to experience the scripture! Thanks to one and all!

Thanks to **Lindsey Lang** for filling in as our Choir Director as Melissa was gone to be with her family at their multiple graduation ceremonies.

The Pentecost adornments have graced the chancel throughout the last few weeks and we extend our thanks to **Amy LaHue** for the swags, **Jessica Humble** and **the children** for the new banner and once again to **Mona Stevens** for the beautiful paraments. The sanctuary is always lovely and the special touches add to its beauty.

Many thanks are extended to **Tom Hughey** for providing a van for Sunday morning pick ups while ours is out on mission trips. Also, thanks to **Tom, Carol Slusher and Amanda Wolf** for picking up members and **Bragg Stanley** for taking them all home. You all provide a wonderful service and we appreciated your extra help on the 27th!

It was a pleasure to have **Dr. O. Eugene Moore** give our Invitation on May 27th. We extend not only our thanks for his involvement on this Sunday, but our congratulations as it was the exact weekend that Gene began his ministry 70 years ago. We and so many others are blessed with Gene's continued ministry.

Our staff thanks are extended to **Molly Read** for volunteering in the office while Kay took a few days of vacation last week. Molly completed a variety of projects for us while tending to the phones and drop in visits. Thanks, Molly!

~Amy Kay Pavlovich

Special Note

We have received a copy of Ken's sermon, which he delivered on April 29th. It is titled "Not Knowing Where He Was Going." If you would like a copy, please call the church office (449-7265).

The Wonders of Water Buffalo – Heifer Ark

In resource-poor villages in India or the Philippines, water buffalo provide milk for protein, manure for fertilizer and fuel, and plowing power for planting rice and potatoes. A farmer can plant four times more rice with a buffalo than by hand. Water buffalo haul heavy loads to market, where the sale of extra produce brings in income for clothing, medicine and school. By renting buffalo to neighbors, families can earn more money. Did you know that traditional Italian mozzarella - the soft, elastic cheese commonly used in pizza - originated with water buffalo milk? Think about the wonders of water buffalo next time you chomp down on a piece of pizza, extra cheese please! A water buffalo costs \$250; a share is \$25.00.



The World Outreach Committee will continue to accept money towards the Heifer Ark until the end of December. We hope to raise \$5,000 for an ark this year for our 175th Anniversary celebration. The display will be up once a month through the summer. Remember Father's Day is coming June 17; better buy your dad a water buffalo or a trio of rabbits, or at least part of an animal.

~Sally Robinson

Book Club



The Ladies' Book Club ended with a wonderful luncheon provided by and in the home of Laura Estes. Although much of the time was spent raving about Laura's cuisine, we also managed to select eight books for our third year of reading pleasure. Next year's picks include the following books: September, Rosamund Pilcher's *September*; October, the Public Library's One Read (either *Water for Elephants* or *Zorro*); 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.

~Linda Hutton

"Music Notes"



"Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold." I thought of this delightful round a few weeks ago as we worshiped through the singing of both new and old hymns from our Chalice Hymnal. Learning new hymns can be a real challenge whether it's a new tune or just new words to a familiar melody. All of our hymns were new at one time and where would we be if people at that time had not been willing to accept the challenge of learning the new songs of the church. Change is sometimes difficult. It requires us to adopt an attitude of anticipation and being optimistic. Let's look at learning these hymns as a golden opportunity and before long we won't remember which ones are new, as they will become familiar expression of our faith.

Choosing hymns each week is done with thoughtfulness to coordinate the sermon, scripture and music. We would appreciate having suggestions as to which hymns you enjoy singing and find worshipful. Please call me with suggestions. We will work them in at appropriate times. ~Mary Bancroft



Pictured above are Steven and Bobbi McCormack with daughter, Lillian, who was dedicated on June 3, 2007 during the 10:30 worship service. Lillian is 7 months old and has a big brother, Joseph, who is 3 years old.

FCC Women – Have You Signed Up Yet?

Just a reminder that the Women's Retreat on June 23 is for everyone. It doesn't matter how old you are, if you still have kids at home or you're retired, as women we all have felt the same stressful moments in our everyday life. Why not come and see what Coletta Eichenberger offers as our Interplay teacher? You will have a different awareness of everything around you and perhaps even seek God's direction in a new way. This promises to be a fun, creative and enlightening day. Bring a friend! Remember the cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Sign up sheets are in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday. Any questions, call Mary Taylor at 573-687-2256 or e-mail at marytaylor52@hotmail.com.

Ethical Guidelines

Please feel free to attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the Keystone room regarding the Ethical Guidelines that were recently discussed during a Board Meeting. We have received input from several congregational members and would like to review the comments that were received. Even if you did not submit or document your ideas earlier, but have thoughts on this topic, you are welcome to join us.

DisciplesWorld

Now is the time to start your subscription for the *DisciplesWorld* magazine or renew one! Current subscriptions run out in June.

Here are a few notes about what you will experience with *DisciplesWorld*:

* *DisciplesWorld* is a journal of news, opinion, and mission for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

* The journal is an avenue for the expression of a wide variety of opinions, whether or not those opinions reflect some establishment or preferred viewpoint. It is the people's journal, written and read by laity and clergy alike and featuring articles on a wide spectrum of topics, along with Bible lessons, columns, media reviews, meditations, poetry, and occasionally short fiction.

* DisciplesWorld Inc. is a recognized organization of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and reports to the denomination's General Assembly. But the magazine maintains editorial freedom in a journalistic tradition that has shaped Disciples' theology, character, and identity from the church's very beginnings.

The group rate subscription cost is \$25. Call the church office (449-7265) by June 15 to enjoy your copy.

Into the Woods

by Stephen Sondheim

You are invited to join the Central Missouri Food Bank for one enchanted evening.

Where:

Lyceum Theatre
Arrow Rock, MO

Date:

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Time:

7:00 p.m. - Pre-curtain refreshments
8:00 p.m. - Curtain rises

Tickets \$30

May be purchased at:
Poppy - 920 E. Broadway, Columbia
or www.lyceumtheatre.org

Proceeds from this event will go directly to feeding the hungry. For more information call Central Missouri Food Bank at 800-764-FOOD



www.firstchristian.org/youth

All youth groups (those who have completed grades 3 – 12) are invited to a Game Night this Sunday, June 10 from 6:00-8:00pm. We will begin with big, organized games and will transition into smaller group games. Snacks will be provided, but not a full meal. Partners are invited to come along and I've heard good rumors that a few college students may join us. Hope you can come to this night of fellowship as we celebrate the end of the school year together!

Partner thanks to **Jessica Humble** for being with us last Sunday and facilitating our VBS banner painting! Continuing thanks to **Richard Martin** who co-owns the Italian Village restaurant and gives us a super deal on our youth group pizzas!

Thank You!

Dear Friends,
I am afraid that if the word gets out about the kindness and friendliness of our FCC family, there will be a run on the hospitals and everyone will want a new hip. We've had visits, phone calls, cards, cookies, cakes, pies and all types of other tummy yummys, reading materials and a beautiful, blue Millie B. prayer shawl. I will try to do a better job of saying "Thank You" as soon as I can.

Cliff Tompson

First Christian Church,
Thanks for the visits, the prayers and all the support during my recent surgery. The flowers and the yellow shawl that Nancy made were very much appreciated.

Sue Wright

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the church for our annual Partners in Education flag celebration this year. Without your support and flexibility this year's celebration would not have been possible. We greatly appreciated all you did to help us move our ceremony indoors. Thank you!
Michelle Baumstark

Youth Summer Sunday School Schedule (YS⁴)

In an effort to meet the needs and desires of our youth, all of those who have completed grades 6 – 12 are invited to choose between any of these options through the summer months:

- 1.) Individual reading in the Chi Rho Room
- 2.) Work independently on project as designed with Sarah Read
- 3.) Play one of the games that are found in the Chi Rho room
- 4.) Get involved with the group happenings that are as follows:

- **June 10, 17 & 24** = Watching 30 minutes of Star Wars in the Cinema and discussing reflection questions as a group (i.e. instances of good/evil). The class will begin in the CYF room and then go to the Cinema when the children have been dismissed to their classes. This should be by 9:35am.

- **July 1, 8, 15 & 22** = Meeting couples of the church who have much experience with relationships and figuring out how to live as Christians in our world today. A different couple will be with the class each week to share about themselves and talk with the youth. This class will be in the CYF room.

- **July 29 & August 5** = Planning for the next year of Sunday School offerings by discussing what Christian Education is and how the different sessions that are of interest to the youth can be plugged into the 2007-2008 calendar. Emphasis will be placed on offering a variety of options for the youth to choose from during the Sunday School hour.

- **August 12 & 19** = Training by Sarah Read for youth who work with children in any context and especially in Children's Worship.

- **August 26, September 2 & 9** = Orientation Sundays to the new year by Sarah Read

Please let Amy Kay know if you have any questions or comments and we hope to see you around the church this summer... often! ;)

College Notes...

Thanks to the 10 who gathered for our first Random Movie Night last Tuesday and the 13 who gathered on Sunday evening for a BBQ our summer as a college group has started out beautifully! Let's keep on getting together, friends! This is our summer schedule as I know it:

June 7 = Random Movie Night at 8pm in Cinema

June 10 = you are invited to join the youth of the church for Game Night from 6-8pm

June 15 = Mid-Month Movie, Crossing Arizona at 7pm in Cinema

June 17 = College Game Night at 8pm at Pavlovich's (softball game at 7pm)

June 22 = Third Day Concert at 7:30pm w/ price of ticket on your own... let me know if you want to go and we'll get tickets together

June 24-June 28 = VBS each evening – talk to me or Jessica Humble if you want to help!

July 2 = Random Movie Night at 8pm in the Cinema

We will carry on into the middle of the summer, but that's enough of an update for now. ;) Check the web for continuous updates!

Lap of Hope Begins American Cancer Society Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a unique fundraising event where teams of participants take turns walking or running the track for 12 hours in an effort to fight cancer. Teams camp out, eat and play games. This year's Relay for Life will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds on June 8, 2007. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to take part in the Relay for Life of Boone County, please call your American Cancer Society at 443-1496 or (800) 429-7753. All survivors receive a free commemorative Relay for Life t-shirt.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Sunday's Schedule-June 10, 2007

Van Driver: Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Joni Cupp

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Paul and Vickie Rorvig, Mary Daugherty

Elder for 8:30 Service: Sally Robinson

Communion Preparation:

Helen Stemmons, Doug Tarwater, Ryan Hunsaker

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: Angie Allen-Hylen

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Sally Robinson
10:30 Elders: Joy Duren, Anne Campbell, Frances Brown

Deacons: The England Team

Greeters:

Judy Cunningham, *North Door*

Kurt and Stacia Schaefer, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Candlelighters: Max Schaefer and Peyton White

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Linda Ridgeway

Delivered: Sarah Yonker

Evangelism Calls: TBA

This Week (June 10 - 16)

Sun. - New Deacon Training, after 10:30 worship, Sanctuary
- All youth groups, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Game Night
- Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall



- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Blue Field

Mon. - Stewardship Committee Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Keystone

Tue. - Ethical Guidelines Mtg., 4:30 p.m., Keystone
- Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thur. - Twilight Festival, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fri. - Mid-Month Movie Night, 7:00 p.m., Cinema (3rd floor)-
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