



### Welcome New Member!

It is a joy to welcome Nancy Sandford into our congregation who united with us at the 8:30 service on March 18. A native of Moberly, she transferred her membership from the Moberly First Baptist Church. The mother of an almost four year old son, Christian, Nancy is a registered nurse employed in the cardiac care unit at Boone Hospital. She is also working on a master's degree at the University of Missouri School of Nursing. She resides at 5008 Hatteras Drive, 65202 (ph. # 886-9522.) Welcome, Nancy!

### Sunday Services

Join us this Sunday morning as Dr. Yonker brings you his sermon, "Pressing On." The scripture readings will be Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14.

At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will lead us in worship through music with their anthem "Go Not Far From Me." Special music at 8:30 will be a solo by Pat Rybolt, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," with Judy Shaw as accompanist.

### General Assembly

On July 21-25 the General Assembly will meet in Fort Worth, Texas. Our congregation is entitled to 10 voting representatives, based on our participating membership. If you are interested in being a representative of our church, please contact Dr. Yonker or call the church office (449-7265).

### Ken's Retirement

**Book of Letters** - send letters to: Mimi McRoberts, 1001 Cherry Street, Ste. 201, Columbia, MO 65201-7931

**Monetary Gift** - make checks payable to First Christian Church and mail to First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th St., Columbia, MO 65201, Attn. Fred - on memo line add "Watson Retirement"

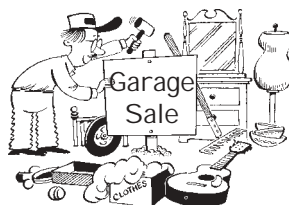
### Wanted: Your Stuff!

Load up those boxes; fill up those trucks and vans! We want what you no longer need! (Clean and in good condition) Knick-knacks, holiday items, decorative items, toys, camping gear, tools, clothing, furniture, small appliances, "Items too numerous to mention!"

Letters acknowledging receipt of donated items for tax purposes will be available at the door to Fellowship Hall.

Donations for the Annual Youth Garage Sale may be brought to the church:

- Saturday, March 24. 9 - 1
- Sunday, March 25, 8 - 6
- Monday, March 26, 9 - 5
- Tuesday, March 27, 9 - 5
- Wednesday, March 28, 9 - 5



**Volunteers are NEEDED to set up, sell and clean up!** Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058 jbstanley@msn.com

### Weekly Report

March 18, 2007  
 Received \$8,357.97  
 Received to Date \$339,276.19  
 Attendance - 263  
 (includes early worship - 51)

*From the Frontier to the Future*



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



## Heeerrreee's Johnny!

I have been having fun on Monday afternoons at Broadway Christian Church with several members of our church. No, we have not transferred our memberships to our daughter congregation out there in the suburbs! We have been participating in one of the University of Missouri's Osher Life Long Learning Institute courses, "Who Was Jesus and Why Should We Care?" The course which runs for eight weeks and will conclude at the end of April, began when Tony Alioto and I were running along Nifong Boulevard one afternoon after work.

In case you may not have met him, Tony is a professor of ethics, philosophy and religious studies who has been teaching at Columbia College since 1981. It has been my pleasure to get to know him in my various dealings at the college and we've become good friends as we often jog together in the neighborhood where we both live. We laugh that we're too old to run fast, so we still have plenty of breath to talk while we run. Actually, chugging is a more like it than running!

One afternoon while we were chugging along Tony mentioned teaching in the Life Long Learning Institute and I mentioned my interest in reading the research of the Jesus Seminar scholars like Marcus Borg, who lectured at our church in 1981, and that it would be fun to do a course on the historical Jesus. Tony is interested in so many things, and took off on my idea, and before too many blocks had passed, Tony had an eight-week course outlined and suggested that I help him teach it. A few weeks later we met for coffee, honed the course outline and had the syllabus ready to go.

And off we have gone, helping a nice crowd of older adults think about the issues involved surrounding the question of the historical Jesus. Who was Jesus? Well, we have the four gospels in the New Testament, but what else do we know about his life and times? What else do we know about Jewish hopes for the coming of a messiah? And what kind of messiah were they expecting? All these and many more questions are opened up with such a course, and Tony reminds me that we could go on and on for weeks and weeks reading and discussing.

Who was Jesus? For me it's not just an academic question, it's a bedrock issue of faith. I've spent my whole life hearing sto-

ries of Jesus, and my whole professional career studying the New Testament trying to come to grips with the question of Jesus' life and helping people to understand what his life can mean for us. Why should we care who Jesus was? It's not just a matter of getting ready for hereafter, it's a matter of the here and now! For all of us who bear the name "Christian" or "disciple of Christ," isn't it important to understand who Jesus was, and what he is for us now? If we dare to call him the Lord of our lives, then we surely ought to learn as much about him as we can, to know his ways, to understand how he lived and, in light of all that, to understand how we might live.

Who was Jesus and why should we care? If you're not busy on Monday afternoons after lunch come out to Broadway and join us! Maybe we can learn something together!

## Thank you!

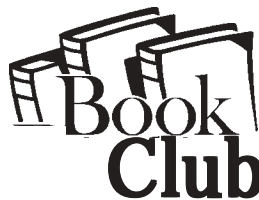
Thanks to Nina Oliver and Mitch Hylen for also helping with Homebound Communion and to all who served.

## Spring Work Day

Spring Work Day is scheduled for March 31st from 8am-noon (work), lunch (provided) from noon-1pm, 1pm- 4pm (work). Everyone is welcome for as short or as long as you can make it. We will be painting, landscaping, and doing general repair. Contact Jay Creasy with any questions at 442-8882.

## Book Club

The FCC Ladies' Book Club moves to daytime on Monday, April 4th. We'll meet in the Church library at 1p.m. to discuss Willa Cather's *My Antonia*. Bring your own lunch/drink if so desired. For those of you who like to read ahead, April 25th's selection is *Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer.



## News of the congregation

**Dave Beem, Don Seltsam and Dan Backues** have all returned home to recuperate from recent surgeries.

Our prayers continue to be with **Meadow Woodbury** in her recovery from recent surgery. She has started taking radiation treatments, which will continue for 25 days. She remains in good spirits and is very appreciative of all our good wishes and prayers. The daughter of **Bruce and Susan Woodbury**, Meadow lives in San Diego, California.



Special thanks to several ladies who baked cookies/breads for the reception following the Jane Froman concert on Sunday, March 4. In addition to Linda Hutton and Sarah Storm listed in last week's Visitor, Joyce Stanley, Lorene Trickey, Mary Tompson, Moray Kiehl, Sally Robinson, and "anonymous" (one plate of cookies was not identified!) all helped to fill our reception tables with "yummy" treats!!

## Birthdays!



Joshua Ripley-Mar. 25  
Jonathan LaHue-Mar. 25  
David Finch-Mar. 27  
Kira Hoenes-Mar. 27  
Marjorie Hook-Mar. 28  
C.K. Hoenes-Mar. 28  
Robert Dewey-Mar. 28  
Ferd Lightner-Mar. 29  
Bradley Snyder-Mar. 29  
Dorothy Hatfield-Mar. 29  
Kathryn Burlison-Mar. 30  
Sarah Storm-Mar. 30  
Russell DeVenney-Mar. 30  
Chad Holliday-Mar. 31



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

March is the month to honor Higher Education

## April is Ministerial Leadership Month

April will be here before long with Palm Sunday and Easter. Our big event in honoring Ministers of the church will center around Ken's retirement on April 29. Be sure and mark your calendars to be in church that day and come to a buffet reception following church to greet and wish Nancy and Ken well in their retirement. A book of letters is being assembled and we would ask that you each write Ken a note to tell him what he has meant to you and the church. Send all notes to Mimi McRoberts, 1001 Cherry Street, Ste. 201, Columbia, MO 65201-7931 and they will be assembled in a bound book to present to Ken and Nancy on that Sunday.

## Correction

Each of the submitted writings goes through a process of being written, submitted for editing by one or two people and then sent on for publication. So far we have been fairly lucky not to have any errors, but there was one in last week's information under the title of Hiram College. It was changed to read correctly in the Sunday bulletin, but those of you who only read the Visitor account, I wanted to get the correction to you. In the fourth sentence it should have read: Hiram College was one of those featured in the book "Small Colleges make a Difference in Students' Lives" by Loren Pope. James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States was a successful student, Professor and President of Hiram before becoming a General of the Army in the Civil War." I unintentionally left out the author of the book, Loren Pope, making it sound as if James Garfield had written the book. It is probably too much to hope for, that I might have another 2 1/2 months before another error!

## Thank you

Thank you to Carol Hughey for reading the Minute for History in the 8:30 service and for Darren Hellwege doing the honors in the 10:30 service. It takes a lot of people to do all of these activities, and your involvement is what makes it all work.

There will be a short program at the reception. Micki Kirkam will deliver some tribute remarks and then Melissa and Michael Straw will sing a medley of Ken's favorite songs. That will be a huge treat for all of us.

We also are asking for contributions to a retirement fund to give to the Watsons as they leave the church as a gift from the congregation. Please send your anonymous donation to First Christian Church office, attn: Fred Mottaz, 101 N. 10th Street, Columbia, MO 65201.

## Homecoming Event

**Sunday October 14** is being planned as *Coming Home Sunday*. It is our hope that former members who have moved away, previous ministers and associates of the church and members of families who have grown up in the church, but live elsewhere now, will be able to plan some of their travel time around this date. We will have our own *Timothy*, Rev. David Yonker preaching that Sunday. A catered lunch will follow the church service with everyone invited. We want to make this a special day in the life of the church and memorable for all those who have at one time been active members of FCC.



## Quilt

Quilt squares are beginning to be finished and turned in. It is not too late to pick up a square to represent your family from Mary Tompson, **442-8849**. There is help available for anyone who needs it and she has many pictures and books from which to get ideas. There is still plenty of time even if you haven't begun a square before the deadline will occur to be receiving them. The more participants, the better.

# Disciples of Christ Higher Education

## Transylvania, TCU and Phillips

In November 1836 in Georgetown, Kentucky, Thornton T. Johnson, a popular and talented faculty member of a local Baptist college, separated from that school and established a new school called the "Collegiate Institute and School of Civil Engineers." By February 1837, with fifty enrolled students, the Kentucky legislature granted a charter and the school was renamed, Bacon College, after Francis Bacon, a famous 17th century philosopher and statesman. In 1865 the school relocated in Lexington and was renamed Kentucky University, soon merging with Transylvania University, and its College of the Bible (Lexington Theological Seminary), to form the University of Kentucky. It was the first of many efforts by leaders in the Christian Church movement to form institutions of higher education under the Disciples of Christ banner.

There were sixteen educational institutions at the close of the Civil War, which exploded into 485 schools of higher education by the mid-20th century, all established by the Disciples of Christ. Among the several which have played a part in the education of members of our congregation include:

### Transylvania University

Transylvania University was founded in 1780 at Danville, Kentucky, and then moved to Lexington, KY in 1789. The school boasted a medical school, law school, divinity school, and college of arts and sciences. After the Civil War the school gave up its name and merged with Kentucky University, but by 1908 it separated from the University of Kentucky and reclaimed its original name. It was the first college established west of the Allegheny Mountains. It currently enrolls 1100 students, offers 25 majors and is recognized as a distinguished liberal arts school. Among the nationally known people who attended the school were Henry Clay, who also served as a professor and on the Board of Trustees, Stephen F. Austin, Cassius Clay and Jefferson Davis. Other alumni have included two American Vice Presidents, a Supreme Court Justice, 50 United States Senators, 101 members of the House of Representatives, 31 Governors and 34 Ambassadors. The former minister of First Christian Church in Columbia, Glynn Burke was a graduate of Transylvania. The school continues affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

### Texas Christian University

Two brothers, Addison and Randolph Clark, who were ministers, teachers and scholars of the Campbellite movement envisioned building a college for both men and women. They purchased five city blocks in Ft. Worth for that purpose in 1869.

During this period, the character of Ft. Worth changed quickly due to the opening and commercial influence of the Chisholm Trail, the principal route for moving Texas cattle to the Kansas railheads. A huge influx of cattle, men, and money transformed the sleepy frontier village into a booming, brawling cow town. The area around the property purchased by the Clarks for their college soon became the

towns vice district, an unbroken stretch of saloons, dance halls, gambling parlors, and bordellos catering to the bawdy appetites of cowboys and gamblers. It soon acquired a nickname that stuck: "Hell's Half Acre."

The Clarks feared their students would be "dazzled by this glitter of vice and caught like insects around a street lamp." They searched for an alternative site to establish their college, and found it at Thorp Spring, a frontier stagecoach stop 40 miles to the southwest, near the fringe of Comanche and Kiowa territory. It was perhaps an indicator of their Campbellite sensibilities that the Clarks feared the Indians less than they feared the corrupting influence of "the Acre." There, the new college, named AddRan College (first three letters of each brothers' name), was established in 1873.

The college formed a partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1889 and renamed AddRan Christian University. The need for a larger population and transportation base prompted the university to relocate to Waco from 1895 to 1910. The institution was renamed Texas Christian University in 1902, and quickly became known as it is today, TCU. In 1910, a fire of unknown origin destroyed the university's main administration building. A group of enterprising Fort Worth businessmen offered the university \$200,000 in rebuilding funds and a 50-acre campus as an inducement to relocate to their city. This move brought TCU back to the historic source of its institutional roots. It also completed TCU's nearly 40-year transition from a frontier college to an urban university.

TCU currently has a student population of 8,865 students with many notables such as Win Rockefeller and Bob Schaeffer as alumni, but most important to us, Sarah Yonker is a graduate and, their Brite Divinity School proudly claims as one of their alumni, Reverend John Yonker.

### Phillips University

On October 9, 1906, arrangements were made for the founding of a college named Oklahoma Christian University at Enid, Oklahoma. Local businessmen promised \$150,000 and secured grounds for a forty-acre campus east of town. With the backing of T. W. Phillips of Butler, Pennsylvania, and the donations of Disciples across Oklahoma, the school held its first classes September 17, 1907. In 1912, following Phillips' death, the University was renamed in his honor. As a liberal arts college offering a variety of four-year degrees, graduate programs, and a graduate seminary, Phillips educated many Disciples young people and produced many Disciples of Christ preachers. Several from our congregation attended and graduated from Phillips. Bob and Muriel Leach and Edith Taylor are alumni and our Minister Emeritus, Sam Langley is a graduate of Phillips along with his wife Ima Lou. A more recent graduate is Matt Martz.

Due to insurmountable financial problems, the Board of Regents closed the school in 1998. Phillips University survives today in two forms: through a legacy foundation, which provides scholarships, and its alumni association.

John Yonker

# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

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

www.firstchristian.org/youth

All youth groups are invited to help set up for the Garage Sale this Sunday, March 25 after the late worship service. Our job will, in part, be to bring down from the third floor all of the donated items and then sort them onto their particular tables. Hopefully people will be bringing additional items that we can help with as well. Our lunch will be provided and generally this is a really fun time together as we ready the Fellowship Hall for the hoopla which benefits our mission trips! ;)

If you have time to help on Saturday morning with the tables, give Amy Kay (808-1980) or Joyce (445-5058) a call!

CYF will meet for Mid-Week on Wednesday, March 28 from 7:15-8:30pm ;).

Huge Partner thanks to the **Poole family** for providing a scrumptious lunch last Sunday!! Also, thanks to **Dane Pavlovich** for Partnering Chi Rho last Sunday.



## Do You Need a Date Night?

Join us for a NEW quarterly gathering geared toward younger couples. Each will have a fun theme with FREE child care! Our first one is coming up and we'd love to see you there.

Italian Progressive Dinner Date Night  
. Friday, April 13, 6 p.m., Morris Parlor . First Christian Church . \$15 per couple covers the FABULOUS Italian dinner . FREE childcare.

Reserve your Italian getaway by calling the church office at 449-7265 by Monday, April 9. Buon Appetito!



Friday, May 11–Saturday, May 19 -  
**College Mission Trip** to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Tucson, Arizona

Saturday, May 26–Saturday, June 2 -  
**All Church Mission Trip** to the Yakama Nation, White Swan, Washington

Monday, June 18–Thursday, June 21 –  
**Chi Rho Mission Trip** to Junction City, Kansas

Saturday, June 23–Sunday June 24 – **JYF Mission Trip** to Hannibal and Louisiana, Missouri

Sunday, June 24–Thursday, June 28 – **Vacation Bible School**

Sunday, July 8–Saturday, July 14 – **CYF Mission Trip** to Gulfport, Mississippi through Disciples Disaster Response

Friday, July 20–Wednesday, July 25 –  
**General Assembly**

Sunday, August 26 – **Kick-off to Fall!!!**

## STARS

The organizational committee met last Tuesday and approved the name receiving the most votes for the group of 55 years and older members of our church.

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

STARS will be planning interesting opportunities for fellowship, learning and service. Be watching for plans for an activity in April. Please come join us as we carry out the meaning of our name.

~Carol Slusher, Committee Member

## Springfest 2007

The Northeast Area Disciples Women (CWF) Ministries Presents “Springfest 2007.” The date is Saturday, March 31 and the location is Second Christian Church, 401 St. Louis Ave., Fulton, MO.

This event is an opportunity for Disciples Women/CWF leaders to become acquainted with each other and the 2007 study materials. Registration is from 9:15-10:00. The event will end with worship and communion at 2:15.

## Silent Bazaar Reminder:

We hope the ladies of the church received their letter regarding the Silent Bazaar for 2006-07. This donation serves as an important part of the CWF budget for next year. Please send in your monetary gift to Royanne Tracy c/o CWF by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Debbie Potthast at 443-0368 if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support!!

## Let's Celebrate 10,000 PETS

Happily let's together celebrate the completion of PET number 10,000. Friends, the curious, supporters and volunteers can join in a PET Party this coming Monday evening, March 26, at Community United Methodist Church at 6:30 pm. The church is at 3301 West Broadway with lots of parking on the North side.

Actually ride a PET, see how easy it is, and receive your official PET Driver's License.

In case you missed it, a PET is a small innovative hand-powered vehicle for people who cannot walk. It originated right here in Columbia with concerned Christians in 1995, and Christian volunteers now operate 14 assembly centers worldwide. The first recipients were victims of landmines and polio. A PET can go where even a wheelchair can't go.

So far, people of our church have provided six PETS.

Festivities on Monday evening are to include refreshments, videos, the Valley Male Chorus of Rock Valley, Iowa, and unveiling the 10,000th PET.

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-March 25, 2007

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher    *Telephone:* Nina Oliver

### 8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

*Worship Asst:* Will and Donna Houston, Colleen Nilges

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Carol Slusher

*Communion Preparation:*

Steve and Tracy Evers, Jennifer Alexander

### 9:30 Church School

*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt

*Nursery Volunteer:* Amy Marrero

### 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker    *Liturgist:* Nancy Watson

*10:30 Elders:* Debbie Batterson, Eldon Drennan, Sarah Read

*Deacons:* The Stanley Team

*Greeters:*

Mark and Pam Hunsaker, *North Door*

Judy Creasy, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Scott Team

*Banner Bearers:* Sam and Jack Creasy

*Candlelighters:* Josh Ripley and Ryan Boger

*Flower Ministry:*

*arranged:* Nancy Watson

*delivered:* Harlan and Jane Ann Hackett

*Evangelism Calls:* Gene and Micki Kirkham

## This Week (Mar. 25 - 31)

- Sun. - Congregational Mtg. - after each worship service  
- JYF (grades 3-5), Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12), after 10:30 worship until 2:00  
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Tue. - Dead Sea Scrolls Trip, 8:15 a.m., leaving from Broadway Christian Church  
- Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room  
- No Bible Study
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Missouri United Methodist (209 S. Ninth Street)  
- Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Sue Haynes'  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15-8:30 p.m.  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Youth Garage Sale, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sat. - Spring Work Day, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
- Youth Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



**Garage Sale  
Week**

