



Coming Home Sunday

Sunday, October 14, 2007 is "Coming Home Sunday."

We are going to have some guests with us in church "Coming Home Sunday"! Former Associate Ministers, FCC Timothys, charter members from FCC who established Broadway Christian Church, and many former members who have moved, will join us for worship on Sunday. And all are invited for worship and lunch following the second service.



Rev. David Yonker, our own Timothy and pastor of the Sterling IL First Christian Church will be the guest minister and deliver the sermon for the morning.

The Friendship Class will hold a reunion at 9:00 a.m. in the Keystone Classroom. Then, during the 10:30 worship service, they will sit in a roped off area on the front south side of the sanctuary.

The charter members who were commissioned to begin Broadway Christian Church will also be in worship and be seated as a group in the sanctuary in the same area where they were on the day of commissioning, October 5, 1958, the front north side of the church.

A group of former CSC members and several of our former Associate Ministers are expected to be present. Anyone else or group who wants to be in a designated and roped off area, please contact the church office.

After the second service we will all gather in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch followed by a short program of music and introductions, and a lot of time for visiting and getting caught up with old friends.

Reservations for lunch are needed since the event will be catered. The meal will cost the church \$11.00 per person. Donation baskets will be on each table. Reservations need to be in to the church office by the end of the day on Thursday, October 11.

Our members are needed to serve as host to former members who will be returning to spend the day with us. This should be a fun day for everyone as it is always a pleasure to see old friends.

Have you made plans to be in church next Sunday? Make your dinner reservations and bring a friend to come home with us on Sunday!

~Genie Rogers

Sunday Services

Rev. David Yonker, our guest minister this Sunday, will deliver his sermon titled "By Faith." Scripture readings will include: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 and Hebrews 11:29-12:2.

The Minute for History this Sunday is titled "The Founding of New Congregations" and was written by Dr. Ken Watson. Dr. Yonker will read the Minute for History at the 8:30 service and Linda Hutton will be the reader at the 10:30 service.

Special music at the 8:30 service will be a solo by Brenda Mosby. She will sing "We Shall Behold Him". At the 10:30 service the choir anthem will be "In This Very Room". Jean Hall and Susan Woodbury will also provide special music at this service. Join us Sunday morning!

Weekly Report

October 7, 2007

Received \$9,976.61

Received to Date \$147,680.90

Attendance - 240

(includes early worship - 55)

From the Frontier to the Future



**First
Christian
Church**

(Disciples of Christ)
Columbia, Missouri



A Pastoral Word...

Last Sunday, Oct. 7th, I made a huge mistake when, after making a quip about wearing black for my team, I said I was a Mizzou alum.

Obviously a slip of the tongue! I am thoroughly a Kansas kid and most certainly was wearing black in grieving the K-State loss. Actually, I hadn't thought a thing of the game when I dressed that morning, but a fun church member pointed out that it could have been intentional because KSU lost to their in-state rivals KU.

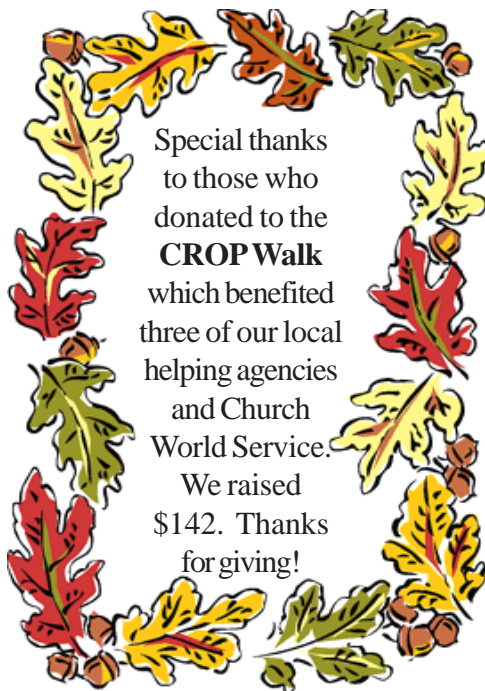
So I've been thinking of my slip... we have lived in Missouri for nine years now and I've worked here close to the campus since 2001. I've never had any hate for the Tigers and I've only wished them losses when playing my own alma mater. So, after all of this time, it probably isn't that huge of a mistake to associate myself with MU. I have almost lived into the colors of black and gold.

This is actually what we hope happens in worship. We try to intentionally think about the order of things, the words we say, the people who lead in different ways so that God's way in the world might be known through our worship services. We pray in hopes that peace might actually be a reality and that all people, truly, may know God's love. The elders open the doors after our time at the table because they are nurturing us back out into the community to make the oasis of goodness from worship become a reality outside the doors at 10th and Walnut. We want to live into God's just and compassionate heaven on earth.

With our awakening to the Spirit's presence within us individually and collectively as a church, may worship slip into our daily lives! Thanks be to God for this church and for God's continuing work with us. (and, Go Cats!;)

Thank you!

Thank you to Eric Arnett, Dan Gieseke, Fred Mottaz and Joyce Stanley who helped with Saturday's work day. The group put a new coat of paint in the office workroom and in Jimmy Spear's office.
~Mark Hunsaker



Special thanks to those who donated to the **CROP Walk** which benefited three of our local helping agencies and Church World Service. We raised \$142. Thanks for giving!

Join the Book Club on Oct. 31



It doesn't take long to travel back to the 1930s and the Great Depression if you pick up a copy of Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*. You have plenty of time to join others in our community and read this delightful story. First Christian Ladies' Book Club will be meeting at noon on Oct 31 at Barb Rothenberger's home to weigh in with their opinions. Please join us! Questions? Call Linda Hutton at 442-5423.

You are cordially invited to

Bill Tetley's 90th Birthday Party

Saturday, October 13th
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Rooms A & B
Lenoir Community Center

No gifts please

News of the congregation

We are glad to report that **Joy Overacre** has returned home to continue recuperating from surgery last week at Boone Hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to **Thelma and Dave Beem** on the death of Thelma's brother, **Alfredo Jaropillo III**, who died at 6 a.m. on September 30 in Manilla, Philippines from complications of a liver condition.



CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY

- Tracy Evers - Oct. 14
- Megan Potthast - Oct. 15
- Julie Hickey - Oct. 16
- Frank Oliver - Oct. 16
- Ruby Redmon - Oct. 16
- Holly Wheatley - Oct. 16
- Dorothy Neds-Martin - Oct. 17
- Ivis Silvey - Oct. 17
- Rebekah (Flanders) Hart - Oct. 18
- Lisa Snyder - Oct. 18
- Sydney Embry - Oct. 20

Shawl Group Thank You

The Shawl Group wants to say a big Thank You to **Judy Hall** for supplying us with the HUGE assortment of Lion Brand yarns, 3 bags full, in all of our favorite colors. That should keep us busy all fall. Judy's work schedule prevents her from coming to our meeting, but what a wonderful member of our group she is. She also finished 3 beautiful shawls. It's people like Judy that have made it so nice to be a part of the Shawl Program.

We meet this month Wednesday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Connie Guy, 2 Spring Valley Rd. Come and join us to talk and knit, or to learn to knit. We have great teachers. We can even teach lefties to knit!
~The Shawl Group

175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

October Theme: Homecoming

Friendship Class Reunion

Lorene and Nelson Trickey are organizing a reunion of their old Friendship Class. They will be meeting at 9:00 in the Keystone Room. Coffee, juice and coffee cake will be available. Now what we need is YOU. Those "Friendshippers" who are still members of FCC, please join the group and encourage those who were members but have moved away to come back for the day. This group will sit together in a roped off area at the front of the church during the second service, on the south side. Please contact Lorene or Nelson at 573-449-7393 or by e-mail ntrickey@centurytel.net to let them know if you will be part of the group.

Tote Bags and Baseball Caps

Due to the popularity of the tote bags with the church image sold several weeks ago after church, more have been ordered. If you did not get one, there will be more! The color will be different and the graphic design will be changed. These are going to be even better! They will be for sale for our cost of \$5.00 per tote bag on Sunday, October 14.

Interest has been shown in having baseball hats with the church name embroidered on them, so they have been ordered and will also be for sale at our cost. These nice looking hats will be available in two colors on Sunday for \$8.00 per cap.

Ornaments

The gold Christmas ornaments have arrived and they are beautiful! I think everyone is going to want one for their Christmas tree and to use as gifts to family and friends this year for Christmas. The cost is \$11.00 for one ornament or 2 for \$20.00. They will be for sale beginning this Sunday at our "Coming Home Sunday", until Christmas.

Book of Biographical sketches of FCC Ministers

The book written in 1982 Partners with God, which profiles our ministers back to 1832 has been updated by Rev. Ken Watson and reprinted. It will be available on Sunday, October 14. This is a wonderful and informative booklet which everyone will enjoy reading. The new edition brings our ministerial history current to the present day. It will be sold at our printing costs. It will be available along with the hard copy of Kathy Dains book, Guided by the Hand of God that was published in 1996.

Ken Watson is writing a complimentary book to the biographical sketches of the ministers. This companion soft cover book will be available by Thanksgiving Sunday and will be profiles of our Associate Ministers back to the creation of the position. This will be a wonderful addition to our historical record. Throughout the 20th century the role of the Assistant Ministers has been important in the lives of each of us and each associate has left their own legacy and imprint on the future of the church. I have been in contact with our former living Associates and received some wonderful remembrances from them about their years at FCC. This will be a well-timed addition to make our historical record more complete.

50-Year Pictures

The 50-year member picture taken on September 9 following church turned out extremely well. There are 65, 50-year members in the picture. What a tribute that is to our church!

This week there will be a stack of 4" X 12" 50-year member pictures in the office for those who wish one. They are \$1.00 per copy. A larger framed copy will be hung this week in the Historical Room on the second floor. It, along with the 50-year member picture taken at our 150th Anniversary in 1982 has been newly framed for hanging. Please stop in and see these two wonderful pictures.



News cast on KRCG-13

I hope many of you had an opportunity to see the very nicely done piece on several of the newscasts on KRCG-channel 13 out of Jefferson City. They sent a camera and interviewer to the church on Wednesday morning, October 3. The station had read the recent feature story in Inside Columbia magazine and came to do a follow-up piece. It was excellent and was an unusually long segment aired on Thursday, October 4. John was interviewed talking about some of the historical facts of the church as part of the community and then about the promising future of FCC. If you did not see it, hopefully there will be some video taped copies that will be able to be viewed.

Reminders

- If you are a veteran please use the sign up sheet in the church office and let us know who you are, the branch of military you served and the dates of service. This is for a Veteran's Day recognition of FCC veterans on Nov. 11, 2007.
- We need your story about you and the church. It can be a funny recollection, an experience, a special event in your life that created a bond with the church or anything you want to write about. These stories will be collected and bound in a pamphlet to share with each other. Please turn stories in to the church office, or e-mail to Mary Bancroft at: mbancr01@juno.com
- In keeping with the commitment to education by FCC, a 175th Anniversary Scholarship has been established and donations are being accepted. This is a terrific way to celebrate our past and to influence the future.

This week we have a personal remembrance from one of our former members, Dorothy Grimes, who was one of the FCC members commissioned to be charter members in the planning and creation of a new Disciples of Christ congregation resulting in Broadway Christian Church. This action represents the vision and generosity First Christian Church has had throughout its history. It also represents a group of people we nurtured to go out in an area that was just beginning to develop on West Broadway to begin a successful new church. That had to be a scary and challenging experience for that group of families to undertake. The loss of so many young vibrant families from the downtown church was a difficult void to fill. It took many years of working to strengthen the church to compensate for the loss of so many families. However, it was an extremely wise move as it established denominational presence in the fast growing western part of Columbia. The success of those charter members and their minister along with a fast growing congregation is nothing short of remarkable. They now are as large, if not larger than we are, and have established a presence in the community that reflects the "Broadway Spirit" that Dorothy refers to in her article.

Creation of Broadway Christian Church

By Dorothy Grimes, Charter Member

Dr. Clarence E. Lemmon was pastor of the First Christian Church at 10th and Walnut in the early 1950's. He was a strong motivator and a powerful leader for a congregation. He became the driving force for leading the congregation forward to see his vision of establishing a new Disciples of Christ Church out near the end of West Broadway. He realized his church's potential for growth was limited by their location at 10th and Walnut in downtown Columbia.

Dr. Lemmon is the only individual I will mention here by name. Many other influential leaders and dynamic members can be found in church minutes and history archives.

The dreaming began in early 1950 when the church realized Columbia was growing rapidly, especially in the western part of town. By the mid 1950's, after much discussion by the church board and members, 21 acres of land was purchased for \$16,000.00. The building of a new church out on West Broadway became closer to reality.

In May, 1956 a committee for the new church was created and in 1957 a 25 year plan was drawn up for both congregations, expecting

that 10% of the members could possibly move to create a new church. A loving attitude of both church committees created a setting of rapid development of plans and financing. At this time members were sent cards of voluntary intent to join the new church. 57 persons responded immediately.

Articles of Agreement

Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord,

And accepting the Holy Scripture as our rule of faith

And practice, and recognizing the privilege

And duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship,

The enjoyment of Christian ordinances,

The public worship of God,

And the advancement of his kingdom in the world:

We do now, in sight of God

And invoking His blessing,

Set forth our intention and purpose

To associate ourselves to

Be a church of the Lord Jesus Christ,

As warranted by the word of God;

To submit ourselves to orderly administration

Of the affairs of the Church,

And to walk together in Brotherly Love.

On October 5, 1958 The First Christian Church fulfilled its' dreams by commissioning a new church and at Dr Lemmon's strong suggestion it was to be called Broadway Christian Church. On that Sunday morning, 102 members marched out of the Church to *Onward Christian Soldiers* up to Morris Parlor where services were held until our own church building was finished.

Holding services at the First Church Morris Parlor was like marrying and living at home for a while. What a beautiful loving attitude it took by both churches to make the arrangement work! This was before the days of air conditioning, and windows were open. We often found our chosen songs for that Sunday were different. The First Church might be singing "Abide with Me" and we would be singing "A New Place Awaits Me". What fun and love we shared together in those early days.

We continued to meet together for our Sunday school activities and this became a vital teaching and learning experience for when we would be teachers at our own church. First Church continued to financially support us for 5 years, but much more was given through nurture and friendship. Truly, it was a parent-child relationship in the kindest way and still exists today.

Our new church building was dedicated one year later, October 4, 1959 and reality set in. We suddenly realized to be a viable

new church we would have to pool all our efforts and abilities. We did. We worked together, worshiped together, sang and played together. As church members and as church families spending a great deal of time together, we bonded, became family and the "Broadway Spirit" was born. The group of 102 became a viable new church out on West Broadway and we became a new spiritual element in the community.

We continue to do much of our maintenance and groundwork, keeping us humble with the spiritual unity of our beginning. Because of our diverse nature through these activities we appreciate the Church, find compassion and understanding, and become stewards not only of the Church, but also of one another.

So, thanks to the vision, planning, and financial wisdom of our parent church (First Christian Church, 10th and Walnut), the Broadway Spirit is active and well while still growing out on West Broadway. Thank You!

Today we are over 1280 members strong, with 950 active members. Three separate services are held each Sunday, but we are of one spirit. We have added on to our church five times. A Fellowship Hall, a new Sanctuary, a Youth Center and a recently finished New Life Center with classrooms join with the office wing, music rooms and basement to comprise our expanding space. We believe we have fulfilled your vision of a new church and our own as well.

An attitude conceived in love creates an energy all its own and good things happen. A church is born. Our youth continue to step in where we step out to our final destiny. As a parent church and protégé, we should be pleased that our youth continue to march forward with a loving attitude, bringing love and peace to our hurting world. I am past 80 so I consider anyone under 60 as youth!

Charter Day Members living, and active in the life of Broadway Christian as of January 1, 2007 are: Kenneth and Judy Buckler, George Garner, Glenn and Dolores Geiger, Glenn and Dorothy Grimes, Shirley House, Eileen Perry, Linda Lashbrook Rouse, Orian and Evelyn Smith, and, Al and Martha Taylor. The following became charter members during our grace period: Claude and Connie Johnson, *Bonnard and Rusty Moseley, and Edward Wiggins. Bill Ryan, our first minister and his wife, Narka live in Baltimore, with family in Columbia, and are frequent visitors. Several other charter members live in the area but are no longer active.

*Bonnard Moseley died in April, 2007.



www.firstchristian.org/youth

This Sunday, Oct. 14th, is Coming Home Sunday and we have a big meal after worship. For this reason, JYF will not be meeting. Chi Rho and CYF (along with the college students) will be heading out to Fred and Stephanie Mottaz's house for a hay-rack ride, hot dog roast and a starlight Vespers service. General merriment will prevail for us from 4:00 - 7:30pm. We will meet at the church and return to the church for this event. You don't need to bring anything; simply wear layers and good shoes for our running around in the country.

If it should rain on Sunday afternoon, we will postpone our trip to the Mottaz's house until the last Sunday in October and will not meet this weekend.

Chi Rho is invited to a special event sponsored by our soon-to-be minister, Jimmy Spear. Yippee! Jimmy would like to take all Chi Rhoers to the Area Assembly Youth Rally. You will be receiving a mailing about this, but note the box on this page about the event as it should be an awesome time with Jimmy and the other youth from the Area!



JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

Where are we going? . . .

NE Area Assembly & Youth Rally

November 9-10, 2007

Macon First Christian Church

Area Assembly Fee: \$25
\$30 for registrations postmarked AFTER October 31

Youth Rally Fee: \$15
\$20 for registrations postmarked AFTER October 31.

Friday, November 9th:

- 3:00 p.m. - Registration Begins
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Optional Dinner and Love Offering
- 7:00 p.m. - Assembly begins with Singspiration!
- Youth Rally Check-in begins

Saturday, November 10th:

Includes breakfast, centering prayer, Bible study, singing, exceptional workshops, lunch & worship. Assembly and Youth Rally end at 3:30 p.m.

Registration fees include meals on Saturday. Soup & sandwich dinner on Friday is optional by love-offering.

Special hotel rates available. Host homes available for adults needing alternatives to hotels. Scholarships available by request from churches.

*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going (NIF).
Hebrews 11:8*



BOOK CORNER

Debt-Proof Living, tells us the economy is up; wages are up; DEBT is up. We are constantly told we deserve to be several levels higher than wherever we are financially and whatever we have makes a nice down-payment on what we want.

Do we need more credit or more stuff? Or do we need the maturity to tailor our lifestyles to fit within our incomes? As important as having enough money is knowing how to take care of what we already have.

Mary Hunt, respected authority on financial responsibility, shows us with warmth and humor in this book that it is possible to live a rich fulfilling life without consumer debt—and she'll show us exactly how to do it. Simple principles and specific methods presented here can help us learn to effectively maximize and manage the money we have.

~On the Book Cart

Attention All Elders!

Please put the Elders' Dinner on your calendar.

October 22nd, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Program by John Yonker

Watch for a letter in the mail soon about this event with a request for meal reservations.

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-October 14, 2007

Van Driver: Bob Hutton *Telephone:* Sara Klockow

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Cherry Hinderberger

Communion Preparation:

Steve, Jessica and Taylor Humble

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Rev. David Yonker *Liturgist:* Kurt Schaefer

10:30 Elders: Sally Robinson, Sharon Winner, Richard Hoepffner

Deacons: The England Team

Greeters:

Hartley & Kim Rogers, *North Door*

Charles Koelling, *South Door*

Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

Banner Bearers: Sam and Ben Creasy

Candlelighters: Sam Poole and Megan Potthast

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Nannie Lou Mallet and Holly Wheatley

Delivered: Don Mosby and Sharon Winner

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (Oct. 14 - 20)

- Sun. - Friendship Class Reunion, 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- "Coming Home Sunday" - dinner after 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall (Call church office for reservations)
- Hayride (Chi Rho, CYF and College Groups), 4:00 p.m., Fred Mottaz Farm
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Membership Dept., 7:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thur. - CWF Bd. Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Church in Society, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Sat. - Jail Ministry Mtg., 10:00-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

