



It's Tee-off Time!

Members and friends of First Christian who love to play golf are invited to tee it up for the first Sam Langley Memorial Golf Outing – this Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m. at the A. L. Gustin Golf Course. Better known to many of us as “the university course,” the course is located on the south side of Stadium Drive, just west of Providence Road.

Our dearly beloved former pastor, Sam, loved to play golf at the old university course and could get his score down into the 70's. You may not be that good, but you're invited to come out and give it your best shots for 9 holes on Sunday afternoon.

To reserve a tee-time in the group please call C.K. Hoenes (424-3164) or John Yonker at the church (449-7265.) Fore!!



Sunday Services

September 30 is our Fall Homebound Communion Sunday. After a commissioning from Dr. Yonker at the beginning of the 10:30 service, Elders and Deacons will leave the sanctuary and take the elements of communion to members of the congregation who are no longer able to attend worship services.

The scripture reading and Dr. Yonker's sermon will be taken from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus found in Luke 16:19-31. Davie Heise will provide piano accompaniment at the early service. Special music at the late service will include a clarinet solo by Sally Estes, and an offertory on the piano by Max Schaefer, son of Kurt and Stacia Schafer. Max will play “Joy, Joy, Joy.”



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

Sunday, October 7th
First Christian Church
8:00 am-12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Weekly Report

Sept. 23, 2007
Received \$4,814.00
Received to Date \$131,214.64
Attendance - 265
(includes early worship - 53)

Coffman-Watson - Oct. 1

The first meeting of Coffman-Watson CWF will be October 1 at 7:00 pm at the home of Connie Guy, 2 Spring Valley Road.

We'll be signing up to provide pies or money for pies for the Election Day Luncheon; we'll also be passing around a sign-up sheet for subscriptions to “The Secret Place” devotional booklet.

We're looking forward to a great kick-off meeting - see you there!

~Joyce Stanley

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**First
Christian
Church**

(Disciples of Christ)
Columbia, Missouri

1832 175th Anniversary 2007

Disciples Benevolent Services "The New NBA"

Over the past 120 years The National Benevolent Association, a general unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has provided care to thousands of persons in need throughout the United States. Seniors, at risk children, and persons with developmental disabilities have received benevolent services from this not for profit organization.

In recent years, our society has undergone several economic changes which have affected the way services are provided through partnerships with like organizations to achieve the desired outcome of efficient quality services.

In keeping with these changes, The NBA has started to explore new ways to provide benevolent services through partnership with disciple regions, congregations, and community leaders. By establishing such partnerships, services can be rendered to those in need on a local level, and can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the community. This is a new way to effectively meet the needs of persons by encouraging community involvement.

Since the NBA has taken on this new way of doing business, partnerships have been established in St. Louis, MO to explore the nine acre ECHO campus to determine what new ministries can be established there. In an effort to partner with other disciple ministries, a partnership was established with the Board of Burlington Towers in St. Petersburg, FL to refinance an existing HUD 202 loan to provide needed funds for current and future capital needs. Meetings are now in process between the NBA and a local disciple congregation in Orlando, FL to explore the possibilities of providing care to persons in need in that community.

As the NBA begins to move in a new direction, the NBA Board has decided to restate the mission statement and name to reflect the way the organization will deliver services to those in need. Disciples Benevolent Services is the new name for the organization and the new mission statement is: In the loving and caring spirit of Christ, Disciples Benevolent Services will partner with regions, congregations, and others to develop ministries of care in response to the needs of their communities. This is an exciting time in the life of this organization, as it will now be able to help meet the diverse needs of our communities through the creation of new partnerships.

News of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Word came last week of the death of Rev. Winnifred Smith, former Disciples of Christ missionary. She and her husband, Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith served in China and the Philippines at various times between 1940 and 1957. During these times they faced political unrest and were imprisoned in an internment camp but continued their evangelism. Winnifred also served on the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers of the United Christian Missionary Society, Board of Directors of the International Convention of Christian Churches. She is survived by her husband and three children. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, September 19 at Blacksburg Christian Church in Blacksburg, Virginia.

PET MO - Columbia Dedicates New Space

Like a teenager outgrowing shoes, PET MO-COLUMBIA outgrew the space it began to occupy in 2000 and has found a new space where volunteers can work on PETs, Personal Energy Transportation vehicles which are to be shipped all around the world to assist disabled people. The new space, 6,000 square feet is at 1908 Heriford, half a block from the old location.

PET friends in Columbia will gather on October 14 to celebrate and bless the new site, with spiritual leaders for the event representing Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities. The celebration will start at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 14 with special music, demonstrations, refreshments and the spiritual blessing. All interested persons are invited.

College Notes...

If you have any questions about swinging, be sure to give Amy Kay or Kelly a call! We have 13 students coming along and have a few extra seat belts because we rented a second big van. Let us know asap if you want to come along!

Special thanks to Mary Tompson for two weeks of delicious goodies and organizing our Wednesday night yummies for the whole year. We love you, Mary and Cliff!

News of the congregation

Betty Mai and **Ivis Silvey** have both returned to their homes at Lenoir after spending several days in Boone Hospital recently.

Bob and Muriel Leach are completing a move from their long-time residence on West Boulevard to Lenoir. Their phone number remains the same, 442-3682, and their new address is 15 Garrison, Columbia, MO 65201.

Jack Pavlovich, Dane's father, has returned home from the hospital after undergoing several tests.



As members of First Christian Church for the past 61 years beginning in 1946, we have loved Clarence Lemmon, Sam Langley, John and Sarah Yonker. This will always be our church home. We have moved from Columbia to be near family in Kirkwood. Our address is 420 S. Kirkwood Rd, Apt. 130, Kirkwood, MO 63122 and our phone number is 314-822-4511.

~Perry and Helen Ewing

Your Special Birthday!



Rena Moore-91 on Sept. 30
Elsie Hughes-99 on Oct. 2

Happy Birthday!



Emmy Croll-Sept. 30
Azure Stevens-Sept. 30
Jake Nichols-Oct. 1
Caleb Spangler-Oct. 1
George Harris-Oct. 1
Aaron Brown-Oct. 1
Aidan Lentz-Oct. 2
Mary Richardson-Oct. 4
Laurel Creasy-Oct. 4
Jack Bower-Oct. 4
Anne Linn-Oct. 5
Kathleen Shreves-Oct. 6
Maigan Shifley-Oct. 6
Mary Taylor-Oct. 6





175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

September Theme: Christian Education

October "Coming Home"

Sunday, October 14, 2007 is "Coming Home Sunday". All former Associate Ministers, FCC Timothys, charter members from FCC who established Broadway Christian Church, and many former members who have moved, have received invitations by mail. Lorene Trickey has been working to have a Friendship Class reunion and has gotten some positive responses. Everyone is encouraged to organize any group or Sunday School class reunion you have been involved in. It would be great to have a CSC group come as well. There is still plenty of time to send out invitations if you think of a friend or group that should be contacted with invitations. Rev. David Yonker, our own Timothy and pastor of the Sterling, IL First Christian Church, will be the guest minister with a catered lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Reservations will be needed since the event will be catered. The meal will cost the church \$11.00 per person. Donation baskets will be on each table.

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.

Veteran Sign Up

If you served in the military, in peacetime or war, we want you to sign the sheet in the office telling us your name, branch of the military and period of time you served. I have compiled an impressive list of our veterans, living and deceased who have so honorably served our country. We need a complete list to be able to recognize and pay tribute to all of you on Veterans Day, which falls on a Sunday this year.

The Bible As Literature: The Ark last week

Sadly, this is the last week of the short course taught by John Yonker on the subject of The Bible as Literature. The time has flown by and the class has been fascinating. This past week was focused on different literary forms in the bible such as the narratives, the blessings, parables, hyperbole, metaphors, symbols, allegory, blessings, poetry and many more. It has been a fascinating look at the bible from a different approach. Come and catch the last week. Our thanks to John for the preparation and presentation of this interesting material.

175th Anniv. Scholarship

A bulletin board and a yellow and black brochure was in the Narthex the last two Sundays regarding the 175th Scholarship Fund established for FCC members to the college of their choice. The goals are lofty, but attainable to fund this scholarship. We know FCC has great young people and we need to be investing in them. The brochure gives you the essential information of who is eligible, what the criteria is for a scholarship, when it will be awarded and how you can help. This is a terrific way to celebrate our past and to influence the future. Questions: Moray Loring Kiehl, chair, 175th Scholarship Committee

Your Story or Special Memory about the Church

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

FCC is still at work building our ARK. The amount we ultimately need is \$5,000.00 to fully provide an ARK of animals to areas impoverished with little hope of a better future. Heifer International has proved itself as one of the significant charities that help people who have little in the way of resources or knowledge to better themselves and their families. The gift of the animals and training to maximize resources, goes to poor families world-wide, to provide food and self-reliance. It has been a powerful weapon against world hunger and the conservation of resources. Our fund grew with the sale of FCC tote bags but we still are a long way from our goal. Use a donation to the ARK as a Christmas gift to people on your Christmas list or perhaps in recognition of achievement of a grandchild or friend. This is a wonderful gift to teach children about how we, as Disciples, help people all over the world to achieve self-reliance and combat hunger.



Friendship Class Reunion

Lorene and Nelson Trickey are organizing a reunion of their old Friendship Class. They will be meeting on October 14 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. We are thrilled to hear that Pat and Nathan Carrington from St. Joe will be here. This group will sit together in a roped-off area at the front of the church during the second service. Please contact Lorene at 573-449-7393 or by e-mail ntrickey@centurytel.net to let them know if you will be part of the group.

Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out Preschool, sponsored by First Christian Church, opened its doors to pre-schoolers on March 1, 1983, under the direction of Jeannette French. An earlier pre-school program had existed at the church, but had dissolved with the resignation of the director of the program. After a number of years, Jeannette French proposed to the Child Care Committee (a committee within the Christian Education Department) to direct a program for infants through pre-kindergarten on Tuesday and Thursday as an outreach program for the Church. This MDO program would offer to church members as well as families in the community exposure to high quality early childhood education.

Within four years, the program grew and expansion was needed to increase the days of operation. When the Raggedy Ann and Andy Co-operative playschool closed, MDO expanded to 4 days per week and eventually became a 5-day per week program that continues today. The program is offered during the school year and follows the Columbia Public School calendar from Labor Day until Memorial Day. For 3 summers during the early 1990's a summer program was offered.

During the interim pastorate of Wally Reed in 1991-92, it became apparent by the success of the operation that by-laws and guidelines needed to be put in place to define the responsibilities of MDO and of the church. The Child Care Committee, which consisted of church members, became the MDO board, thus the liaison between MDO and the Church Board was established. The Child Care Committee had the responsibility of voting each year whether to continue the MDO program, hire the director and approve the

budget. The director in turn had the responsibilities to hire the MDO staff, direct the program meeting City and State licensing requirements, and plan and implement the budget and curriculum.

MDO has operated on a tuition-based budget since 1983 with responsibilities to the church for utility cost, paper supplies and janitorial services. MDO's budget has provided the nursery area with many improvements such as cabinets, shelving, wall coverings, paint, toys and equipment, as well as financial contributions and labor for the playground equipment. The MDO staff maintains the nursery during the week and has it ready for use by the church on Sunday mornings.

Today the MDO program has an enrollment of 90-100 children each week, with children coming on a regular basis one, two, or three days per week. Church families are always given first priority for available openings. Frequently hundreds of children have been on the waiting list for admission to MDO. Many church and community families have benefited from the quality program that MDO has offered. Several FCC members have been on the staff at MDO including, Susan Ramsey, Nita Dannov, Angie Allen, and presently Rachel Fullington and Amy LaHue. Jeannette French retired after 23 years of directing the program in 2006. Tracy Westhoff, a long-time teacher at MDO, has continued this quality church sponsored program as the current director.

The First Christian Church can be proud of the reputation that Mother's Day Out has in the community. The love, care and education that the children receive here is among the finest in the city.

~Jeannette French

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**First Christian Church
175th Anniversary
Scholarship Fund
Report**

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Help us "Turn Dreams into Reality" for our youth!



www.firstchristian.org/youth

This Saturday we are going Barn Swinging! Yippee! (See the related, adjoining article with pictures below of another youth group at the swinging site.)

This Sunday, September 30, we will not meet because some of us will have just gotten back from swinging and Amy Kay will be with Callaway County Christians talking about youth ministries. ;) We'll meet next week for the CROP Walk!

Partner thanks to Ava from Community United Methodist Church for talking with us about their Global Market store.



Barn Swinging

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to come "Barn Swinging" with us on Saturday, September 29th from 8:30am—8:30pm. We will be driving to the Springfield, MO, area for this fun day of swinging, hay riding and hot dog roasting. ;)

The cost of the event is \$15 dollars which the youth group will pay. If you would like to donate back to the youth group fund, you may do so. Amy Kay will accept donations at any time, but don't feel like you have to do so. Just come!

On the day of the event, please wear or bring closed-toe shoes. Also, we need a parent or guardian to sign a permission slip when you come on Saturday morning. We have to pay extra if we don't have this signed, so please make sure you see Amy Kay or Kelly with your adult before s/he leaves on Saturday morning.

The college students are sponsoring this fun trip. Yea!

Thanks
for your participation

A Wonderful Evening!

On Monday evening, September 19, over 90 women (plus John and Rob) gathered together to celebrate the Women's Ministries of our church. We are so glad that many of you decided to bring someone with you! The decorations were the colors of autumn; the food was spectacular...prepared by our own Laura Estes and Amy LaHue; the music by Jessi Klockow and Rob Martin was soothing to the soul, and our speaker, Betsy Happel gave us a message of inspiration and hope. In appreciation, we collected a goodwill offering for The Women's Shelter in Columbia totaling \$457.00...thank you for your generosity! We want to give thanks again to all the other women who helped make this event a success by greeting, preparing our blessing, being a table hostess, helping to cook and clean up. Special thanks to JD Estes and Jeff LaHue who had to do extra "kid duty" while Laura and Amy did all the planning, shopping and cooking. And Laura's kids helped too! If you didn't get to join us, please try to get to our next event. We'll keep you posted in the Visitor. So many of you loved the Green Bean Bundles, Laura and Amy are providing the recipe for you!

~Mary Taylor

Are you a SOMEDAY person?

SOMEDAY things will be better in my life; I will get caught up with my work and enjoy my family, be in better physical condition, earn more money. SOMEDAY I'll have a better relationship with God and enjoy more of His goodness.

Many people go through life focusing on the negative, always having a reason why they can't be happy. Unfortunately, SOMEDAY never comes! Today is the only day we have...we can't change the past and don't know the future.

A new book by Joel Osteen has been given to the Library by Brummet-Harrah women's group in memory of Dorothy Smith. Your Best Life Now suggests 7 simple yet profound steps to improve your life right now, regardless of its current level. You can be happier than ever before...for the rest of your life. You will find 7 areas of practical suggestions and simple choices to help you stay positive, with belief for a brighter future.



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Green Bean Bundles

- 2 lb bag of frozen green beans
- 15 slices of bacon, cut in half
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup melted butter
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- Hearty dash of soy sauce

1. Place 10-12 beans on bacon slice and roll into a bundle. Place seam side down in 9x13 casserole dish.
2. Cover with marinade of brown sugar, melted butter, garlic salt and soy sauce. Refrigerate overnight. (May also be frozen)
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes uncovered. Serves 12-14

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Sunday's Schedule-Sept. 30, 2007

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Betty Moon, Mary Dewey, Laura DeVenney

Elder for 8:30 Service: Harsh Brown

Communion Preparation:

James and Tommie Ross, Frank and Erin Boster

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Lorene and Nelson Trickey

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Julie Nichols

10:30 Elders: Steve and Cheryl Lightner, Richard Vaught

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Maury and Margie Ellis, *North Door*

Gene Kirkham, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Max Schaefer and Logan Garton

Candlelighters: Ben Creasy and Makali Hawkins

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Mary and Cliff Tompson

Delivered: Brenda and Don Mosby

Evangelism Calls: Tom and Carol Hughey, Rick Wells

This Week (Sept. 30-Oct. 6)

- Sun. - Home Bound Communion
- Terrace Vespers, 3:00 p.m.
- 1st Annual Sam Langley Memorial Golf Tournament,
2:00 p.m., A.L. Gustin Golf Course
- Fall Adult Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Orange Field
- Mon. - Drennan Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Connie Guy's
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Back Room (college group),
8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thur. - World Outreach Committee,
5:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m.,
Country Kitchen
(Everyone welcome)

