



## Sunday Worship

It started out being about healing and teaching, but it turned out they were also hungry. **Jesus 5000.** He was compelled to feed them. They were compelled to share.

Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message as we continue the summer's journey of parables in Matthew's gospel – this week will be a look at Jesus and the 5000 he had dinner with.

There will be a dramatic reading of the scripture, Matthew 14:13-21.

Special music at the 10:30 worship service will be a clarinet solo by Sally Estes and duets by Linda Chandler and Sally Estes for the prelude and offertory.

### Weekly Report

July 27, 2008

Received \$7,096.30

Received to Date \$30,787.75

Attendance - 306

(includes early worship - 66)

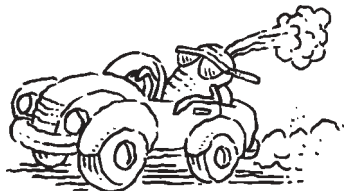
### Church Eat-Out

Friday - Aug. 1

5:30 p.m.

Bob Evans Restaurant

Everyone Welcome!



## FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, Aug. 3

Bring your canned goods  
to the Narthex



## Christian Regional Youth Festival

**CRY 2008:** CYF members **Christian Hulen** and **Lindsey Chandler** attended the Christian Regional Youth Festival held at Columbia College last week. **Tom Yonker** was a NE Area Adult Cabinet Member and was the main guitar guy for all festival music. **Rev. Jimmy Spear** was an adult sponsor and led a workshop on the "Images of Jesus."

## Pre-School Parents Read This

I was overjoyed to see the large number of pre-school aged children in our church participate in VBS this summer. Their excitement during VBS experience was easily noted. In order to explore the ways we can best reach this significant population of youngsters and create our Sunday morning education opportunity to best fit the group we need to gather for fellowship and information. Your families are invited to an evening **potluck picnic on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** to become acquainted and share in fellowship. Look into next week's Visitor for details of food and location. Watch your mailbox for an invitation also.

~Jimmy Spear

## First Sunday Food Drive

Each first Sunday of the month, we are invited to bring non-perishable food to the church for our local food pantry. A collection is informally gathered in the Narthex. Usually the sacks multiply in the coat closet area. Some months we ask the kids to bring the food up to the chancel to present the food as part of our offering and some months we don't, but it is always an important ministry that we are glad to get to be a part of. A member of the Church In Society Department (local outreach) takes all of our donations to the food pantry to be distributed to members of our town and county. It is of note that the food does not go to the Food Bank of Central Missouri – it goes to our local food pantry. The pantry is constantly on the verge of not having enough food. If you are able to contribute this Sunday or any first Sunday, know that your donations are appreciated. Thanks!

## God's Ministry

As you know, a slight difference in how we say something can shape how we think of it... consider the difference of saying "my kids" versus "our kids". The first shows exclusivity and the second shows a shared sentiment. We intentionally use inclusive pronouns in worship like "we" or "us". Think of how different it would feel if we used "you" as in "you need to" versus the more appropriate "we need to".

The same holds true for the ministries of the church. We, thankfully, remember that God is our Creator. The ministries that we are involved in are God's and we get to be a part of God's ministry. We do not speak of what we do as if it were our own that we get to have special territorial privileges over. That we remember here at First Christian our responsibility to discern how we can be a part of God's ministries makes this a wonderful place to serve. We are not afraid to change.

There has been a lot of change just since I came here over seven years ago. Marcus Borg came for a lectureship; the third floor was transformed into the River of Life and our children's Sunday School changed forms in the process. Wednesday Night Live left for awhile and Café came back into the life of the church; we celebrated our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary; a beloved Associate Minister retired, and we have been fortunate to be able to already call a new Associate beloved; The Departments (committees) of the church have let some programs end and have taken up new ones... our membership has changed... whew! There are some churches where all of this change could have been rough! Because we remember that God is God and we get to be a part of God's ministries while we try to help create heaven on earth we have been able to continue without much of a hiccup. We have thoughtfully and prayerfully navigated the changes. May this continue to be our frame of mind as new opportunities to serve are discerned. May this joining with God to care for God's creation always be at the core of who we are. Thanks be to God for the life of the church and for all that we are able to do together! ~amy kay



Aug.  
24th

## Church Blood Drive!

Our Church Blood Drive is fast approaching. It will be held on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Many of you come to me during the drive and say that you would like to give but are unable because you are too soon to give another unit. For all of those church members who are regular donors and would like to give at our church drive the last day you can give at another drive and still be eligible to give at our church drive is **August 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. ~Brianna Shepard

## Resettlement Family News

One of the Liberian ladies that FCC helped to resettle in 2004, Benetha Sampson, has bought her first home with her partner, Moses Edwards, at 305 Arden Dr in Jefferson City. Benetha and Moses work at Dollar General in Fulton. Nine-year old son, Issiah, will start 4th grade at Belair Elementary this fall. Benetha was legally blind when she arrived from the refugee camp. Thanks to members of FCC and the Missouri Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, she was able to have her vision restored following operations at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.



## Birthdays

Frances Brown-Aug. 3  
Ryan Hughey-Aug. 3  
Brian Mottaz-Aug. 3  
Lauren Hofmann-Aug. 3  
Brad Beary-Aug. 3  
Kayla Von Talge-Aug. 4  
Ava Shifley-Aug. 5  
Hartley Rogers-Aug. 7  
Don Mosby-Aug. 8  
Nathan Sapp-Aug. 8  
Kelly Mueller-Aug. 8  
Brenda Bailey-Aug. 9  
Muriel Leach-Aug. 9  
Norma Miller-Aug. 9  
John J. Yonker-Aug. 9

## News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Jade Mills**, daughter of **Mark and Janet Mills**, who was united in marriage to **Greg Mooney** on Saturday afternoon, July 26 in our sanctuary in a ceremony conducted by **John Yonker**. The Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, **Jordan Mills**, also a member of our congregation. The couple will live in Fulton where they both work for the Callaway County Fire Department.

It was a joy last Sunday morning, July 27, to share in the Service of Dedication and Blessing for **Ryley Morgan Batterson**, nine-month old daughter of **Matt and Hayley Batterson**. Standing with the proud parents were Ryley's older sister, **Delaney**, and accepting the responsibility to become God-parents were **Rick and Carrie Batterson**. Other family members present included grandparents, **Bud and Debbie Batterson**, and **Glenda Clark**. Friends Andrea Kuhn and Brett & Anne Farrow were also in attendance.

**Freda Martz** is doing well after spending the day at University Hospital, July 21, for testing.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Mary Ann Paluch**, a recent new member of our congregation who died after surgery and a brief stay at University Hospital in late May. She was **Don Hayden's** fiancée, who is also a recent new member of our congregation and **Emmy Croll's** nephew.

We are also saddened to learn of the death of **Mildred Todd** who died at the Sturgeon Rest Home on Sunday evening, July 27. Funeral services will be conducted by John Yonker at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 7 at the church, with visitation at 10 a.m. A native of Columbia and graduate of Hickman High School, Mildred had been a member of our congregation since 1952, served as a Deaconess before being named Deaconess Emeritus, and was supporter of many activities, including the Rainbow Girls and Oakland Junior High School and the Columbia Bowling Hall of Fame, to which she was elected in 1976. She was preceded in death by her husband, **George Todd**, and is survived by her daughters, **Sandra DeHaven**, and **Sharon Winner** of our congregation, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, which include **Lynn Klotz** and her husband, **Daryl**, and their son, **Devin**, of our congregation. Mildred was 91 years old.

## (youth) @ first christian

The **CYF Mission Trip #2**, will depart after worship, Aug. 3. The work will be Flood Relief in North East Missouri.

The **CHI-RHO Mission Trip** is scheduled for August 10-12. "Spread some paint!" Reserve your spot with Jimmy by August 3.

The **CYF Sunday morning class** has completed the Joseph story from Genesis and now is exploring Exodus. Join us @ 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the CYF room.

The August "**Disciple Kids Day Camp**" is Aug. 13. A trip to the St. Louis Zoo is planned. Reserve a spot with Jimmy by August 6.

**Attention all kids who went to Church Camp this summer:** You are invited to wear your red camp t-shirt on Sunday, August 3 in the 10:30 Worship Service. During worship you will be invited to come down front and lead the congregation in a fun camp song all together. Meet Jimmy on Sunday in the sanctuary up in front at 10:15 a.m.

**CYF Eat Out:** Wednesday Night, August 13.

**CYF Lock In:** Sunday Night August 17<sup>th</sup> after the Broadway's Back to School Bash. Calendar it!

**ALL Parents:** Jimmy needs your email addresses...  
[jimmy@firstchristian.org](mailto:jimmy@firstchristian.org)



Children's  
Worship  
begins again  
August 10th  
(during the 10:30  
worship service).



## Anonymous Lions

Daniel and the Lions' Den has been the bible story explored in recent weeks on Sunday mornings' "River of Life". Summer Interns, Elizabeth and Molly, have been leading the group and welcome more lions on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.



## BOOK O R N E R

Since current events stir our minds to the story book (and sad) area of the kingdom of Nepal, we are featuring again 3 books (a set in a case), high-spirited tales of Himalayan proportion: On the Far Side of Liglig Mountain, Don't Let the Goats Eat the Loquat Trees, and Living Stones of the Himalayas. (Need to be read in that order.)

Incredible story teller Thomas Hale met his wife Cynthia the first day in med school as they were both assigned the same cadaver in the anatomy lab. Beginning in 1970 they struggled to serve God and the people as medical doctors in this remote land. The book opens the preface with "When Cynthia and I and our two sons arrived in Kathmandu in July 1970 we didn't expect the King of Nepal to greet us at the airport—and he didn't".

Read about the hardships and blessings of bringing Western medicine to people who distrusted—yes, feared—ideas differing from their own. By their selfless love and caring these doctors gained the affection and trust of their Nepali patients and neighbors.  
~On the Book Cart

## Ladies Book Club

At noon next Wednesday, August 6, the Book Club meets for lunch at the Columbia Country Club to discuss Katharine Graham's *Personal History* and to select the books for the next nine months. Please let Linda Hutton know if you plan to attend (442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)).



A special thanks to the volunteers who help proofread, assemble and label the newsletter each week. Our five dedicated workers are: Mary Richardson, Betty Moon, Anna Cathryn Yost, Joyce Stanley and Dave Beem. We couldn't do it without you!

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Aug. 3, 2008

*Van Driver:* Eric Seaman *Telephone:* Laura Crane

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

*Worship Asst:* Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Bettie Koelling

*Communion Preparation:*

Gary and Cheryl Unterschutz, Gene Taylor

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

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

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

*Sermon:* Rev. Jimmy Spear *Liturgist:* TBA

*10:30 Elders:* Nancy Watson, Marilyn Schappert, Nelson Trickey

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

TBA, *North Door*

TBA, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* TBA

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* C.K. and Paula Hoenes

*Delivered:* Cliff and Mary Tompson

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (Aug. 3-9)

Sun. - CYF Mission Trip, Aug. 3-5, Flood Relief in NE  
Missouri

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

