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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

## Sunday Services

This Sunday we will be walking on water... or we will be considering it anyway! The gospel text that both Jimmy and Amy Kay will jointly preach from this Sunday is the Matthew walking on water parable (14:22-33).

We look forward to David Heise's piano talents at the early service as he is substituting for our ever-faithful Norma Miller. At the 10:30 worship service we look forward to solos by Brenda Mosby, "Use Me In Your Kingdom" and "Always Be A Child".

During the second service Atticus Pavlovich will be dedicated and the service will include the lovely hymn "Borning Cry" which is becoming a favorite of many.

### Weekly Report

Aug. 3, 2008

Received \$9,785.28

Received to Date \$40,570.03

Attendance - 220

(includes early worship -40)



Over 20 K-5th graders joined Rev. Jimmy, Interns Molly and Elizabeth, and several helpful moms for two days of **Disciple Kids Day Camp** last week. This all-group picture was taken during our afternoon at the Youzeum where the "Creation Explorers" learned more about how the human body works.



## Anti-Human Trafficking

It is unfortunate that the phrase "human trafficking" even exists; however, it exists because of the reality of the enslavement of people here in the United States and around the world. There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today. Forced labor, sexual exploitation, torture, and economic exploitation are prime characteristics of the modern-day slave trade. It is estimated to be a \$5 to \$9 billion-a-year industry.

Thankfully, there is a Christian agency called Hagar International that has been working since 1994 in Cambodia with survivors of trafficking and abuse. Their model of work with children and women is exemplary and they have even been listed as one of the top ten leaders in the anti-trafficking field by our State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking.

We are excited that our own **Betsy Bramon** has accepted a fellowship with Hagar International. This area of ministry has been a part of Betsy's call for some time now and we know that her work with the expansion of Hagar into other countries will be positive.

Betsy returns from working in Washington D.C. on August 25<sup>th</sup> and leaves for her fellowship on September 15<sup>th</sup>. During her short stay in Columbia, she will be sharing about Human Trafficking at our first Wednesday night Café on August 27<sup>th</sup> and with the Back Room (college group) on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Summer Vacations

There are many things that are popular in the summer months. Watermelon... air conditioning... BBQing... and vacationing during the first couple weeks of August. ;) There are an amazing number of folks who are taking time away before the fall schedule sets in. Because of this, perhaps the pastoral word that is needed is simply a few ideas of where to go for personal devotion time. If you are not able to worship with us, or are not able to worship anywhere else, consider spending a bit of time perusing these resources:

\* Our church library is open to you every day and most evenings when there is something happening around the building. It is on the second floor of the educational building. Consider a book of religious art or reflections on the Bible...

\* Check out [www.methodx.org](http://www.methodx.org) which is an online Christian community where young adults (college to 30s) can identify and explore their relationships with God and with others. I am over 30, but I still find it to be a good website. ;)

\* The [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com) site is an amazing resource. It is organized by date and follows the lectionary cycle which is what we generally follow for Sunday morning worship. You can select the date and then read all sorts of articles stemming from the scripture readings. There are also movie clips suggested to help illustrate various points that could be made from the texts and links to art work that have been inspired by the texts.

\* There are a lot of good links to interdenominational ministries like Heifer and Church World Service that can be found off of our web site at:

[www.firstchristian.org/college/links](http://www.firstchristian.org/college/links). All of the links work, so it is easy to take a few minutes to learn about some of the outreach agencies with which we are involved.

\* Our denomination's web site is [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org). Much can be found here.

\* A good prayer resource by the Episcopal Church can be found at [www.worldinprayer.org](http://www.worldinprayer.org). It reminds us of what is happening around the world and forms a prayer for us from the current events.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list, but a place to start if you want a new direction. I'm interested in what you have found to be helpful. Please share your sites, book ideas or whatever good you have found with me. ;) w/hope for each of our own sources of inspiration – amy kay

## Property Committee to Meet Sunday

The Property Committee will meet following the 10:30 worship service on August 10th. Please gather in the Fellowship Hall for this short meeting to set a date for working on the Fellowship Hall.

### Thank you!

I would like to thank you for awarding me the Whitaker-Ferguson Scholarship. I truly feel blessed to receive a scholarship from the religion that I praise and practice daily.

~Janet Oyelola

Thank you to Mark and Ryan Hunsaker for making the step leading into the flower room. It makes it much easier stepping in and out of the room.

~Lorene Trickey

## Church Blood Drive!

Our Church Blood Drive is fast approaching. It will be held on **Sunday, October 5**, 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**. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

~Brianna Shepard

## Invitation

Perry Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, cordially invites you to join with us as we celebrate the installation of our pastor. On August 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. Northeast Area Minister Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian will formally install Pastor David N. Todd as minister at Perry Christian Church in Perry, Missouri. Please rejoice with us for this special occasion and remain afterward for a reception to honor Pastor Todd.

## News of the congregation

Special thanks to CK Hoenes, Cliff Tompson and Steve Gieseke for bringing our gospel scripture to us in a Reader's Theater style last Sunday at the late service! Each of these fine fellows agreed to read for us that morning and did a great job. We will look forward to a few more readings of the scriptures like this in the coming weeks.

We also thank Sally Estes and Linda Chandler for their special music on Sunday!



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

## Happy Birthday



Kristy Rees-Aug. 10  
Robert Seltsam-Aug. 10  
Carolyn Snow-Aug. 10  
Brianna Shepard-Aug. 11  
Gerald Guy-Aug. 13  
Marvelling Ridgeway-Aug. 13  
Tommy Tomlin-Aug. 13  
Courtney (Hall) Martin-Aug. 14  
Janet Mills-Aug. 14  
Doris Clark-Aug. 15  
Iva Dell Thurman-Aug. 15  
Kim Korman-Aug. 15  
Elayna Mottaz-Aug. 15  
Robert Sisson-Aug. 16  
Joyce Stanley-Aug. 16  
Lois Brown-Aug. 16  
Louis Janssen-Aug. 16

## (youth) @ first christian

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

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.

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

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

**ALL Parents:** Jimmy needs your email addresses...

[jimmy@firstchristian.org](mailto:jimmy@firstchristian.org)

## Fall Kick-Off



Sunday, August 24, we will officially jump into our fall programming at the church! We will celebrate new beginnings in the worship services and Sunday School classes. Later on the 24th we are all invited to gather at Stephens Lake Park for a BBQ, chat time, games and who-knows-what-else. The festivities will begin at 5:30pm at the Happy Hollow Shelter. More details will follow in future editions of the *Visitor*.

Wednesday, August 27th will be our first Café evening. We will continue each Wednesday evening throughout the school year. Menus are being discussed, decorations are in the works and good educational options are coming together. The schedule will include dinner starting at 5:30pm, a time of centering at 6:15pm and the educational options will be from 6:30 – 7:30pm. CYF will be on Wednesday evenings again and Jimmy will be in touch with all of the group's details.

As we continue with good summer time happenings, it is also exciting to look ahead to what is coming for us this fall. We hope you are ready to kick-off with us at the end of this month!



## Bell Choir Friends

We are so blessed and excited that Ed Rollins, music minister at First Baptist Church and Columbia Handbell ensemble director, has agreed to come over and present a Bell Workshop for our FCC bell choir. Ed's schedule is unusually full, completely booked for other events or running marathons!, and his one window of opportunity is Saturday morning, August 16th. We will begin, probably in the Fellowship Hall, at 9 a.m. and will be ending around 12:00 noon. Ed will cover basic bell ringing techniques, music ringing symbols and will be working with us on future worship bell performances. Any of our current bell choir members are highly encouraged to attend, but we also would welcome any person who has been interested in joining the bell choir, even on a part-time basis. This is an opportunity that we do not want to miss with our friend Ed, and we hope you can attend this special bell event! There will be a small coffee/continental breakfast available at 9 -- please email Cheryl Nichols at [cnichols@stephens.edu](mailto:cnichols@stephens.edu) or call the church office if you can attend!

## Lumber Yard, Travel, Hair Salon...

Exciting times are upon us! The Strand hair salon that most recently rented out our building north of the church has moved so that they can have more space. Following a financial negotiation between the Strand's owners and our church leaders, they moved out to begin their expanded business. The building is actually sitting empty already.

As in the past many things have been in that building (lumber and travel agency), there are many options for the church regarding its future use. Certainly, any option will be considered short term (a few years) so that our church leaders can continue with their long term planning for the ministries of our congregation. However, a few years could hold much excitement! Remembering that the income from the building is vitally important to the church at this point and that we also long to use the space leaves us with a few ideas that we are working on. As ministry options come together, we'll keep one another posted through the *Visitor* and meetings.

The College Group plus friends like Dane Pavlovich (not pictured) and David Polach served at Loaves and Fishes last Monday. Fifty-five folks appreciated the good cookin' of our students. Next month the Keystone Sunday School Class will be serving. If you and four friends or a group within the church want to take a month, check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for sign-ups and a written description of the responsibilities.



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## Sunday's Schedule-Aug. 10, 2008

*Van Driver:* Don Mosby *Telephone:* Carol Slusher

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

*Worship Asst:* Anne Linn, Donna and Will Houston

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Donna Houston

*Communion Preparation:*

Mimi McRoberts, Mike and Mary Taylor

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

*Church School Greeter:* Dorothy Porter

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

*Sermon:* Rev. Spear & Rev. Pavlovich *Liturgist:* TBA

*10:30 Elders:* Ken Watson, Linda Ridgeway, Jacki Davidson

*Deacons:* The Creasy Team

*Greeters:*

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

*Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Banner Bearers:* TBA

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Harry and Serena White

*Delivered:* Marsha and Tom Sisson

*Evangelism Calls:* Jacki Davidson

## This Week (Aug. 10-16)

- Sun. - Property Committee Meeting, after 10:30 worship,  
Fellowship Hall  
- Chi Rho Mission Trip, Aug. 10-12, NE Missouri
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Day Camp, 9:00-5:00, St. Louis Zoo  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Sat. - Bell Workshop, 9:00-12:00, Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

