



## Sunday Services

Wear your running shoes this Sunday and be ready for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Running the Race!". There will be special visitors (also wearing running shoes)! And, the text for the day will be Hebrews 11:32-12:2.

Special music at the 8:30 worship service will be a solo by Brenda Mosby. She will sing "Remember Me" by Mark Schulz. At the 10:30 service the choir's anthem will be "Here I Am, Lord" and Norma Miller and Mary Bancroft will provide piano/organ duets.

We are also excited to celebrate a baptismal service for two of the ladies of our church at the 10:30am worship service.

### Weekly Report

Aug. 10, 2008

Received \$6,920.76

Received to Date \$47,490.79

Attendance - 242

(includes early worship - 45)

### Weekly Report

Aug. 17, 2008

Received \$5,112.95

Received to Date \$52,639.24

Attendance - 385

(includes early worship - 60)



Sunday the choir meets in choir room before 10:30 worship at 10:00 a.m. and immediately after the worship concludes.

## Humanitarian Aid

As I mentioned in church on Sunday, our denomination is trying to help with humanitarian aid in Georgia like we help with specific needs all over the world all year long. Our city has a special relationship with Georgia (think of the salt drive from a number of years ago) and John Baker from First Baptist has asked us to try to give more to the aid efforts. He is pooling money from churches in town for the Action by Churches Together (ACT) network. As is noted in the update below from our denomination, we are invited to give directly through our church for ACT. If you would like to donate money specifically to this need, please do so through our church office. We are hoping to send a check during the week of September 8th, so if you are able to give, please consider doing so by that time. Thanks – amy kay

### *8/14/08 – from Week of Compassion:*

*The outbreak of hostilities between Russian and Georgian forces in the disputed regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia has uprooted and displaced tens of thousands of people, many of whom are in urgent need of basic relief assistance. The situation remains tense and fighting continues in places, despite a reported ceasefire.*

*We will be assisting through the ACT network based in the Georgian capital of Tblisi.*

### *Day Camp for Disciple Kids*

*Last Wednesday ten Disciple kids journeyed to the St. Louis Zoo.*

*Amy LaHue, Laura Estes, Molly Read, & Jimmy Spear were adult partners.*



## All-Church BBQ This Sunday, 5:30 Stephens Lake Park

Come one – come all! We are celebrating the kickoff of a new year with an all-church, fun BBQ at **Stephens Lake Park**. This **Sunday, August 24th** we will gather at the Happy Hollow Shelter beginning at **5:30pm**. Fine persons will be stationed at grills to provide us hamburgers and hotdogs around 6pm.



The fixins will be provided by the church as well. All you need to bring is yourselves!! ...and maybe a lawn chair if you have one handy. Jimmy has agreed to lead games and the shelter has its own playground. The space will be ours for visiting and relaxing. Our intention is to make this an easy, fun time to connect and re-connect with one another. We hope you can come!

To get to the Happy Hollow Shelter, enter the Stephens Lake Park area off of Broadway just across from the Eastgate Shopping Center. Once in the park, you can go left or right. Veer left and follow the road until it will go no further. Our shelter is the furthest one from the open playground at the top of the hill.

## The kitchen is closed.

The van is parked. The air mattress is put away. The snack wagon is empty. The cooler is stored. The gloves are put away.

It has been a great summer. Summer camps, youth mission trips, day camps, random events with our kids have made this first summer at FCC very memorable and most enjoyable. What a great group of kids we have.

Last week our Chi-Rho middle schoolers spent two days caring for senior adults at two former NBA retirement communities. The folks at the Barton W. Stone home in Jacksonsville IL and our own Lenoir Woods were most excited to let us wash their wheel chairs, paint their nails, win at bingo, and count up the dominos. The CYF trips to Greensburg, KS and LaGrange, MO are still what they talk (and laugh) about when they get together. Day Camp for Disciple Kids was created to foster good relationships among and with our elementary kids. While we were at it, we became "Creation Explorers" discovering the many ways we are a part of God's creation – in nature, as humans, with animals, all in this big world. At the end of the summer, 20 some of our younger kids are that much more a part of the life at FCC. But I think that goes for all the groups. As they go to school, as they find their way during the week to our church, they are more confident in their relationships with one another and with this place called church. I find that to be so affirming for all the money spent, the time allotted, the energy expelled, and miles driven.

The great thing about all of the above is the way our kids respond to such opportunities. Seeing new territory, meeting people in need, finding a way to get the job done were a part of every trip. Our kids being always ready, gentle, hardworking, funny, inquisitive, and interested in being good friends makes the trip a life changing experience for all concerned. Did I mention that they are hilarious? Oh my... a comedy troupe for sure.

In a few weeks we will have a chance to share the pictures and stories of this summer's trip at a Wednesday Night CAFÉ. We hope you can join us. But before then, I may be gone for a few days — they wore me out!

~Jimmy

*Thank You!*

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful birthday flower arrangement brought to me by a special lady from FCC yesterday! I am especially fond of the large sunflowers. Friends are such a joy to us at all times!

~Iva Dell Thurman

My family thanks you, John, for the caring and personal service at mother's funeral and, Mary and Brenda, your music was lovely. Thank you, Joyce Stanley, for the luncheon you organized and helped prepare and those who worked with you. ~Sandra DeHaven, Daughter of Mildred Todd

## Ladies Book Club

The FCC Ladies Book Club met Aug. 6 for a wonderful lunch, discussion and book selections. Thanks to the many church members who called or emailed book suggestions for this meeting. The Club greatly appreciates your interest and suggestions. Please note the meeting date has changed. The group will now meet on the second Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. in Morris Parlor. The following is the list of books selected: September 10: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig (Columbia's ONE READ); October 8: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson; November: *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult; Jan 14: *My Half of the Sky*, Jana McBur-Lyn; February 11: *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert; March 11: *The Blood of Flowers* by Anita Amirrezvani; April 8: Columbia resident Ibtisam Barakat's *Tasting the Sky*; May 10: *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts; and August's book is *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte. Questions or comments? contact Linda Hutton by phone at 442-5423 or email at [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).

*Happy Birthday*



Paula Slusher-Aug. 24

Ann Teel-Aug. 24

Roy Overacre-Aug. 25

Susan White-Aug. 25

Mary Daugherty-Aug. 26

Steven McCormack-Aug. 27

Jenna Gunnell-Aug. 28

Peggy Bott-Aug. 28

Ryan Hunsaker-Aug. 29

Bill Crawford-Aug. 30



## News of the congregation

We were saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend **Anna Cathryn Yost** on Sunday. Anna Cathryn had been receiving cancer treatments and died rather suddenly and without pain at the University Hospital. We will be celebrating her life in a memorial service in our sanctuary on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Condolences may be sent to her brother, Dale Yost, at 1345 W. 800 North, Springport, IN 47386.

Our prayers are with **Joshua Garton**, the nephew of **Judith Wildman**. He was in a motorcycle accident on Sunday and is at University Hospital.

Special thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for his solo at the 8:30am worship service on Sunday. Thanks also is extended to our **Chancel Choir** for coming back on Sunday! We appreciate their leadership at our 10:30am worship services.

A big "Reader's Theater" thanks to **Molly Read** and **Dane Pavlovich** for bringing our scripture to us at the late service on Sunday.

Our Best Wishes are extended to **Laura Daugherty** as she travels to Italy to teach English as a Second Language next week. Laura will be in Italy for at least a semester.

Congratulations to **Robert Shamberger**, son of **Marceline Shamberger** who will be inducted into the Hall of Leaders on October 16 by the Columbia Public Schools Foundation. Robert was nominated as one of the outstanding alumni graduating from Hickman high School. He is Chief of Surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston. Robert spent his growing up years attending First Christian Church.

3:00 a.m. thanks goes to **Ruth Ann Martin** and **Jen Micek**. These CYF partners only got 3 hours of sleep on Sunday night because they were all-star partners for the CYF Lock-In.

29 youth (Chi-Rho & CYF) attended the Broadway Christian Church *Back 2 School Bash* last Sunday. Thanks to BCC for hosting a great event. Partner Thanks to **Dan and Holly Gieseke** for partnering.

**Your Special Birthday!**



**Peggy Cline**  
- 91 on Aug. 21

## STARS Meet Sept. 17 (men & women 55 & over)

Come join in food and fellowship starting at 11:30 a.m. September



17, 2008 in Morris Parlor. After the meal we will enjoy the movie **PATCHADAMS** starring **Robin Williams**. This movie is a story of a medical student. It is a 4 star rated movie, and John Yonker highly recommends it.

Laura Estes is preparing us a meal consisting of Chicken Soup, bread and a special dessert that includes jello...*just what the doctor ordered*. Cost of the meal is \$6. Be sure to sign up in the church office, or call Carol Slusher at 874-4902 by Sept. 15, 2008.

## Building Update

As you know from previous editions of the Visitor, "The Strand" hair salon has ended their lease of our building to the north of the main church building. Our church leaders are in a process of discernment about the building. In an effort to keep the entire church community apprised of how things are going we've been posting weekly updates about the building.

This week we wish to report that we have been about the task of contacting skilled people within our church community regarding various aspects of the building's potential use. Consulting meetings are taking place and this weekend the Administrative Board leaders, Trustees and Property Department chair person will be gathering to hear the reports.

Regardless of the outcome of the use of the building, the process that we have been following has been healthy and positive for the church. We'll have more for you in next week's Visitor!

Thank you for letting us use the hall for the past almost 7 years. I hope that we may be able to use the hall for occasional seminars in the future. Good luck to you and your church and again thanks for letting us use the facilities and supporting our program.

~Mark, Taekwondo

## Thanks to All for the 84 Pounds of Food Donated

It was a pleasure to deliver to the PANTRY our 84 pounds of food for the needy. This was the total we collected the first Sunday in August. I'm sure there were monetary donations also.

When I took the food inside I was shocked to see so many empty shelves that need to be replenished by those of us who are fortunate to have enough and some to spare.

This project suggests that the first Sunday of each month we bring items of food for the table for those in need. The Pantry provides a central location for distribution of these gifts. Mark your calendars for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month and share as you can.

~Carol Slusher, representing the Church in Society Committee

## Thank You !!!

Thanks go around to many people for our unofficial "kick-off" to FCC Bell Choir and Chancel Choir. Nine of our Bell Choir members enjoyed a workshop Saturday morning with Ed Rollins, director of the Columbia Handbell Ensemble, and a great time was had by all! We all learned a great deal and are excited to return to the regular "ringing" season. The next two Sunday rehearsals, in Bell Room 8:45-9:30, will include some music marking and study with new members as we begin our regular rehearsals the Sunday after Labor Day. Thank you to Mary Bancroft for setting up a beautiful breakfast for our bell workshop and all those who helped move bells and tables on Friday and Saturday, including Keith! Sunday, the choir gathered at the beautiful home of Steve and Cheryl Lightner for fellowship and great food. Thank you to the Lightners for their hospitality and thank you to all who carved out some of your time to be with us! As we return into a year of music with First Christian Church, I want to express my gratitude to all who make the music part of the worship possible. I have been a part of your "team" for a year now, and know I have been blessed many times by the music and worship moments we have shared through this year. I look forward to many more and am thankful to all of you for surely, "... We have shared together the blessings of God . . ." Philippians 1:7

Blessings, Cheryl Nichols

# (youth)

## @ first christian

Summer trips and happenings were amazing!

Now the fall schedule finds our youth groups doing different things together...

### CYF (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wednesday Nights 6:30 -8:30  
Come to CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30.  
\$5 covers it!

### Chi-Rho (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### JYF (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
4:30-6:00 p.m.

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### Chi-Rho Pool Party

Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Meet @ church @ 1 p.m.  
Pickup @ church @ 4 p.m.

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### Parent Meeting

For parents of all three youth groups.  
Brief.  
Fellowship Hall  
After 10:30 Worship on Sun., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

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New **Kindergartners** are welcome to join The River of Life on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.  
New **6<sup>th</sup> graders** are on the move on Sunday morning from the River to the middle school class. Sarah Read is the teacher.



Join us for  
Children's  
Worship  
(during 10:30  
worship)

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Aug. 24, 2008

*Van Driver:* Russ Chandler *Telephone:* Carole Randerson

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

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

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Charlie Koelling

*Communion Preparation:*

Russ and Linda Chandler, Lindsey Chandler

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

*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Dane Pavlovich

*10:30 Elders:* Sally Estes, Judy Cunningham, Mary Tompson

*Deacons:* The Stanley Team

*Greeters:*

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

*Ushers:* The Scott Team

*Banner Bearers:* TBA

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Judy Cunningham

*Delivered:* Will and Donna Houston

*Evangelism Calls:* Sara Klockow

## This Week (Aug. 24-30)

- Sun. - Fall Kickoff Fellowship Dinner, 5:30, Happy Hollow Shelter at Stephens Lake Park
- Mon. - Loaves and Fishes, 4:00 - food preparation (Keystone Class)
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Fri. - Mother's Day Out Open House, 9:00-Noon, 3rd Floor, Education Building

