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VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Saturday, February 9th, 2:00 pm
Silverthorne Arena
Stephens College

Free admission to the game (tell the admission gate you are from the church)

Mid-Month Movie



Friday, February 15th, Parker and Jean Rossman will host our Mid-Month Movie in the Cinema. Movie popcorn and beverages will be provided as we enjoy this movie from 1988, *Stand and Deliver*, in which Jaime Escalante is a mathematics teacher in a school in a Hispanic neighborhood. The teacher is convinced that his students have potential and he adopts unconventional teaching methods to try and turn gang members and no-hopers into some of the country's top algebra and calculus students. Although almost 20 years old, this movie has contemporary themes and will be good for discussion. It is rated PG and child care will be provided.

L.I.F.E. Group

The L.I.F.E. group will meet in the Keystone Room at 6:30 on Monday, February 18th. Pizza and childcare will be provided. For more info, call Valerie Freed at 474-1128.

Date Night—Fri., Feb. 15

Mark your calendars, friends! Our Date Night that was to have happened during one of our big ice storms has been rescheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the 15th in the Morris Parlor. We are all invited to bring an appetizer to share along with copies of the recipe and will enjoy games together. Our Child Care is ready for our large, spirited group of kids to have a fun evening at the church while we have our time of fellowship. As an added bonus, Kim Rogers has offered to bring supper for the kids. Hope you can come! Pizza, chips and veggies will be provided for the kids. Please RSVP to Kim Roger's email address: kimandhartley@centurytel.net so we can be sure to have enough food for the kiddos!

Sunday Services

February 10 is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. Covering the period of 40 days, excluding Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter, Lent is a time for self-examination and renewal of commitment to Christ in reflection on his life which led to the cross. Psalm 32 will be read first in worship, followed by the account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness following his baptism recorded in Matthew 4:1-11. This Sunday's gospel reading will be performed by Darren Hellwege (Jesus) and David Heise (Satan)

Special music for Sunday will include the Chancel Choir anthem, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" at the 10:30 service.

Membership Class Starts February 17!

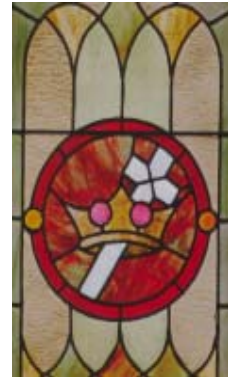
Sessions held during
Sunday School hour, 9:30 - 10:15 am
For more information or to sign up
contact the church office (449-7265)

Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club thanks Laura Estes for the delicious orange marmalade cake she made to enhance the group's discussion of *At Home in Mitford*. YUM!! Those of you who've read the book will understand the connection of the cake to the book immediately! Some of us hadn't read the book but enjoyed the cake anyway! In February, the Club meets to discuss *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. This non-fiction book tells the story of two very different men to illustrate life in America just before the turn of the 20th century. Hope to see you at 12:30 in Morris Parlor on February 27!

~Linda Hutton

Fellowship of Prayer
2008 Lenten Season
devotional booklet



**Pick up your copy in
the narthex this Sunday**

Weekly Report

February 3, 2008

Received \$9,519.39

Received to Date \$281,764.49

Attendance - 281

(includes early worship - 60)

Heeerrreee's Johnny!

I have been spending some time with Phillips Brooks recently. No, he has not been coming to church, and he is not one of my golfing or running buddies. Phillips Brooks was born in December 1835, attended Harvard University and an Episcopal seminary, and became an Episcopal priest in 1860. He served a church in Philadelphia before becoming Rector of Trinity Church in Boston in 1872, where he helped design the Trinity Church building which stands today in Boston's Back Bay. He was well-known for his support of abolition, his deep admiration for President Abraham Lincoln, and for the beautiful Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem". But he was probably most famous for his commitment to living out Christian faith in daily living, and especially for his preaching. He was regarded as the greatest American preacher of the 19th century.

You wonder how I have been spending time with this man: I have been reading his "Year Book", a collection of his writings and reflections put in the form of daily devotions for the entire year. I have long been an admirer of Brooks and sometimes quoted him in sermons. His devotion for the 2nd day of January sets the tone for the start of any new year. "It is good, then, for a man [or woman] to come to a future which he [or she] does not know. It is good for you if God brings you to the borders of some promised land. Do not hesitate at any experience because of its novelty." And thus Brooks begins his wonderful little volume with inspiration for each day.

Drawing close to the Lenten season, Brooks reminds us to focus our attention on Christ once again, and prepare to open ourselves to his spirit.

"For a few weeks let these obtrusive worldlinesses which block the door of our hearts stand back; and let the way be clear that he who longs to enter in and help us may come and meet no obstacle. This is our lenten task. 'If any man will hear My voice and open unto Me, I will come in and sup with him,' says Jesus. To still the clatter and tumult a little so that we may hear His voice, and to open the door by prayer, that is the privilege and duty of these coming weeks."

And so may that be our privilege and duty in days of Lent which begin on Wednesday.

CAFÉ

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First Christian Church
Wednesday Evenings

Great Hot Meals Served

*Classes, choirs, and new opportunities
for you and your family to learn and grow
in spirit and faith.*

5:30-6:15 – Dinner
\$5 adults
\$3 kids 12 & under
\$15 cap for a family
Under 5 free

6:20 - Devotion

6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming

Child Care Available

February 13 CAFÉ

Menu:

Chicken Bake
Jello Salad
Green bean bundles
Sugar Cookies and Red Velvet Cake

* "Valentine's Hullabaloo" hosted by Molly Read. The Hullabaloo will take place in the Fellowship Hall and will have options like making valentines, looking at valentines from long ago, enjoying reading or writing poetry, and playing a game like *LifeStories*. Fun for all ages – hope you can come Wednesday evening!

* Bible Study with
Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich

* CYF (grades 9-12) with
Rev. Jimmy Spear

Call the church office (449-7265) for reservations by noon on Tuesday.



I want to thank my new church family for the hospital visits, the beautiful flowers, the lovely shawl, cards, prayers and phone calls that brightened my recent hospital stay.

~Tommy Gay Evans

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Jeri and Ronnie Sheppard** on the birth of their son, **Ronald Wayne**, who was born on January 30. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. He has two brothers, **Kyle** and **Justin**. All are doing well. The proud grandparents are **Tom and Carol Hughey**.

In our concern at this time are the following people: **Ivis Silvey** was admitted to Boone Hospital at the end of last week. **Howard Baumgartner** was admitted to Boone Hospital early last week and is now home. **Margo Lubensky** has also been a patient at Boone Hospital for several days and is hoping to return home this week. We are glad to report that **Micki McGuire-Kirkham** is getting along well after outpatient surgery last week at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. **Marian Lightner** is recovering from surgery last Thursday at Boone Hospital.

We extend our sympathy to **Marceline Shamberger** on the death of her sister, **Gladys Travers**, who died on her 97th birthday, January 30, in Denver, Colorado. Funeral services were held in that city on February 4.

We remember in our prayers **Pam Hunsaker** and her family, whose father, **Sam Moser**, is ill at home in Auxvasse, MO.

Thanks to **Linda Chandler** for her lovely solo presented as special music at the early service last Sunday. We also say thanks to **Jean Hall** for playing the organ at the late service last Sunday, filing in for Mary Bancroft who was away on a vacation.

It was great to have the members of the **Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF)** participate in 10:30 service last Sunday presenting the call for assist in the Souper Bowl of Caring with offerings for hunger relief in our community: CYF youth were: **Lindsey Chandler, Ryan Hunsaker, Drew Nichols, and Josh Garton**. Also partnering with them were **Ben and Jen Micek**. Thanks!

Secret Place

The spring quarter of Secret Place devotional booklets are available to be picked up in the CWF alcove by the elevator. Non-subscribers may purchase a copy for \$1.25. Please pay in the church office.

~Mary Kay Mueller

(youth)

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Sunday, February 10

JYF (grades 3-5) 12:00-1:30

Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 4:00-5:30

CYF every Wednesday night

Meet at the CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30. CYF meets 6:30-7:30

*CYF will eat dinner at the CAFÉ on Wednesday nights; they will then meet in the CYF room.

The CYF thanks all who donated toward SouperBowl of Caring Pots. Over \$500 and 15 bags of canned good were collected. These food funds will go to the local food pantry.

Columbia Interfaith Council - A forum that provides a network of communication among faith groups and human service agencies - announces the schedule for Lenten Breakfasts for 2008. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome.



Lenten Breakfasts

<u>Date</u>		<u>Host Church</u>
February 13		Trinity Presbyterian Church 1600 W. Rollins Road
February 20		First Baptist Church 1112 E. Broadway
February 27		Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1115 Locust Street
March 5		Columbia United Church of Christ 3201 I-70 Drive Northwest
March 12		Calvary Episcopal Church 123 S. Ninth Street
March 19	Holy Week	Missouri United Methodist Church 209 S. Ninth Street
March 21	Good Friday Service 12:00 Noon	First Christian Church (DOC) 101 N. Tenth

A donation of \$1.00 is expected from those attending to offset the cost of the light breakfast. Any surplus will be given to the Central Missouri Food Bank. Each person is encouraged to bring non-perishable food for the Central Missouri Food Bank.

Café Recipe for Cranberry Chicken

Sometimes the simplest things are the best, so I guess I shouldn't be surprised that so many people would request my Cranberry Chicken recipe. So here is the simple 4 ingredient, 10 minute prep recipe.

- 6-8 boneless chicken breast halves
- 16 oz. can whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 8 oz. bottle Catalina, French or Russian dressing
- 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place chicken breast in a single layer in baking dish. Combine ingredients in a mixing bowl and pour over chicken. Bake uncovered 1-1 1/2 hours or until mixture has formed a glaze on the chicken.

*Make ahead idea. Shop the sales and buy the frozen chicken breasts. Divide them into ziplocks and cover with cranberry mixture. Stash in freezer. The day before you want to eat let them defrost in the refrigerator and bake them for dinner.

~Laura Estes

Your Special Birthday!



Mildred Todd -
91 on Feb. 9

Happy Birthday!

Jennifer Alexander-Feb. 10
 David Chrisman-Feb. 10
 Steven Smith-Feb. 10
 Steve Humble-Feb. 10
 Kyle Pikop-Feb. 10
 Nancy Sandford-Feb. 10
 Sara Peterson-Feb. 11
 Edith Wright-Feb. 12
 Olivia Johnson-Feb. 13
 Robert Mountjoy-Feb. 14
 Russell Chandler-Feb. 14
 Sarah Yonker-Feb. 15
 Sally Robinson-Feb. 15
 Tom Martz-Feb. 15
 Bonnie Backues-Feb. 16
 Sally Kessell-Feb. 16



Planning Retreat Thanks!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped pull together the Annual Planning Retreat on Sunday after church. The soup & sandwich lunch was wonderful so a special thank you goes to Joyce Stanley. I also wanted to thank John Yonker, Amy Kay Pavlovich, Norma Miller, Jessica Humble and Sarah Read for their assistance and support. 26 attendees discussed and brainstormed how our church community can have fun networking, and ways that we can support each other all of the time, but especially during difficult times. Be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to be involved in this area as there were lots of great ideas about how we can accomplish these items. Together we can reach out to everyone :)

~Chris Creasy, Vice Moderator

In a recent "Visitor," the Ernie's restaurant photo should identify, in the front, Lula Christman, whom we now know as Lu Krull; behind her and to the right, her sister Moneta Belcher, and the man in the postal uniform is her husband Sam Belcher, a church Deacon and Boy Scout troop scoutmaster. Reta Christman Smith is co-author of the article and provided the photo. ~Bob Leach

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Sunday's Schedule-Feb. 10, 2008

Van Driver: Bryan Garton *Telephone:* Laura Crane

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Barb Rothenberger, Will and Donna Houston

Elder for 8:30 Service: Frances Brown

Communion Preparation:

Mike and Lisa Snyder, Betty Moon, Taylor Humble

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Amy LaHue

10:30 Elders: Richard and Pam Hoepfner, Steve Green

Deacons: The England Team

Greeters:

Elizabeth Hensley, *North Door*

C.K. and Paula Hoenes, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Ben Creasy and Matt Hoepfner

Candlelighters: Sam Creasy and Logan Garton

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Patti Freeman and Joy Duren

Delivered: Steve and Mary Bess Green

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (Feb. 10-16)

- Sun. - JYF (grades 3-5), after 10:30 worship until 1:30
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8), 4:00-5:30 pm
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 am
- Admin. Bd., Mtg., 6:30 pm, Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 am, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 W. Rollins Road
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 am, Senior Center
- **CAFÉ:**
Dinner, 5:30-6:15
Devotion, 6:20
- Adult Programming, 6:30-7:30
**"Valentine's Hullabaloo" hosted by Molly Read
* Bible Study with Amy Kay
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30 with Jimmy
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Date Night, 6:00-8:00 pm, Morris Parlor
- Movie Night, 7:00 pm,
3rd Floor Cinema

