



Sunday Services - Baptismal Service

Our worship services on Sunday will continue the celebration of the Easter message with congregation hymns, "Lift High the Cross," "I Come to Be Baptized Today," "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry," and "Here, Savior We Would Come." Kelly Embry will provide special music, "Because He Lives" at the 8:30 service, and the Chancel Choir will present their anthem, "Let Your Alleluias Rise" by Helvey at 10:30.

Scripture readings found in John 20:19-31 and 1 Peter 1:3-9 will set the foundation for Dr. Yonker's sermon.

Our late worship on March 30 will include a service of Christian baptism for members of the Pastor's Church Membership Class and others who have recently made confessions of faith.

It's Here! It's Here! Youth Garage Sale

Friday, April 4 - 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 5 - 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday, April 6 - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

A huge variety of treasures and "unique – one of a kind – items!" Here's hoping our youth garage sale is a HUGE SUCCESS. ALL proceeds are dedicated to sending the youth on their 2008 Mission Trips.

Don't want to shop? No problem! We take monetary donations (cash or check)!

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058
 jbstanley@msn.com



FOR ELECTION 2008-2009

Candidates below are presented for a vote by the Congregation on **March 30, 2008**. They are submitted by the Nominating Committee, and have been approved by the Administrative Board.

SERVICE BOARD NOMINEES (for a 3-year-term)

Elders: Millie Caringer

Deacons: Al Browne, Elizabeth Browne, J.D. Estes, Laura Estes, Nancy Grieme, Judy Hall, Amy LaHue, Elizabeth Mottaz, Colleen Nilges, Kurt Schaefer, Stacia Schaefer, David Weber and Libby Weber

Junior Deacons (for a 1-year-term): Jacob Alexander, Albert Browne, Brendan Browne, Joshua Browne, Lindsey Chandler, Elizabeth Flanders, Josh Garton, Drew Gieseke, Janie Beth Hellwege, Taylor Humble, Ryan Hunsaker, Jordan Mills, Stephanie Mottaz, Andrew Nichols, Jake Nichols, Teddy Nichols, Lexie Ruffolo, Cari Sapp, Matthew Taylor, Mitchell Taylor, Drake Tevis and Erik White

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (for a 3-year-term)

Elders: Mary Daugherty, Julie Hickey, Cheryl Lightner, Brenda Martin, Carol Slusher and Tommy Tomlin

Deacons: Bud Batterson, Brad Beary, Erin Boster, Erin Bower, Tracy Evers, Linda Hutton, Mike Korman, Pat Rainey, Molly Read, Cindy Rose, Eric Seaman, Candace Stormer, Mike Synder and Debbie Taylor

Junior Deacons (for a 1-year-term): Beth Flanders, Josh Garton, Ryan Hunsaker and Stephanie Mottaz

EMERITUS AND HONORARY

Elder Emeritus: Marvin Tracy and Royanne Tracy; **Honorary Elder:** Tommy Gay Evans; **Deacon Emeritus** (none)

Honorary Deacon: Fred List

2008-2009 OFFICERS

Moderator: Chris Creasy; **Vice Moderator:** C.K. Hoenes; **Secretary:** Jessica Humble; **Treasurer:** Holly Gieseke; **Trustee:** Joe Reardon

Co-Chairs of Elders: Mary Bancroft and Barb Rothenberger
Co-Chairs of Deacons: Gene Kirkham and Micki McGuire Kirkham

Indeed!

It was just after dawn when the ladies approached the...

Higbee Room to set up the Easter morning breakfast for the musicians and ministers when lo from above an earthquake came.... a joyous bunch of feet engaged in the preaching moment of early worship shook the foundations of 10th and Walnut!

As we sang the final verse of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today", the little pew of liturgists were all choked up – for Amy Kay it was the choir's descant and for Jimmy it was "Mary openin' the organ up"!

The fullness of the day came through all the senses... the sound of babies' voices that added to the sweet smell from the lilies... the sight of great Easter hats... the taste of good treats and experience of fun creativity at the resurrection party on the River...

It was on the way to lunch when the heavens opened and a snow blizzard ensued – only between Garth and West Blvd.

The afternoon was full of resurrection joy with friends at Lenoir Woods Health Care Center as Jimmy, Norma and Sally led Vespers.

Easter morning at First Christian brings many opportunities to celebrate together all the things which God has done. These are among the different memories that will hold us, carry us and motivate us into the next forty days and the seasons ahead. "He Lives!" **indeed**, and we hope you too can relish the moments shared on Easter morning and look forward to transformative moments yet to come.

~Jimmy and Amy Kay



CAFÉ

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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

April 2 CAFÉ

Menu:

King Ranch Casserole
Black Bean and Corn Salsa
Spanish Rice
S'mores Brownies

- * Garage Sale Organization
- * Bible Study
- * CYF (grades 9-12)

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

News of the congregation

Harold Rosebaum and **Elwyn Ewer** have moved to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center to continue recuperation after spending some days in the hospital recently.

We extend our sympathy to **Sue Haynes** and her family on the death of her mother, **Melba Richardson**, who died at Bluff Creek Terrace on Friday, March 21. Also surviving include members of our congregation her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, **Cheryl and Gary Unterschutz**, and their children, **Emily and Erich**. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, March 25, in Fayette, with burial in Armstrong, MO.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Polly Nichols-Winch** who died on March 20 at Boone Hospital Center. She is survived by a daughter, **Janet Polzer** of Ohio, and a son, **Nick Nichols** of Colorado. Funeral services were conducted by **Amy Kay Pavlovich** on Saturday morning, March 22, at Memorial Funeral Home.

Bedonna Clark died on March 24 after a brief illness. A visitation will be held at Memorial Funeral Home at 12 Noon, with funeral services to follow there at 2 p.m., Friday, March 28, conducted by **Jimmy Spear**. She is survived by son, **John Walter Clark**, Columbia and daughter, **Vervonna Kennedy**, Atlanta, Georgia.

Congratulations to **Gina and Charles Henry** on the birth of their daughter, **Evelyn Grace**, born March 22 at Boone Hospital. Evelyn weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Ed and Cherry Hinderberger** and her big brother is **Darby**.

Three Cups of Tea A Pray and Play Day for Women

Sponsored by the NE Area Disciples
Women's Ministries/Christian
Women's Fellowship

What: A Spring Assembly of NE Area
Disciples women gathering to
pray, play, and learn together

When: Saturday, April 26, 2008
10 am-2 pm

Where: Columbia First Christian Church

Cost: \$12 (includes lunch), payable at
the door

To Register: Call FCC (449-7265)

Please Register by April 18th

Happy Birthday

Kathryn Burlison-Mar. 30

Sarah Storm-Mar. 30

Russell DeVenney-Mar. 30

Randy Sawyer-Mar. 30

Chad Holiday-Mar. 31

Jessica Hickey-Apr. 1

Samuel Poole-Apr. 1

Tyler Montgomery-Apr. 1

Tyler Arey-Apr. 1

Paul Ritchie-Apr. 3

Callie Chance-Apr. 3

Eric Arnett-Apr. 3

Kerry Bramon-Apr. 3

Carol Thomas-Apr. 4

Laura DeVenney-Apr. 4

Christy Von Talge-Apr. 4



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April 6

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

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

CYF

Meet at the CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30. CYF meets 6:30-8:00 on the 3rd floor.

Mission Trip: June 8-14 Greensburg, Kansas

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Church camp forms for all camps are still being accepted.

Potential church camp counselors: see Jimmy if you are interested.

Summer Ministry Internship

Beginning in 2002, our church has benefited from offering Internships to our college students. Students have reported gaining much from their experiences working in the church day in and day out. This summer we are fortunate to once again be able to offer an Internship for the program areas of Children, Youth, and Campus. The Intern will work most closely with Jimmy (Children and Youth) and as time permits will work with Amy Kay as well (Campus). If you are interested in applying for this summer's Internship, please talk with Amy Kay by Monday, April 7th. An application form will be given to you at that time. Thanks!

Mayor Proclaims Earth Hour!! Urges Columbians to Join In!!

“What is Earth Hour?”, you may ask. It’s a day and an hour that will circle the globe, as major cities around the world darken their lights and cut back on other non-essential electricity, to make a statement that global climate change is a global problem and we need to “step it up” and make changes, now, to reduce the human impacts expected to be contributing to global climate change. It’s a symbolic act that began in Sydney, Australia, last year and, one year later, has grown to include cities around the world!! Sydney sparked a movement, along with keeping 25,000 tons of CO2 out of the atmosphere—the equivalent of keeping over 43,000 cars off the road for the same period!!!

This year, Columbians will participate, this coming weekend, starting with a “kick-off” on Friday, March 28th, asking Columbians to use less energy and make an effort to take alternative transportation. The highlight will be when Columbians darken homes and buildings for a minimum of one hour Saturday, March 29th, from 8PM-9PM.

Make your plans to join now! Power down your homes, plan a dinner by candle light, use a flashlight to play a board game, read a book, play cards, or just step out and look at the night sky. Invite nearby friends, neighbors and family to join you, in a simple effort to take part with millions around the world, calling for us all to take action on climate change.

Thanks for your support!!! Consider signing on so we can measure how many folks are joining in. To sign on, call (573) 529-9273 and let us know what you are planning to do to participate. We would like to share some of your stories with the media for Columbians to know what we are up to!

Thank You Very Much for Participating!!!

Monta Welch, Director, Columbia Climate Change Coalition (573) 529-9273



CYF members wash dishes and clean kitchen after Wednesday night dinner. Helpers for this are needed each week.

The Good Samaritan

The River of Life
A new 5 week story rotation
begins sunday!

Children K - 5th grade.
3rd Floor starting @ 9:30 a.m.

Weekly Report

March 23, 2008

Received \$6,281.80

Received to Date \$339,938.91

Attendance - 512

(includes early worship -180)

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-Mar. 30, 2008

Van Driver: TBA *Telephone:* TBA

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Mary Dewey, Tom and Freda Martz

Elder for 8:30 Service: Donna Houston

Communion Preparation:

Buddy, Kim and Kyle Boger

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Lynn Klotz

10:30 Elders: Jacki Davidson, Fred Mottaz and John Hickey

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Rich and Betty Montgomery, *North Door*

Nannie Lou Mallett, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Max Schaefer and Logan Garton

Candlelighters: Ben Creasy and Makali Hawkins

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Joe and Kim Reardon

Delivered: Pat and Sue Wright

Evangelism Calls: Tom and Carol Hughey, Rick Wells

This Week (Mar. 30-Apr. 5)

Sun. - Congregational Meeting at each worship service
- Baptismal Service, 10:30 service

Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- **CAFÉ:** Dinner, 5:30-6:15, Morris Parlor
Devotion, 6:20

6:30 p.m. -

* Garage Sale Organization

* Bible Study

- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30

- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Thr. - World Outreach Committee, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Rm.

Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant -
Everyone Welcome

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