



Pentecost

Seeing Red!!

May 11 will be a special day at First Christian Church. We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday with scripture texts taken from Acts 2:1-21 and 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and Dr. Yonker's sermon celebrating the gifts of the spirit. May 11 is also Mother's Day and special music at the 10:30 service provided by a men's chorus will include "Bound for Jubilee" and the "Irish Blessing". And, on this Sunday we will also recognize our graduating high school and college seniors during the worship services.



78% of last year's pledge cards have been received:

New	24
Increased	38
Same	73
Decreased	15
# Received	150

Total amount pledged to date is \$287,472. This represents 75% of last year's dollars pledged.

CAFÉ

ChristianActionFellowshipEducation

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

May 14 CAFÉ

Menu:
Chicken Teriyaki
Pineapple Fried Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Pineapple Coconut Bars

- * **Administrative Board Mtg.**
(Property Issues)
- * **CYF** (grades 9-12)

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

Each Wednesday night a crew of a few are needed to help make Café happen. A cashier is needed before dinner, a handy detail setup person at 5:00 p.m., and after dinner several dish/kitchen cleaners. Please see Jimmy, Amy Kay or the Café bulletin board to sign up!

Weekly Report

May 4, 2008
Received \$13,274.75
Received to Date \$389,857.00
Attendance - 290
(includes early worship -55)

Jim Burt to Retire!

Our custodian at First Christian Church since 1989, Jim Burt, is planning to retire at the end of the work week on May 23. In order to recognize his service to the church these past 19 years, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 worship service on **Sunday, May 18**.

Contributions to a monetary gift which will be presented to Jim at the reception may be made by writing a check payable to First Christian Church. Please make a notation on the memo line of the check "Jim Burt Gift".

Summer Ministry Interns!

This year we are thankful to be calling onto our staff *two* gifted Interns. **Elizabeth Rottmann** and **Molly Read** have agreed to staff our summer ministries and church office from the week of Memorial Day right up until the students begin classes again in the fall. The ladies have staggered their ten week stint with us so that we can better cover all of the responsibilities that this summer holds. Primarily, Molly and Elizabeth will assist with Children, Youth and Campus Ministries as well as covering Receptionist responsibilities. This is a change for our office configuration from the recent past as we will not hire a summer Receptionist. These talented ladies will fill in the gaps of office work and will cover for Kay when she is gone for vacation.

We are extremely excited to get to work alongside Elizabeth and Molly this summer! Help us welcome them onto the staff and encourage them in their call to ministry in our local church this summer.

No newsletter-Memorial Day week (May 26-30)

O to be a Head-hunter

Lexington Theological Seminary never had a class focused on the specifics of headhunting. I think they should consider it for their next course catalog.

To my knowledge a head-hunter is someone who is highly skilled in the practice of finding the right person for the job. A match-maker in the job-employee search business.

John referenced in his sermon last Sunday, this business of head-hunting. I agree that it really is a part of ministry. I am not a trained head-hunter, yet I find myself doing it on a regular basis. At present my head-hunting revolves around finding the right person for the following "positions" in the life of the church. River of Life leaders, adult partners for three youth groups, mission trip leaders. To identify the church member who has the time, energy, attitude, disposition, faith, fortitude, and general likableness to work with children and youth in our varied settings is a tricky thing. The jobs are so important the persons must be a right fit. This is harder when one does not know every person and situation in a congregation.

How did Jesus find the right folk for the job? Perhaps he just sidled up to them and schmoozed them a bit. Maybe God sent him an email. Sometimes I think they were just those who were in the right place at the right time — in the "pews" ready to be called as disciples. In their readiness to follow, they found the places where Christ led them and knew the power of the Spirit when they were together. Head-hunting complete, so it would seem.

While the survey taken on Sunday morning could perhaps help in this matter, it does not always find the folk for every job. It would be my hope that if our folk know of their gifts and the needs of the program they would volunteer directly. If you are free in the summer, like our kids, and would be up for a trip -- tell me. If you think some talk around a Bible text and God with a bright high schooler might be your thing -- tell me. If you just want a new adventure in discipleship -- tell me. I can work one out for you!

Perhaps we can consider this around old FCC in the coming months, or at least until we get "powerhouse head-hunter training" for the kid in the back office. ☺

~Jimmy Spear

Thank You!

Again we personally are reminded how essential we all of the church family really are for one another. We know it for sure during these months of Bob's stroke, hospitalization, and therapies so far.

Special gratitude to pastors John Yonker, Jimmy Spear, Amy Kay Pavlovich and Sally Robinson. Please forgive that it is impossible here to name each one of you. You know your many kindnesses to us both are truly indispensable for both physical and spiritual healing. No wonder we all love Christ's church and each other!

~Bob and Muriel Leach

Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers delivered on my birthday by Lorene Trickey. And, thanks to CWF for the lovely card. They were greatly appreciated.

~Kathryn Burlison

We wanted to write and say thank you so very much for your support of Jumpstart. We really appreciate your willingness to allow us to use the building and for being so open to the date change. It was a success and it wouldn't have been possible without your support. Thank you.

~Jeanna and Elaina, Jumpstart



Birthdays

Mary Bancroft-May 11
Amy Kay Pavlovich-May 11
Makali Hawkins-May 11
Jacy Alexander-May 12
Kathleen Keaveney-May 12
Laura England-May 14
Linda Hutton-May 14
Vaughan Dietzel-May 15
Cindy Ruffolo-May 17
Patricia Fagan-May 17

News of the congregation

We extend our sympathy to the members of the family of **Tom Carey** who died on Saturday afternoon, May 3, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, **Julie and John Hickey** after a battle with cancer. He was 84 years old. Tom and his wife, **Marge**, who died in February 2007, had been active members of our congregation for more than 50 years, and he particularly loved serving as a Deacon and captain of his Deacon team. Funeral services were held in our sanctuary on Wednesday morning, May 7. In addition to his John and Julie, and their children, **Russell, Matthew, Brian and Jessica**, Tom is survived by his sons **Jim** of Columbia, **Dennis** of Mexico, MO, **Mike** of Santa Rosa TX, and **Ron** of Sabillasville, MD, and daughter **Pam Dusenberg** of St. Louis and their families, which include 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Helen Stockholm** who died April 28 at Columbia Manor. She was 96 years old and had been a member of the church since 1925. A graveside service was held on Monday at Memorial Park Cemetery.

C.K. Odor continues to receive care at the V.A. Hospital this week. **Elwyn Ewer** returned home from the hospital on Monday. **Hartley Rogers** has returned home to continue recuperating from surgery last week at Boone Hospital. **Gene Kirkham** is also at home recuperating from surgery on Monday at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City.

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her lovely solo presented at the early service last Sunday. She was accompanied by **Norma Miller**. And thanks to **David Read, Harlan Hackett, Kelli Embry** and **Debbie Batterson** for their special music at the late service. As always, we appreciate the music of the **Chancel Choir**, under the direction of **Cheryl Nichols**, and accompanied by **Mary Bancroft**.

Congratulations to **Amy Kay and Dane Pavlovich** on the birth of their son, **Atticus John Pavlovich**. He was born May 2, 10:30 a.m. at Regional Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 1/2 in. long. His proud brother is **Sebastian**. If you would like to send a card, their new mailing address is: 2223 Bluff Blvd., 65201.



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CYF - May14

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

The next JYF & Chi-Rho

Sunday, May 18

JYF: 12-1:30 p.m. and Chi-Rho: 4-5:30 p.m.

Final gathering of these groups for the school year.

A new River of Life Rotation will begin on May 11.

Talk to Jimmy Spear if you would like to explore the opportunity to lead a workshop. The story of Abraham and Sarah will be our focus for 5 weeks in May – June. The River of Life has finished the story of The Good Samaritan.

New this Week!

Abraham and Sarah

The River of Life...

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

National Music Week

May 4-11, 2008 is National Music Week. The National Federation of Music Clubs, a prominent organization of musicians and music lovers, in its 110th year, sponsors National Music Week. The theme, "Music...A Sound Foundation for Life" encourages us to explore the far-reaching effects of music in our lives and to discover the added dimension it can bring in communication in the world today. Music has been important throughout history. It exerts a strong influence on our everyday lives and has become a powerful means to deepen our worship, express patriotic fervor, and add a joyous atmosphere to happy occasions. First Christian Church welcomes the opportunity to join the nation in this appreciation of music in our lives.

Sessions 2008 targets new generation of Disciples men

By Gregg Brekke, *DisciplesWorld* contributing writer

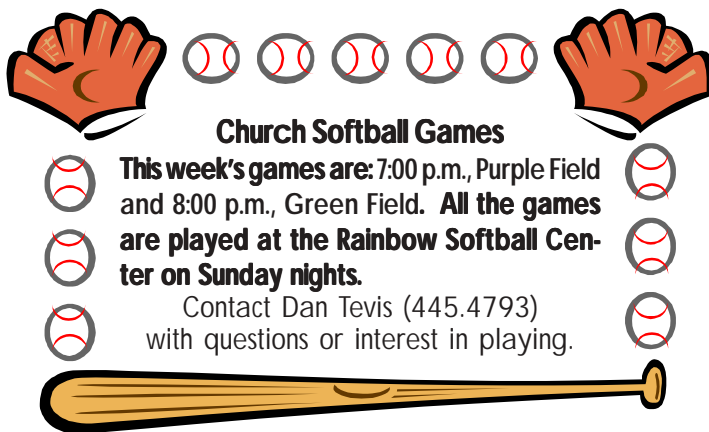
INDIANAPOLIS (4/10/08) — The 2008 edition of Disciples Men's Sessions conference is gearing up for activity July 17-20 in Oklahoma City. This year's focus is the intersection of themes found in Romans 12:1-2 — "Prioritizing Your Life, Transforming Your Heart, and Renewing Your Mind".

The logo representing these concepts is in the form of a puzzle. Tod Iseminger, minister of leader development with Disciples Home Missions, said of the puzzle theme, "It seems like we're always trying to bring these concepts together; our life seems like one big puzzle but it's hard to see how they go together."

Iseminger sees benefit in a national conference that intentionally mixes men of all backgrounds so they can see how their lives are similar. "We men feel like we walk alone. We are balancing job, family, and career. By bringing men together they can see that they are not alone," said Iseminger.

The pressures of these responsibilities, and men's reluctance to open up about potential problems, is another benefit of a diverse participation. "These are hard issues; trying to figure it out together is easier than going it alone," said Iseminger. "Men need to realize it's OK not to have all the answers, all the responsibilities. But it doesn't mean you aren't a little anxious or confused about your life."

A unique feature of the 2008 Sessions event is its outreach to men 30 and younger. In an effort to attract a new generation of Disciples men, a discounted price of \$100 has been extended to this age group rather than the \$295 standard registration fee (\$225 prior to May 1.) Information on, and registration for Sessions 2008 is available at www.Sessions2008.org website or by calling Disciples Home Missions at 888-346-2631.



Church Softball Games

This week's games are: 7:00 p.m., Purple Field and 8:00 p.m., Green Field. All the games are played at the Rainbow Softball Center on Sunday nights.

Contact Dan Tevis (445.4793) with questions or interest in playing.



BOOK ORNER

Stories of Comfort for a Healthy Soul is a little book given to the library by Bob and Muriel Leach. Part beautiful pictures, part contributions from well-known writers, it is a book in sections dealing with Healing Together, Waiting for Answers, Redeeming Lives, Persevering in Affliction, and Binding Up the Broken-hearted. Compiled by Christine Anderson, it includes contributions from Oswald Chambers, Charles Stanley, Joni Eareckson Tada, Sheila Walsh, and others.

The stories are all very personal, telling of the low points in life when a special person or event brought comfort and hope—and remembrances. ~On the Book Cart

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Sunday's Schedule-May 11, 2008

Van Driver: Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Nina Oliver

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Anne Linn, Barb Rothenberger, Louis Janssen

Elder for 8:30 Service: Anne Campbell

Communion Preparation:

Mark Martin, David Heise, Holly Wheatley

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Jacki Davidson

10:30 Elders: Cheryl and Steve Lightner, Cliff Tompson

Deacons: The England Team

Greeters:

Hunsaker Family, *North Door*

Judith Creasy, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Ben Creasy and Matt Hoepfner

Candlelighters: Sam Creasy and Logan Garton

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Jan Keithley

Delivered: Cheryl and Steve Lightner

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (May 11-17)



- Sun. - Mother's Day
- Graduation Celebration
- Pentecost Sunday
- Church Softball Games: 7:00 p.m., Purple Field and 8:00 p.m., Green Field; both at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Scholarship & Awards Committee, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- 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
Devotion, 6:20
* CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00
* Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor (Property Issues)
- Sat. - College Mission Trip, Washington, D.C. (May 17-24)