



Welcome New Member!

We welcome Joe Davis who joined our church on Sunday, May 18th. He is a student, transferring his membership from the Aullville Christian Church. He resides at 11898 Country Rd. 391, Holt Summit 65043. Welcome, Joe!

DATE NIGHT – May 28

It's time for our next Date Night! (*Date Night is an opportunity for church friends with younger kids to get together for fun and fellowship without the kids! Childcare provided at the church.*) Join us on Wednesday, May 28, as our church friends gather at the last Café Night of the season for some yummy barbecue with all the fixings. We will reserve enough tables for our families, then after the meal, the little ones will go to the nursery and the school age kids will enjoy some fun and games on the 3rd floor. We will meet in Morris Parlor to play Bunco and enjoy some adult conversation! Dinner is served from 5:30-6:20 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office by noon on Tuesday (27th) so Laura will know how much food to make and we can arrange for childcare. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Rogers at 449-5663 or kimandhartley@centurytel.net. Hope to see you there!

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 28 CAFÉ

Menu: BBQ

- * Bible Study
- * CYF (grades 9-12)

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

Sunday Services

Be with us Sunday morning, May 25th, when Dr. Yonker brings us the message "Living in the Shadows". The scriptures for the day will be Isaiah 49:8-16a and Acts 5:12-16.

Linda Chandler will provide special music at the 8:30 worship service with her solo, "Mountain Top". At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will sing "How Beautiful", words and music by Twila Paris and arranged by Lloyd Larson.



CL Class Begins New Bible Study

The CL class will begin a new Bible Study for June, July, and August. The study will be "Images of Christ in Hebrews", "Images of Christ in the Gospels", and "Images of Christ in Us". The class meets at 9:30 in Morris Parlor following the early worship service. Bob Haynes is the teacher. We would welcome others to join us for discussion and fellowship. ~Lorene Trickey



88.6% of last year's pledge cards have been received:

New	28
Increased	47
Same	76
Decreased	20
# Received	171

Total amount pledged to date is \$327,432 This represents 88.6% of last year's dollars pledged.

Weekly Report

May 18, 2008
 Received \$4,761.00
 Received to Date \$403,856.88
 Attendance - 236
 (includes early worship -63)

Cheerleaders Unite!

This past Sunday evening when the Chi-Rho youth had all gone home I headed out to the softball field to check out the week's softball game. Our FCC team plays in a pretty large church league on Sunday nights. Upon arriving for the second game of the night, I note that we have a co-ed team of our good friends from church enjoying the recreation, fellowship, and sport of softball. But I also note the horror of horrors: the absence of fans! Tammy Arnett, her kids and the Weber kids and I were the only fans in the stands. Whew. We had to really shout, clap and whoop it up when a home run was hit to let our team know we supported them.

Church softball games are unique. They are free to attend, easy to get to, provide excellent Sunday evening entertainment, and allow for a different place to fellowship. So, talk with your pew friends and see if perhaps some will "take you out to the ball game!" (See the back page for a special ball game invitation.) ~Jimmy Spear



Our thanks to our church family for the abundant care expressed throughout Atticus' birth and hospitalization. We appreciate the lovely prayer shawl, cards and visits from our ministers and friends. Thanks be to God for new life and life lived in community with you all!

~The Pavlovich Family



Open House

You are invited to an
Open House
at the Pavlovich's
2223 Bluff Blvd.

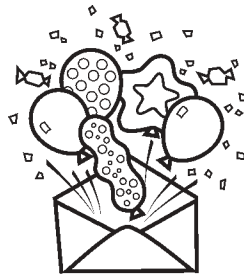
June 1 from 1-5pm

No gifts please, simply come and visit for a bit if you are able.



I do miss my home in Columbia, but on the other hand, here I am close to my daughter. So, that is nice, especially since I lost my dear husband. Also, it seems that several of my "Good" friends have moved away also. I also miss "First Christian Church". I do go to a nice church here. I also "Love" getting the church paper. Thank you very much.

~Lula Mae Krull



CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY

Evan Holliday-May 25
Dottie Galbraith-May 25
Mary Banken-May 26
Genny Brown-May 26
Bud Batterson-May 27
Bruce Woodbury-May 27
Isabella Arnett-May 28
Jeanne Tolch-May 29
Mary Dewey-May 29
Abigail Reardon-May 29
Kameron Freed-May 30
Tim McCarty-May 31
Paul Seigel-June 2
Katie Stanley-June 2
Sarah Hoffman-June 3
Kyle Sheppard-June 3
Maury Ellis-June 3
Tucker Flowers-June 3
Ron Hall-June 4
Emily Ragland-June 4
Joni Cupp-June 5
Martha Collins-June 7
Chris Creasy-June 7
Molly Read-June 7
Candace Stormer-June 7
Ken McCarty-June 7

News of the congregation

Our sympathy to the family of **C.K. Odor, Jr.** who died Thursday, May 15. Services were conducted by Rev. Spear on Tuesday, May 20, at First Christian Church.

During the awards luncheon at Phillips Theological Seminary the first week of May, it was announced that **LeAnn Sapp** will be one of only five graduates with high honors. She also received the Community Life Award. It is, as one of her friends put it, "the big one". It is voted on by the entire student body and given to the graduate that they feel most contributed to the life of the Phillips community. Congratulations, LeAnn!

MU sophomore, **Mike Taylor**, of our church will try out as defensive end or linebacker for MU this next season. He recently ran a 4.54-second 40-yard dash, which only one defensive end at the NFL Combine beat. **James Taylor**, Mike's father, was an All-Big Eight Conference offensive tackle at Missouri in 1977 and was drafted in the second round of the NFL draft by the New Orleans Saints in 1978. So, we look forward to watching Mike's success as well. Check the bulletin board for a Missourian newspaper article about Mike.

Kaela Rorvig has achieved the All-Big 12 academic first team for track athletes. To do so required a GPA of 3.2 or better. Kaela is now a student at MU.

The College Mission Trip is going very well! The group is in Washington, D.C. and you can follow their journey on the church web site at www.firstchristian.org.



**Scholarships and Awards
Presented - Sunday, June 8th
at 10:30 worship service**



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers from the morning worship service. I felt as though I had been present on Sunday morning. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

~Elwyn Ewer



Congratulations Graduates!

High School

Kyle Boger, Hickman High School, will attend Park University in Parkville, MO. Kyle is the son of Kim & Buddy Boger.

Ashley Chandler, Hickman High School, will attend Missouri State University. Ashley is the daughter of Linda & Russell Chandler.

Kara Zimmer, Hickman High School. Kara is the daughter of Lisa Zimmer.

College & University

Jason Bent, University of Missouri, School of Journalism, Bachelor of Journalism.

Julie Bramon, William Jewell College, Bachelor of Arts degree in Art.

Sara Alexandra Estes, William Jewell College, Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude.

Brian Mottaz, University of Central Missouri, Bachelor in Construction Technology.

Kelly Mueller, University of Missouri, Bachelor in Marketing.

Katie Stanley, University of Missouri, School of Natural Resources; Bachelor in Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

Brian Freed, Columbia College, Masters of Administration.

Stewardship

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells us that "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me". The family and friends of FCC attempt to follow our Lord's teaching by supporting the following "members of my family" with funds totaling \$19,777.95 since January 1, 2008:

Christmas special offering - \$1,004.95

Easter special offering - \$1,905.13

Pentecost special offering - \$1,232.25

Week of Compassion - \$1,648.00

Central Mo. Food Bank - \$925.00

Voluntary Action Center - \$550.00

VAC prescription drug - \$200.00

VAC dental assistance - \$200.00

Minister discretionary fund - \$432.62

Interfaith Adult Day Center - \$400.00

Habitat for Humanity-local - \$550.00

Fun City - \$500.00

Community Nursery School - \$325.00

Columbia Interfaith Council - \$500.00

N.E. Area Christian Church - \$4,000.00

Disciples Mission Fund - \$3,300.00

Disciples Regional Capital - \$990.00

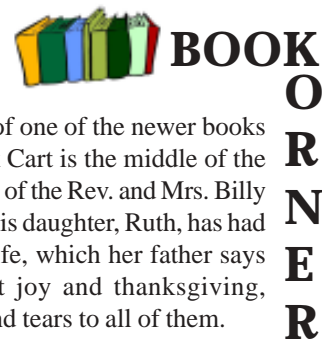
Older Adult Ministries - \$1,340.00



Habitat Volunteers Needed!

The Columbia chapter of Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays in June, July and August. If you want more information or would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact Caryl Bryan, Volunteer Coordinator at:

showmehabitat@yahoo.com.



The author of one of the newer books on the Book Cart is the middle of the five children of the Rev. and Mrs. Billy Graham. This daughter, Ruth, has had a troubled life, which her father says has brought joy and thanksgiving, challenge and tears to all of them.

Ruth shares that her one desire in giving up her privacy in writing this book and sharing her personal experiences is that it will help people who are going through traumatic times in their own lives. The book also has specific practical applications for those who are trying to help a friend or loved one who is going through deep waters. The title of the book is In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart.

This book is given by the Hannah-Jones Circle in memory of Frances Seltsam.

Amity Press Grows in China

Amity Press, the Bible publishing firm in Nanjing, China, has dedicated its new and expanded building. Joyfully there for the occasion was an American Bible Society delegation, including ABS President Paul G. Irwin. Upon arriving the day before, they first were given guided tours of the Bible distribution center and Nanjing Seminary by Chinese Christian staff.

Our church World Outreach Ministries, currently chaired by C.K. Hoenes, has been faithfully and ardently supporting ABS and its indispensable global ministries for decades.

The ABS group was also in Shanghai to visit the China Christian Council (CCC). Since the mid-1980s, ABS has been providing the special paper to the CCC for Amity Press to print the thousands of Bibles.

Beijing was the final destination of the ABS delegation. There they met with the State Administration for Religious Affairs. It is the government unit that approves and facilitates the distribution of Amity Press Bibles.

No newsletter
next week

Sunday's Schedule-May 25, 2008

Van Driver: Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Cherry Hinderberger, Tom and Carol Hughey

Elder for 8:30 Service: Frances Brown

Communion Preparation:

Mark, Pam and Ryan Hunsaker

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Shane Bower

10:30 Elders: Don and Brenda Mosby, Millie Bolman

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Hartley and Kim Rogers, *North Door*

Pat and Sue Wright, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Gavin Rose and Jack Creasy

Candlelighters: Julia Bower and Sam Creasy

Flower Ministry:

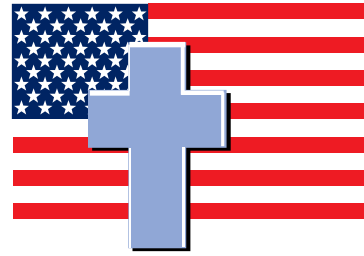
Arranged by: Joy Duren

Delivered: Doris Neidhardt and Debbie Garton

Evangelism Calls: Sara Klockow

This Week (May 25-31)

MEMORIAL DAY



- Mon. - Memorial Day (office closed) - no newsletter this week
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 6:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Serena White's home
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30-6:15
Devotion, 6:20
* CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00
* Bible Study, 6:30

Sunday's Schedule-June 1, 2008

Van Driver: Jay Creasy *Telephone:* Laura Crane

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Mary Dewey, Tom and Freda Martz

Elder for 8:30 Service: Harsh Brown

Communion Preparation:

Larry and Millie Caringer, Eric Arnett

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Gerry Coon

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Sarah Read

10:30 Elders: Tommy Tomlin, Mary Bancroft, Barb Rothenberger

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters:

Daryl and Lynn Klotz, *North Door*

Eric and Tammy Arnett, *South Door*

Ushers: The Pavlovich Team

Banner Bearers: Jacob and Josh Ripley

Candlelighters: Jack Creasy and Matt Hoepfner

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Cindy and Thomas Rose

Delivered: Dan and Holly Gieseke

Evangelism Calls: Anne Campbell

This Week (June 1-7)

- Sun. - Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Orange Field, Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor (Budget)
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CYF Mission Trip meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
- Sat. - CYF Mission Trip departure to Kansas



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CYF - May 21

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

CYF Mission Trip Update - Greensburg KS:

Checkout the work being done in Greensburg KS by logging onto their town's website www.greensburgks.org. Our mission team will be staying in Pratt, KS at First Christian Church, traveling to Greensburg each day to help in the rebuilding process. The trip will begin on Saturday, June 7th with a 1:00 p.m. departure time. We will travel to Kansas City for an evening of fun, checking out Improv comedy and attending worship at the dynamic St. Andrew Christian Church in Olathe on Sunday morning. And finally, a visit to Greensburg's "world's largest hand-dug well" has got our CYFer's excited beyond belief.

The CYF Mission Team consists of Lindsey Chandler, Josh Garton, Bryan Grieme-Verslues, Charise Garrett, Christian Hulen, Ryan Hunsaker, Jordan Mills, Stephanie Mottaz, Drew Nichols, Lexie Ruffolo, Matthew Taylor, Erik White, Alec Wright. David Read, Jimmy Spear, and Intern Elizabeth Rottman will be the adult partners.

VBS Volunteers, get ready!

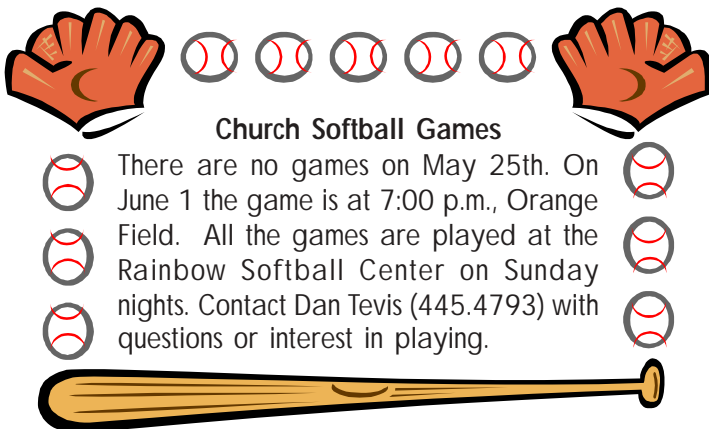


It is time to get busy with Vacation Bible School planning and we have a BI G challenge. Volunteers are needed to lead the rotations. The materials are very easy to follow and I will help you with all the planning & details. The only things needed are a willing heart and a joyful attitude.

Leaders for the following positions are needed:

- Cinema Science Leader (Chadder Chipmunk Videos)
- Bible Blast Leader (Bible Stories)
- Wacky Works Crafts & Missions Leader
- Hyperspeed Games Leader
- Squeaky Beakers Preschool Leaders
- Lab Crew Leaders for Elementary & Preschool

Vacation Bible School is held in the evenings, Sun. - Thurs., July 6-10. Please call Jessica Humble at 441-8021 if you want to be a part of VBS this year. It will be a powerful week discovering Jesus' miraculous power!



Church Softball Games

- There are no games on May 25th. On June 1 the game is at 7:00 p.m., Orange 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.

Jim Burt's Reception

Thanks to everyone who helped provide a wonderful reception for Jim Burt, our custodian of 19 years! He and his wife were recognized and honored during the 10:30 worship service and with a tasty reception afterwards in Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to Sarah Storm who co-chaired the event and baked brownies; to Lorene Trickey, Linda Hutton, Mary Bancroft and Mary Kay Mueller who provided cookies; Tom and Marsha Sisson who cleaned up afterwards and to the 8:30 service folks who helped set up chairs. Many thanks to all,
~Joyce Stanley

Abraham and Sarah

The River of Life...

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

Drennan Group Salad Supper



In the Keystone Room
Tues., May 27, at 6:00 P.M.
Bring a salad and yourself.

Looking forward to a fun evening!

The Visitor

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Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister
jimmy@firstchristian.org

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and Molly Read

Music Staff:

Mary Bancroft, Coord. of Music & Organist
Norma Miller, Pianist
Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

Mother's Day Out: Tracy Westhoff, Director

Support Staff:

Kay Beissenherz, Administrative Secretary
fcc@firstchristian.org

Jim Burt, Custodian

Fred Mottaz, Business Manager
fred@firstchristian.org

FCC night at the Field!

Sunday, June 1
7:00 p.m.
Cheer on our
church softball team!



- The Orange Field at the Rainbow Fields.
(west of Memorial Cemetery on Bus. Hwy 70)
- Bleachers provided. Bring lawn chairs & cushions if you like.
- Wear your church t-shirts and hats or just something red!
- Ice Cream provided!
- Ride the van! Van departs at 6:45 p.m. from the church.
- The van will pick you up! Call Jimmy at the office the week before!

Announcing...

D CAMP Y ...for Disciple Kids!

Kids completing Grades 1-5
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The day camp experience will include learning, exploring, and playing in God's world.

Flyers will be mailed out soon.

Seating is limited. Kids bring a sack lunch. A small supply fee will be charged.

Led by Rev. Jimmy and Interns Molly & Elizabeth

Day Camp will run the following summer days:
Wednesday, June 25
Wednesday & Thursday, July 30-31
Wednesday, August 13
(Kids are able to sign up for all the days or for some.)(Parent helpers & drivers are welcomed.)