



Sunday Services

This Sunday in worship we will focus on the lectionary texts of Matthew 22:15-22 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

Special music at the 8:30 worship service will be "Because He Lives" with Brenda Mosby as soloist. At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will sing "All People that on Earth do Dwell". Jean Hall and Mary Bancroft will provide piano/organ duets.



Festival of Sharing

Many thanks are extended to Nancy Watson and Joyce Stanley for collecting and organizing our Festival of Sharing donations this year! This Saturday, October 18, is the state-wide mission event in Sedalia where donations are gathered and then sent back out to those in need. Over 3,000 people from various faith communities will gather to reach out to brothers and sisters here in Columbia and around the world. It is an amazing event – thanks from our church's World Outreach Department!

The Creation Stories of the Bible

That's right. In case you hadn't noticed, there are several creation stories referred to by both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The evening Bible Study for Wednesday Café on Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5 will be led by Ken Watson. We'll spend October 22 on the two creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2. The second night (Oct. 29) will take us on a journey through the rest of the Old Testament to see some other references to creation stories. Nov. 5 will be the evening we look at what the New Testament has to say about creation. If we're all still speaking to each other, we may go on to November 12 and risk life and limb talking about Creationism and Intelligent Design (optional tar-and-feathering of the instructor).

Save A Life

Our Church-In-Society Department has information available on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board about organ donation. There are application forms available there or you can go online to www.MTS-STL.org. If you would like to fill out the application online, you still have to print out the final form and mail it in. It is printed so that there is no postage required. If you have any questions, please ask Paula Hoenes or Amy Kay. Thanks!

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

Oct. 22 CAFÉ

*Menu: Schnitzel - breaded pork cutlets
with sour cream dill sauce and noodles;
German Green Beans; Upside Down
German Chocolate Cake*

* **Program:** "Faith & Politics" with
Amy Kay Pavlovich

* **Bible Study** with Ken Watson

* **CYF** (grades 9-12) with Jimmy

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

Weekly Report

Oct. 12, 2008

Received \$7,850.50

Received to Date \$115,243.83

Attendance - 218

(includes early worship - 47)

3 doors always open

It took two loads with a kitchen cart, but I finally got my office cleaned out. When my little space was purged of the excess youth group t-shirts, balls, orange cones, scratch paper, and other random things I found a nice carpet and two wooden arm chairs.

In designing my office space I made it a point to include two comfortable chairs in case someone wanted to talk. I am glad when folk come in to talk. Maybe our talk means we get to share the words that surround our sadness or our feelings of gladness. Maybe our talk means the chance to share when things in our living are complex or frustrating. Maybe the talk surrounds issues of our family or faith, or maybe the talk is about our own inward struggle. Sometimes we may just feel as though we need to share the joy we have found. Perhaps our talk centers around the ever changing times in this world and our place within them. As I shared on Sunday morning before the pastoral prayer, the present economic times are ones that are causing a great deal of stress upon many. Maybe financial stress is what needs to be talked about.

One of the unique opportunities and responsibilities of the pastor is to share in the story of life and faith of those in the congregation. At FCC there are three who are in the pastoral role to hear, interpret, speak, and share the word of God. They are also called to be present to care, challenge, love and listen.

John's office has two nice chairs and a really comfortable sofa. Amy Kay's office provides a table and chairs from which to converse around. If my two chairs are covered up again, I always welcome a trip to a local coffee shop. Our offices and our time are always open if you would like to talk. Sometimes just getting to talk and having a chance to pray with someone who cares about us makes all the difference in our living.

~grace and peace, Jimmy

River of Life

Christian Education for children (K-5) at 9:30 a.m.

New Bible Story and Workshops start this Sunday!

Book Club



The Ladies Book Club enjoyed a most informative meeting in Oct. at the Museum of Art & Archeology. After touring the exhibits, we met to discuss our selection, *Three Cups of Tea*. We thank Rev. Jimmy Spear for providing our transportation. In November, our selection is Jodi Picoult's novel, *Plain Truth*. The story centers on the clash of cultures for today's Amish and provides mystery. Keeping with the Club's long history of never keeping things the same, we'll be meeting on Wed., Nov. 12 at noon in a DIFFERENT location: FCC's Back Room. Questions? contact: Linda Hutton at phone # 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com

A NOTE OF



I want to thank my church family for their prayers for my son-in-law, Angelo

Provenzano. A special thanks to John and Jimmy for their hospital visits. The flowers and especially the prayer shawl, since the room was so cold, were greatly appreciated as a symbol of your Christian care and concern. Your prayers are still needed for his full recovery. ~Tommy Gay Evans

News of the congregation

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her solo presented at the 8:30 service, to **Norma Miller** who accompanied Pat and then joined **Mary Bancroft** for piano/organ duets at the late service, and to the members of the Chancel Choir, with **Nora Dietzel**, soloist, for their anthem at the late service last Sunday.

Among the members and friends of our church in our concern at this time are the following people who have been released after being hospitalized recently: **Bill Brothers**, **Jean Rossman**, and **Angelo Provenzano**, son-in-law of **Tommy Gay Evans**. We are also keeping **George Ross** who is ill at home, and **Jo Anderson** in our prayers.

Best wishes to **Jason Stanley** who is leaving Columbia to return to New York to further his acting career. He has been home for several months and doing a lot of work around the church. Early in the summer he worked as a substitute custodian, and recently he has been working as a full-time nursery attendant. We will miss seeing you around the church, Jason!

Congratulations to **Joshua Garton**, son of **Bryan and Debbie Garton**, who received the Eagle Award last Sunday evening, October 12, in a Court of Honor held at the Broadway Christian Church Outdoor Worship Center. Also receiving the Eagle award during that ceremony was **Andrew Scavone**, grandson of **Nat and Bette Scavone**, of our congregation. Andrew's parents are **Ed and Gina Scavone** who are members of Broadway Christian Church. Andrew was dedicated here at FCC.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **David Young**, 62, who died suddenly at his home on Sunday, October 5. David grew up in this congregation and spent his adult years in Austin, Texas. Our thoughts are with his wife, **Flossie**, son **Michael** and wife **Mistie** and four grandchildren, and son **Jay**.

Our sympathy, also, to **Brenda and Don Mosby** and family on the passing of Brenda's mother, **Helen Turner**, of Paris, Mo. on Tue.



- Sydney Embry-Oct. 20
- Lauren Cupp-Oct. 21
- Susan McCarty-Oct. 23
- Brenda Mosby-Oct. 24
- Mercedes Smith-Oct. 24
- Rory Seltsam-Oct. 24
- Justin Ahrens-Oct. 25
- Serena White-Oct. 25
- Richard Vaught-Oct. 25
- Matthew Taylor-Oct. 25

Your Special Birthday!



- Mack Brushwood**
- 90 on Oct. 17
- Dorothy Denney**
- 93 on Oct. 19

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CYF (9th-12th grade)

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

CYF - Sunday, October 19th

Hayride & Cook-out at Stephanie's
Meet at church 4:00 p.m.

Chi-Rho (6th-8th grade)

JYF (3rd-5th grade)

Outdoor Outing to Corn Maze

Sunday, October 19th
Noon, meet in Fellowship Hall for
pizza lunch (\$5). Then to Corn Maze
(\$6) and back at 4:00 p.m.

* Parent drivers/partners needed!



Sunday mornings never looked so good!

A few CYFers were looking sharp this past Sunday morning. So we had to take a picture! Pictured with Rev. Jimmy Spear (1 to r) are Drew Nichols, Ryan Hunsaker, Christian Hulen, Lindsey Chandler, Jordan Mills, and Bryan Grieme-Verslues.

Thanks for your gift of \$250.00 that we received through the Office of Creative Ministries. With your gift another one of our brothers and sisters around the world will have a better life with mobility. We appreciate hearing from your congregation for the second time this year. I've included another sticker for your certificate. The shop is busy with volunteers and requests. With your gift it all happens.

~Kathy Maynard
Business Administrator
PET MO-Columbia

**Keystone and Pathfinders Classes
and Property Committee Hayride**



October 18th, 6:00 p.m.

Fred Mottaz Farm

15451 N. Hwy. U, Hallsville

Directions: take Paris Rd (Route B) to downtown Hallsville. Turn left at the "stop light" onto Hwy. 124 (will go past school). About 1 mile west of Hallsville turn right onto "U" (go past Red Top Church). Go 1 mile north on U to the fork in the road. Turn right at the fork (stay on U) go about 1 block.

Hotdogs, fixings, s'mores, paper goods, drink provided. **Bring lawn chairs and a covered dish or dessert. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 17 to the church office (449-7265).**



**Election Day
Luncheon -
November 4**

There is still time to volunteer to help with the luncheon! Just call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 or Laura Estes at 441-2386 and we will find a place for you. There will also be someone in the Narthex before and after Church for sign ups. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's have a great day!



BOOK

David Letterman may have made the Top Ten list popular, but the truth is the Top Ten have been around for a long, long time, starting with the Ten Commandments, which are just as relevant now as in ancient time.

This book offers a "contemporary" Top Ten list of important things for Christians to remember as we make life's journey. Witty and wise, these uplifting, warm and inspirational stories and anecdotes will encourage you to live each day with faith, hope, love, joy, trust and commitment. Some chapter headings: Hope is Still Alive, You Don't Have to Cross the River Till You Get to It, You Do Better When You Try, It Matters Intensely What You Believe. Study Guide at the close. This Top Ten List for Christians, along with another of author James W. Moore's Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excuses is on the Book Cart. (Don't be surprised that the donor has expressed his agreements with underlinings.)

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Sunday's Schedule-Oct. 19, 2008

Van Driver: Jeff Ripley *Telephone:* Bobbi McCormack

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Linda and Bob Hutton
Elder for 8:30 Service: Charlie Koelling

Communion Preparation:

David and Jan Keithley, Lana Poole

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich *Liturgist:* Joyce Stanley

10:30 Elders: Marilyn Schappert, Linda Ridgeway, Anne Campbell

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Eric Arnett, *North Door*

Daryl & Lynn Klotz, *South Door*

Ushers: The Nichols Team

Banner Bearers: Gavin Rose & William Bower

Candlelighters: Emily Unterschut & Max Schaefer

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Carol & Paula Slusher

Delivered: Mary Bancroft and Brianna Shepard

Evangelism Calls: Helen & Perry Stemmons

This Week (Oct. 19-25)

- Sun. - Chi Rho (grades 6-8) & JYF (grades 3-5), Noon, Fellowship Hall for lunch before going to the Corn Maze (back at 4:00 p.m.)
- CYF (grades 9-12), Hayride at Mottaz Farm, 4-8:00 (meet at church)
- Mon. - Drennan Singer Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Worship Dept. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Narthex
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apartments
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Tommie Ross' home
- CAFÉ, 5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:20 Devotion
6:30 Program
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Parker-Scott Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Community Center

