



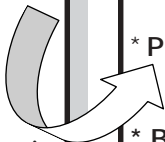
Sunday Services

"If a brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" With Peter's question to Jesus, we come across the difficult problem of learning how and what to forgive and Jesus' seemingly impossible answer to keep forgiving until we lose count. This issue found in Matthew 18:21-35 will serve as the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon and the challenge before us in worship on Sunday morning, September 14.

Special music at the 8:30 worship service will be a solo by Pat Rybolt singing "Just One Day At a Time". The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 service will be "Prayer to Jesus" by John Ness Beck.

Mission Presentation
by the
CYF Youth Group
on their summer mission trips to
Greensburg, Kansas &
LaGrange, Missouri

Come hear (& see) the story!



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

Sept. 17 CAFÉ

Menu: Classic Lasagna
Vegetable Lasagna
Tossed Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Italian Cream Cake

* **Program:** CYF Mission Trip presentation
* **Bible Study** with John Yonker
* **CYF** (grades 9-12)

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

Weekly Report
Sept. 7, 2008
Received \$8,440.50
Received to Date \$82,469.65
Attendance - 257
(includes early worship - 50)

College Ministry Intern

We are excited to announce this year's College Ministry Intern: Andy Vickers. Andy is a sophomore at Mizzou where he studies Animal Science. He is a member of the Ag Sig fraternity and has been actively attending worship and the Back Room since we became acquainted last year. We are looking forward to a good year together!



STARS Luncheon

There's still time to sign up for the STARS (50+ group) food, fellowship & film meeting in Morris Parlor on September 17. Start time is 11:30 a.m. The final sign up day is Sept. 15.

ALL Church Women's Fall Dinner-Sign Up Now!

ALL women of FCC (and women friends) are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall, September 15, Monday evening at 6:00 pm for a fabulous FREE Dinner, prepared by the skilled hands of Laura Estes and Amy LaHue!

Our speaker for the evening is Connie McClellan who will share the story of My Miracle Marine, relaying God's grace, love and miracle working power in the lives of the McClellan family.

Connie's book, My Miracle Marine, The Story of Three-Time Purple Heart Recipient LCpl. John McClellan will be available for purchase. Plan to share a wonderful evening of fabulous food, an opportunity to chat with many church women and friends and hearing the inspirational story of John McClellan.

Sign up sheets are in the church office or call 449-7265. Child care is available. Please list the number of children who will need child care when you make your reservation. **Please make reservations by Friday, September 12.**

Church Work Day



The Property Committee has scheduled work days for Sept. 27 and Oct. 18. We'll be painting the end of the atrium, the stairwell and the Fellowship Hall. We'll also remove and replace some of the base molding in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone's help is appreciated.
~Mark Hunsaker

A Pastoral Word~ak

Discretionary –adjective

1. subject or left to one's own discretion.
2. for any use or purpose one chooses; not earmarked for a particular purpose.

Our church, like many other downtown churches, has a "discretionary fund". It is a part of our Church In Society Department's budget as it is designed to help people from our community with their individual needs. The year's budget is \$1,800 which, for us non-math majors, is \$150 a month. When there is not an agency in town that can help with specific needs, often the suggestion is that folks come to churches to see if we can help. We help fill the gaps in our community's services on a situation by situation basis.

When reflecting about her Summer Ministry Internship position, Molly Read reported that one of the new things she learned about our office is how often people come in requesting aid through the week days. Kay and Fred note that they average around five requests a day. We ministers field a number of requests a week when we greet people first in the office or when Kay and Fred refer a request to us. Some days a lot of time is spent in this ministry and other days none at all.

The needs of folks have considerable range. Utilities, rent, deposit for rent in a rehabilitation group home and transportation aid rank among the most frequent. We have had young and old, men and women, singles and families... there is no one face of need.

We talk with folks, we give them referrals of resources in town, we suggest other churches who sometimes help... and sometimes we give \$25 for specific uses. Fred is quick and knowledgeable about how to write checks directly to where they are needed. Often we wonder if we are being scammed, but we continue on with the hope that we are reaching out to people with God's care.

Discretionary Fund –noun

1. one way of being church within our immediate community of people with unmet needs.



Thank you very much for the beautiful bouquet Sally Robinson delivered to me for my ninety-first birthday. I really appreciate the church doing this every year. ~Peggy Cline

Prayer Shawl Update

We're awfully proud of the accomplishments of the Prayer Shawl Group and we would love to have you come and participate with us. We'll even teach you how to knit or crochet. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in members' homes. We will not meet in September (we're giving our needles a rest) but we will resume in October. If you have any questions regarding this program and its activities please call Mary Tompson at 442-8849 and mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 15 at 10 a.m., 209 West Parkway. A great way to welcome a wonderful fall season!

*The World Outreach
Department
Invites you to an*



Ice Cream Social

***September 28th
Fellowship Hall
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.***

*We will welcome
Johnny Wray
and celebrate
the ministry of
Week of Compassion*

Your Special Birthday!



Helen Ingold
- 91 on Sept. 15
Gladys Roth
- 95 on Sept. 15
Hardin Wilkerson
- 90 on Sept. 15

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Keith Picker**, our custodian, who will celebrate his birthday this Saturday, September 13. Also, congratulations to **Cheryl Nichols**, Choir Director, who celebrated her birthday last Sunday, Sept. 7.

Among the members of our congregation in our concern at this time is **Louise Ward** who is recuperating from surgery at Boone Hospital on Friday, Sept. 5. **Martha Niday** continues to recuperate at Rusk Rehabilitation Center. **Jerry Vaught** was released from Boone Hospital last week and has moved to the Bluffs Nursing Home to continue recuperation from a recent fall.

Our thanks goes to **Harlan Hackett** for providing solos at both early and late services last Sunday. Thanks also to **Matthew Hoepfner** for his two piano pieces played during the offertory at the 10:30 service on September 7.

Congratulations to **Jessica Klockow** who married **Kenneth Hettie** on August 9th. The marriage ceremony took place near San Antonio, Texas.

Sunday's Tribune (page 2E) pictures **Kim Foster** with two other Columbians at the Singapore Zoo. Kim is a student at Nanyang University in Singapore. She is the daughter of **Scott and Teresa Foster**. Kim and the other Columbians were getting ready to go on a night safari of the zoo which features nocturnal animals.

Happy Birthday!

Helen Ingold-Sept. 14
Bettie Koelling-Sept. 14
Kent Kurtz-Sept. 14
Jack Kirtley-Sept. 14
Lauren Roberts-Sept. 14
Gladys Roth-Sept. 15
"Wilkie" Wilkerson-Sept. 15
Shirley Olcott-Sept. 16
Ronnie Sheppard-Sept. 16
Cassidy Durnil-Sept. 16
Bryan Hickey-Sept. 17
Christian DeVenney-Sept. 17
Madeline Marrero-Sept. 17
Larry Clark-Sept. 18
Chris Hallam-Sept. 18
Kyle Boger-Sept. 20
Carleigh Snow-Sept. 20

(youth)

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The fall schedule finds our youth groups doing different things together...

CYF (9th-12th grade)

Wednesday Nights 6:30 -8:30

Come to CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30.

\$5 covers it!

Chi-Rho (6th-8th grade)

Sunday September 21st

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

JYF (3rd-5th grade)

Sunday September 14th & 28th

4:30-6:00 p.m.

The River of Life

...begins this Sunday

The Story of Jesus feeding 5,000

Grades K-5

3rd Floor

9:30 a.m. – Sundays

Spirit of Sharing Fall Fest

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

What: A Fall Assembly of NE Area Disciples women gathering to fellowship and learn. The keynote will feature the office Festival of Sharing.

When: Monday, September 22, 2008
9:30-2:00

Where: Mexico First Christian Church, 307 West Jackson Street, Mexico, MO

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)
-payable at the door

To register: Call the NE Area Office at 573.442.5815

Please register by September 17th

"It takes a lot of volunteers to make the Church run." ...John Yonker

Over the next several weeks, we are going to highlight some of our volunteers and describe the various Boards and Departments that carry out the programs and purpose of the Church. We hope this information helps you if you want to become more involved or if you have an issue or concern. The Church has a number of Functional Departments that assist to develop and carry out the programs of the Church. A listing of the Departments and Chairpersons for 2008-2009 follows:

Administrative: Genie Rogers chairs this department whose purpose is to foster effective personnel relations among the members of the church staff and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Senior Minister in personnel matters.

Campus Ministry: Amy Kay Pavlovich works with this department which serves the college student population of the University of Missouri, Columbia College and Stephens College. The department's purpose is to guide the happenings of the ministries for college students. The department reviews what has been happening, plans for future events and dreams about what could be for the folks in our church community who are involved in higher education.

Church in Society is chaired by Carol Slusher. The primary goal of this department is to extend the Christian message of love, compassion, and concern beyond the membership and facilities of First Christian Church to our community through local projects and programs.

Christian Education: This Department gives oversight and leadership to the various areas of church life that revolve around Christian Education of Adults, Children and Youth. The diverse responsibility for the staff member and department members includes the summer Vacation Bible School, Disciple Kids Day Camp, The River of Life, Pre-School, Middle & High School Classes, Adults Classes, and three youth groups. Jimmy Spear, staff.

Christian Women's Fellowship is chaired by Joyce Stanley. The mission of CWF is to serve the various ministries of the women of the church.

Evangelism: How many guests were there in worship last Sunday? What happens next? These are the questions that the Evangelism Department will consider in this next year. Actively responding to those who enter the doors of FCC for the first time, who are searching for a church home, who want to engage in discerning a life of discipleship, and creating a place where the welcome is extended will be the task of the Evangelism Department. Jimmy Spear, staff.

Membership: Amy Kay Pavlovich works with this department. The primary goal of this department is to provide enrichment of the congregational life of members of First Christian Church.

Property is chaired by Mark Hunsaker. The purpose of this department is to develop policies and procedures for the preservation, development and use of church property.

Stewardship: Cliff Tompson chairs this department whose purpose is to educate the members of the congregation of all ages in the principles of Christian stewardship so that they may grow as stewards of all that God has provided.

World Outreach is chaired by Sally Robinson. This department helps the congregation carry out the mission of the church throughout the world by promoting and facilitating outreach giving and helping to sensitize the congregation to needs of special groups.

Worship: This department facilitates the corporate and individual worship experiences of members and visitors to First Christian Church through regular and special services.

If you are interested in one of these ministries, talk to one of the department chairs!

Next week: The Church Cabinet.

The Visitor

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Norma Miller, Pianist
Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

Mother's Day Out: Tracy Westhoff, Director

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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager
fred@firstchristian.org

Keith Picker, Custodian

Sunday's Schedule-Sept. 14, 2008

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* Cindy Rose

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Paul and Vickie Rorvig, Mary Daugherty

Elder for 8:30 Service: Will Houston

Communion Preparation:

Larry Burnam, Roger Backues, Elizabeth Rottman

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Eric Arnett

10:30 Elders: Bettie and Charlie Koelling, John Hickey

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters:

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: TBA

Candlelighters: TBA

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Bettie and Charlie Koelling

Delivered: Nancy Grieme and Holly Wheatley

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (Sept. 14-20)

- Sun. - JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Green Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - CWF All Women Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Mission Trip to Greensburg, KS (50 + age group), Sept. 15-19
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- STARS Luncheon, 11:30-1:00, Morris Parlor
- CAFÉ, 5:30 p.m. Dinner: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread
6:20 Devotion
6:30 Program:
CYF Mission Trip Presentation
Bible Study
CYF (grades 9-12)
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.


September