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# VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## Sunday Services

The vineyard is the setting for the parable that will guide our meditation this coming Sunday morning. Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message based on the gospel text from Matthew 20:1-16. Special music this Sunday will include a solo by Brenda Mosby, "Spirit Song" at the 8:30 worship service. At the 10:30 service the choir anthem will be "On Eagle's Wings" and Norma Miller and Mary Bancroft will provide piano/organ duets. Join us in worship as we celebrate this life of discipleship and the fellowship found on a Sunday morning among friends.



**Blood Drive**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 – noon**  
**Fellowship Hall**

## CAFÉ - Sept. 24 Liberty and Justice for All

Beginning at CAFÉ this Wednesday, September 24 and continuing until the week of the election, we would like to offer an adult study focused on faith and politics. This is a timely study for us and the curriculum is well done by a good publishing company. This is worth our time and attention; however, we need eight interested participants in order to offer the class because the curriculum is rather expensive. If you are interested, read on and then let Amy Kay know if you intend on being involved in the series. (This is not a drop-in-when-you-can type of class. It is designed for folks who know that they can be at the majority of the gatherings.)

If we are able to offer the class, there would be three primary goals of our time together:

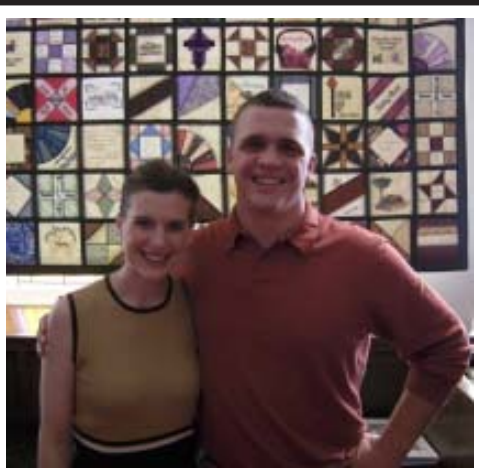
1. To teach a set of skills designed to raise the level of civility present in conversations about faith and politics.
2. To provide a basic overview of major historical documents, as well as teachings from the Old and New Testaments.
3. To increase awareness of the importance of people of faith being involved in the political process.

Each participant would receive a DVD to take home and watch a half hour segment before each class session. The DVD features good folks like Rev. Jim Wallis and Dr. Marcus Borg. We would come together at CAFÉ each week and reflect, study and discuss specific issues in faith and politics. If you would like more information about the focus of each class session, see the link off of our church web site at [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org). Please RSVP your attendance by Monday morning, September 22 so that we know if we have enough to order the materials and begin that Wednesday evening with orientation. Thanks for your consideration!

CAFÉ will also offer Bible Study with John and CYF with Jimmy on Sept. 24... and there is always the option of simply visiting with friends! We hope you are able to come and be a part of the happenings.

## Welcome, Andy!

We were excited to welcome Andy Vickers last Sunday when he chose to join the church as an Associate Member at the 10:30am worship service. Andy is a member of First Christian (DOC) in El Dorado Springs, Mo, as well as our church. He is a Sophomore at Mizzou in Animal Science and is very active on campus. We are pleased to be able to be church together while Andy is in his college years. You may have read about Andy in last week's Visitor as he is our Campus Ministry Intern.



## Loaves and Fishes

Thanks to the Tuesday morning Bible Study class for signing up to serve at our local soup kitchen this month! If you are interested in preparing and serving the meal to our homeless and folks in need of an evening warm meal, please get the information off of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The sign up is posted there as well. Each month we serve on the fourth Monday. If you would like more information, please see Carol Slusher or Amy Kay. Thanks!

### Weekly Report

Sept. 14, 2008  
Received \$5,515.55  
Received to Date \$87,985.20  
Attendance - 220  
(includes early worship - 48)



Interfaith Hunger Awareness &  
Resources for local food ministries  
and world wide aid

**October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

Beginning here at our church!  
See Paula Hoenes or Amy Kay if  
you would like to help host,  
walk or donate

## Heeerrree's Johnny!

In recent months it has become obvious to many of us who are in and around the church regularly that our building is in need of attention. A quick look around reveals carpets which are stained and worn, windows in the Education Building with water problems, and several areas in need of painting and plastering. It seems hard to believe, but it has been eleven years since we completed a major building renovation in 1997. It appears that now it is time to do some more work!

Last spring the issue presented itself clearly with the news that the owners of the Strand hair salon wanted to move their business to a new location in southwest Columbia, vacating the old building on our property. Rather than immediately seeking to find a new tenant, I recommended to the Administrative Board that we use this time as an opportunity to study the future use of that building as we evaluate the ministry and goals of our congregation. In the month of August the officers of the Administrative Board and representatives of the Property Department toured the building, discussed its condition and heard a report from David Weber, a member of our congregation and a professional structural engineer, who informed us that the building is in good condition for an older building.

A report of these discussions was made to the Board at the September 3 meeting. And at that meeting the following people were approved to serve on a Master Planning Committee by the Administrative Board: Steve Smith, Hartley Rogers, Eric Arnett, Jay Creasy, Norma Miller, Thomas Rose, Molly Read, Drew Nichlols, and Sarah Read. Along with Jimmy and Amy Kay, I will serve in an ex-officio capacity.

In the near future the committee will begin meeting to discuss the building needs of the church in light of our mission, to review the condition of the whole church building and the capital needs of the church, and to consider and recommend possible uses of the former Strand building which has been vacant since mid-July.

As we consider the future ministry and the building and property needs of our congregation, it is my hope and prayer that we remember not only how important it is to have a building which we can continue to be proud of, but also to consider how we can use our resources in service to the community as well as for ourselves. Ideas and issues of concern are always welcome!

*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*



Our beloved **Elsie Hughes** will be 100 years old on October 2nd. Let's shower Elise with cards as she turns 100 years young. (330 New Haven Rd., #311, Columbia, 65203)



## **Birthdays**

Jim Fay-Sept. 20  
Jim Carey-Sept. 21  
Bob Hutton-Sept. 21  
Lisa Zimmer-Sept. 21  
Juston Sheppard-Sept. 21  
Elijah Brummett-Sept. 22  
Taylor Humble-Sept. 22  
Dottie Dierking-Sept. 23  
Steve Lightner-Sept. 24  
Tom Shrout-Sept. 24  
Andrew Thomas-Sept. 24  
Ashley Chandler-Sept. 24  
Rachell Gray-Sept. 24  
Raymond Lansford-Sept. 25  
David Nichols-Sept. 25  
Mimi McRoberts-Sept. 26  
Kaela Rorvig-Sept. 27  
Becky Beary-Sept. 27

## News of the congregation

Among the members of our congregation in our concern at this time are: **Ferd Roy Lightner**, son of **Ferd** and brother of **Steve**, who was admitted to Boone Hospital last weekend and continues as a patient there for testing this week. **D.K. Seltam** was also admitted to Boone Hospital last week.

**Martha Niday** has returned home after spending the past few weeks in the hospital and Rusk Rehabilitation Center to recuperate from a recent fall. **Louise Ward** has also returned home to continue recuperating from surgery a week ago at Boone Hospital.

We extend our sympathy to **Pat Rybolt** on the death of her sister, **Marybelle Zimmerman**, of Pryor, OK who died last week. Funeral services were held in Oklahoma. And, our condolences to **Donna Kessell**, daughters **Laura and Sally**, and **Dan Cullimore** upon the death of Donna's mother, **Ruth Frances Kessell** of Emerson, Mo. this past Saturday morning, Sept. 13, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill. Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Emerson Christian Church, Rev. Robert W. Strong officiating.

Several members of the church attended the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for **H.D. "Wilkie" Wilkerson** at the Columbia Country Club. Congratulations and happy birthday!

**Jim Estes** was recently named one of eight new members to join the Jefferson Club Board of Trustees of the University of Missouri. He is a 1964 BS and BA graduate from the university.

**Hella De Trempe**, who has been worshipping with us for some time, won three medals in the 2008 Missouri Senior Olympics recently. Some 1600 persons from 10 states competed in dozens of different events. Hella lives at Lenoir Woods and has Shirley Park, Marcie Lower, and Muriel and Bob Leach for neighbors. She won her medals in shot-put, discuss, and javelin.

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her nice solo presented as special music at the 8:30 service on September 14.

Congratulations to **Carol Slusher** who is a great grandma! **Johnnie Staus** was born on Saturday evening in Kansas City. He weighed 8 lbs 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. **Scott and Donna Slusher**, former members of our church are the proud grandparents. Johnnie is home with his family in Sedalia.

# (youth)

## @ first christian

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

### CYF (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

### Chi-Rho (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### JYF (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>  
4:30-6:00 p.m.

CYF & Chi-Rho will participate in the **Community Peace March and Rally** Sunday, Sept. 21. Meet @ church @ 3 p.m. (end at 6:30 p.m.)

### The River of Life

The Story of Jesus feeding 5,000

Grades K-5

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

9:30 a.m. – Sundays

- Teach one lesson.
- Teach the one lesson 3 times.
- Teach the one lesson 3 times in a 5 week period.
- Teach young kids, grow young disciples.
- *The River of Life*. A new rotation begins Oct. 19.

## Wardrobe Volunteers

The Wardrobe needs volunteers from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sept. 23, 24 & 25 to help stock the change over from summer to winter clothing. Call Pat Rainey at 573-819-5035 for more information.

## About the Church Cabinet

The second in our series of articles is on the Church Cabinet, which is made up of the Executive Officers of the Administrative Church Board, Chair of the Trustees, Chairs of the Functional Departments, President of Christian Women's Ministries and Ministers ex-officio.

The members of the 2008-2009 Church Cabinet are:

Chris Creasy	Moderator
C.K. Hoenes	Vice-Moderator
Jessica Humble	Secretary
Holly Gieseke	Treasurer
Joe Reardon	Chair of Trustees

The Church Cabinet acts as a planning body that makes recommendations to, and also implements the actions of, the Administrative Church Board. Its purpose is to provide for increased understanding, clearance, and cooperation among all the Departments, to prevent duplication of effort, and to keep all Departments informed on matters of program and calendar; to serve as the budget committee; to prepare an annual budget and make copies available to the Administrative Board before the May meeting; to initiate and recommend program plans and organizational procedures that are outside existing departmental areas.

The Cabinet also is charged with planning and implementing an annual Church-Wide Program Planning Retreat and acts as a leadership and resource advisory group for the Ministers and the Administrative Church Board Moderator. The Cabinet is planning such a Program Retreat in January or February 2009. This retreat will be open to any member of the Church who has an interest in programming. Call or see C.K. Hoenes, or put a note in the Vice-Moderator's mailbox in the Church office if you want to help plan this Retreat.


Next week: The Administrative Board

## Drennan Group

Drennan Group will meet at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 23 in the Drennan Room. Sally Estes will give the study on "Listening to God" and the worship. Becky Bramon is the hostess.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

156th Annual  
**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**HOLY HANDS • FAITHFUL FEET**  
**Living Out the Gospel**

**October 10-12, 2008**  
**Clarion Hotel**  
**Springfield, Missouri**

Early Registrations (by October 1)  
are greatly appreciated.

Ask in the church office for registration information.

## Ladies Book Club



Never to be content with a regular routine, the Ladies

Book Club changes its October meeting to a different place and time. For the October 8 meeting, we're moving to the University of Missouri's Museum of Art and Archaeology! Please join us for a tour of museum at 11 a.m. The discussion of Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea* will follow. The Museum will allow us to bring our lunch/beverage for the discussion. Don't worry about parking, the Church van will be available if needed. Questions? call Linda Hutton @442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).

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## Sunday's Schedule-Sept. 21, 2008

*Van Driver:* Frank Boster    *Telephone:* Becky Bramon

### 8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

*Worship Asst:* Anne Linn, Louis and Andy Janssen

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Sally Robinson

*Communion Preparation:*

Richard and Sue Underwood, Hayley Batterson

### 9:30 Church School

*Church School Greeter:* Mark Hunsaker Family

### 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

*Sermon:* Rev. Jimmy Spear    *Liturgist:* Rick Wells

*10:30 Elders:* Lorene Trickey, Carol Slusher, Debbie Batterson

*Deacons:* The Nichols Team

*Greeters:*

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

*Ushers:* The Hunsaker Team

*Banner Bearers:* TBA

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Robert and Mary Dewey

*Delivered:* Moray Kiehl and Sally Estes

*Evangelism Calls:* Helen and Perry Stemmons

## This Week (Sept. 21-27)

- Sun. - Chi Rho (grades 6-8), 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- Church Softball Games, 5:00 & 6:00 p.m., Yellow Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Spirit of Sharing Fall Fest - CWF, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Mexico First Christian Church  
- Loaves and Fishes: Tuesday Bible Study Group serving the meal
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center   
- CAFÉ, 5:30 p.m. Dinner: Oven Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, and Greenbeans, Corn & Pea Salad  
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.
- Sat. - Property Work Day, 8:00 a.m.-?  
- Elders' and Deacons' Breakfast, 8:00-9:30 a.m., Morris Parlor (second floor of the Education Building) 

Breakfast