



Celebrate this Sunday!

This Sunday we will look forward to resurrection scriptures from the lectionary that will form both of our services (Psalm 133, John 20:19-31 and Acts 4:32-35). The 8:30 a.m. worship service will include a puppet performance from a Disciple church in western Kansas. The group is going to a puppet competition in St. Louis earlier in the weekend and will be with us on Sunday early morning.

We are very excited that our 10:30 a.m. service will include baptisms of **Delaney Tevis, Josh Ripley, Peyton White** and **Jacob Alexander**. Jimmy Spear will appropriately conclude the Pastor's Class with the baptism of these four members of the class.

Special music at the 8:30 service will be "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked", Jerry Daugherty, soloist. And, at the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will sing "Let Your Alleluias Rise!", music and text by Howard Helvey.

Come and celebrate this Sunday!



Sunday Morning Pancakes

Sunday, April 19th
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

A light breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit will be served by the older youth groups. Come for breakfast on your way to or from worship! Proceeds go toward summer youth mission work.



Finding a home at FCC

It is good to have church members of all ages in the life of the church. Included in this sentiment is thanksgiving that so many college students have made this church their home-away-from-home or have kept us as their church home after growing up here. The college students sit in various places all around the sanctuary. You

have to look to see them all. You also have to be really looking to see them when they meet on Wednesday evenings because they begin gathering at 8pm and conclude in prayer at 10pm. Even though we might not see them because of how late they meet, their presence is felt in all that they do around the church. For instance, special thanks are extended to Jenny Patterson, Sara Klockow and Christian Wallace, members of our college group, for hosting our coffee hour on Easter Sunday in Bethany Hall. It is good to be church together!

The Master Planning Committee
invites you to take the

Online Building Survey!

1. Go to www.groups.google.com
2. Search groups for "First Christian Church, Columbia Missouri"
3. Click on the "survey" link just above the discussion section

(Paper copies of the survey are available in the church office.)

Leading Good Friday Services

Haley Evers, Elizabeth and Itsel Updegraff, Moray Kiehl and Amy Kay Pavlovich are pictured here who, along with Mary Bancroft, helped lead our Good Friday community service last week. First Christian was well represented! If you were unable to come to the service, both the Tribune and the Missourian covered it and we have linked their work to our web site. Simply go to our main page at www.firstchristian.org and click on the Good Friday links. (The Missourian coverage includes a neat video featuring Haley.)



"Christ has risen!"

"Christ has risen, indeed!" We made such grand declarations on Sunday with great feeling in one voice. Sunday was no ordinary day; it was Easter! We were able to worship in a sanctuary filled with lilies. We had the Brass Quintet, Choir, Mary on the Organ and the Bells with the Anthem at both services. We clapped in worship and it was a spontaneous glorification of God known in the music. After all of this, we might wake up on Monday and expect something drastically different in our lives!

Shouldn't the sun be shining? Shouldn't everyone be smiling at one another? There is Good News for us and it should show in some way! As this is being written, it is a rainy Monday and many of us are not feeling well. Darn. This is the beginning of what the church calls the "Great Fifty Days" or "Eastertide". Where's that tide? We want to ride it!

The ride is up to us. Darn. We now must go about the work of making our proclaimed Good News a reality in our day and time. Most of the time this is messy, complicated work. Relationships are difficult. Kids are crying. Older parents are hurting. Work schedules are changing and there is a bit of anxiety floating in the air at the company. Our town's Voluntary Action Center doesn't have enough money to help their clients. The Cold Weather Rule expired on March 31 so many have had their gas turned off. Families won't have hot water all summer until they can get their accounts caught up in the fall. It is rather overwhelming. There is too much to do so that the Good News can be known from here to the ends of the earth... thank goodness we have brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we share the work.

Do your part and I'll do mine. The guy next door will do his part and the grandma across the street will do hers. Together we can carry the news of the one whom we claim to be the Christ and together we will come again to worship with great music, beautiful flowers and additional words of proclamation. Amen and amen!
~amy kay

Weekly Report

April 12, 2009

Received this week \$8,467

Received to Date \$327,147

Needed to Date \$350,780

Attendance - 584

(includes early worship - 170)

Sundays in Bethany Hall

Join us for coffee & fellowship
every Sunday
Fairly Traded Coffee – always free
(Bethany Hall is the red brick building
in the church parking lot)

Brunch in Bethany Hall

April 26 & May 3

by Laura Estes

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Hot breakfast & continental fare served.

A variety of hot & cold beverages.

Come in for the prices & menu options!

Menu and serving dates noted in

upcoming *Visitors*

Menu changes monthly.



Fair Trade Store Open

Sunday Mornings



The **Pathfinder Class** meets in the
BH on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Confessions of Faith

It was a joy to witness the confessions of faith made by members of the Pastor's Class at the 10:30 service on Easter morning: **Delaney Tevis**, daughter of Dan and Diedre Wipke-Tevis; **Peyton White**, son of Bryant and Susan White; **Josh Ripley**, son of Jeff and Susan Ripley; and **Jacob Alexander**, son of Jeff and Jennifer Alexander. They were joined in class sessions by the following mentors: Sue and Pat Wright, Dan Backues, and Jackie Davidson. A baptismal service will be conducted by Rev. Jimmy Spear at the 10:30 service on Sun. morning, April 19.

Book Club

After careful consideration, the Ladies' Book Club will kick off their summer hiatus at noon on May 13 by gathering for a Summer Book Swap. (Yes, it's true, the Club dropped May's pick, *Founding Mothers*, by Cokie Roberts.) Bring a book or two you'd be willing to trade with another member and be ready to explain why you enjoyed the book(s). Amy La Hue will be hosting this meeting in her home and providing lunch. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com.



News of the congregation

Don Brooker died at the Lenoir Health Care Center on Saturday morning, April 11 and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery on Tuesday, April 14 immediately following funeral services held in the church sanctuary. Along with his wife **Thelma**, who preceded him in death in April 2008, Don had been a member of First Christian Church since November 1937. During those years he had served the church in many capacities, as Deacon, Elder, member of many committees, head of the Sesquicentennial Committee which celebrated the 150th anniversary of the church in 1982, and sponsor of the Christian Student Congregation for many years. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, **Nancy and Neal Bowers** of Ames, Iowa, his daughter-in-law, **Joyce Brooker** of Kansas City, two granddaughters and their families, **Susan and Willie Fritz**, of Warrensburg, and **Meg and Greg Wienberg** of Kansas City, and give great grandchildren.

Thanks to **Nora Dietzel, Kelly Embry, Debbie Patterson, David Read and Harlan Hackett** for their special music presented at Maundy Thursday service. Thanks to the members of the **Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir**, for their special music presented at both services on Easter morning, and to **Amy Lightner** for her solo, also presented at both Easter services. Funding for the great music provided by the brass choir, **Alan Nellis, John Wetzel, Todd Yatsook and Carl Reno**, was made possible by the Neil and Louise Conner Tise Memorial Music Endowment.

Special thanks to **Mary Bancroft** for her extra work with worship planning and playing during Holy Week and on Easter. Mary took a special leadership role in putting together our Maundy Thursday service which was very well done. The music was perfect and beautifully performed. Thanks for all six of our services, Mary!

Thanks to **Hartley Rogers** for fixing the garbage disposal in the church kitchen.

Kaela Rorvig has gone from a three-event star at Hickman High School to an all-conference heptathlete at MU. Read all about it in the April 11th Columbia Tribune.

Happy Birthday

Maxwell Creasy-Apr. 19
 Elizabeth Flanders-Apr. 21
 Kristin McFarland-Apr. 21
 Sandy Powell-Apr. 22
 Abby Holman-Apr. 23
 Joshua Garton-Apr. 23
 Derek Updegraff-Apr. 23
 Daniel Rees-Apr. 24
 Betty Moon-Apr. 25
 Alex Smith-Apr. 25
 Millard Thomas-Apr. 25
 Erin Peterson-Apr. 25
 Bobbi McCormack-Apr. 25



Thank You

We want to extend our thanks for your service of dedication of our daughters Kate and Ann. The ceremony was beautiful and your words made our hearts swell with joy knowing we have a church home that will always be there for us and our girls. We thank you so much and look forward to growing with you for years to come.

~Brad & Khons Volmert

VBS

June 14-18



(youth) @ first christian this week

CYF (9-12 grade)

Every Wednesday Night
 5:30 Dinner at CAFÉ
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Meet in CYF room

Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.
CYF Bible Study in Bethany Hall
 Present study: The Gospel of Luke

CYF Mission Trip #1: June 19-26

Sunday, April 19 >>>>> this week!

JYF (grades 3-5) 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 ***Wear running/outdoor shoes!
Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 6:30 – 8 p.m.

JYF & CHI-RHO will meet on the following Sundays: **April 19, May 3, 17**
***Parent Partners & snacks are needed.**

Vacation Bible School - June 14-18

The River of Life: A special **puppet show** from some Kansas friends will be part of the lesson this Sunday for the elementary aged children on **The River of Life**. They will also have a lesson on Earth Stewardship in the second part of the morning. All children grades K-5 are welcome on the 3rd floor at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Church Camp sign up is underway. Dates and forms for 2009 are available from Jimmy or check them out on the web www.nearea.org. Early bird (\$ savings) deadline is April 30. **Adult Counselors are needed** at all camp levels. See Jimmy Spear for details. Based on the number of kids we send to camp, we are asked to bring at least 5-6 counselors this year!

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

April 22nd CAFÉ

Menu: Curried Chicken
 Pineapple Salsa
 Herbed Basmati Rice
 Lemon Pie

* **Program:** Dr. Bill Bondeson, Professor of Medical Ethics at MU School of Medicine, presentation on stem cell research or end of life issues

* **Bible Study** with John Yonker

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

Make dinner reservations by **noon on Tuesday.**

Looking Nice!

A big thank you goes out to the following members who volunteered to work on the church property last Saturday. We as a church body are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group of individuals willing to pitch in and keep the property looking so nice.

Buddy Boger Frank Boster Jay Creasy Dabney Doty Dan Geiseke
Ryan Hunsaker Mike Korman Mark Mills Fred Mottaz Drew Nichols
Roy Rogers

I'd also like to thank **Will Houston** and **Eric Arnett** for their work in Bethany Hall. By the way, if you haven't been over to Bethany Hall, you should go over and check it out. It's open on Sunday mornings and right after church. You'll love the offerings by our own Laura Estes and the goodies in the Fair Trade Store. It's important for us to use this facility and it's also a great way to introduce a friend to our church!
 ~Mark Hunsaker

If you would like to be part of the property committee, please contact the church office or Mark Hunsaker, Property Committee Chair.

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Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 19

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Cindy Rose
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Rebekah Hart and Elizabeth Flanders
Delivered by - Buff and Terri Chance

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Anne Linn, Andy and Janice Janssen
Liturgist: Tommy Gay Evans
Elder: Sarah Yonker

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David, Julie, Andrew & Jake Nichols
Liturgist: Pat Ritchie
Elders: Cheryl and Steve Lightner, Millie Bolman
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Anne Campbell
Greeter South Door: Sally Robinson
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Jadie Arnett & Makali Hawkins
Candlelighters: Emily Unterschutz & Derrick Evers

This Week (April 19-25)

- Sun. - Pancake Breakfast, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Baptismal Service during 10:30 worship
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:30 -8:00 p.m.
- Church Softball Games at Rainbow Softball Center,
5:00 p.m., Red Field and 6:00 p.m., Blue Field
- Mon. - Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30, Senior Center
- Brummett Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Jane Ann Hackett's
home
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30, Program: Loaves & Fishes/Day Center
6:30, Bible Study
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - STARS planning mtg., 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room
- Parker Scott Group, 1:30 p.m.,
Lenoir Community Ctr.

