



**Morning Worship:
 Stewardship Campaign Kick-off!!**

April 26 marks the beginning of our annual stewardship campaign. John Yonker will deliver the sermon based on the text for the first Sunday of the campaign, *"All who believed were together and had all things in common"*. (Acts 2:44), and Cliff Tompson, Chairperson of the Stewardship Department, will introduce the campaign with the Stewardship Moment.

Great hymns of the day include: "Gather Us In", "Come and Find the Quiet Center", "Bless Now, O God, the Journey", and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". The Drennan Singers will offer the special music for 10:30 service including: "I Will Sing Praise", "The Gift of Love", "Seek Ye First" and "At the Table of the Lord". At 8:30 a unique rendition of "Down to the Valley to Pray will be offered by Susan Woodbury and Jean Hall.



Welcome Newly Baptized

A highlight of worship last Sunday was the baptism of Peyton White, Delaney Tevis, Josh Ripley, and Jacob Alexander, pictured here with mentors Pat & Sue Wright, Rev. Jimmy Spear, Dan Backues, and Jacki Davidson

Weekly Report
April 19, 2009
 Received this week \$4,663
 Received to Date \$331,810
 Needed to Date \$360,553
 Attendance - 308
 (includes early worship - 60
 Week of Compassion= \$2,311.37
 Easter Offering= \$2,207

Copies of the March 18 Administrative Board meeting minutes are available in the church office for anyone who would like a copy.

**"All Things in Common"
 Stewardship Campaign 2009**

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2:44-47)



Inspired by the life which the early followers of Jesus shared together as described in Acts 2:44-47, our 2009 Stewardship Campaign will celebrate our sharing "All Things in Common". Kicking off this Sunday, April 26, and concluding on Commitment Sunday, May 17, each Sunday will focus on one aspect of the theme found in the scripture text.

- April 26 **COMMUNITY**
All who believed were together and had all things in common. . . Acts 2:44
- May 3 **NEED**
. . . they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Acts 2:45
- May 10 **TEMPLE**
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts . . . Acts 2:46
- May 17 **WITNESS** (Commitment Sunday)
. . . and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:27

Members of the congregation will receive a letter with pledge card enclosed asking for their Estimate of Giving to indicate their financial pledge of support for the church's ministry in the coming year. Everyone will also be given the opportunity to indicate how they will serve Christ through the commitment of their time and talents.

As we share together in the life of First Christian Church, may God inspire us to respond with glad and generous hearts, that our ministry will continue to grow and prosper in the coming year!

And the Survey Says...

I always wondered about the survey on "The Family Feud". Every answer given by the feuding families on that icon of game shows was held up against "the survey says..." Who was surveyed? Was the survey real?

I must say, there are times when the last thing I want to do is take a survey. Perhaps it is due to the lack of end product or evidence that it did any good. But, my friends, I share news of a survey of a different sort.

Last year our congregation established a Master Planning Committee to identify our goals and mission in regard to our church building. It has been their task to figure out a way to determine the most effective use of our building in regard to the mission and ministry. In order for their work to be the work of the whole congregation the committee needs us all to, yes, fill out a survey! You can note the instruction.

It identifies the areas of the church building and how they are used, how they could be used, and how we really feel about them. Important stuff to know as we figure out how to align our church building with our church mission.

There are several ways to take the survey. Different committees will look at the survey in regard to their specific ministry goals and plans. Individuals like you and me are invited to take the survey in regard to our thoughts and involvement in the life of the church. Surveys can be taken online or on paper. The online version information is available in the box at the end of this article. The paper copies are available in the narthex on Sunday morning or in the office anytime.

The end product and evidence of our survey answers will come later in the year when we have worked with professionals that can assist us in planning our space in ways that are faithful, effective and safe for our ministry.

And the survey says...let's find out together.

~Jimmy Spear

Online Building Survey!

1. Go to www.firstchristian.org
2. Click on the "Online Survey" link

STARS Trip to Jefferson City-May 6th

Here are the plans for the STARS (50+ group) trip to Jefferson City, Missouri to tour the Capitol museum and meet with Senator Kurt Schaefer to have pictures and see the senate chambers.

We plan to leave the church parking lot at 8 a.m. sharp so that we can be sure to get the full tour of the capitol and senate chambers. After our tours we will have lunch at Madison's Café. We will try to tour something else in the area and then for sure stop by Central Dairy Ice Cream Shop before returning to Columbia late afternoon.

Invite a guest and plan for a great day in our capitol city. Cost will be minimal—just a small amount for transportation and then what you want to spend for lunch and ice cream treat.

Sign up sheet is in the church office. If you have additional questions, please contact Carol Slusher, 874-4902 or 819-3904. We can accept reservations until May 4, 2009.

News of the congregation

Special thanks to **Anne Campbell** for baking our wonderful communion bread on Maundy Thursday.

Our thanks are extended to **Jerry Daugherty** and **Norma Miller** for their musical offering at the early service on Sunday and to **Norma Miller** and **Mary Bancroft** for their duets at the late service. Thanks also to **Ken** and **Nancy Watson** for the baptismal rocks that were shared with us all in worship on Sunday.

Lauren Elizabeth Schroer was born on April 7th to **Major and Mrs. Michael Schroer** in Omaha, Nebraska. Grandparents are **Ken and Linda Ross Schroer** of Colorado Springs and great grandparents are **Jim and Tommie Ross**.

Your Special Birthday!



Bud Smith
- 94 on April 25

Thank you!

I wish to thank the Hannah Jones Circle for dedication a beautiful lilly in my behalf on Easter. I am truly enjoying it. ~Lois Ross

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.
Brunch and soups served after worship.

A variety of hot & cold beverages.
Come in for the prices & menu options!
Menu changes monthly.



Fair Trade Store Open

Sunday Mornings



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



Gary Unterschutz-April 27
Pamela Hunsaker-April 28
Hannah Pingleton-April 28
Magdalena Schaefer-April 28
Sherry Dobbs- April 29
Kelli Embry-April 29
Susan Ramsey-April 29
Anne Tomlin-April 29
Jade Mills-April 29
Korinna Hylen-April 30
Jane Ann Hackett-May 1
Doris Neidhardt-May 2
Jacob Ripley-May 2
Atticus Pavlovich-May 2

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 29th CAFÉ

Menu: Pork Steaks
Peanut Poppy Seed Slaw
Baked Beans
Spiced Sheet Cake

* **Program:** "Healthy Relationships" by
Bob Eichenberger

* **Bible Study** with John Yonker

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

Place your reservation by marking the
pew registration pad "activity box" on
Sunday morning or call the church of-
fice (449-7265) for dinner reservations
by **noon on Tuesday.**

Book Club



It's time to take a break from all the serious
reading over the last eight months and have
some fun! Thanks to Amy La Hue's gracious
hospitality, on May 13 we'll meet for lunch
and the First Annual Book Swap of the La-
dies' Book Club. Just bring a fun, interesting,
suspenseful, provocative, or funny book
you'd be willing to trade over the summer
with another member. This event starts at
noon. Lunch is provided. Questions? Con-
tact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or
lhutton50@hotmail.com.

NE Area CWF

NE Area CWF Spring Assembly will be held
Saturday, April 25, in Canton, MO, from 9:30-
2:30. The theme is "Pray or Play" and is
being led by Connie Ess. For a ride or fur-
ther information call Shirley Park (815-9126).

CWF Treasurers to Meet

April 29th, at 6:15 p.m., after CAFÉ, CWF
Treasurers will meet with Carol Slusher and
Joyce Stanley in the Keystone Room to plan
the CWF Budget for 2009- 2010. Mark your
calendars to attend next Wednesday.

Drennan Group

Drennan Group will meet Tuesday, April 28
at 9:00 in the Drennan Room. Mary Jane
Anderson will give the study/worship and
Betty Scavone is hostess.

CL Church School Class

The CL Church School class continues to
meet in Morris Parlors on Sunday morning
at 9:30 a.m. Marsha Rawlings is a well pre-
pared and enthusiastic teacher. Please join
us for Bible study discussion and fellow-
ship. ~Current CL Class Members



BOOK O R N E R

If you were stopped on the street by a
pollster and asked what you believe
about Jesus Christ and living your faith
in the everyday world, would your an-
swer tend to make you look a little bet-
ter than you really live?

This book **Faith, Lies, and the Opinion
Polls** deals with real life issues, our
claims, and God's available help in
strengthening our convictions and ac-
tion as it expresses the author's deep
concern that Christians need to live
with an integrity and consistency that
comes from a personal walk with Jesus
Christ. ~On the Book Cart

*Thank you to whomever it was that do-
nated this practical book to our church
library.*

A NOTE OF



Brummett-Harrah Group
and Caring Group 5A
wish to thank Jimmy and
the high school group
for their help in the spring yard cleanup
for one of our members. All of you worked
very hard and we so appreciate your la-
bor! No wonder you get so much done
on your mission trips!

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CYF (9-12 grade)

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

CYF Bible Study in Bethany Hall
Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.
Present study: The Gospel of Luke
CYF Mission Trip #1: June 19-26

JYF & CHI-RHO

will meet on the following Sundays:
**May 3, 17 *Parent Partners & snacks
are needed.**

Sunday, May 3

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

Sunday Mornings on The River of Life:

Zacchaeus April 26 - May 24.
Sunday School for all children grades K-5
begins on the 3rd floor at 9:30 a.m.

Summertime ----- Calendar it!

Vacation Bible School
June 14-18

Disciple Kids Day Camp
July 15 & Aug. 12

Summer Church Camp sign up is underway.
Early bird (\$ savings) deadline is April 30.
**All forms to Jimmy in the church office !
Adult Counselors are needed** at all camp
age 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!

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Keith Picker, Custodian

Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 26

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Becky Bramon
Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Darren Hellwege and Janie Hellwege
Delivered by - Gene and Miki Kirkham

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Jerry and Mary Daugherty
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Steve and Sharon Smith, Molly Read
Liturgist: College/Youth
Elders: Robert Swanson, Joyce Stanley, Carol Slusher
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Tracy Evers
Greeter South Door: Maury and Margie Ellis
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Ben Creasy and Ryan Boger
Candlelighters: Max Schaefer and Julia Bower

This Week (April 26-May 2)

- Sun. - Stewardship Campaign Kick-off
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m. Purple Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30, Program: "Healthy Relationships" by Bob Eichenberger
6:30, Bible Study
- CWF Treasurers' Mtg., 6:15 p.m., Keystone Room
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thr. - Master Planning, 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- Church in Society Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Fri. - Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome

