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# VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## "The Temple"



*A Sermon Series*  
August 16, 23, & 30

### Sunday Services

The place... This Sunday, August 16, we will begin our three week sermon series on "The Temple" with the lectionary text of 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14. We will explore why the place of the Temple was needed and is needed still.

Special music at the 10:30 worship service will be by Cheryl and Amy Lightner. Becky Baumgartner, flutist, is also providing special music at this service.

### CAFÉ Begins Again!

It is time to fill the Fellowship Hall again on Wednesday evenings! Starting at 5:30pm Laura Estes will be serving a wonderful meal. The price per meal is six dollars and a family price is \$18. (Please RSVP by Tuesday noon.) Programming will begin at 6:30pm and child care is always available. Make plans to join us starting on **Wednesday, August 26!**

### Kick-Off Sunday - August 23

Come celebrate the beginning of our fall program year on Sunday, August 23! During the Sunday School hour of 9:30 – 10:20am you are invited to the third floor of the education building to visit the River of Life. A special invitation is extended to incoming Kindergartners and their families as you will be welcomed to the River starting this very Sunday. You are also invited to enjoy the environment of the Bethany Hall which is located next to the church in the brick building. Along with the regular happenings (PathFinder Sunday School, Fair Trade Store, free coffee, and Laura Estes' restaurant), we will also have fall programming information available for you. Swing in for a few minutes and enjoy this building of our church facility.

The evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> we hope you will come to Shepard Park for an all-church BBQ! From 4:30 – 7:00pm we will be serving hamburgers (beef and veggie), hot dogs, baked beans, potato chips, watermelon and popsicles. This event is hosted by the Membership Department and you only need to bring yourselves... and maybe a lawn chair or picnic blanket. It is sure to be a great time because there is plenty of space for visiting, playing sand volleyball, climbing on playground equipment, tossing the Frisbee or hitting a wiffle ball. We of all ages and energy levels can enjoy this evening together! No need to RSVP – we are simply hoping you will come.

Shepard Park is located across from the school. Go south of Broadway on Old 63 Highway. Turn east on Shepard Blvd until you come to the Valet Parking! If you wish to park yourself, we are invited to use the UU church's parking lot which is right next to the park. Thanks!



### "Penny Planks"

**Penny Planks** are BACK! The Penny Planks are boards with slots cut into them that hold pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, the new dollar coins and even dollar bills!! The planks will be in the narthex each Sunday for the next 2 months to receive donations for the **Festival of Sharing**. The money will be used for postage to mail kits and to buy items to complete kits that will be taken to the Festival in October.

Bring your loose change, your little coins and your lonely dollars – to join in a happy gathering on the **Penny Planks!**

## Heerrree's Johnny!

Random thoughts come to mind as I get ready to be away from the office for a few weeks. First, let me thank you for the great birthday! It's not often that I am around the church on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August; normally I have started vacation and am in some other place. One year Sarah, the boys and I were in Disney World and finished the day with dinner in the "Living Seas" restaurant watching the fish swimming in a gigantic aquarium while we ate. Another year we were in Cooperstown, NY, touring the baseball Hall of Fame. For a "dyed in the wool" baseball fan like me, that was really a great day to share with my family. But this year things worked out for me to be in church and what a fun day it was! It's not everyone who gets to hear the church sing happy birthday to him twice in one day! Thanks for all the cards and good wishes!

I am preparing for two days of meetings in Jefferson City! As a member of the Commission on the Order of Ministry for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America. It is always an interesting time as we meet with women and men at the beginning of their seminary education, and guiding them through the process toward ordination and ministry in the church. In addition, there are always meetings with persons who for various reason have left other denominations and are now seeking standing as ordained ministers in the Christian Church. Those are often the most difficult cases we face, as we struggle to evaluate a person's gifts and potential for creative and vital ministry among the Disciples of Christ. It is important work, yet work I am privileged to share on behalf of the church.

Finally, I am trying to finish getting things ready to go on vacation at the end of the week. Our first leg of vacation will take us to Washington D.C. to help Tom move his belongings to his new abode in that city. He will begin classes at Catholic University in September, studying the ancient Greek and Latin languages, in preparation for admission to graduate school. Afterward we head west, stopping in some vacation spots along the way, yet to be determined, and finally wind up in Sterling, Illinois to spend some time with Dave and Liz, and Sam! I never knew what all the fuss about grandparenting was until the phone rang early that morning in late February and Dave said, "We have a little guy!" And so we can't wait to spend some more time with him, and his parents.

I look forward to seeing you at the end of the month, and hearing how you have supported Jimmy and Amy Kay in their ministry in my absence. See you soon!

## College Group

Come to our last Wednesday of the summer BBQ Rendezvous on August 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. It will be held at Amy Kay and Dane's home and all college students (incoming freshmen included!) are invited to attend. You don't have to bring a thing – just come on over! The regular Back Room gatherings will begin again on Wed., August 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 – 10:00pm in Bethany Hall.



We would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes during our past few years of job transition. The prayers and friendly reminders of support were just what we needed to get through that tough time. Our new home is at 4949 S. Bellhurst Ave., Springfield, MO 65804; 417-368-0428. We would love to visit with anyone passing through the area.  
~Mitch and Angie Hylan Family

To the Ministry of Flowers:  
Thank you for the beautiful anniversary bouquet and to Linda and Bob Hutton who delivered it. The flowers do "uplift our spirits". ~Norma and Carl Miles

## News of the congregation

**Harold Rosebaum** was admitted to University Hospital on Saturday, August 8 but is getting along better and hopes to return to his room at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center this week.

**Linda Roseman** would like for us to keep her in our prayers as she begins chemotherapy for treatment of cancer. She worked as our Administrative Secretary before retiring several years ago. Her address is 4801 Brandon Woods, Columbia, 65203. We also keep in our prayers Sarah Yonker's father, **Mark Randle** of Ft. Worth, Texas who is recuperating from surgery on Monday morning. His address is 5509 LedgeStone, Fort Worth, Texas 76132.

We extend sympathy to **Gina and Howard Kincaid**, friends of our congregation and early service participants, on the death of Gina's mother, **Maxine Martin**, who died at her Hannibal home on Tuesday, August 4. She was 89 years old. Funeral services were held in Hannibal on Saturday, August 8.

Thanks to all those who are providing special music for our worship services in these summer days: To **Mary Bancroft** for piano and organ accompaniment of both early and late worship services; and to **Harlan Hackett** for his solos before the sermon and during communion at the 10:30 service on August 9. At the late service last Sunday our spirits were uplifted by the Offertory, "Norma's Song," an original composition by a music theory student of **Craig Miller**, played in memory of **Norma Miller** on what would have been her birthday.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Iva D. Thurman**  
- 92 on Aug. 15  
**Robert Sisson**  
- 96 on Aug. 16

### Weekly Report

Aug. 9, 2009

Received this week \$9,206

Received to Date \$53,118

Needed to Date \$48,852

Attendance - 241

(includes early worship - 57)



**Aug. 16**-Robert Sisson, Joyce Stanley,  
Lois Brown, Louis Janssen

**Aug. 17**-Elizabeth Mottaz

**Aug. 18**-Dorothy Allen, Nora Dietzel,  
Sharon Smith, Michelle  
Mountjoy

**Aug. 19**-Carol Hughey, Quinn  
Fullington

**Aug. 20**-Gene Kirkham

**Aug. 21**-Peggy Cline, Susan Gray

## LIFE

The LIFE Women's Fellowship group will meet on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm in Bethany Hall. Amy Kay will facilitate a Bible Study and Erin Boster will be dishing up some excellent dessert. Child care will be provided. Please contact Valerie Freed with any questions at [v\\_freed@yahoo.com](mailto:v_freed@yahoo.com).

## Festival of Sharing

Save the Date! October 17, 2009 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia.

“The Festival of Sharing is an interfaith celebration and ingathering of mission resources; a cooperative response to local and world hunger, poverty and injustice.”

How can FCC members help? Many, many ways! First, through assembling kits and packs such as Personal Hygiene Packs, Readin' & Writin' Packs, Student Dental Packs, School Kits (and more that you will be hearing about in coming weeks!) Second, through donating money. Donation envelopes will be available in future Visitors – however, if you want to get a jump on donating – you can give a check (or cash) to the office made out to FCC with “Festival of Sharing” in the memo line, or you can put coins and cash on the “Penny Planks” found in the narthex.

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF), World Outreach Committee and Church in Society Committee are combining forces to provide resources for the Festival. If you are anxious to read about the Festival, look at: <http://www.umocm.com/festival.htm>

## Reaching Out

First Christian Church members and friends should be proud that the church reaches out into the Columbia community in many ways. One way is to provide meeting space for Alcohol Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) groups. There are eight AA and three NA groups that meet regularly in Higbee. The average weekly attendance for these eleven groups is over 300 people. Last year these groups paid the church \$4,420 in rent, which helps our church budget. Jesus taught us, “When you do so to the least of these, you do so unto me”.

## (youth) @ first christian

All Youth Groups Come out on Sunday, **August 23 to the All Church BBQ and Game Fun @ Shepard Park** 4:30-7:00

JYF (grades 3-5) 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Begins on Sunday, August 30 and continues on Sundays twice a month throughout the fall:  
Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22

CYF (9-12 grade)  
Wednesday Night CYF begins again on Wed., Aug. 26. Join us for dinner at CAFE from 5:30-6:30 p.m. CYF will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Groups Start in 2 Weeks!**

### Chi-Rho Mission Trip:

**August 15-17: St. Louis, MO**

Staying at the Mission Inn at Union Ave Christian Church and serving at Urban Community Gardens, Isaiah 58 Ministry and the St. Louis Food Pantry.

CYF will meet at Broadway Christian Church for their **Back to School Bash** on August 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30 p.m. Bring \$5.

Be watching your mail for news of our August **“Welcome back to Youth Group”** event when the JYF will welcome new 3rd graders and Chi-Rho will be welcoming new 6th graders and CYF bringing in new 9th graders.

## Exposure

Observing the inner workings of an inner city church; participating in a day of preparation of food and clothing; being a part of a 65-70 member team of volunteers committed to serving dinner and offering clothing to some 465 people every Monday night; working with senior adult volunteers in all of the above; interacting with the homeless and poor in a very close and personal manner. These are but a few examples of the exposure our CYF had to the world this past Monday in a trip to KC to serve at The Micah Ministry. The 11 member mission team spent the day at the historic Independence Blvd. Christian Church. They toured and heard of the church's history and present ministry. (Once a 2000 member church, its present attendance is around 35 on Sunday morning.) They heard of the ways the church opens its doors on Monday nights and how they partner with many other churches to host dinner for some 400+ people, offer them clothing, resources, counseling and friendship. They worked side by side with folks who identify all who come to eat as blessed guests. Our CYF had some exposure to God's people this week. (Micah 6:8) Ask one of them about it. They have a story to tell. ~Jimmy Spear

## Remembering Norma Miller

During worship on August 9, a piano piece “Norma's Song” was played beautifully by Mary Bancroft during the Offertory. This song was written by Troy Armstrong, a former student of Craig Miller. It was very fitting that this piece was played in memory of Norma during the offertory as it was a time to reflect on the many ways that she gave of her time and talent thru the many years as a member of First Christian. Since I am honored to have been her friend for 45 years, I am aware of the many ways that she served. She was a long time member of Drennan CWF serving as a leader, giving meaningful programs, mixing up much cookie dough as Drennan members baked cookies for Fun City for many years, helping at the Wardrobe. She taught in Church School, was Chair of Christian Education Department, Chair of the Church Board, President of CWF, Chair of the Worship Department, helped with Children's Worship Hour, in charge of the carry out lunch during election day luncheon and served in other ways too numerous to mention. She shared her gift of music by playing the piano during the early service and many times a duet with Mary Bancroft during the second service. She also played the piano in nursing homes and one resident said “she has such a lovely touch”. Directing Drennan singers for 26 years meant much to her and she showed us all her faith and dedication. She will be very much missed but not forgotten. ~Lorene Trickey

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## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, August 16

*Van Driver:* Frank Boster  
*Office Receptionist:* Valerie Freed  
*Church School Greeter:* Mark Hunsaker Family  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Ben and Jen Micek  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Dorothy Allen, Jennifer Alexander  
*Delivered by -* Tom and Laura Crane

#### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assistants:* Millie and Larry Caringer, Tom Hughey  
*Elder:* Anne Campbell

#### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Buddy and Kim Boger, Cindy and Lexie Ruffolo  
*Liturgist:* Eric Arnett  
*Elders:* Harlan Hackett, Linda Ridgeway, Julie Hickey  
*Deacons:* The Nichols Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Nina Oliver  
*Greeter South Door:* Sue and Pat Wright  
*Ushers:* The Nichols Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Gavin Rose and Julia Bower  
*Candlelighters:* Jadie Arnett and Emily Unterschut

### This Week (August 16 - 22)

- Sun. - Chi-Rho Mission Trip (Aug 14-17), St. Louis  
- CYF, 5:30-8:30, Broadway Christian Church  
for their **Back to School Bash**
- Mon. - LIFE Group, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- Wed. - Shawl Ministry Mtg., 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- College Group, 7:00 p.m., Amy Kay and Dane's home

