



## Sunday Services

“Can’t we all just get along?” Perhaps you remember the cry of Rodney King, whose vicious beating by members of the Los Angeles police department was caught on video. That cry will inspire the message by Dr. Yonker on Sunday, August 9 based upon the scripture texts found in Psalm 130 and Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2.

During the early service we will celebrate the Christian baptism of Tom and Susan Gray, recent new members of our congregation who made confessions of faith a few months ago.



## Are You A Children’s Worship Adult Helper?

Children’s Worship is held on Sunday Mornings during the 10:30 worship service. The children leave the sanctuary following the children’s moment. The group goes upstairs to the 3rd floor to their own sanctuary type room and continues worship in their own style. Scripture is read, a devotion is given, offerings are collected, prayers are shared and the doxology is sung. Some weeks they venture into song and other weeks with dramatic readings. With the remaining time, the children go to other rooms to respond to God through games, independent play and making art/craft creations. Four leaders from the congregation alternate leading the group. **Holly Gieseke, Jessica Humble, Eric Arnett, and Kim Boger.** Older youth are trained to assist in this hour.

Help: Adults are needed. It is important that there are two adults in the Children’s Worship time. Adult helpers are needed to assist with our children with special needs, general safety (2 adult policy) and facilitating the group when they divide up between rooms. **The four Children’s Worship leaders will be leading this year and need volunteer adults to go up to the upper sanctuary to assist and respond to God themselves in the spending of time with our kids. No preparation needed!**

Talk with any of the above leaders and **Jimmy Spear** to get more information. Six to ten volunteers are needed. Thank you.

## Nursery Helpers Wanted

Thanks to the seven people who signed up to help in the nursery on a rotating basis during the late worship service in the coming year! We do not want to over schedule these fine folks and are looking for more willing adults to lend a hand.

We have three paid staff people in the nursery and ask for one additional volunteering adult to be in the nursery area from 10:15 – 11:45am. The staff people are responsible for changing diapers, taking older kids to the bathroom, etc. Volunteers get to simply play with the kids and help them to have the best experience possible at the church. Kids know God through the adults who care for them and they associate God with their experience at the church. A good morning of play equals closeness with God for these little ones. If you would like to be involved in this important ministry of the church, please contact Amy Kay as soon as possible. Thanks!

**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday - August 7**  
5:30 p.m.  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

**Weekly Report**  
Aug. 2, 2009  
Received this week \$11,245  
Received to Date \$43,912  
Needed to Date \$38,795  
Attendance - 312  
(includes early worship - 60)

## Welcoming Smiles

Would you like to welcome folks to the church one morning a month before the 10:30am worship service? If so, please contact Amy Kay. Your warm smiles are needed!



## Evening Activity

**All Church BBQ and Play**  
**Shepherd Park**  
**(next to Shepherd School)**  
**Sunday, August 23rd**  
**4:30 – 7:00pm**

\*Bring only your lawn chairs or picnic blanket!

## Heerrree's Johnny!

As you heard me mention briefly last Sunday morning, I survived the bicycle trip from Columbia to Indianapolis last week. With the prayers and best wishes of several church members and a few other friends, the Rev. Sondra Bowers and I started peddling east from the New Haven School about 6:45 a.m. Saturday morning, July 25, heading for Indianapolis. With only one barking dog to outrun and no flat tires, accidents or rude drivers, and rest stops along the way as needed, on the 25<sup>th</sup> we rode from Columbia to Louisiana, then the second day across the Mississippi River to Springfield, Illinois. At the end of the third day we ran into road construction and had to end our ride early, but still logged 101 miles. On the last day we crossed the Wabash River and finished the trip through the hills of Indiana, rolling into the circle drive of the convention center in downtown Indianapolis right at 5 p.m. where we were greeted by Sarah, and Dave and Liz and Sammy, and a photographer and the Rev. April Johnson, Director of the Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Ministry program.

As we finished the trip there was not only a feeling of relief, because we did not have to get up the next morning and ride another hundred miles the next day, we had a real feeling of accomplishment! We could have ridden our bicycles to Indianapolis just for the fun of it, and it would have been just that! It was fun being outside, feeling the breeze, seeing the long rows of tall corn, and visiting with people in restaurants who were curious about our trip. But our purpose was to ride for Reconciliation, to raise money for our denominational program which seeks to educate and inspire members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to address the issues of racism in our country. And that we did! As of this writing on Tuesday morning, we have raised \$4,521.60 from members and friends of First Christian Church! This is the fourth such bike ride for Reconciliation which I have done, and this is by far the largest amount I have ever raised! Thanks to you!

Many people helped to make this possible and I would love to thank each of you personally. But not being able to do that, let me say thanks to everyone of you who made contributions to support my ride and support the ministry of Reconciliation. Your support was the tail wind which kept me going up and down those hills, especially on the last day when it seemed like it was all up hill!

When we reached Indianapolis, I reported our pledge amount to Rev. April Johnson who was thrilled and said she would use our efforts to challenge other ministers to ride their bicycles to the next General Assembly in Nashville in 2011 to raise their funds for Reconciliation!

## 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

by Laura Estes  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

3 Grain Waffle with Blackberry Syrup  
Rice Krispie, Egg & Sausage Bake  
Chicken Tetrazinni  
Peaches & Cream Smoothie  
Peach Pie

*Menu featuring Ryan Hunsaker's  
fresh produce*



## Fair Trade Store Open

Sunday Mornings



The **Pathfinder Class** meets in  
Bethany Hall on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

## News of the congregation

**Ella Mae Kipp** was born on July 25 to **Capt. and Mrs. Tim Kipp** in Summerville, South Carolina. Grandparents are **Ken & Linda Ross Schroer** of Colorado Springs, CO. Great grandparents are **Jim & Tommie Ross**. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> great-granddaughter for the Rosses.

Thanks to **Jean Hall** for playing the piano at the 8:30 service and the organ at the 10:30 service last Sunday morning. It was great to have members of the **Boonslick Chord Busters** men's barbershop chorus with us in the late service last Sunday. Our own **Harlan Hackett, Fred List** and **Roy Rogers** are members of the chorus and helped fill the sanctuary with the wonderful sounds of their prelude, anthem, offertory and choral benediction!

**Bill Niedergerke** returned home after spending several hours in the Boone Hospital Emergency Room where he was taken during the late worship service last Sunday. **Jim Fay** also spent some time in the hospital emergency room on Saturday, August 1 and has returned to his room at the South Hampton Nursing Home. Our prayers are also with **Meadow Woodbury**, daughter of **Bruce and Susan Woodbury** as she continues treatment for cancer in Kansas City, and **Tyler Lay**, one year-old son of **Suzanne and Rob Lay**, grandson of **Chuck and Emily Scott** who is under observation for a health condition.

**Marjorie Hook** will soon be moving to the Austin, Texas area to live with her daughter and son-in-law, **Lynn and Mark Breckenridge**. A member of our congregation and resident for many years, Marge has resided recently in the Summit Villa Nursing Home in Holt's Summit. For those wishing to send their greeting her address will be: 102 Maria Court, Georgetown, Texas, 78028.

## CAFÉ

ChristianActionFellowshipEducation

## Begins

## Wed., Aug. 26th!



Thanks to all the wonderful people of First Christian Church that came to our aid on Sunday. We especially thank Brianna Shepard for getting Bill stabilized until the ambulance arrived and also, John for coming to the E.R. May God bless each of you.

~Bill and Mary Ann Neidergerke

## Garden Club

Our first gathering went so well that we are ready for our next! Sunday, August 30 from 4:00 - 6:00pm all who are interested in gardens (especially food gardens) are invited to join us at Tom and Laura Crane's farm. We will meet at the church at 4pm and will return together by 6pm. Families are certainly invited as the Cranes have a big farm ready for running around! Container gardening and wildflowers will be highlighted this month. Please contact Amy Kay with any questions. Thanks!

## Disciple Tour September 28-October 3

Historic Bethany, Cane Ridge  
and Disciples Center

MO →IN →WVA →KY →MO  
More to come...

## College Group

The college group will continue meeting this summer on Wednesdays at 7:00pm until August 26<sup>th</sup> when we will switch back to our regular time of 8:45 - 10:00pm. This is the easiest time for people who have been around to rejoin the group again. Also, obviously, if you have new friends in town be sure to invite them to come join us! Welcome one and all to our inclusive, lively group!



**Aug. 09**-Brenda Bailey, Muriel Leach,  
John Yonker

**Aug. 10**-Kristy Rees, Robert Seltsam,  
Carolyn Snow

**Aug. 11**-Brianna Shepard

**Aug. 13**-Gerald Guy, Marvellee  
Ridgeway, Tommy Tomlin

**Aug. 14**-Courtney (Hall) Martin, Janet  
Mills

**Aug. 15**-Iva Dell Thurman, Kim Korman,  
Elayna Mottaz

## (youth) @ first christian

CYF (9-12 grade)

JYF (grades 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)

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.

### Learning The Lord's Prayer

This summer on *The River of Life* discover and learn about Jesus' prayer. Intern Jamie will be leading us in workshops all of July & August.

### Youth Groups Start in 3 Weeks!

Disciple Kids Day Camp: (sign-up closed)

Aug. 12 8:30 a.m-5 p.m.

Bring sack lunch and \$5.

Wear shoes.

Forms can be filled out day of camp.

### Chi-Rho Mission Trip:

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

Staying at the Mission Inn at Union Ave Christian Church and serving in several inner-city ministries.

### CYF Mission Trip #2:

**August 9-10: Kansas City, MO**

Staying at Lee's Summit Christian Church and serving at Micah Ministry at Independence Blvd Christian Church.

CYF will head over to Broadway Christian Church for their **Back to School Bash** on August 16th in the late afternoon.



## Scenes from Elementary Camp 2009



# The Visitor

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## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, August 9

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* Cindy Rose  
*Church School Greeter:* Colleen Nilges  
*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by -* Nancy Watson and Judith Creasy  
*Delivered by -* Marsha and Tom Sisson

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

*Worship Assistants:* Tommy Gay Evans  
*Elder:* Donna Houston

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

*Communion Preparation:* Mike and Mary Taylor, Mark Martin  
*Liturgist:* Debbie Taylor  
*Elders:* Marsha and Tom Sisson, Jacki Davidson  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Paula Hoenes  
*Greeter South Door:* Joyce Stanley  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Erich Unterschut and Emma Hawkins  
*Candlelighters:* Jacob Ripley and Alexandra Estes

### This Week (August 9 - 15)

- Sun. - Baptismal Service for Tom and Susan Gray, during  
8:30 worship service  
- CYF Mission Trip to Kansas City (Aug. 9-10)
- Wed. - Disciple Kids Day Camp (8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- College Group, 7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

