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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Worship This Sunday

In recognition of February as Black History Month, and February 8 as Race Relations Sunday, Dr. Yonker will address the challenges presented on that day. The words of the Apostle Paul found in 2 Corinthians 5 will provide the scripture reading and text for the sermon: "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way." Regarding no one from a human point of view, but seeing them with the eyes of Christ, as God sees them! There is the call of the gospel, and the promise of the world's transformation!

Church Eat-Out

Friday - Feb. 6

5:30 p.m.

Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Weekly Report

Feb. 1, 2008

Received this week \$9,511

Received to Date \$250,099

Needed to Date \$263,217

Attendance - 296

(includes early worship - 52)

Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Workshop

February 8th
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

for more information
contact Dr. Yonker
(449-7265)

Friends! Teachers! Leaders!

Teacher Training & Sign-Up This Sunday, 9:30 a.m. 3rd Floor, Green Room



The wonderful children at First Christian Church learn the stories of the bible on Sunday mornings on *The River of Life*. This education program is a workshop rotation based model of learning for children in grades K-5. Each bible story is taught in workshops over a five week period. The children spend a week in 5 different workshops designed to teach the story in five creative ways. Workshop options include drama, art, video, games, library, kitchen, service and many more.

Come and learn about how it all works and how you could be a part of a great thing. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share your gifts with our kids. Each five weeks, teachers are needed to teach the same lesson for 2 or 3 weeks, the same lesson to different groups (grades K-2 or 3-5). A teacher only commits to teaching the same lesson two or three times per rotation.

Do you have gifts for the dramatic, the creative, the arts, the crafts, woodworking, science, games, cooking, reading, or loving?

This Sunday, join us on the 3rd floor to learn about how this model of Sunday School works, participate in a practice lesson, and sign up as a leader/teacher for a rotation. Any past teachers are encouraged to attend for a refresher course and the chance to get on the teaching calendar. Please call Jimmy Spear with questions.

Hear these words from FCC friends,

"I got to play Moses today!" -third grader

"My child really seems to know the story after the 5 weeks!" -parent of a second grader

"I never knew teaching kids about hospitality was such an important bible lesson."

- church member teacher

"What an important part of a child's growth, to learn the main stories of the bible that will be with them for life. It really is a short period of six years to learn so much."

- pastor, educator

Book Club

Please join the Ladies Book Club next Wednesday, Feb 11 to discuss the popular memoir, *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. We will be in the Back Room at noon. Bring a lunch and help us decide why this book has remained on best seller lists. Questions? Call Linda Hutton @442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com

Unexpected Goodness

A visit from a good friend... feeling better than most days... a call from a loved one... a snow day when everything slows down and family can stay together... an especially well made meal... a friendly squirrel outside the window... a familiar homeless man with warmer clothes...

Facebook, a web site that connects friends, suggests that we write 25 interesting things about ourselves. Twenty-five friends are then sent a note to say that we have written these things and they are available to be read if so desired. I have not tried to come up with that many interesting tidbits about myself, but I have read a few friend's lists and each have said that it is a difficult task to undertake. Perhaps they are being modest – they are cool people.

The exercise makes me wonder how easy it would be to come up with a "25 List" of other things. In the midst of a busy day, could we come up with 25 moments of unexpected goodness from the morning's hours? At the end of the day, could we name 25 happenings that were especially beautiful?

the friendliness of a service person at the car repair shop... the intense taste of a grapefruit in the middle of winter... the smile of a teething baby...

An awareness of these moments is, I think, a connection with God. A form of prayer where we acknowledge that the goodness we notice is inexplicably of our Creator. Just being attentive to the smaller moments might help us to reflect the love of God as we make it through our days. John spoke in his sermon of folks who are disgruntled at the world – people who come home and "kick the dog" even. The Good News was proclaimed on Sunday and it is up to us to portray that news throughout the week. What spiritual disciplines help you with this? Maybe make a 25 List or two and see if this form of prayer is helpful.

Peace be with you ~ amy kay

A Note of Interest

You may view the worship service held on the morning of the President's first full day of work at www.nationalcathedral.org and follow the link to the "Inaugural Prayer Service". Our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)'s General Minister and President gave the sermon at this service, and the view of the pulpit is outstanding.

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

Feb. 11th CAFÉ

Menu: Spinach Balls
Chardonnay Chicken
Red Hot Applesauce Jello
Cherry Pie



* Administrative Board Meeting

* Bible Study with Dr. 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 office (449-7265) for dinner reservations by **noon on Tuesday**.



**A Super Response to
SouperBowl of Caring**

**\$770 and
10 bags of goods.**

News of the congregation

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her solo presented at the 8:30 service last Sunday. She was accompanied by **Norma Miller**.

The following people have been in our concern in the past few days. **Kay Ahrens** is home recovering from surgery last week. **Ken Bright** was admitted to Boone Hospital for testing last week. **Shirley Olcott** has returned to The Bluffs Nursing Home to continue recovering from recent surgery. **Angelo Provenzano**, son-in-law of **Tommy Gay Evans**, has returned home to continue recuperating from surgery last week at Boone Hospital. **Russell DeVenney's father, Russell DeVenney, Sr.** is also recovering from surgery last week at Boone Hospital. **Mary McRoberts** was admitted to Boone Hospital on Tuesday.

Congratulations to the following young men of our congregation who were recognized for their achievements on Boy Scout Sunday. **Jonathan LaHue**, son of **Jeff and Amy LaHue** received the God and Me Award. Receiving the God and Family Award were **Gabe Browne**, son of **Al and Beth Browne**; **Logan Garton**, son of **Bryan and Debbie Garton** and **Gavin Rose**, son of **Thomas and Cindy Rose**. The awards were presented by **Jimmy Spear** at the 10:30 worship service.

Congratulations to **Derek and Elizabeth Updegraff** on the birth of their first child, a baby girl, **Itsel Hayden**. She was born February 2 and all are well.



Kimberly Foster-Feb. 8
Ruth Ann Martin-Feb. 8
Dane Pavlovich-Feb. 9
Jennifer Alexander-Feb. 10
David Chrisman-Feb. 10
Steven Smith-Feb. 10
Steve Humble-Feb. 10
Kyle Pikop-Feb. 10
Nancy Sandford-Feb. 10
Sara Peterson-Feb. 11
Edith Wright-Feb. 12
Olivia Johnson-Feb. 13
Robert Mountjoy-Feb. 14
Russell Chandler-Feb. 14

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CYF (9-12 grade)

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

Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.
CYF Bible Study
Downtown Panera Bread Co.

February 8

JYF (grades 3-5) 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
(Lana Poole, partner)
Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 6:30 – 8 p.m.

JYF & CHI-RHO will meet on the following Sundays:

February 22 and March 8 & 22
Parent Partners Needed

Week of Compassion - February 15 & 22

Remember the jingle “Rock-a-bye-baby on the tree top, etc.”? Well, suppose this really happened to you or someone you really care about. Suppose the house was blown over by a tornado or hurricane? Suppose you were involved in Katrina or any other natural disaster? Then imagine the great joy to have a representative from WEEK OF COMPASSION visit you and offer help. This help would be made available by the generous gifts from your “partners in Christ” all across the United States (and perhaps Canada).

A recent update informs us that a “New Orleans Ecumenical Build” took place in January of this year helping in so many ways for families to get re-established in their life situations. Through our gifts to WEEK OF COMPASSION on February 15th and 22nd we can show we truly care about our sisters and brothers in need here in the USA and indeed around the world. Thanks for caring.

~Harsh Brown, World Outreach Committee

2009 Church Camp Schedule Sneak Peek



<u>Camp</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grade Finished</u>
CYF Camp	June 8-13	9-12
Junior 1 Camp	June 16-20	4-5
Elementary Camp	June 29-July 1	2-3
Junior 2 Camp	July 7-11	4-5
That Camp About God & Sex	July 13-18	8
M*A*D Camp	July 21-26	6-9
Chi-Rho Camp	July 28-Aug. 2	6-7
Family Camp	September 4-6	all ages

Canoe, Trek, & Backpacking Trips

CYF 11 Point Canoe Trip	June 14 – 18	9-12
Chi Rho Current Trip	June 22 – 26	6-8
Chi Rho Smoky Mountain Trek	June 21 – 28	6-8

2009 Vacation Bible School Dates - June 14-18



BOOK O R N E R

Many of you will remember the September dinner meeting of the Women’s Groups when the guest speaker was Connie McClellan. She shared with us her very personal journey through her son John’s service deployment to Afghanistan where he received two injuries but was able to return to the humvee turret and continue as a machine gunner.

Later John was transferred to Haditha, Iraq where within two weeks he was gravely wounded by a sniper shot through his head. Connie’s book My Miracle Marine is a compilation of emails which she continuously sent to her family and friends from September 2006 to May 2007 as John traveled the long road to healing, with many stops along the way. Included are emails from John’s comrades still in Iraq, giving accounts of battles they have endured physically and emotionally. Complimenting the email journal are narratives by Connie describing incredible events the family experienced during John’s amazing recovery.

You will want to read this book, now on the Book Cart, to know of the miracles—24 of which she lists in summary specifically—prayed for by many and performed by God. This three-time purple heart recipient lives in Columbia, MO.

Housing Authority Seeks Volunteers

Since 1956, the Columbia Housing Authority has provided safe, healthy and affordable housing opportunities to Columbia’s low-income individuals and families. They are seeking partnerships and collaborative efforts with local churches to improve the quality of life for residents. If you are interested in the rewarding volunteer opportunities that are currently available, please check the church bulletin board across from the church office.

Pathfinders Night Out!

Saturday, February 7th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pathfinders will have a bowling night at Town & Country Lanes on Providence Road. This is in conjunction with the Association of Perioperative Nurses. Tickets are \$15 each which includes shoes, popcorn, soda and as much bowling as you can do in 2 hours! Children are invited to participate, so childcare will not be provided. You can purchase tickets in advance from Cindy Rose or you can purchase them that evening. Call Cindy at 447-2889 with any questions. There will be door prizes!
~Cindy Rose

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Sunday's Schedule-February 8, 2009

Van Driver: Russ Chandler *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Frances Brown

Communion Preparation:

Mike and Lisa Snyder, Betty Moon

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Lynn Klotz

10:30 Elders: Cliff and Mary Tompson, Lorene Trickey

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters:

Charlie Koelling, *North Door*

Carol Slusher, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Jacy Alexander and Jack Creasy

Candlelighters: Julia Bower and Emma Hawkins

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Dan, Holly and Drew Gieseke

Delivered: John and Julie Hickey

This Week (February 8-14)

- Sun. - Worship Dept. Mtg., 8:30-9:30 a.m., Keystone Rm.
- River of Life Break 2, 9:30 a.m.
- Christian Education Mtg. 2, 9:30 a.m.
- Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Workshop, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CHI-RHO (grades 6-8), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies Book Club, 12:00 noon, Back Room
- Campus Dept. Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:20 Devotion
6:30 Administrative Board Meeting, Parlor
6:30 Bible Study
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

