



Sunday's Service

In celebration of our heritage of freedom and democracy, our worship services will include readings from Hebrews 11:1-6 and Galatians 5:1, 13-25 and Dr. Yonker's sermon, "...to a Better Country".

At the 8:30 worship service, Pat Rybolt will sing a favorite, "God Bless America", by Irving Berlin. The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 service, will be another favorite, "For Spacious Skies" by David Brunner.



**CYF
Mission
Trip
Tulsa, OK**

Elders and Deacons Recognized!

Following presentation by the Nominating Committee, approval at the Administrative Board and Congregational meetings in March, at the June 28 worship services the following people were presented with certification "in recognition of loyal service, unwavering dedication and faithful support of the ministry of First Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri."

Honorary Deacons: Dorothy Baumgartner, Peggy Bott, Dorothy Hatfield, Helen Ingold, Bill & Mary Ann Niedergerke, Marvelling Ridgeway, J.W. "Stan" Stafford

Deacon Emeritus: Jim Carter and Jerry Vaught

Honorary Elders: Daniel and Martha Niday

Elder Emeritus: Dick Vaught, Charles and Bettie Koelling., Carol Slusher, Cliff and Mary Tompson, Nelson and Lorene Trickey

Weekly Report

June 28, 2009

Received this week \$10,225

Received to Date \$422,980

Needed to Date \$445,300

Attendance - 257

(includes early worship - 60)

The 15 member CYF Mission Team is pictured here in Tulsa OK with homeowner Ms. Lee in front of her newly painted two tone grey house. The mission team will have many more pictures and stories to share at the end of the summer.



Prayer Ministry is Expanding!

We have a core group of people who pray for those requesting prayers. This is usually done by e-mail and coordinated by Barb Rothenberger. In order to invite more members and friends to pray for those in need or celebrating life events, we are adding a printed list that you can pick up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you would like prayers for yourself, please contact Nancy Watson, 268-4018. If you have the name of someone you believe would appreciate intercessory prayer, we will contact them before adding their name to the printed list. Those folks listed in the *Visitor* will automatically be included. This is a great way to help others and grow spiritually.

New Church Budget Adopted!

Moderator Chris Creasy called the congregational meeting to order at the conclusion of both worship services, and presented the 2009-2010 church budget. Following explanation of the process by which the budget was formulated, it was moved and seconded and unanimously voted that the budget for the church year beginning July 1 be adopted. Thanks to everyone who responded positively to the stewardship campaign, and to all the members of the Functional Departments, Cabinet and Administrative Board who worked so hard to construct the new budget.

The Survey Says...

What does the survey say?

You can find out by getting online, finding the church website www.firstchristian.org, clicking on the BUILDING SURVEY and the MISSION SURVEY and filling them out.

Review: That is 2 different surveys needing your input. Fill them out and you are done!

What if I am not a computer/online savvy person? ... you might say.

Both surveys are in paper form in the Narthex and Church Office. Pick one up this Sunday!

It is easy! Thanks!

And friends, here is the thing—your input is needed. The Master Planning Committee would like to speak to architects and consultants on behalf of the views and thoughts of the entire congregation.

In mid-July the committee will be compiling the data received and using it to further its process of master planning the future scope of First Christian's building and mission. The Building and Mission Surveys allow the committee to speak and plan on behalf of the congregation. We like to think we know what you are thinking but having the data firsthand from your mind and heart will make all the difference.

So, get those surveys filled out ASAP!

-Jimmy on behalf of the MPC

Time and Talent Surveys

Good news! Almost a hundred people have turned in their Time and Talent Volunteer Sheets! The deadline for turning the Time and Talent Sheet in is July 12. If we have your e-mail address - we'll send you a sheet which you can print off and return to church. If you don't receive a Time and Talent sheet by e-mail - would you please pick one up from the church office or from the Narthex on Sunday? There are dozens of ways to pitch in and help at church - the Volunteer Time and Talent Sheet helps fill liturgist, usher, greeter, van driver and other schedules as well as providing many opportunities to serve in the church throughout the year. Feel called to be a wiseman? Then, the Living Nativity may be right for you!

~Joyce Stanley and Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich

Ladies' Book Club



FYI: the Ladies' Book Club is reading John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. We gather in early August to select the next 8 books. Suggestions for our next list? Contact Linda Hutton by e-mail at lhutton50@hotmail.com or by phone at 442-5423.

Your Special Birthday!



Elwyn Ewer
- 94 on July 6th
Ruth Brandenburg
- 98 on July 8th

Thank You!

I would like to thank all the members of First Christian Church, John and Sarah Yonker, the Morris Parlor Adult Sunday School Class and the Drennan group for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and flowers. I also thank the church members who lived at the Lenoir Manor with my mother. She loved them so much.

In memory of my mother Mary Lawson 1916-2009.

~Marsha Rawlings and family

Happy Birthday!

July 5 - Stacia Schaefer

July 6 - Elwyn Ewer and
Haley Evers

July 7 - Jack Estes

July 8 - Ruth Brandenburg,
Barb Rothenberger,
Michael Wildman,
J.D. Estes and
David Weber

July 9 - Dorothy Porter and Erin Bower

July 10 - Judith Creasy and Shawn
Von Talge

July 11 - Teddy Nichols and Erin Boster



News of the congregation

Parker Rossman has returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center following surgery last week at University Hospital. **Marvin Tracy** is also recovering from surgery last week, at Boone Hospital, and hopes to return home early this week. **Ken Bright** has moved into a nursing home in Holt Summit. We have received word that **Perry Ewing** has been re-admitted to Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis County. Our prayers are also with other members and friends of our congregation in concern at this time: **Marci Lower**, **Jack Kirtley**, and **Nancy Watson's uncle, Frank Cloninger**.

Each year the Nominating Committee recognizes members of the congregation for special service to the church in the past year. The following people were so recognized during the worship services on June 28: **Sarah Storm**, **Laura Estes**, **Molly Read**, **Sarah Read**, and **Norma Miller**. The Administrative Board officers were also recognized by Dr. Yonker for their excellent leadership of the church in 2008-2009: Moderator, **Chris Creasy**, Vice-Moderator, **C.K. Hoenes**, Secretary, **Jessica Humble**, and Treasurer, **Holly Gieseke**.

Many thanks go to the following people for their assistance with the worship services at Boone Hospital during the month of June: **Nora Dietzel**, **Cherry Hinderberger**, **Harlan Hackett**, **Jean Hall** and **David Read**. Your gifts of music and voice are appreciated. Thanks to **Brenda Martin**, co-chair of the Elders, for organizing it.

CYF Mission Trip Team thanks adult leaders and friends, **Jay Creasy** and **Kelly Fairchild** for all their enthusiasm, patience, good cheer, and general greatness in partnering for the week long mission trip. Thank you for taking seven days in your life to partner with us on this important trip!

Congratulations to **Will and Donna Houston** who celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on July 4th.

Flower Sign-up



There are a few remaining weeks left for donating flowers for the sanctuary during the upcoming church calendar year. Please stop by the church office, bring a check for \$30, and sign-up. Thank you.

~Mary Daugherty

(youth) @ first christian

CYF (9-12 grade)

EAT OUT, Wed., July 8,
6:30 pm., meet @ church.
Mon. Night Bible Study is on
break until August.
Canoe Float Trip, July 20

JYF (grades 3-5)

Pool Party at Boger's House
Sun., July 19. 3-6:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)

Movie Outing to see the new
Harry Potter movie, "Harry
Potter and the Half-Blood
Prince", Sunday, July 19,
evening.

Disciple Kids Day Camp:

July 15 & Aug. 12

**Registrations turned into of-
fice or narthex on Sundays.**

Chi-Rho Mission Trip:

August 15-17

CYF Mission Trips:

#2- TBA, August 9-11

People have asked

**about...moving up to JYF
and Chi-Rho**

New 3rd graders to JYF and
new 6th graders to Chi-Rho
in August. They will receive
special invitations in the mail!

Keep Snipping, Clipping and Saving!

750 - Campbell's Bar Code Labels donated to Woodhaven
43 - Best Choice Bar Codes for Festival of Sharing
\$18.00 - Box Tops for Education for Columbia Public Schools
4 lbs. 7 oz - aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House
?? - Commemorative U.S. stamps
?? - Old prescription glasses for Festival of Sharing

CWF serves as the clearing house for all the items listed above. Yes, we're in a tight budget era; however, every little bit helps. Please continue to snip, clip and bring these items to the elevator alcove by the office. CWF will make sure everything is put to good use!



Who is at Church Camp this week?

Junior Camp II, July 7-11

Zac Ruffolo, Max Schaeffer, Julia Bower, Jack Creasy,
Sam Creasy, Ryan Boger, Annika Hysten, Megan Potthast.



Extra VBS Bible Buddies etc...

The Vacation Bible School leftovers include group pictures and "Bible Buddies." If your child did not get these at the close of the week please see Jimmy Spear to check the left-over pile.



Chi-Rho Splash

The Chi-Rho group had a great afternoon in cool pool waters last Sunday. Thanks to **Larry and Millie Carringer** for hosting our group at their pool and for the great treats! Thanks to **Dan and Holly Gieseke** for partnering.



Church League Softball

Each Sunday evening our church league softball team hits the diamond to play other churches' teams. It is generally a great time for those watching as well as those playing. Come out and see them some Sunday evening or grab a glove and jump in! The game times are always noted in the week's schedule listed in the Visitor and bulletin. Note: the scoreboard here shows our team winning last Sunday against the number one team in the league! We continued on and were victorious against the Presbys. ;)



The Visitor

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 5

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson
Church School Greeter: Judy Hall
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Roy Rogers and Doris Neidhardt
Delivered by - Helen and Perry Stemmons

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard
Elder: Bettie Koelling

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bob and Linda Hutton, Tom and
Laura Crane
Liturgist: Stacia Schaefer
Elders: Cherry Hinderberger, Brenda Martin and Eldon Drennan
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeter North Door: Eric Arnett
Greeter South Door: Anne Campbell
Ushers: The Pavlovich Team
Banner Bearers: William Bower and Max Schaefer
Candlelighters: Erich Unterschut and Megan Potthast

This Week (July 5 - July 11)

- Sun. - Church Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Yellow Field
at Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - Jr. Camp II begins
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CYF Eat Out, 6:30 p.m.



Church Dine-Out

Friday - July 3

5:30 p.m.

Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!



**The Church Office
will be closed
Friday, July 3 for
the holiday**