



## Sunday Morning Worship

Join us this Sunday as the college students will be preaching on transformation based on Romans 12:1-2. The students will use illustrations from their recent mission opportunity at the Yakama Mission in Washington.

Music on this third Sunday in July will include Brenda Mosby singing "The Wonder of It All" at the 8:30 worship service. And, at the 10:30 service Nora Dietzel will be the soloist during the choir's anthem, "There Is a Savior", arranged by Phil Perkins. We will give thanks on this day for great choir music in this recent season and send the choir on "vacation" until August 23.

## It is time

It is time. It is time for friends at FCC to consider how they can be a part of our ministry to children and youth. With a new school year around the corner, comes a new season for leadership and mentoring. Every activity that involves children and youth needs adult partners—volunteers who are willing to spend time in leading, mentoring, befriending, and journeying with our kids. I would like to say "We are full up, thank you." But, friends, that is never the case. The Junior Youth Fellowship presently uses parents who sign up per event. JYF could use regularly present adults. The CYF Sunday School class is in need of a teacher for its bible based study on Sunday mornings. The Children's Worship leaders have found that the large numbers and space used also call for adult assistant/helpers every week. The River of Life is always in search of workshop leaders. The list continues...

94 kids at VBS. Over 20 in Children's Worship. 25 youth in mission work. These numbers are but a few reminders of the reality in our ministry together. Won't you consider how your life and faith and time would and could intersect with our kids in this next year? It is time. Let's talk... ~ Jimmy Spear



## Mid-Summer Festival

Wednesday, July 22  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall, Bethany Hall, & Parking Lot

Variety of Italian Village  
Pizza & Beverages served

Join us for live music, fun activities-inside & outside, and fun fellowship with church friends young and old.

This fellowship event is sponsored by the Membership Committee with several church groups hosting activities.

## Special Offerings

The members and friends of First Christian Church continue to support God's work through their special offerings. During the 2008-2009 church year these amounts were given:

Christmas Offering	\$1,760.00
Easter Offering	\$2,207.00
Pentecost Offering	\$ 774.00
Reconciliation Offering	\$1,125.40
Thanksgiving Offering	\$1,235.00
Week of Compassion	\$2,311.37
Central Mo. Food Bank	\$2,281.72
Festival of Sharing	\$ 450.00
Foods Resource Bank	\$ 471.64
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 100.00
Heifer International	\$1,275.00
Yakama Mission	\$1,000.00
Pet Project Int'l.	\$ 351.17
VAC Christmas (cash)	\$ 170.00
(plus family gifts)	
Loaves & Fishes (meals)	\$ 750.00
(plus donated food)	
	\$16,262.30

**2 Surveys**  
**-Mission-**  
**-Building-**  
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### Weekly Report

July 12, 2009

Received this week \$9,656

Received to Date \$20,970

Needed to Date \$15,575

Attendance - 270

(includes early worship - 64)

## Heeerrreee's Johnny!

Although I didn't get caught in it, when the heavens opened up and the rain began falling Tuesday morning I went outside to watch it rain for a few minutes. As I stood under the canopy outside the Fellowship Hall, there was the distinctive smell of rain, which, if my high school science course was correct, originates as moisture condenses around dust particles in the atmosphere. There was the sight of birds flitting about as they darted from one limb to another, as though they were dancing to the sound of the water hitting pavement.

As I tarried for a few minutes before returning to the office, I was reminded how much we depend upon water. The night before I joined a group practicing triathlon swim starts in a lake south of town; the water temperature and the weather were perfect for an early evening swim in a beautiful body of water seemingly just made for such recreation. The story came to mind of Texas farmers suffering from record heat, needing rain for their crops. I thought of the Weather Channel report of helicopters dumping loads of water on a southern California wildfire in hopes of containing it by nightfall. And I was reminded how easily we go to the faucet for a drink while so many people – mostly women – in many parts of the world have to walk miles to a well to get water for drinking, cooking and bathing, just to get the things which we take for granted.

As I stood there watching it rain I was reminded not only of how much we depend upon water, but how much a part of creation we are. It did not fully dawn on me until we lived in a farming community in northwest Missouri in the 1970's. In those hot and dry years, like all the farmers in the church, we learned to watch the sky for the signs of rain, and to thank God when they came.

Reflecting on the "God question" from last Sunday's sermon, I am reminded that we are part of the answer to that question. For too many years we human beings have acted like we are somehow above the earthly world, as though we can do with the earth whatever we want. But how foolish that idea is; created by God, we are part of God's creation. Created by God, we experience the presence and goodness of God every day, every time we take a drink of water, every single minute that we take a breath of fresh air.

Thank God next time you take a drink of water. And pick up a piece of trash the next time you are out for an evening walk!



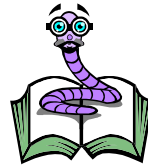
We want to thank the church so very much for the beautiful flowers that were used in the Sunday service.

It was so kind of Pat Rainey to bring them to help us celebrate our wedding anniversary!

We are blessed to have our church family!

~Ellyn and Bill Brothers

## Book Club



The Ladies Book Club resumes on August 12. At this meeting the next eight books will be selected. Haven't read *The Grapes of Wrath*? Don't intend to read it? Want to read something light and fun? Well, come to the Aug 12 meeting at the Columbia Country Club and share with us what book(s) you've been reading. Maybe we'll select one of your favorites! Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).

## Bike Trip Featured in The Missourian!

An article complete with photographs about John Yonker's bicycle ride to Indianapolis to raise money for the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will appear in the "Features" section of the Sunday, July 19 edition of the *Missourian* newspaper. Written by MU journalism student Emily Ponder, the article will include reports of interviews with John and the Rev. Sondra Bowers, minister of the Red Bridge Christian Church of Kansas City, who will also make the bike trip to Indianapolis. It will include information about this important ministry supported by the Disciples of Christ funded by the money raised by this trip. Thanks to everyone who has responded to support the trip. Other persons who are interested may still contribute by making gifts or pledges (for example: 5 cents/mile X 380 miles = \$19; 10 cents/mile X 380 miles = \$38.) Checks should be made out to "First Christian Church" note for "Reconciliation" or "Bike Trip".

## News of the congregation

**Harlan Hackett** was admitted to Boone Hospital last weekend for testing, and hopes to return home this week. **Ken Bright, Ed Bright's son**, was also admitted to Boone Hospital last week, and was released to return to the Summitsville care center where he has been staying recently.

We extend our sympathy to **Dane Pavlovich** and his family on the death of his grandfather, Almon "Dick" Coykendall, of Rago, KS who died Friday morning. Funeral services were held in Kingman, Kansas on Monday, July 13.

We celebrate the life of **Dorothy Cline Denney**, age 93, who died June 18 in Columbia. A resident of Boonville for many years, she moved to Columbia and became an Associate Member of our congregation after being married to our own **Hugh Denney**. Following his death, she returned to live in Boonville. Services were held at First Christian Church in Boonville on Friday, June 26.

Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** who sang "*The Twenty-third Psalm*" at the early service.

## Back-in Parking on Ash

The Columbia Public Works Department has installed a test project for back-in, angled parking. The parallel parking on Ash Street between Seventh and Ninth Street has been replaced. There are now 27 angled, metered parking spots for east-bound traffic.



**July 19**-David Ross, Mike Perry, Dave Beem

**July 20**-Thomas Hughey, Pat Calnan

**July 21**-Hailey Korman, Bryant White

**July 22**-Thomas Crane, Gerald Ramsey, Ashley Buxton, Amber Roberts, Kristin Van Heyningen

**July 23**-Joselyn Walsh

**July 24**-Audrey Snyder

**July 25**-Larry Dietzel, Abram Brummett, Julia LaHue, Jenny Hallan



**COME JOIN US  
FOR  
A PLAY**

**CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES**

*featuring*

William Christopher, M\*A\*S\*H's Father Mulcahy

STARS is sponsoring a trip to Jefferson City, **Wednesday, September 2, 2009** to attend the above play advertised as a hilarious musical comedy.

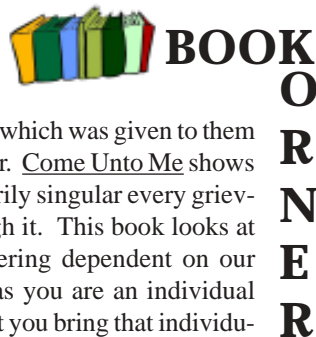
We have purchased tickets for \$28 per ticket for the matinee that begins at 2 p.m. We will have a \$3 transportation charge in addition. Sign up deadline is **July 20, 2009** and the sign up sheet is in the church office. Or you may contact Carol Slusher, 819-3984 or 874-4902 to make a reservation.

When you sign up there will be a space to tell us if you'd like to gather early enough to have lunch before the play. This is such a great way to visit.

- A church nearby is preparing a lunch for attendees of the play for \$10 per person that we could attend;
- We could have lunch some place in Jefferson City;
- We could have lunch together in Columbia and then drive to the play;
- We could just drive over for the play, leaving Columbia at 12:40 p.m.

Let us know your preference.

Women and men of all ages are welcome to join in for this fun outing. Our first set of seats are in the 12<sup>th</sup> row and together in one row. The sooner we get your reservation the better the seats will be close to these tickets.



The Clarks are sharing with us a book which was given to them in their recent loss of a family member. Come Unto Me shows that because every passing is necessarily singular every grieving is unique to the one going through it. This book looks at the various kinds of grief, our suffering dependent on our relationship to the deceased. Just as you are an individual coming to the place of sorrow, so must you bring that individuality to "Living through" the process.

As cultures vary, so do expressions of belief about death; universal is the fact that comfort and closeness of family, friends and religious observance unite us in ways that make our suffering more bearable. This book deals with the well-known stages of grief, but beyond the grief-stricken reactions is help in specific areas and assurance that in our sorrow our heavenly Father is forever with us. A very practical help...on the Book Cart.

**Who is at Church Camp this week?**

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MusicArtDrama Camp, July 21-25  
Delaney Tevis



**Excited about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

I was looking over the rosters of our church kids in different grades this week. There are many names on the list and I have highlighted the names of kids that come to stuff – the ones that are active in the life of FCC. Being present in worship, youth group, The River of Life, or other activities gets your name highlighted.

As I looked at the lists I noted next year's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. They were all highlighted. Twelve kids will be moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and we know them all. They will be the new members of the JYF-The Junior Youth Fellowship. I am excited about them joining that great group and starting the next nine years of being in youth group. What an important few years the JYF is... If that group of 12 becomes close in faith, play, fellowship in these years it will just get better and better and on graduation Sunday in 2019 it will be our honor to honor them, talk about them, and show our love toward them.

I also note the next group of highlighted names: the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders. There are 11 in that group and all are active and will double the size of Chi-Rho youth group next year. Good stuff!

~Jimmy Spear

**(youth) @ first christian**

CYF (9-12 grade)

Canoe Float Trip, July 20  
Departing from church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.  
Bring \$10, sack lunch, drinks.

JYF (grades 3-5)

Pool Party at Bogers' House  
Sun., July 19, 3-6:30 p.m.  
Cookout included!  
Meet @ church, 2:45 p.m.  
Pickup @ church, 6:45 p.m.

Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)

Movie Outing to see the new Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince", Sun., July 19, in the evening. Reserve a ticket with Jimmy ASAP.

**Disciple Kids Day Camp:**

**Aug. 12 (Register by Aug. 5)**  
Forms & fliers are in the office or narthex on Sundays.

**Chi-Rho Mission Trip:**

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

**CYF Mission Trip #2:**

**August 9-11**

**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. Come join us! We will sing VBS songs too!

# The Visitor

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## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 19

*Van Driver:* Matt Batterson  
*Office Receptionist:* Debbie Potthast  
*Church School Greeter:* Mark Hunsaker Family  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Colleen Nilges and Lana Poole  
*Delivered by -* Gene Taylor and Eric Arnett

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

*Worship Assistants:* Andy Janssen and Louis Janssen  
*Elder:* Sally Robinson

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

*Communion Preparation:* Jay and Chris Creasy, Tony Klein  
*Liturgist:* Joyce Stanley  
*Elders:* David and Sarah Read, Jerry Daugherty  
*Deacons:* The Nichols Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Molly Read  
*Greeter South Door:* Gerald and Susan Ramsey  
*Ushers:* The Nichols Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Sam Poole and Sam Creasy  
*Candlelighters:* Anna Poole and Emma Hawkins

### This Week (July 19 - July 25)

- Sun. - JYF Pool Party, Bogers' home, 3:00-6:30 p.m.,  
van departs church at 2:45 p.m.  
- Chi-Rho Movie Outing, evening (reserve a ticket with  
Jimmy)  
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Orange Field  
at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - CYF Canoe Trip, meet at church at 8:30 a.m.  
- Life Group, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Mid-Summer Festival, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
- College Group, 7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

