



## Sunday Morning Worship - June 28th

Have you noticed how we are all creatures of habit? From the moment we get out of bed and brush our teeth, to the roads we take to work, the things we do with our free time until the moment we go to bed, we mostly do it the same way, day after day. Paul's words found in Roman's 5:1-5 and Psalm 130 will serve as the texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "The Habit of Hoping".

The Chancel Choir will be singing "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" by John Ness Beck at the 10:30 service. Mary Bancroft and Norma Miller will be playing organ and piano duets. Join us!

## Congregational Meeting Called!

The congregational meeting to adopt the 2009-2010 church budget has been scheduled for Sunday, June 28. Moderator Chris Creasy will preside over the meeting which will be held in the sanctuary at the conclusion of both worship services. All members of the congregation are eligible to vote and are urged to attend.

A copy of the 2009-2010 budget summary is included with this issue of "The Visitor," and detailed budgets showing each department itemized line by line are available in the church office. Questions about the budget before the congregational meeting may be directed to John Yonker, Senior Minister (449-7265), Fred Mottaz, Business Manager (449-7265), Chris Creasy, Moderator (phone #442-8882) or Holly Gieseke, Treasurer (phone # 875-4814).



## Scholarships Presented!

The Scholarship Committee met on Sunday afternoon, June 14, to consider applications received from young people of our congregation for our church's college scholarships. After discussion, the following scholarships were awarded, and announced at the 10:30 worship service on June 21:

- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship** - Ryan Hunsaker and Jamie Burlison
- The Tommy L. Kubach Scholarship** - Stephanie Mottaz
- The Anne and James Linn, Jr Scholarship** - Emily Reinbott
- The Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship** - Kyle Boger
- The Vera M. and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship** - Michael Taylor, Stephanie Mottaz and Laurel Creasy
- The John Ridgeway Scholarship** - Stephanie Mottaz
- The Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship** - Stephanie Mottaz
- The Mildred Ray Shrout Memorial Scholarship** - Laurel Creasy

Some of the winners were away on the high school mission trip, or live out of town for the summer. Pictured are winners and family members representing the named scholarships who were in worship last Sunday: (front row) Tom Shrout, Vicki Purdy, Michael Taylor, Linda Ridgeway, Stephanie Mottaz, Anne Linn (back row) John Yonker, Amy Kay Pavlovich and Jamie Burlison.



### ***CYF Mission Team 09***

*The 15 member CYF Mission Team departed for Tulsa OK June 19. They are painting houses in neighborhoods being revitalized by "Rebuilding Tulsa Together." See the Visitor next week for news of their trip.*

### **Weekly Report**

June 14, 2009

Received this week \$10,807  
Received to Date \$398,517  
Needed to Date \$428,502  
Attendance - 277  
(includes early worship -71)

### **Weekly Report**

June 21, 2009

Received this week \$14,237  
Received to Date \$412,755  
Needed to Date \$438,101  
Attendance - 217  
(includes early worship - 46)

## Heerrree's Johnny!

It is not every week that I write the pastoral column, and when I do, it is not every week that I devote this space to words of appreciation and gratitude to members of the church, but I want to do just that today. I want to take this means to express my thanks to everyone who has worked in these past months to make this such a great church.

Let me say thanks to everyone who has responded so positively to the stewardship campaign. In these very difficult economic times, Fred Mottaz, our Business Manager reports that we have had an 8% increase in the amount pledged for the 2009-2010 budget compared to last year. Several church newsletters come across my desk every week and not many of them are reporting such positive responses! What more can we say except Thanks be to God for your continued commitment to the work of Christ through the ministry of First Christian Church.

Let me say thanks to all who have given their time and talent in so many ways; from working on the River of Life, VBS, Pastor's Class, youth groups, campus ministry, Christian Women's Fellowship/Women's Ministries, working at the Wardrobe, Loaves and Fishes, adult church school classes, doing the work of Elders, Deacons and Junior Deacons, chairing committees and functional departments, taking flowers to the hospital, participating in Homebound Communion, serving in the jail ministry, volunteering in the church office, and . . . . On and on the list could go!

Let me thank the officers of the Administrative Board who have worked so hard: Chris Creasy, Moderator, C.K. Hoenes, Vice-Moderator, Holly Geiseke, Treasurer and Jessica Humble, Secretary. In the coming year beginning July 1, Holly and Jessica will continue in their present positions. C.K. will become Moderator of the Board, and Steve Smith will become the next Vice-Moderator, adding his gifts and love for the church to this great leadership team.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of the church staff, from Kay and Fred to Mary, Cheryl, Norma, Keith, and the nursery staff. Especially, let me say thanks to Jimmy and Amy Kay for their continued support and contributions to our shared ministry.

As we prepare for the coming year, my hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to empower us as we seek to know God and follow Jesus Christ!



First Christian Church,

Thank you very much for the New Oxford Annotated Bible. It is greatly appreciated. Also, I want to thank the Shawl Ministry for the generous shawl.

Thanks again.  
~Stephanie Mottaz

Thank you to all the shawl makers in your group and especially to Mimi McRoberts who made my shawl. It means so much to know that you are praying for me in my illness.

God bless you!  
~Frank Cloninger

I am writing to thank you for the honor of choosing me to receive the Whitaker-Ferguson Scholarship. I appreciate it. It will definitely be a benefit. Thank you very much.  
~Kaylie Houseman

I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the beautiful arrangement of flowers brought to me for my birthday. It is always a joy to be remembered.  
~Martha Collins

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that Lorene Trickey delivered to me from the church for our anniversary. Basically, I am very well, but must be careful not to overdo. Everyone has been so kind to me and I do appreciate your understanding. I miss church so much and plan to return when I can.  
~Jerry Vaught

## 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 at [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com) or phone 442-5423.

## Summer College Group

Reserve the evening of Thursday, July 2 for our group. :) We will be in communication via facebook to see what our group is feeling led to do. Thanks – amy kay



Dear First Christian Church Family:

Thank you to all the members of First Christian Church and especially to the ladies in the Brummett-Harrah circle for their cards, hospital visits, prayers and enduring support for our mother, Sherry Dobbs.

Thank you to those who attended the visitation or funeral, sent flowers or gave food to our family or made contributions to the American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation or the memorial fund in our mother's memory at the church.

We appreciate all the church women and men who prepared and served the lovely luncheon in Morris Parlor after the funeral.

Thank you to John Yonker and Jimmy Spear for all the hospital and home visits and to Pastor John for the beautiful service celebrating her life.

Thanks be to God.

Sincerely,  
The Ralph Dobbs Family

**June 28** - Nelson Trickey, Mary Kay Mueller, Kyle Zimmer  
**June 30** - Thomas Yonker  
**July 1** - Mary Jane Anderson, Bette Scavone, Emily Unterschutz  
**July 2** - Gina Henry  
**July 3** - Jadie Arnett  
**July 4** - Andrew Nichols

## Summary: 2009-2010 Church Operating Budget

	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	Net Change	
<b><u>Estimated Funding Sources:</u></b>				
<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings:</u>				
Pledged Offerings	\$370,000.00	\$390,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Un-pledge Offerings	\$70,000.00	\$59,000.00	(\$11,000.00)	
Loose Offerings	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Church School	\$500.00	\$200.00	(\$300.00)	
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$446,500.00	\$456,700.00	\$10,200.00	
 <u>Other Income:</u>				
Rent	\$68,985.00	\$55,500.00	(\$13,485.00)	
Permanent Funds	\$104,225.00	\$102,350.00	(\$1,875.00)	
Memorial Funds	\$16,150.00	\$21,000.00	\$4,850.00	
Scholarships	\$7,700.00	\$8,500.00	\$800.00	
Other Sources	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00	(\$1,250.00)	
Total Other Income	\$202,060.00	\$191,100.00	(\$10,960.00)	
 <b>Total Funding Sources</b>		 \$648,560.00	 \$647,800.00	 (\$760.00)
 <b><u>Estimated Expenditures:</u></b>				
Administrative	396,171.00	402,558.54	\$6,387.54	
Adult Education	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$0.00	
Awards/Scholarships		7,825.00	8,050.00	\$225.00
Campus/Young Adult		3,000.00	2,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Children's Education		\$4,700.00	\$3,450.00	(\$1,250.00)
Church in Society	\$10,575.00	\$15,575.00	\$5,000.00	
Evangelism	\$1,950.00	\$950.00	(\$1,000.00)	
Membership	\$3,980.00	\$4,000.00	\$20.00	
Office	\$30,313.00	\$26,750.00	(\$3,563.00)	
Property	\$127,475.00	\$125,100.00	(\$2,375.00)	
Publicity	\$35,400.00	\$34,400.00	(\$1,000.00)	
Stewardship	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	
World Outreach	\$48,100.00	\$39,600.00	(\$8,500.00)	
Worship	\$7,625.00	\$7,225.00	(\$400.00)	
Youth Ministry	\$4,250.00	\$3,800.00	(\$450.00)	
 <b>Total Expenditures</b>		 <b>\$682,614.00</b>	 <b>\$674,808.54</b>	 (\$7,805.46)
 <b><u>Total Funding Sources and Cash Reserve:</u></b>				
Total Estimated Funding Sources		\$648,560.00	\$647,800.00	
Total Estimated Expenditures		\$682,614.00	\$674,808.54	
Difference	(\$34,054.00)	(\$27,008.54)		
2009-2010 Estimated Beginning Cash		\$23,000.00	\$11,000.00	
Difference	(\$11,054.00)	(\$16,008.54)		

Payment of Church in Society and World Outreach budgeted amounts will be deferred and proportionately reduced if additional income is not received.

## News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Tom and Laura Crane** who celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 20, and to **Jim and Tommie Ross** who will celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 24.

Our sympathy is extended to **Marsha Rawlings** on the death of her 92 year old mother, **Mary Lawson**, who died early Saturday morning, June 20 at the Lenoir Health Center after a brief illness. Memorial services will be held in her home state of North Carolina on August 1. We also extend sympathy to **Betsy Hoffman** on the death of her 94 year old grandfather, **Lloyd Geiger**, of Boonville, who died on Wednesday, June 17. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 23 at First Christian Church in Boonville.

Our sympathy is extended to **Ralph Dobbs** and the members of his family on the death of his wife, **Sherry Dobbs**, who died on Friday, June 12 at Boone Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by John Yonker at the church on Monday, June 15 with burial at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. Along with Ralph, Sherry and her family had been members of our congregation for 44 years, where she served as a Sunday School teacher and member of the Brummett-Harrah Circle of the Christian Women's Fellowship. In addition to her husband, Sherry is also survived by her daughters and their families; **Marilyn Schappert**, and **Sherry Kaye Dobbs** of Columbia, **Jeanie Dobbs** of Daly City, California, **Dr. Sue Dobbs** of Kansas City, and **Carol Kvanvig** and her husband, **Dr. John Kvanvig** of Waco, Texas, a brother, **Harry Sherwood**, of Tallmadge, Ohio, five grandchildren and their spouses, four great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

We also remember the Dobbs Family in our prayers at the loss of **Ralph's nephew, Gary Dougherty**, of Ava, Missouri, who died on Sunday morning, June 21. Funeral services will be held in that community on Thursday, June 25.

Thanks to the **Dobbs Family** on the donation of the beautiful green plant which has been placed in the Atrium in memory of Sherry. Thanks to **Amy LaHue** for donating the wheels for the kitchen prep tables, and to **Larry Burnham** for installing the programmable thermostats in the Education Building and working on the sanctuary air conditioners. Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her solo presented at the 8:30 service last Sunday.

Thanks to **Linda Ridgeway**, **Jean Rossman**, and **Shirley Park**, members of the World Outreach Department for helping to stuff inserts into the worship bulletin for Sunday, June 14.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Lulamae Krull**, age 92, who died at the Garden Village Care Center in Kansas City on Sunday morning, June 21. No services are planned, but after cremation her ashes will be distributed at the Cowgill, Missouri farm where she enjoyed visiting and in Florida where she lived for many years. Lu and her first husband, **Charles Christman** owned and operated Ernies Steak House for many years before "retiring" to work at Stephens College. After Charles' death she married **Raymond Krull** with whom she enjoyed a full and active life until his death in 2005. She is survived by two daughters, **Cheryl Bottorf** of Nokomis, Florida and **Reta Smith** and her husband **Robert** of Liberty, Missouri, two step-daughters, **Kim Krull** and **Penny Wicks**, two sisters, a sister-in-law and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Ruth Brandenburg** was released from Boone Hospital after spending several days there and admitted to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center. **Perry Ewing** has been released from the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis County and moved to a nursing home in that community. **Bill Niedegerke** has returned home after spending a few days at Boone Hospital recently. **Ken Bright** also has been released from the hospital and is spending a few days with his father, **Ed Bright**. Our prayers are with **Parker Rossman** who is scheduled for surgery this week.

Congratulations to **Kaela Rorvig** on the conclusion of a great track career at Mizzou! She recently finished 20<sup>th</sup> in the heptathlon at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She is the daughter of **Paul and Vicki Rorvig**, and sister of **Anna**, all members of our congregation.

Special thanks goes to **Jane Ann Hackett** and **Betty Moon** for helping in the church office while Kay was on vacation last week.

Cleveland, Ohio, is hosting the National Campus Ministers' Association annual conference this week and **Amy Kay** is one of those gathered to contemplate Christian campus ministries in a pluralistic society. She will return for worship this Sunday.

Hold the Date!

## Mid-Summer Festival



Our Church  
Evening of July 22

## Little Swampy Friends say "Thank You"

On behalf of the **94** children that were registered for Vacation Bible School 09 - "Crocodile Dock," a really, really BIG thank you to the leaders who created and led a most amazing week. **Jessica Humble**, amazing director, **Holly Gieseke & Chris Creasy**, creative decorators, **Lottie Creasy**, super pre-school director, **Laura Estes**, chief cook and bottle washer. These women of faith organized and led over 70 volunteers in the planning and implementation of a very successful bible school experience. Jessica will name and share her thanks elsewhere in this newsletter to all those volunteers. But as for me and ALL our kids, we begin with our THANKS to Jessica, Holly, Chris, Lottie and Laura!

## LIFE

The LIFE Women's Ministry group will meet Monday, July 20 in Bethany Hall at 6:30pm. Christian marriage will be our topic and child care will be provided.

## Who is at Church Camp this week?

Elementary Camp,  
June 29-July 1

Jadie Arnett, Wolf Schaeffer, Jonathan LaHue, Anna Poole, Ben Creasy, Kim Potthast, Alexandra Estes, Korrina Hysten, Abby Love, Allison Stewart, and Hunter, Wyatt, and Coleman Rogers. Eric Arnett will be a counselor.





## 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.

## (youth) @ first christian

### CYF (9-12 grade)

CYF Mon. Night Bible Study continues June 29 at 7:30 p.m.

### JYF (grades 3-5)

On break for the summer with Day Camp and 33 of us going to summer church camp. Plus, monthly summer events TBA.

### Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)

Pool Party  
Sunday, June 28  
Meet at noon in Fellowship Hall  
Bring \$5 for lunch.  
Pickup at church at 4:15 p.m.

### Disciple Kids Day Camp:

July 15 & Aug. 12  
Registrations begin June 14

### Chi-Rho Mission Trip: August 15-17

### CYF Mission Trips:

#1-Tulsa OK, June 19-26  
#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!

## Vacation Bible School Thanks!

Fear Not! What a terrific week we had at our Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School held June 14 – 18. This year we were joined by adult volunteers and kids from Calvary Episcopal Church and they just added to the fun! We had 94 kids attend throughout the week. We had a great time learning Bible stories, singing and dancing, playing games, making crafts & eating. Anyone attending could feel our excitement!

As I am sure you are all aware, VBS is no small feat. It takes an enormous amount of dedicated volunteers to have a successful week. Thank you to all these individuals that made Crocodile Dock VBS possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Jennifer Alexander  
Eric & Tammy Arnett  
Hayley Batterson  
James Beattie  
Alorie Beam  
Kim Boger  
Jamie Burlison  
Anne Campbell  
Sonya Carney  
Lindsey Chandler  
Cindy Cotner  
Chris Creasy  
Judy Creasy  
Lottie Creasy  
David Drum  
Laura & J.D. Estes  
Alexandra & Jack Estes  
Tracy & Hayley Evers  
Kelly Fairchild  
Marta Ferguson  
Heather Fike  
Kimberly Fisher  
Valerie Freed  
Debbie Garton  
Holly Gieseke  
Jane Ann Hackett  
Rebekah Hart  
Paula Hoenes  
Ava & Kira Hoenes  
Steven & Taylor Humble  
Heather Hunsaker  
Carol Hyde  
Angie Hylen  
Vicki Johnson  
Donna Kessell  
Gene Kirkham

Sara Klockow  
Amy LaHue  
Jonathan & Julia LaHue  
Barbie McAfee  
Ben & Jen Micek  
Jade Mooney  
Jill Moseley  
Elizabeth Mottaz  
Fred Mottaz  
Stephanie Mottaz  
Julie Nichols  
Jenny Patterson  
Amy Kay & Dane Pavlovich  
Debbie Potthast  
Megan & Kimberly Potthast  
Pat Rainey  
Molly Read  
Sarah Read  
Kim Reardon  
Adriane Replogle  
Sally Robinson  
Kim Rogers  
Thomas & Cindy Rose  
Stacia Schaeffer  
Brianna Shepard  
Jeri Sheppard  
Curt & Carolyn Snow  
Jimmy Spear  
Joyce Stanley  
Royanne Tracy  
Emily Unterschut  
Brad & Khons Volmert  
Christy Von Talge  
Pat & Sue Wright  
All the dessert bakers  
All the members who donated supplies

Thanks so very much!

Jessica Humble



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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 28

*Van Driver:* Frank Boster  
*Office Receptionist:* Becky Bramon  
*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Pat and Sue Wright  
*Delivered by -* Jeff and Susan Ripley

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

*Worship Assistants:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty, Tom Hughey  
*Elder:* Joyce Stanley

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

*Communion Preparation:* Debbie, Matthew and Mitchell Taylor  
*Liturgist:* Joe Reardon  
*Elders:* Fred Mottaz, Eldon Drennan and Brenda Mosby  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Pat Ritchie  
*Greeter South Door:* Anne Campbell  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Jadie Arnett and Jack Creasy  
*Candlelighters:* Max Schaefer and Derrek Evers

### This Week (June 28 - July 4)

- Sun. - Congregational Meeting, at each worship service  
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Blue Field at  
Rainbow Softball Center  
- Chi-Rho Pool Party, meet at noon in Fellowship Hall
- Mon. - CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

