



**The 5th Sunday in Lent
 Worship for March 29**

**"Cross to confound;
 Cross to connect"**

According to the gospel of Mark, three times before he went to Jerusalem, Jesus predicted that he would suffer and die, telling the crowds to "take up your cross and follow me," but they did not understand his words. On the 5th Sunday in Lent we will consider the cross - the cross to confound and the cross to connect. Scripture readings will be taken from Mark 8:27-38 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-24.

Music for the day will include great hymns such as "We Sing Your Mighty Power O God". At the 8:30 worship service Jerry Daugherty will sing "Holy City" by Stephen Adams.

Join us Sunday morning!

Congregational Meeting

According to the by-laws of our church, an annual congregational meeting will be held in March to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of Elders, Deacons and Junior Deacons. That meeting will be held after both worship services this Sunday, March 29. Vice-Moderator of the Administrative Board, C.K. Hoenes will preside. All members of the congregation are eligible to vote and are urged to attend.

Weekly Report

March 22, 2009

Received this week \$7,571
 Received to Date \$304,431
 Needed to Date \$323,346
 Attendance - 248
 (includes early worship -50)

**We are the Church
 Together**

We were excited to welcome **Brian Thompson** and **Katie Capkovic** as official members of the church last Sunday during the 10:30am worship service. They made their decision to transfer their membership after many months of visiting and we are very pleased to get to be church together!

Katie is finishing up her work for a Ph.D. in the field of science and Brian recently graduated with his Ph.D. from Kansas State University and is now a Research Scientist at Mizzou. They are engaged and will be married in October.



It is wonderful to live life together in our faith community. Welcome, Brian and Katie!

It's Here! It's Here!

**Youth
 Garage Sale**



Friday, March 27 - 3:00 – 6:00

Saturday, March 28 - 8:00 -1:00

Sunday, March 29 - 8:00 – Noon

A huge variety of treasures and "unique – one of a kind items!" Here's hoping our youth garage sale is a HUGE SUCCESS. ALL proceeds are dedicated to sending the youth and college students on their 2009 Mission Trips.

Don't want to shop? No problem! We take monetary donations (cash or check)!

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058 jbstanley@msn.com

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)

Breakfast in Bethany Hall

Sundays March 29 & April 4

by Laura Estes
 7:30-12:00

Hot breakfast & continental fare served.
 A variety of hot & cold beverages.
 Come in for the prices & menu options!
 Menu and serving dates noted in upcoming *Visitors*
 Menu changes monthly.



Fair Trade Store Open

Sunday Mornings



The **Pathfinder Class** meets in the BH on Sunday's at 9:45 a.m.

Serving Dinner at Loaves & Fishes

Hats off to our own Beth and Ben Nelms for their suggestion of a meal, preparing the meal and then serving it to 62 hungry participants at the Loaves and Fishes dining room March 23, 2009. One of their family favorites proved to be pleasing to the individuals we served. Beth and Carol Slusher peeled and cooked 30 pounds of potatoes and learned how to use the great mashing machine after Joyce Stanley, who was preparing for the garage sale, showed us how to make it work. They made some mean mashed potatoes!! Jimmy Spear was available to sample and approve!!



What better way to top off a great main course than to be served homemade cookies prepared by Barbara Rothenberger, Lorene Trickey and a donor who asked to remain anonymous.

To top that off we had the greatest serving crew consisting of Joni Cupp, Cari Sapp, Lauren Cupp, David Pollach, and Chuck Scott. The fellowship through serving is unbeatable. Thanks, also, to Keith Picker for helping to load the food for transporting.

I say thanks to everyone from the Church in Society committee.

~Carol Slusher

News of the congregation

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our concern at this time are **Ken Bright**, son of Ed Bright, who is gaining strength as he continues to recuperate from recent surgery at Boone Hospital. **Abby Holman**, daughter of Mike and Kelley Holman, is recovering at home from surgery last week at Regional Hospital. **Perry Ewing** has returned to his St. Louis home after spending a few days at Missouri Baptist Hospital last week.

Thanks to all the musician's gifts and talents that add so much to our worship services: to **Norma Miller** for her continued piano accompaniment and arrangement of special music at the early worship services, to **Mary Bancroft**, organist, and all members of the **Chancel Choir** and **Handbell Choir**, under the direction of **Cheryl Nichols**, for their anthems and special music presented every Sunday. Thanks to **Jean Hall** for joining with **Mary Bancroft** to present piano duets at the 10:30 service last Sunday.

Fair Trade Store Volunteers

If you are interested in helping staff the Fair Trade Store on Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoon/evenings, please visit with Amy Kay. Training sessions will be one-on-one as schedules allow and the times to volunteer are flexible. Thanks!

College Group Sings

Spring Break travels have taken most of our college friends away this week and their absence helps us realize just how much we appreciate their presence around the church! Many of them are involved in the life of the church and our Wednesday night gatherings are around 15 strong most weeks. Our own Intern, Andy, has even written a song about our happy group and we are quite the singers! The semester will go quickly, so we are already set up for and looking forward to our mission trip in May. We are heading to one of the historic Disciple mission centers in San Antonio, Tx. Thank you for your continued support of our college ministries. The students speak often of how they are glad to call this their home-church-away-from-home.



- Ferd Lightner-Mar. 29
- Bradley Snyder-Mar. 29
- Dorothy Hatfield-Mar. 29
- Kathryn Burlison-Mar. 30
- Sarah Storm-Mar. 30
- Russell DeVenney-Mar. 30
- Randy Sawyer-Mar. 30
- Chad Holliday-Mar. 31
- Jessica Hickey-Apr. 1
- Samuel Poole-Apr. 1
- Tyler Montgomery-Apr. 1
- Liz Allen Restrepo-Apr. 2
- Paul Ritchie-Apr. 3
- Callie Chance-Apr. 3
- Eric Arnett-Apr. 3
- Kerry Bramon-Apr. 3
- Carol Thomas-Apr. 3
- Laura DeVenney-Apr. 4
- Christy Von Talge-Apr. 4

Book Club



Never content with space/time, the Book Club moved in March to Bethany Hall for one of our most spirited discussions. *Blood of Flowers* proved the most engaging of this year's books. April's pick, *Tasting the Sky* by Columbia resident Ibtisam Barakat, continues this year's cultural diversity theme. Please consider joining us Wednesday, April 8, at noon in Bethany Hall. Contact Linda Hutton with questions, 442-5423.

Thank You

I'd like to thank the congregation for helping me make my way through college with the 175th Scholarship. The scholarship really helps me and my family with paying the bills for me to become a certified engineer. So far, the semester is going great; I am keeping my grades up and enjoying life at the same time. When all is done, I plan on going into the bio-mechanical profession with an emphasis in computer design to help make artificial body parts and limbs. I hope to continue my schooling with your support. Thank you, and God bless.

— Rob Martin



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CYF (9-12 grade)

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

Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.
CYF Bible Study in Bethany Hall.
Present study: The Gospel of Luke

CYF Mission Trip #1: June 19-26

CYF will participate in Columbia's Youth Service Day, April 18, 9:00-12:00

Elementary aged children on *The River of Life* experience two special meals in coming weeks. **A Seder Meal on March 29 and the Last Supper on Apr. 5.**
All children grades K-5 are welcome on the 3rd floor on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Church Camp brochures have been mailed to previous campers. Dates and forms for 2009 are available from Jimmy or check them out on the web www.nearea.org.

Sunday, April 5

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

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

April 5, 19 and May 3, 17
Parent Partners Needed

Vacation Bible School - June 14-18

Kids Caring for One Another

All eight of the elementary school age kids who met in the craft room after CAFE last Wednesday made and filled Easter baskets with grass, a large plastic Easter egg filled with chocolate, fruit snacks and a sucker for the pre-schoolers who were in the church nursery. After making the baskets, the "big kids" carried their gifts to the nursery to present to the pre-schoolers and their helpers. Everyone (givers and recipients) enjoyed the activity!



CYF Cleans Up After CAFE

Rev. Jimmy Spear and nine high school CYF members washed, scrubbed and put away the pots, pans and dishes following CAFE Wednesday night. In addition to cleaning the kitchen, the kids muscled the tables out of the third floor men's

bathroom, [yes, that is an odd place to store tables] onto the elevator and down to the Fellowship Hall where they will be used to display and sell items at the Youth Garage Sale this coming weekend. (Hint, hint: Shoppers Welcome!) (Hint #2: The kitchen needs volunteer dish washers to clean up every Wed. night! See Amy Kay Pavlovich to volunteer.)

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

April 1st CAFÉ

Menu: Pulled Pork
Tater Tot Casserole
Green beans
April Fools Surprise

* **Program:** "Discussion on the needs of Columbia" with James Kimbro, director of Phoenix House, and Pastor of 5th St. Christian Church.

* **Bible Study** with John 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.**

Habitat for Humanity Benefit

April 4
Pancake Breakfast & Lunch

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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Church of Christ
3201 I-70 Dr. NW**

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Sunday's Schedule-March 29, 2009

Van Driver: Eric Seaman *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Steve and Sharon Smith, Mary Daugherty

Elder for 8:30 Service: Donna Houston

Communion Preparation:

Buddy and Kim Boger, Robert and Cathy Seltsam

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Lorene and Nelson Trickey

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Erin Bower

10:30 Elders: Perry Stemmons, Tommy Tomlin, John Hickey

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Pat Ritchie, *North Door*

Daryl and Lynn Klotz, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Ben Creasy and Korinna Hylen

Candlelighters: Jadie Arnett and Sam Creasy

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Barbara Rothenberger and Jean Hall

Delivered: Genie Rogers, Hartley and Kim Rogers

This Week (March 29 - April 4)

- Sun. - Youth Garage Sale (final day), 8:00 a.m.-noon
- Congregational Meetings at each worship service
- Discipleship Class, 9:30 a.m., Green Room
(3rd floor, Educational Building)
- Mon. - Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Second Baptist Church,
407 East Broadway
- STARS Trip to Kansas City, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30, Program:
6:30, Bible Study
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thur. - World Outreach, 5:00 p.m.,
Keystone Room
- Fri. - Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m.,
Bob Evans Restaurant-
Everyone Welcome
- Sat. - Baptism/Pastor's Class
Retreat, 9:00-3:00

