



Worship this Sunday

Join us for worship this Sunday morning as we meditate on texts from 1 Samuel 1 and Mark 13. Relationship with God often involves our crying out in distress, waiting on God to act, and experiencing God's unique response. The story of Hanna, Eli, God and the impending birth of Samuel will guide our conversation.

Congregational singing will be strong as together voices are raised around the hymns *O God of Vision* and *Blessed Assurance*. The spiritual *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* will lead us toward communion. The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 worship service will be *Ain't a That Good News!*, a traditional spiritual.

Sunday Morning coffee and hospitality is offered weekly in Bethany Hall in the 9:30 hour and don't forget to stop in the Fair Trade Store to check out the Christmas selection. And a final note of challenge for this middle of November Sunday... Who is up for sitting in a new spot this week and finding a new perspective on worship not to mention a whole new set of faces to greet? Perhaps it is you!



CALLING ALL ELDERS:

Elder Breakfast

Saturday Nov. 21
8:00 AM
Fellowship Hall
RSVP to church office

Welcome New Member



Eva Siegel responded to the invitation at the 10:30 worship service on November 8 to unite with our church by transfer of her membership from the Unity Baptist Church at Toledo, Missouri. Retired from a career in nursing, Eva worked many years at the Fulton State Hospital and now enjoys cooking and fishing, and is looking forward to being married to **Ed Bright**, pictured with her, in a ceremony to be conducted by John Yonker in our sanctuary on Sunday, January 10. She is the mother of four grown children and five grandchildren! Welcome Eva!

Bowling Date Night

Young-ISH couples, married or dating and with or without children, it's time for another Date Night! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 20th.

We will be bowling at AMF Town and Country Lanes located on North Providence. Childcare will again be provided at the church until 9pm. You are welcome to drop your pre-school and elementary aged kids off between 5:30-5:45 in the church nursery and meet at the bowling alley by 6pm. We will be responsible for our own bowling fees and refreshments. Please RSVP to the church office at 449-7265 by Wednesday, November 18th. Hope to see you there for another great evening of fellowship! ~Kim Rogers

Thanksgiving Offering

In November, congregations throughout the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be collecting a Thanksgiving Offering. The offering directly benefits our 14 colleges/universities and 7 seminaries, divinity houses, and theological foundations. **Ryan Hunsaker** is a freshman at Columbia College who through your giving to the Thanksgiving Offering this year you help support in his education. Several in our congregation have benefited from the generous giving of Disciples over the years, **Pam and Mark Hunsaker, Bob Hutton, Luanne Langley, Sara Klockow, Rev. Sally Robinson, Rev. David Yonker, Rev. Jimmy Spear, Dr. Tom Shrout, Dr. John Yonker, and Dr. Ken Watson**, are just a few who have graduated from Disciples colleges and seminaries.

On November 22 we will be asking you to contribute to this special offering. Your generosity for Disciples Mission Fund will support leader development through Disciples higher education institutions.

Mid-Month Movie Friday, Nov. 13 7:00pm "Millions"



One of our graduate students picked our 2004 movie for this month and says it is well worth a Friday evening. The plot: "The UK is about to switch its currency from Pounds to Euros, giving a gang a chance to rob the poorly-secured train loaded with money on its way to incineration. But, during the robbery, one of the big bags falls literally from the sky on Damian's playhouse, a 5-year old given to talking to saints. The boy then starts seeing what the world and the people around him are made of. Ethics, being human and the soul all come to the forefront in this film."

Child care for pre-schoolers, and awesome popcorn will be provided.

What about God?

Out of the blue, our four year old son will ask, "Momma, Did God make ____?" Usually the blank is filled with something like "mirrors" or "tables". These are such surprising little questions that I usually pause to think of how to respond. In our family, the response generally includes something about how God created us and whatever element made the thing in question and so "yes, God made us and we made plastic jack-o-lanterns."

The questions never stop and they are wide ranging. A question like, "Why did God make Caitlyn sad?" can really give us pause. It digs deep to the core of how we know God. A child can make us verbalize something about God that we might not have to ever utter otherwise.

How would you or do you respond to these questions? When/if you say something aloud about God and it doesn't feel quite right what do you do? Sometimes I think it is easiest for us to be thankful the God-conversation is over ten seconds after it began so that we don't have to feel awkward or conflicted about it anymore ourselves.

Thankfully, we do have groups of adults already formed and forming in the church who work through these types of things together. We have adult Sunday School classes who gather each week at either 9:30am or 9:45am around the church buildings and they take on these core issues. They are real with one another. They are good.

Thankfully, many of us are real with one another in the casual conversation by the coffee pitcher or as we walk down from the nursery after the Children's Moment as well. We are real with one another as we work out these core questions about God, the church, and who we are is one of the things that makes this a great church to call home. Come and get involved. Seek out the best fitting class for you. Make good friends. Continue to grow as we take on difficult questions together that are sometimes out of the pages of the Bible and other times are from the popsicle-stained lips of our youngest.

Drennan Group Meets

Drennan group will meet in the Drennan room on **Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m.** Carol Slusher will be in charge of the program and worship as members show a favorite Christmas ornament/decoration and sing Christmas songs. An exchange of cookies and recipes will also be a part of the fellowship.

Please join us for

A Service of
Celebration and Installation
of
Dr. Timothy Carson
as Senior Minister of
Broadway Christian Church
Sunday, November 22, 2009
4:00 p.m.
2601 West Broadway

Reception immediately following
in BCC Fellowship Hall

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Dear FCC,
Thank you for the wonderful get well cards!!!
~Gavin Rose

Thanks for the beautiful flowers brought to me from the church by Sharon and Steve Smith. They were much appreciated and enjoyed.

~Dorothy Baumgartner

Your Special Birthday!



Fred List
- 92 on Nov. 13
Odette Schaffer
- 91 on Nov. 15

News of the congregation

A great day filled with great music was shared by all who came to worship last Sunday, November 8. Our thanks to those musicians who shared their talents with us: to **Sally Estes**, for her clarinet solo, members of the **Chancel Choir**, directed by **Cheryl Nichols**, accompanied by **Russ Chandler** on drums and **Mary Bancroft** at the piano, for the rousing anthem and offertory, and to **Brenda Mosby, Mike and Lisa Snyder** and **Jimmy Spear** for their communion music presented at both services.

Harold Rosebaum, age 95, died at the University Hospital on Friday morning, November 6 after a brief illness. Harold was raised by his grandparents on a farm near Carrollton, graduated from high school there, and served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. Along with his wife **Jewell**, whom he married in 1947, and who preceded him in death in 2001, Harold had been a member of First Christian Church since 1949, and served the church as an usher and Deacon. Funeral services were conducted at Memorial Funeral Home by John Yonker on Tuesday afternoon, November 10, with burial in the Memorial Park Cemetery. He is survived by a niece, **Fay Stone** of Columbia, and a cousin, **Gerry Kehm** of California.

Congratulations to **Dr. Bryan Garton** who was recently named among the fifteen most distinguished agricultural education faculty members in the country according to a recent study published by two scholars of Ohio State University. According to that study the University of Missouri's agricultural education program ranks fourth with a "distinguished program," out of 82 universities offering similar degrees. Bryan is Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.



Birthday Blessings

Nov. 15 - Odette Schaffer, Hannah Brummett, Sarah Seltsam
Nov. 16 - Penelope Messer, Janet Ward-Swope, Sarah Loring, Amy LaHue
Nov. 17 - Rich Montgomery, Chelsea Swope
Nov. 18 - Jim Rogers, Shawn Walsh
Nov. 20 - Ed Hinderberger, Laura Crane, Jamie Estes

STARS



*S*eniors
*T*ogether
*A*ffirming our faith in God
*R*eaching out to others
*S*erving Christ

*The 55+ Fellowship Group of
 First Christian Church*

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 23, 2009 – The Broadway Christian Church group of 60+ has cordially invited us (and Olivet Christian) for a Thanksgiving Feast at 12:00 Noon in their BCC Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5 per person (payable at the door).

The menu is turkey, dressing, gravy & rolls being catered by Hy-Vee. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share in addition. If your last name begins with A-M bring a salad or vegetable, N-Z bring a dessert.

Reservations are necessary to attend. Please call our church office 449-7265 by Tuesday, November 17, 2009 or a sign up sheet is available in our office.

Wednesday, December 3, 2009 – We will go to Lenoir Woods Sr. Living Community for a brunch and then decorate their halls for Christmas. They have the decorations, trees and wreaths, but could really use our help in putting it all together for the holiday season. Get this fun project on your calendar and we will be working with our own Colleen Nilges for more details. A sign up sheet is in the church office or call 449-7265.

Reminder – The trip to learn about the PET project will be rescheduled for early 2010.

Weekly Report

Nov. 8, 2009

Received this week \$10,249
 Received to Date \$168,867
 Needed to Date \$160,385
 Attendance - 323
 (includes early worship - 55)

Please join
Fifth Street Christian Church
 for their
**148th Church Anniversary
 Celebration**
 on
Sunday, November 15, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Theme for the day is
*“The Church, Build On
 the Rock”*
 Matthew 16:18

Helping Those Living Alone

Researchers at the University of Missouri are studying ways that friends and family members can help an older adult (75 years old or older), that is living alone, reach help quickly in the event of a household emergency. Would you be willing to volunteer to be in this project?

Being in the project will mean meeting with a MU researcher or your friend/family member for 3-4 times. As a token of thanks, both of you will receive about \$40 worth of useful gifts that you can use around your home. At the end of the project, if you want, a safety inspection of your home can be provided free of charge. Please call 1-877-866-2606 to sign up!

Department of Human Development
 and Family Studies
 314 Gentry Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

Oakland Christian Church Annual Turkey Dinner

Saturday, November 14
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$10
 Ages 5-12 - \$5
 Ages 4 and under free

For tickets call: 474-2767 or 449-2037



Voluntary Action Center Christmas Project

The Voluntary Action Center Christmas Project is in full swing. Thanks to generous church members last Sunday, there are only two families left to adopt. One is a family of four, and the other is a family of three.

If you are interested in adopting a family, we will provide you with information on each person in the family for which you can buy a gift. Gift wishes for children are usually toys or clothes. Adults usually ask for needed household goods like kitchenware, sheets, or cleaning supplies. VAC recommends that gifts for each person should cost about \$40-\$50, and each person should also be supplied with \$10 for their holiday meal.

To make the project more fun and affordable, consider adopting a family with your church group or Sunday school class, or perhaps with other church members. If you are interested in this option but need help finding other members to work with, just let us know and we will match you up with another church family. If you are unable to shop, VAC offers options to provide gift certificates or cash so the family can do their own shopping.

Gifts are due to VAC on Monday, December 7. Directions to the drop-off location are provided. We can drop off your gifts for you if you return them to the church by Sunday, December 6, but you must let us know in advance if you will be choosing this option.

To sign up, stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning, or call Stacia Schaefer at 817-3201. Thank you in advance for your dedication to helping local families this holiday season.



CWF Board Members

October board meeting minutes
 are available in alcove
 at 1st floor elevator.



Election Day Luncheon 2009



WHAT A GREAT DAY!! Our Election Day Luncheon was another success! Working with old friends, as well as making new ones, is what makes the work turn into fun. **Thanks to all who volunteered their time before and on the day of the luncheon.** Also, **thanks to those who sold or bought tickets and gave donations or baked pies.** It was wonderful seeing everyone working together in serving others. Isn't that what we are about? We took in approximately **\$3,200.** Bills have still to be paid. Our net figure will benefit the outreach goals of Women's Ministries — FCC youth projects; local women's/children's charities; Disciples Mission Fund; Christian Ministry Scholarship; etc. Thanks for your willingness to make this a huge success. Looking forward to working with you again next year!

~Laura Estes and Brenda Mosby



(youth) @ first christian

JYF (3-5th grade)
CHI-RHO (6-8th grade)
CYF (9-12th grade)

Sunday, Nov. 22

JYF: 4:30- 6:00 p.m.
Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Bring canned food item
for a scavenger hunt

JYF and CHI-RHO in Winter 2009

These are the dates for the Dec. season:
December 6 & 20 (Christmas Caroling)
Both groups meet twice a month.

CYF – Wednesday Nights
6:30-8:00 p.m.

(Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. \$5)

Children's Sunday School – The River of Life on Sunday mornings is on break November 15.

We will resume with Christmas pageant
preparation on Nov. 22.



BOOK O R N E R

A recent contribution to our church library from Dr. Yonker is One Church, a bicentennial celebration of Thomas Campbell's declaration and address. This book is in honor of the two-hundredth anniversary of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address (1809), but it is much more. In the spirit of that stirring plea for unity from the beginnings of the Stone-Campbell movement, this book restates Campbell's 13 Propositions and issues a call for our churches to live out that vision of unity in the 21st century.

Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian church, calls the book "Part reflection, part essay, part love letter".
~On the Book Cart



The 77th Annual Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 13, 2009 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary Tasting Party to follow in Fellowship Hall

Pageant Practice for Children Sundays, Nov. 22 & 29, Dec. 6 & 13

Carol Practice for children pre-school-5th grade will be held on the following Sundays during the River of Life time which begins at 9:30 a.m. All children are welcome to participate. While we welcome children the night of the pageant, practice would ensure the excitement and preparation needed for a great pageant.

Pre-School children meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery/Pre-School Room.

K-5 children meet in the Cinema at 9:30 a.m. to divide into the following groups:

K-1 ring rainbow bells, ringing about Angels.

Grades 2-3 singing about Shepherds. Grades 4-5 singing about Mary and Joseph.

After carol practice an advent lesson for children will round out the time/hour.

Other Pageant Participants

The annual Christmas pageant carries with it many traditions. These include a senior girl as the Angel Gabriel, 5th grade boys and their fathers as the shepherds, three wise men as the 3 kings (who can sing and walk at the same time) and the baby born closest to late November as the baby Jesus. The Older Youth will collect a "white gift" offering and the Chancel Choir will offer anthems and congregational singing.

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
\$6 adults
\$3 kids 5-12 years
\$17 cap for a family
Under 5 free

6:20 - Devotion
6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming
Child Care Available

Nov. 18th CAFÉ

Menu: Thanksgiving Dinner Early:
Roasted Turkey & Fixings
with Pumpkin Dessert

*** Program Choices:**

- Financial Peace University, 3rd Floor Cinema
- Bible Study, Keystone Class Room
- Administrative Board Mtg., Parlor

*** 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**.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Nov. 15

Van Driver: Matt Batterson
Office Receptionist: Becky Bramon
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
Bethany Hall Greeter: Pat and Sue Wright
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Millie and Larry Caringer
Delivered by - Mark and Brenda Martin

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard
Elder: Carol Slusher

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mark, Kelli and Sydney Embry
Liturgist: Pat Ritchie
Elders: Julie and John Hickey, Tommy Tomlin
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Judy Creasy
Greeter South Door: Barb Rothenberger
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Sam Creasy and Julia Bower
Candlelighters: Abe Creasy and Will Bower

This Week (Nov. 15 - 21)

- Mon. - LIFE Group, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Drennan Room
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30 p.m., Bible Study in Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Hannah-Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd floor apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Holiday Social at John & Sarah Yonker's home
- CAFÉ: dinner, 5:30 p.m.;
Dave Ramsey class, 6:00 p.m., Cinema;
Administrative Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr. - Master Planning Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- Fri. - Parker-Scott Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Community Ctr.
- Date Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m., AMF Town & Country Lanes
- Sat. - Elder's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall