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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Sunday's Service

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Jesus' words recorded in the Gospel of Mark are included in a section of teachings about wealth. Lumped together by the gospel writer, the words raise the issue of money and challenge the followers of Jesus to examine their commitment to Christ in light of their use of wealth. And so the words found in Mark 10:17-31 will provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon on Sunday.

Join us Sunday morning as Linda Chandler provides special music at the 8:30 worship service and the Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Praise Resounding" by Larry Shackley at the 10:30 service.

Mid-Month Matinee

Wednesday, October 14
3:30 p.m. – 3rd Floor Cinema

Free Hot Popcorn!



Citizen Kane is a 1941 American drama film, and the first feature film directed by Orson Welles. The story is a roman à clef which criticizes the life and legacy of William Randolph Hearst, an American newspaper magnate,

and Welles' own life. Upon its release, Hearst prohibited mention of the film in any of his newspapers. The film traces the life and career of Charles Foster Kane, a man whose career in the publishing world is born of idealistic social service, but gradually evolves into a ruthless pursuit of power. Narrated principally through flashbacks, the story is revealed through the research of a newspaper reporter seeking to solve the mystery of the newspaper magnate's dying word: "Rosebud."



Disciples Heritage Tour folk are pictured in front of the General Office of the Christian Church (DOC) in Indianapolis, IN.

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)*

Brunch in Bethany Hall

by Laura Estes
9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
*Breakfast Enchiladas
w/ Hot Tomato Grits
Cinnamon Rolls*

*NOTE: This is the last Sunday
Brunch in Bethany Hall will be offered.

*While food offered in Bethany Hall will
be in transition in the coming months,
coffee & fellowship will continue.



Fair Trade Store Open
Sunday Mornings



The **Pathfinder Class** meets in
Bethany Hall on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Disciples History & Membership Class

**Sunday Mornings
In October (4 weeks)**

9:40 - 10:15 a.m.

Back Room
(behind the Sanctuary)

**Everyone Wel come
any or all sessions!**

Weekly Report

Oct. 4, 2009

Received this week \$11,468

Received to Date \$118,074

Needed to Date \$119,015

Attendance - 291

(includes early worship - 64)

Charrette

Sunday, Oct. 25, 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

The Master Planning Committee invites you to a **Charrette** — a listening and sharing between the committee, the architect consultants and the congregation. Come learn and share in the process of Master Planning. Hear the findings of the committee and the conclusions of the consultants in regard to the church building and property as we plan for the future of our ministry and mission.

Minds Toward God

This was the general prayer in morning worship offered by Rev. Spear on Sunday, October 4.

Holy God, We turn our minds toward you in this time of prayer. Hear our prayers of thanksgiving, our prayers of intercession, our prayers of concern and our prayers of celebration. Be with our words and our works — that all might be a form of prayer in this day.

Among our fold we have heard of babies being born, friends who are nearing the end of life, church members who have a long road ahead to better days, and those whose spirits and bodies need healing. We know too well the stories of natural disaster— floods, earthquakes, tsunami, and fire. We have in our town, those who are hungry and those who are beginning to dread the cold of winter that is to come. The prayers of this flock are as numerous and diverse as the faces that have entered the sanctuary doors on this Lord's Day. Hear our prayers and the names shared, that our prayers might be one.

Holy God of the ages, 100 years passed. And now 200 years have passed. And we know so well that unity is not always our chief cornerstone. That bringing together, keeping together the kindred we know in Jesus is not always at the core of our church witness. These are often frustrating times for people of faith. The world is bigger, more diverse and filled with times and people that are far from holy. But 200 years ago, Thomas Campbell brought words that realized the needs of your people to be one in spirit and direction and welcome to the table. Perhaps Thomas Campbell did not have us all in mind... the women, men, Anglo, black, Latino, and Asian Christians that gather in these parts on Sunday mornings. Perhaps Thomas Campbell did not even dream that churches like his and ours would need to speak to the homeless, the under-educated, gays and lesbians, illegal immigrants, prostitutes, persons living with HIV/AIDS, women in third world countries, children without parents in war torn parts of Africa and we know the list goes on and on... of those who are excluded from communion. Perhaps Thomas Campbell, O God, just knew for his people — the regular folk in his parish — those that confessed faith and believed with their hearts and minds and very lives that you, O God, are great and holy — perhaps Thomas knew that it was ALL his people who needed to be included. Perhaps as we consider our people — the regular

folk of this parish, we too realize the need for all to be included. Declared 200 years ago, declared this day — the words of faith ring true to our experience of life and faith.

So help us, O God... to recall again with great fervor the intent of our faith and our church's ministry that all might be one as they are welcomed to the table and invited to share in the good gifts of faith and discipleship. Grant us wisdom in our words, compassion in our acts, love in our affections, and truth in our interactions. May our communion this day be but a beginning expression of what we believe. Amen.

“Musings” – The Art of Artist Teachers

Works by MU Art Education students

October 5-15, 2009

George Caleb Bingham Gallery
(A125 Fine Arts Building – corner of
Hitt & University)

M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Artists Reception, Thurs, Oct. 15, 5-7
(Member Molly Read, a featured artist)



Thank you for all the beautiful cards and good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday. I appreciated the flowers brought by Sharon Winner. The Reception sponsored by my family and served by members of the Coffman-Watson group was great fun. Special thanks to Joyce Stanley for preparing the food and orchestrating the event. It is heart warming to be part of this caring church family.

~Moray Loring Kiehl

Shape Note Singing Convention

All invited

Dripping Springs Christian Church

Oct. 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Call Cherry: 445-6382

for more information

Your Special Birthday!



Bill Tetley

- 92 on Oct. 11

News of the congregation

It was great to see **Ed Coffman** this weekend as he and his daughter attended a wedding in our sanctuary. Ed is traveling to California and was in good spirits this weekend. He continues to read the *Visitor* and keep up with our congregation as he was a minister here from 1946-1958.

Congratulations to **Gerald and Connie Guy** on their 65th wedding anniversary Oct. 14th.

Congratulations to **Ruth Ann and Richard Martin** on the birth of their son, **Keller Ernest**, born on September 29 at Boone Hospital. He came into the world weighing 6 lbs, 12 ozs. He wasted no time in making it to church on his first Sunday of life!!

We also congratulate **Sean and Erin France** on the birth of their son, **Richard Cordin**, born on October 1 at Boone Hospital. He was 7 lbs., 12 oz.'s at birth. His parents are friends of our own **Derek and Elizabeth Updegraffe**, and have been frequent visitors to our worship services in recent months.

We are glad to report that **Sam Boster**, one-year-old son of **Erin and Frank Boster** is feeling well again and home after having spent a few days in the hospital last week.

Tom Gray has returned home and is doing well (And was in church last Sunday!) as he recuperates from surgery early last week.

Marceline Shamberger has taken up temporary residence at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center as she continues to recuperate injuries resulting from a recent fall. **Peggy Cline** and **Geraldine Coon** have both returned home after spending a few days in the hospital last weekend. Our prayers are also with **Bill Niedergerke** as he recuperates from a surgical procedure on Wednesday morning at Boone Hospital.

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 11-Mark Embry, Nina Oliver, Joy Overacre, Bill Tetley, Brady Marrero, Elizabeth Martin, Christina Isham-Walsh

Oct. 13-Dorothy Golson, Louise Meyer, Leslie Jordon, Thelma Beem

Oct. 14-Tracy Evers

Oct. 15-Megan Potthast, Mason Cupp

Oct. 16-Julie Hickey, Frank Oliver, Holly Wheatley

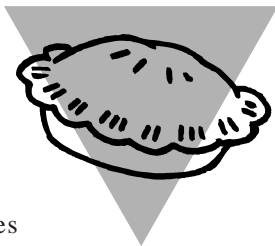
Oct. 17-Dorothy Neds-Martin



Election Day Luncheon - November 3

WE NEED YOU! Our goal has always been to make FCC more visible in the community; to help us grow closer as friends by working together; and funding projects that benefit the outreach goals of Women's Ministries. A few of our goals are local women's/children's charities, FCC Youth Projects, Woodhaven Learning Center, etc. Please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 and volunteer your help with the luncheon. There will also be someone in the Narthex before and after Church. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's make this another great event!

Pies for Election Day Luncheon



CWF purchases pies for our Election Day Luncheon from the Amish. They can be purchased again this year for \$4. If you wish to donate one or two pies, please make your check to CWF, mark it "for pies", and leave it in the church office. You can also sign up to make a fruit pie and deliver it the morning of the luncheon.

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T ogether

A ffirming our faith in God

R eaching out to others

S erving Christ



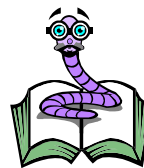
The 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

Fall Foliage Tour - Oct 21

A fun filled day, October 21 includes a driving tour of colorful hills on HWY 94 (Jeff. City to St. Charles) The group will leave the church at 8:15 a.m. and be back before 5:00 p.m. Sign up in the church office.

Book Club

The Help by Kathryn Stockett steadily rises on the Best Seller list due to word of mouth reviews. Why not join the Ladies' Book Club next Wed., Oct. 14, at noon in Bethany Hall to see what the fuss is all about? November's pick is the new Dan Brown novel, *The Lost Symbol*. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton lhutton50@hotmail.com



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

Sunday, Oct. 11

JYF & Chi-Rho: Trip to Corn Maze
Meet at church at 1:30 p.m.
Back to church at 4:30 p.m.
(no other meetings this day)
Cost: \$6.00

JYF and CHI-RHO in the Fall 2009

These are the dates for the fall season:
Both groups will meet twice a month on
Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22

CYF - Wednesday Nights
6:30-8:00 p.m.
(Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. \$5)

College Group

Our thanks are extended to Brenda Martin for hosting a fun Back Room jeopardy game last Wednesday night. Thanks also to Keith Picker for helping us set up for this special event. It was a great time and we look forward to more good Wednesday evenings throughout this school year from 8:45 - 10:00pm! We also have a couple fall gatherings that we will plan on Wednesday night and we'll post them on our web site shortly thereafter. www.firstchristian.org/college ;)

Loaves and Fishes

Many thanks to Paula Hoenes for organizing and cooking all of the food for the meal that our church hosted last week at our local "soup kitchen". Thanks also to Pat and Sue Wright, Chuck Scott, Jamie Burlison and Christina Wallace for serving the meal and cleaning up. It was a good experience for everyone. If you would like to help or if your group in the church would like to host our monthly evening meal, please visit with Paula Hoenes or Amy Kay about this year's serving schedule. Thanks!

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

Oct. 14th CAFÉ

Menu: Company Beef Stew
Mashed Potatoes
Crescent Rolls
Cherry Chocolate Cake

* **Program Choices:**
- Financial Peace University, 3rd Floor Cinema
- Bible Study, Keystone Class Room

* **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, Oct. 11

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Bethany Hall Greeter: Moray Kiehl
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Mark and Pam Hunsaker
Delivered by - David and Julie Nichols

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tommy Gay Evans, Andy and Louis Janssen
Elder: Bettie Koelling

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Steve, Jessica and Taylor Humble
Liturgist: Valerie Freed
Elders: Sally Robinson, Sharon Winner, Richard Hoepfner
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeter North Door: Eric Arnett
Greeter South Door: Pat Ritchie
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Ben Creasy and Zac Ruffolo
Candlelighters: Sam Creasy and Gavin Rose

This Week (Oct. 11 - 17)

- Sun. - Blood Drive, 8:30-12:30, Fellowship Hall
- JYF and Chi Rho, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- Interfaith Family Picnic, 4:00 p.m., Gordon Shelter at Stephens Lake Park (entrance on East Broadway)
- Church Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Purple field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Celebration in Christian Music, 6:00 p.m., Missouri United Methodist Church
- Mon. - Drennan Singers, 5:30 p.m., Drennan Room
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Shawl Ministry Mtg, 10:00-noon, Bethany Hall
- Book Club, 12 noon, Bethany Hall
- Mid-Month Movie, 3:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Cinema, Citizen Kane
- CAFÉ, dinner: 5:30 p.m., programs: 6:00 & 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Cinema
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat. - Festival of Sharing, Sedalia

