



Sunday Morning Worship Festival Changes Lives

The word of God delivered by the prophet Jeremiah (31:7-9) and the familiar story of the healing of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar who cried out to Jesus for help, will set the tone for worship on Sunday and provide the texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Attention! Attention!"

Special music at the 8:30 worship service will be provided by Harlan Hackett. The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 service will be "I Love You, Lord" by Lorie Klein.

Disciple History and Membership Class

Over the past three weeks John Yonker and Ken Watson have been presenting the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to interested persons during the church school hour. The class will continue for two more Sundays, meeting at 9:30 a.m. in "The Back Room", located immediately behind the sanctuary.

On October 25, Ken will finish his presentation of our history with a look at some of the major events of the 20th (and now 21st!) century, including the separate listing of the non-instrumental Churches of Christ, the formation of the United Christian Missionary Society, the forming of the independent Christian Church movement.

On November 1 John will conclude the class with a discussion of the Disciples of Christ practice and beliefs regarding the baptism and the Lord's Supper, and a brief history of our congregation.

Whether or not you have attended any of the previous sessions, you are welcome join us at 9:30 a.m. in The Back Room the next two Sunday mornings.

On Saturday, October 17th Muriel Leach and Sally Robinson joined hundreds of other people from 30 different denominations around the state of Missouri at the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia. After unloading the 9 boxes filled with school kits, readin' & writin' packs, prison packs, health kits and student dental packs, Muriel and Sally headed inside to check out the food area. There we began to see and visit with old friends from around the state. Then it was off to find the Heifer International display where Muriel spent a few hours of her day telling people about Heifer International. As we gathered to worship with the hundreds of people of all ages we could see work being done in the arena. Boxes were being filled by youth of all ages in one half while a hundred beautiful quilts were on display for the auction later. The money from the quilt auction goes to Church World Service to purchase blankets and other items in times of disasters. During the worship service we heard from Donald Tatlock, Church World Service liaison for Central America and the Caribbean. He told us of the many ways **what we do at Festival of Sharing changes lives** in places such as Haiti. He thanked us many times for our unselfish service to people we will never meet. Another highlight was hearing from Beatrice Biira. When Beatrice was 9 years old her family in Uganda received a goat from Heifer International. A film and children's book (which is in our children's library) told her story. After receiving the goat Beatrice was able to go to school because her family now had money to buy her school clothes and pay for tuition. Now as a young adult she came to thank us for our generosity of supporting Heifer International. Muriel was invited to have lunch with Beatrice, so be sure to ask her about that visit. Enjoy the pictures of the Festival of Sharing and consider making the trip next year to see the many ways God blesses all people.



Many thanks to Sally Robinson and Muriel Leach for taking our church's donations to this year's Festival of Sharing last weekend. Also, special thanks to Joyce Stanley and the CWF for organizing our efforts.

Drennan Group

The Drennan CWM will meet on Tues., Oct. 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Drennan Room. Study/worship will be given by Brenda Mosby.

Congregational Meeting with Architects

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

We Need You!!!

Election Day Luncheon - November 3



Thanks so much for everyone who is volunteering to help! It is going to be a great day! We still need more help. And, we need to sell tickets. Maybe your workplace would like meals delivered? We can do that. Just call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507. There will also be someone in the Narthex before and after Church. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's have a great day!

Sitting In The Glow

On our way to the Mottaz farm, a graduate student and I were talking about how wonderful it was to worship in our sanctuary on Sunday morning. The sunlight was shining beautifully through the windows and it was a glorious scene from where I was standing. I asked her if she had noticed and she said, "Oh yes, I was sitting in the glow." What a wonderful sentiment. She was sitting in the glow of God's wondrous creation. May we all experience and recognize the beauty given to us by God in our fall days ahead.

~Amy Kay

Heerrree's Johnny!

Thinking about what a beautiful sanctuary we enjoy every Sunday morning leads me to invite you to attend a very important congregational gathering this coming Sunday afternoon, October 25. Beginning at 3 p.m., all members of the church are invited to meet with members of the Master Planning Committee and representatives of Peckham & Wright Architects to participate in the process of developing a master plan for First Christian Church.

In the past several months many of you have completed surveys regarding the mission of the church, and the usage of the church building and property. Information received from those surveys has been analyzed by the architects who will present three dimensional drawings of the church building and property, and lead us in evaluating and discussing their present use as we develop a master plan for the congregation.

We will gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall for discussion, and have the opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations regarding the use of our facilities as we seek to fulfill the mission of the church. Everyone in the church will have the chance to participate in the process of deciding what our mission and ministry will be, and how we will use our building and property for the sake of Christ in the years to come.

It promises to be a fun and exciting time as we come together to share our visions of the mission and ministry of the church. Don't miss it!! Childcare will be available! There will be room for everyone! Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Sunday, October 25, 3-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall.



Many thanks to **Fred and Stephanie Mottaz** and **Elizabeth and Elayna Mottaz** for hosting our 12 college students and two families last weekend at a wonderful hay rack ride! Pictured above are only two of the many smiling faces from an afternoon of fun. ;)

College Gatherings

Along with our weekly Wednesday night gatherings from 8:45 – 10:00pm and worshipping with the full church community on Sunday mornings, our group has been invited to one of the MU research farms on November 1st for a bonfire and tromp through a corn maze. We will be hosted by Emily Reinbott and our time of departure will be announced in our weekly email next week. Hope to see you sometime soon!

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

I want to thank all of my friends at FCC for the cards, phone calls and visits during my illness.

~Bob Haynes



Oct. 25-Justin Ahrens, Serena White, Richard Vaught, Matthew Taylor

Oct. 26-Judy Hall, Sue Wright

Oct. 27-Kurt Schaefer, David Potthast, Freda Martz

Oct. 28-Nicholas Burnam

Oct. 30-John Ballard, Rachel Fullington, Drew Gieseke

Oct. 31-Rich Hoepfner, Laurie Seigel

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Brian Thompson** and **Katie Capkovic** who were united in marriage in a ceremony conducted by Amy Kay Pavlovich in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 17. Members of our congregation since March of this year, Brian has recently finished his PhD at the university and Katie is coming along well toward finishing the same degree. They will continue to reside in Columbia.

We extend sympathy to the **Robb Family**, friends of our congregation who have been attending our 8:30 service, on the recent death of a family member.

After spending a few days at Boone Hospital last week, **Bill Niedergerke** has returned to his home at Boone Landing. We are also glad to report that **Keith Miller**, husband of Judy, a friend of the church, was released from the University Hospital last week and returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center.

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her solo presented at the 8:30 service last week. She was accompanied by **Mary Bancroft**. Also our thanks to the members of the Handbell Choir for their Prelude and Offertory presented at the 10:30 service on October 18.

Congratulations to **Mark Mills** who was recognized as one of the "People You Should Know" according to the October 3, 2009 issue of the Columbia Business Times magazine. A native of Butler, Missouri who comes from a long-time Disciples of Christ family, Mark is Manager of day-to-day operations of eight radio stations in Columbia and Jefferson City, including KFRU/KPLA, all of which are owned by Cumulus Broadcasting Company. Since uniting with our congregation in 2005, Mark and his family have become active members of First Christian. Along with his daughter, **Jordan**, a senior at Hickman High School, Mark is a member of the Chancel Choir, and serves as a Deacon. His oldest daughter, **Jade Mooney (Mrs. Greg)**, is a 911 operator for Boone County Joint Communications, and his wife, **Janet**, is a paraprofessional who works at Fairview Elementary School.

Your Special Birthday!



Mercedes Smith

- 97 on Oct. 24



**Disciple Men's
Breakfast
Sat., Oct. 31st
8:30-9:45 a.m.**

Responding to Needs Around the World

The Compassion Response Fund is an allocation the Week of Compassion Advisory Committee makes each year to enable WoC to respond quickly to requests for emergencies, disasters and other urgent and unexpected needs that arise. For 2009 the WoC Committee has allocated \$600,000 for the Response Fund; it is the single largest item in the WoC program budget. In addition to what is budgeted for the Response Fund, WoC receives designated gifts for the Fund and for specific disasters, countries and situations that further enhance our capacity to respond to emergency needs and appeals. To date WoC has made a disaster response on average of once every 2.5 days.

NE Area Assembly

You are invited to attend the Northeast Area Assembly and Youth Rally of the CC(DOC) on Nov. 6th & 7th at the First Christian Church in Fulton. The theme is "Are You Hungry?". The workshops will focus on *Flip My Church* as well as *Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism* and *That Camp About God and Sex*.

Registration (\$30 fee) starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, followed by an optional dinner and love offering from 5:30-6:45. The Assembly begins with Singspiration at 7:00 p.m. and fellowship.

The Saturday schedule includes: breakfast, centering prayer, bible study, singing, workshops, lunch and worship. The Assembly and Youth Rally end at 3:30 p.m. Questions: Leslie in the Area Office at 573-442-5815 or office@nearea.org.

Weekly Report

Oct. 18, 2009

Received this week \$8,397
Received to Date \$141,368
Needed to Date \$134,625
Attendance - 262
(includes early worship - 48)

(youth) @ first christian

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

Sunday, Oct. 25

JYF: 4:30- 6:00 p.m.

Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho will watch the classic hilarious movie "The Ghost of Mr. Chicken" as a pre-halloween treat!

JYF and CHI-RHO in the Fall 2009

These are the dates for the fall season: Both groups will meet twice a month on **Nov. 8; And on Nov. 22:** Bring canned food item for scavenger hunt

CYF - Wednesday Nights

6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

A NOTE OF



Again, we thank you for the beautiful flowers that Jessica Humble delivered for Bill from the church.

We also thank you for all the prayers and concerns for both of us. Bless each of you.

~Bill and Mary Ann Niedergerke

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. 28th CAFÉ

Menu: Monster Cioli
Green Beans
Halloween Salad
Garlic Bread
Devils Food Dessert

* 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**.

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

The Visitor

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Oct. 25

Van Driver: Steve McCormack
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt
Bethany Hall Greeter: Pat Rainey
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Pat Rainey
Delivered by - Sharon and Steve Smith

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger,
Jeri Sheppard
Elder: Brenda Mosby

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mark and Pam Hunsaker, Brad and
Khons Volmert
Liturgist: Drew Gieseke
Elders: Shirley Park, Harlan Hackett, Jerry Daugherty
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Anne Campbell
Greeter South Door: Moray Kiehl
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Coleman Rogers and Elayna Mottaz
Candlelighters: Hunter Rogers and Anna Poole

This Week (Oct. 25 - 31)

- Sun. - Congregational Mtg. with Architect to discuss Master Plan (Charrette), 3:00-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Morris Parlor
- JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Chi-Rho, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon. - FCC serving at Loaves and Fishes
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Drennan Room
- 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., Donna Houston's home
- 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 pm, Bethany Hall
- Sat. - Disciple Men's Breakfast, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

