



## Sunday Worship

How do you react when people are rude and arrogant? How do you react when people snub you and turn their backs on you? Can you imagine that Jesus ever did such a thing? In the gospel records there is a story of Jesus which portrays him doing exactly that! This troubling tale found in Mark 7:24-37 will serve as the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Scraps for the Dogs!" on Sunday, September 5.

The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 service will be "Offertory" by John Ness Beck. Join us for worship!

## First Sunday Food Drive

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church this Sunday morning for our "first Sunday of the month" food drive. Simply bring your items to donate to the Narthex and our volunteers will take all of our offerings on to a local food pantry. Thanks!

### Breakfast & Bible Study for Disciple Men

**Sat., Sept. 12**  
8:30-9:45 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Bible Study by  
Dr. John J. Yonker



Menu:  
(prepared by Laura Estes)  
Breakfast Casserole of biscuits,  
gravy, sausage & eggs  
Fresh Fruit  
Coffee & Juice  
\$6

Reservations to church office by  
Wed., Sept. 9th

## CAFÉ and Dave Ramsey Class

Is "budget" a bad word at your house? It can be a daunting concept for all of us. But as Dave Ramsey says, a budget is simply telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went!

We want everyone of you to have the opportunity to go through Financial Peace University. That's why we are going to be offering it here at First Christian beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor cinema! The class is 13 weeks in length and participants are encouraged to attend all of the meetings.

The cost for the lifetime family membership and class is \$100 and checks will need to be made payable to FCC. There are a limited number of scholarships available; please contact the church office for more information. It is important to sign up as soon as possible so that we can get your class materials ordered.

If you have debt, you'll learn how to get out and stay out for the rest of your life. If you have already beat debt, you will learn how to better manage your resources. So whether you are dealing with debt or none at all, this class has something for you. It's not just a money class. It's about learning to manage everything God has given you God's way. This is also a great event to bring friends and visitors.

For more information or to sign up, please call the church office. You can also go online to our website at [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org) and from there you can click on the links to find out more about Financial Peace University. We are very excited for the opportunity to participate in this program and I hope to see you there!

~Joe Reardon, class coordinator

## Disciple Heritage Tour September 28-October 3

Touring the land and times of Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone we will visit Historic Bethany, Bethany College (W.VA), Cane Ridge and historic schools in Lexington, KY with a stop at The Disciples Center in Indiana. We will see great churches large and small and find the story of our church along the way.

Join John Yonker and Jimmy Spear in a special tour of our denominational heritage. We will tour the places and worship in the spaces that were part of a protestant movement that became The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Fees and logistics include:  
lodging estimated \$70 night (could be shared); tour tickets (not more than \$50 total); responsible for own meal costs; gas split among all.

All are welcome!  
Talk to John, Jimmy or  
Carol Slusher if interested.

**Reservation Deadline:**  
**Sun. Sept. 13**

### Weekly Report

Aug. 30, 2009

Received this week \$7,876

Received to Date \$74,074

Needed to Date \$79,025

Attendance - 275

(includes early worship - 60)

## Heeerrreee's Johnny!

It is Tuesday morning, September 1. Where does the time go? I've asked myself that question many times before, and never been able to answer it, only to talk about where I have been and what I have done. With that in mind, here are a few words about where Sarah and I have been and what we have done in the past three weeks.

After making arrangements to ship some of Tom's belongings to his new home in Washington D. C. where he has moved to continue studying languages at Catholic University of America, we piled his winter clothes and a few other things into the back of my little RAV 4 and headed east. On the way we stopped in Charleston, West Virginia to visit my aunt who at 89 is as spry as can be, reads the VISITOR from "cover to cover" every week, and says that she feels like she knows many of the church people simply by reading about them. Arriving in Washington D.C. we enjoyed a few days with Tom, helping him get settled in, and enjoyed seeing some of the sights of the city with him, especially the monuments along the National Mall, the National Archives, and an evening dinner at Ben's Chili Bowl restaurant.

Following an afternoon spent touring the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield, we drove across the beautiful mountains of Pennsylvania, through the lush green scenery of Ohio and Indiana, and made our way up to Sterling, Illinois to see Dave and Liz and six-month old Sammy. It was so much fun sleeping late and enjoying the days with our family whom we don't get to see as often as we would like. Sitting in church with my wife, playing golf with my son, eating some of Liz's great cooking, and rocking little Samuel, it doesn't get any better than that! Little Samuel is already six months old, and not so little anymore. When children are that age, it seems they grow by leaps and bounds, changing so much from visit to visit.

According to my letter of calling, I am allowed four weeks vacation every year, with an additional weekend off in the fall and spring for professional or personal enrichment. I will take a weekend off in the middle of September to participate in a triathlon and take my last week of vacation after Christmas. Where does the time go? Don't ask me, just let me say thanks for the time away. It was good to be gone, but it is good to be home! See you on Sunday!

# 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

## Sept. 9th CAFÉ

*Menu:* Loose Burgers, Roasted Ranch  
Potato Salad, Tossed Salad  
& Dessert

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

\* **Administrative Board Meeting**

\* **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.**

## Room at the Bell Table

First Christian Church of Columbia has room at the bell choir table for you! Bells will return to the Bell Choir room on Sunday, September 13, at 8:45 a.m. We recently have lost some regular ringers and want each of you to feel welcome and encouraged to come try out the bells! We have a good time. Music reading is a plus, but not required...we help each other! We especially need help covering the big boss bells.

Bell choir regularly rehearses on Sundays from 8:45-9:30 a.m. and 9:30 on monthly performance Sundays. Come and join us to share our fun, friendship, fun, fellowship & fun!

## News of the congregation

Our sympathy is extended to staff member **Keith Picker** and his family at the death of his mother, Justine "Gus" Picker, who lived in St. Louis. Services are pending. Flowers will be sent on behalf our congregation.

We have had word that **Joy Duren's** sister-in-law has passed away in the last week. Our prayers are extended to that family.

Ours prayers are shared with **David Birkenbach's brother, Jim Birkenbach**, who is in serious condition at a St. Louis hospital.

Our congregation extends sympathy to **Bonnie Fay** in the death of her husband and member **Jim Fay**. Jim died Tuesday, August 25, and a service celebrating his life was held at Memorial Funeral Home on Saturday, August 29. We remember Bonnie and her children Phyllis, Bob, and Scott and grandchildren, all from out of town, in the days ahead.

## CL Class

The CL Church School class meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., in Morris Parlor. We begin a new Bible Study this Sunday, September 6, for the quarter. We will be discussing "Leaders in the Covenant Community", "An Open Invitation to Covenant Living" and "The New Covenant Community". We are to ponder how the church relates to the world around it, especially when the values of the community of faith are challenged. Marsha Rawlings leads us in the discussion and we appreciate her dedication. Please join us any Sunday.

*Happy Birthday*

**Sept. 6**-Bill Brothers, Perry Stemmons,  
Marsha Rawlings, Carol Hyde

**Sept. 7**-Larry Burnam, Lana Poole,  
Richard Martin

**Sept. 8**-Joseph McCormack, Luanne  
Langley, Jeff LaHue, Becky  
Bramon

**Sept. 9**-Bonnie Fay

**Sept. 10**-Walker Embry, Devin Klotz

**Sept. 11**-James Mark Rogers, Tommy  
Gay Evans

**Sept. 12**-Debbie Batterson, Aiden  
Fullington, Katie Hallam

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JYF (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
CHI-RHO (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
CYF (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday, Sept 13

JYF – 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Chi-Rho – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

CYF – Wednesday Nights  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

## JYF and CHI-RHO in the Fall 2009

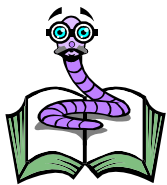
These are the dates for the fall season:  
Both groups will meet twice a month on  
**Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22**



The Chi-Rho mission team, on a recent trip to north St. Louis, worked in the "Under the Oak" neighborhood garden. They de-weeded every path and many garden patches that the flowers and way might be open and enjoyed. Pictured are Holly Gieseke, Mamie Meenehan, Sally Kessell, Steve Gieseke, Jeff Ruffolo, and Jimmy Spear.

## Book Club

At 12:30 pm next Wednesday, Sept. 9, the Ladies' Book Club returns to decide if the Library's One Read pick was a worthy choice. Why not join the group in Bethany Hall to discuss Andrea Barrett's, *The Air We Breathe*? Brown bag lunches are welcome. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).



## Garden Club

Nine of us Garden Clubbers thoroughly enjoyed visiting Tom and Laura Crane's farm by Harrisburg, MO, last Sunday evening. It is a beautiful place with a beautiful, extensive container garden. Special thanks to Tom, Laura, their son Kevin and his two daughters with their two friends for hosting us.

## College Group

Our college group is back in full swing with around fifteen students coming so far this year! We meet each Wednesday evening from 8:45 – 10:00pm in the Bethany Hall. Come check it out this week or encourage your college aged friends to do so. Also, if you are interested in our College Ministry Internship, please see our web site at [www.firstchristian.org/college](http://www.firstchristian.org/college) or ask Amy Kay for more information. Thanks!

## Calling All Elders

Mark your calendars with these meeting dates. You will be receiving a mailing soon with dates, times, and program information.

**Monday, Sept. 14th, 2009, 5:30 pm -**  
meal/program in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, Nov. 21st, 2009, 8:00 am -**  
breakfast/program

**Saturday, Feb. 27th, 2010, 8:00am -**  
breakfast/program

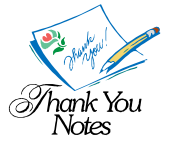
**Monday, June 7th, 2010, 5:30 pm -**  
meal/program

Questions? Please call Barb Rothenberger or Brenda Martin (co-chairs)

## Needed: Women Softball Players!

Our church league softball team is a great group of people, but they need a few more ladies to round the bases with them. If you would like to jump into the action, call Dan Tevis at 445-4793 or 808-1985 to RSVP your spot on the ol' roster. Playing ability is not a necessity. :) Thanks!

To the members of  
First Christian Church:



We want to thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, calls, and cards throughout Meadow's fight with cancer. We greatly appreciate your support and concern. Thank you also for the prayer shawl that was sent to her. We also appreciate the call from John Yonker while he was on vacation!

Susan & Bruce Woodbury  
(Meadow's Parents), Doris  
Neidhardt (Meadow's Grand-  
mother) and Jean Hall (Meadow's  
Aunt)

Thank you so much for your calls, food and attending the memorial service for Jim. Special thanks to Jimmy for being with our son Bob and me during a rough time for Jim on Tuesday. His presence helped us both. Thanks to Jimmy for his words of comfort and for remarks that brought a chuckle during a sad time on Saturday. Thanks also to Jimmy and Amy Kay who shared some remarks at the grave sight. Another special thanks to Brenda Mosby for her two beautiful songs sung during the memorial.

Bonnie, Bob, Scott Fay  
Phyllis, Kurt, Hailee and Tylor Baer

Our thanks are extended to Joyce Stanley for providing goodies for our first two college gatherings of the year. Both dishes were excellent! Our group is so thankful for Joyce and all of our church friends who think of us.

~FCC college group

# The Visitor

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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Sept. 6

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher

*Office Receptionist:* Becky Bramon

*Church School Greeter:* Judy Hall

*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Perry and Helen Stemmons

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by - Pam Hunsaker*

*Delivered by - Steve and Cheryl Lightner*

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Donna and Will Houston, Tom Hughey

*Elder:* Tommy Gay Evans

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Pat Rainey, David and Libby Weber

*Liturgist:* Nora Dietzel

*Elders:* Don and Brenda Mosby, Sarah Yonker

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeter North Door:* Anne Campbell

*Greeter South Door:* Jeff and Lottie Creasy

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Wyatt Rogers and Julia LaHue

*Candlelighters:* Gavin Rose and Emma Hawkins

### This Week (Sept. 6 - 12)

Sun. - Food Drive Sunday

Mon. - Office closed for Labor Day Holiday



## LABOR DAY

Tue. - Mother's Day Out Program begins again

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Book Club 12:30 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- CAFÉ, dinner: 5:30 p.m., programs: 6:00 & 6:30 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall and Cinema  
-Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor  
-CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall