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# VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## Sunday's Service

Labeled an "epistle of straw" by Martin Luther, the great reformer, the letter of James in the New Testament contains wisdom teaching and admonitions to the early Christian community. One of these bits of instructions concerning the right use of speech, will provide the scripture reading and text for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Taming the Tongue", James 3:1-18.

Special music this week will include a solo by Brenda Mosby at the 8:30 worship service. She will sing "Above All" by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc. At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Great Is the Lord!" by Michael W. Smith, arranged by Lojeski.

## 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 bass 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!

### Weekly Report

Sept. 6, 2009

Received this week \$10,054

Received to Date \$84,128

Needed to Date \$88,203

Attendance - 222

(includes early worship - 26)

## Fair Trade Bazaar

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> we are taking part in the first Fair Trade Bazaar of Columbia! In coordination with the Global Market store at Community United Methodist Church and the Mustard Seed store on Ninth Street, we are promoting fairly traded goods to our town. The Bazaar will be located in the Mustard Seed store (25 S. 9th Street), since they have such a lovely downtown spot, from 10am - 8pm.

If you would like to help with the setup, hosting on that day or cleanup, please contact Amy Kay. We have shifts available so that the event is fun for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be with other faith-driven fair traders and we hope you will find time to enjoy the Bazaar yourself on that Saturday!

## "Stop Over Lunch" & CYF Mission Trip Presentation

Sunday, Sept. 20  
Noon  
Fellowship Hall

Menu: Baked Potato &  
all the fixings, drink & dessert

Stop over in Fellowship Hall on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> for a good hot lunch and stay for a program by the CYF. The program of the day will be the CYF's (high school youth group) presentation on their summer mission trips to Tulsa, OK and Kansas City, MO. Baked Potato bar served by CYF. Donations will go toward CYF outreach work.

## 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

Call the church office for information.

## Loaves and Fishes

Our church is providing and serving supper at our local "soup kitchen" next on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to take the lead or help with this evening's service, please contact Paula Hoenes at 234-2397 or Amy Kay in the church office (449-7265). You are invited to ask us any questions or check out a complete description of what volunteering for this ministry entails on our web site at [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org) and click the mission button. Thanks!



## Heerrree's Johnny!

With the ending of summer and the coming of another school year it seems like everyone's calendars are getting filled up with tons of things again; football games, club meetings, after school activities, board meetings, Wednesday night CAFÉ and so many things happening at the church. We wonder where the time goes when it seems that we meet ourselves coming and going from one thing to another day after day! Even among our retired friends I hear the words, "I don't know when I ever had time to work I'm so busy doing so many things that I never had time to do before."

With that said, let me remind you of one more thing you could do this month! Take a five day trip with Jimmy Spear and me to get away from it all – September 28 – October 2.

We are planning a Disciples of Christ Heritage Tour to see the land and revisit the times of Alexander Campbell and Barton Warren Stone! No, we are not going back in time, but we are driving to visit the places where our church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) had its beginning.

Stopping in Indianapolis, we visit the international offices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In Bethany, West Virginia we will see Bethany College, founded by Alexander Campbell in 1840, visit Campbell's home where he entertained guests from across the country, and published a journal which shaped the life of the Disciples of Christ reformation movement. In central Kentucky we will stop to see the meeting house on the grounds of Cane Ridge where in 1801 Barton Warren Stone hosted more than 10,000 people in a great revival which lead to the beginning of the church among those who called themselves "Christians only." Going into Lexington, Kentucky we will visit the Central Christian Church, whose history goes back to the congregation where the followers of Campbell and Stone joined forces in 1832 to bring about the beginning of our denomination.

And along the way we will have the opportunity to meet new friends as we learn the story of our church, and gain a new awareness of our historic emphasis on common sense and Christian unity which our church has to make to our world.

If you have the time, we have the trip for you! Call me or Jimmy in the church office to tell us that you want to join us for this Disciples Heritage Tour, September 28 – October 2!

## Penny Planks for Festival of Sharing

Keep those coins coming in! The money from the Penny Planks will support the Festival of Sharing in October either as a direct donation or in the form of kits to help the many people in need in Missouri and throughout the world. Thank you for continuing to bring in your spare change!

## Fall Women's Dinner

All Church Women are invited to a FREE dinner, Monday, September 21 at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting items for Health Kits for the Festival of Sharing: hand towels, sturdy combs, washcloths, toothbrushes, bars of soap, metal files or nail clippers with files (also money ☺). Transportation is available. Child care will be provided. Please sign up in the church office, or call 449-7265.

## NE Area CWF Meeting

Northeast Area Disciples Women will meet in Centralia at First Christian Church on Monday, September 28 at 9:30. Cost is \$10/person which includes lunch. Joyce Stanley will drive – please call her if you would like to attend this meeting. 445-5058

## Open House

Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home in Harrisburg will host an open house on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 1:00 p.m. Come on out for a hot dog lunch and a tour. Meet the kids that so many of us support all year.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Helen Ingold**  
- 92 on Sept. 14  
**Gladys Roth**  
- 96 on Sept. 15  
**Hardin Wilkerson**  
- 91 on Sept. 15

## News of the congregation

**Elwyn Ewer** has returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center after spending several days at Boone Hospital last week. **Molly Read** continues to recuperate well after surgery last week, also at Boone Hospital. Our prayers are with **Perry and Helen Stemmons'** grandson, **Kevin Mercer** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina who has been admitted to the Children's Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia for treatment of a recently diagnosed illness. Perry and Helen have gone to stay with their granddaughter, **Lisa**, while their daughter and son-in-law, **Vicki and Rex** have gone to Virginia to be with their son.

Members of the congregation are invited to the memorial service for **Marci Lower** to be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, in the church sanctuary.

Special thanks to **Scott M. Stamper** for setting up for our CAFÉ meals each week! Also, thanks to **Sara Klockow** for cleaning up the dishes the last couple weeks. If you would like to help with the clean up, please visit with Amy Kay. Volunteers are always appreciated!

We celebrate this week the following wedding anniversaries: **Harlan and Jane Ann Hackett** (56 years) and **Perry and Helen Stemmons** (57 years).



**Sept. 13**-Colleen Nilges, Alex "Bryan" Grieme-Verslues  
**Sept. 14**-Helen Ingold, Bettie Koelling, Kent Kurtz, Jack Kirtley, Lauren Roberts  
**Sept. 15**-Gladys Roth, Hardin "Wilkie" Wilkerson, Scott M. Stamper  
**Sept. 16**-Shirley Olcott, Ronnie Sheppard, Cassidy Durnil  
**Sept. 17**-Bryan Hickey, Christina DeVenney, Madeline Marrero  
**Sept. 18**-Larry Clark, Chris 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.

### 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**

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

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

### CYF visit to Culver-Stockton College:

**Friday, September 25**

**Depart from church at 8:30 a.m.**

Taking advantage of the school day off,  
members of the CYF will road trip to  
Canton MO to check out/tour/visit the  
Disciples related school.

## Opportunities to Serve this Fall

*Opening:* River of Life Workshop Leader:  
Story of Joseph (Crafts, Drama, Story Tell-  
ing, Games)

*Opening:* Team of Teachers being created.  
Teaching Bible/Life to High School Youth,  
Sunday Mornings.

*Opening:* Adult Partners: CYF Youth Group,  
Wednesday Nights. Must be able to sit on  
floor, converse about everything, talk about  
faith and life, play well with others.

*Opening:* “2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Present” in Children’s  
Worship. Not every Sunday. Rotation. No  
leading or prep.

*Opening:* Wednesday Night Partners with  
Children. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Team being devel-  
oped.

Call, see or email Jimmy Spear...  
jimmy@firstchristian.org

## Christian Women’s Ministries

Fall changeover at the Wardrobe begins  
Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Time 9:00-4:00.  
Please help us. Thank you. ~Pat Rainey

## 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)

# 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. 16th CAFÉ

*Menu:* BBQ Brisket, Tater Tot  
Casserole, Cornbread,  
Green Beans and 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 of-  
fice (449-7265) for dinner reservations  
by **noon on Tuesday.**



This happy group were among those who went on the STARS trip to attend a play,  
Church Basement Ladies, in Jefferson City on September 2.

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**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director

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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Sept. 13

*Van Driver:* Jeff Ripley  
*Office Receptionist:* Laura Crane  
*Church School Greeter:* Colleen Nilges  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Pat and Sue Wright  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Emmy Croll, Mary Jane Anderson  
*Delivered by -* Steve and Tracy Evers

#### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assistants:* Millie and Larry Caringer, Tommy Gay Evans  
and Marguerite Smith  
*Elder:* Will Houston

#### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Bud Batterson, Hayley Batterson, Larry  
Burnam  
*Liturgist:* Linda Ridgeway  
*Elders:* Nancy Watson, Tommy Tomlin, John Hickey  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Jacki Davidson  
*Greeter South Door:* Maury and Margie Ellis  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* William Bower and Elayna Mottaz  
*Candlelighters:* Alexandra Estes and Erich Unterschütz

### This Week (Sept. 13 - 19)

- Sun. - JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Chi Rho, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Green field at  
Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Elders' Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Shawl Ministry Mtg., 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- 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
- Thr. - Church In Society, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Fri. - Mid-Month Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.,  
3rd floor Cinema

