



In Worship on Sunday - April 18

As we come together to worship on April 18, Cliff Tompson will set the tone for our Stewardship Campaign with his Minute for Stewardship. Scripture readings will include the campaign theme text found in John 1:9-12, and the story of the Risen Christ meeting the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, and Peter's call from Christ, re-instating him as a disciple, and challenging him to share in the work of the gospel.

In addition to great hymns, special music will include the Chancel Choir presentation at 10:30 of the anthem, *Let All the World Rejoice*.

At 10:30 we will share in the service of Blessing and Dedication of Ila Rose Hickey, daughter of Bryan Hickey and Kenley Barnett, and Madison Maxine Elliff, daughter of Jessica and Kurt Elliff, both granddaughters of John and Julie Hickey.



Above: Special thanks to our Children's Choir for presenting "Easter Song" on Sunday at the 10:30am worship service! The bells were rung throughout the song by our friends who had come up for the Children's Moment. It was great to hear the church bells ring last Sunday as we continue to celebrate the Easter season!

We are looking forward to the first Sunday in May when the Children's Choir will sing another song for us plus at least one fun song that is sure to be a spirit-filled inspiration. The children are led by Emily Reinbott, Sophomore at Mizzou, who works with the group each Wednesday evening during CAFÉ. If you are in elementary school, we welcome you to join in on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30pm!

Stewardship 2010



*But to all who received him,
 who believed in his name,
 he gave power to become
 children of God...
 ~John 1:12*

POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD

- April 18 Becoming... ***builders***
- April 25 Becoming... ***partners***
- May 2 Becoming... ***servants***
- May 9 Becoming... ***church***

CWF Board Meeting - Date Change

The next CWF Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27, at 9:00 in the Keystone Room. Please note that we will NOT MEET on April 20 as previously scheduled.

**Service of Ordination for
 Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich
 "The Great Feast"
 May 16th, 2:30 p.m., First Christian Church**



Chancel Bells resumed rehearsals last Sunday, 8:45-9:30 in the Bell Room. All who read music are welcome!

Chancel Choir now practices from 9:50-10:25 on Sunday in the Choir Room.

Heerrree's Johnny!

Have you noticed a decline in civility in society in the past several years? Have you been alarmed at the rise of rancor and open hostility among people today? I don't know how much of it is real or just a perception based on my own limited experience. And I don't doubt that people have always had problems getting along. But many of us have noticed a growing polarization among people of society today, especially among those who hold different political and religious points of view. And many of us agree that we would all benefit from an effort to learn how to relate to one another in more civil ways.

With such a need in mind, I want to call your attention to the "Civility in Faith and Family Conference" scheduled for Sunday, April 18, at First Baptist Church. Planned and sponsored by the Faith and Education Collaborative of Columbia, this conference will provide skills which we can all use to promote civil conversation among people in our families and with people in our community. The keynote speaker, our own Sarah Read, attorney who specializes in mediation and communication, will be followed by small group activity which will include people from other different faiths, backgrounds and values.

Whether or not you plan to attend this conference, here is a matter of great concern to us all, and something which we must work on together. I am reminded of the words of former U.S. Senator from Oregon, Mark Hatfield, recorded in his book, *Conflict and Conscience*. Published in 1971, a generation ago, they are as relevant today as they were then:

"There is an old saying, 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good [people] to do nothing.'"

Hatfield says we must ask ourselves some questions:

"If everyone else in America were just like me, what kind of country would this be? If everyone took the same interest in government that I do, what kind of government would we have? If everyone obeyed the law, including traffic laws, with the same faithfulness that I do what kind of crime rate would we have? If everyone accepted public service or community work with the same attitude that I do, how much would get done for the public good? If everyone obeyed his conscience and the spiritual commandments of God with the same faithfulness and courage that I do, what kind of world would this be?"

If everyone else in our family, our church, our city, our country were just like me, what kind of place would this be? Only you can answer that question! Only you, and you, and you, and you . . . and I can begin to change things!



April 18-Betty Montgomery

April 19-Maxwell Creasy

April 21-Elizabeth Flanders,
Kristin McFarland

April 23-Abby Homan, Joshua Garton,
Derek Updegraff

April 24-Daniel Rees

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

April 21st

Menu: Black Bean Tamale Pie
Chipotle Fiesta Salad
Blueberry Butter Cake

Programs (6:30 p.m.):

- **Marcus Borg Study Group**
Morris Parlor
- **Elementary aged Children's Choir**
with Amy Kay, Emily Reinbott
and Andy Vickers
- **CYF (grades 9-12)** with Jimmy Spear

Wednesday Evenings

Opportunities for the church family to share in fellowship, while learning and growing in spirit and faith.

5:30-6:15 – Dinner
\$6 adults
\$3 kids 5-12 years
\$17 cap for a family
Under 5 free

Child Care Available

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**.

News of the congregation

Will Houston is home and doing well recuperating from same day surgery last week. **Moray Kiehl** has moved to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center to continue recuperating from surgery on April 8 at Boone Hospital. **Tommy Tomlin** is also doing well at home recuperating from surgery on April 7, also at Boone Hospital. Our prayers are with **Ed Bright** as he prepares for surgery on Thursday, April 15.

Special thanks to **Larry Burnam** for his recent work on the church air-conditioning units.

LOOK
What's New!

New merchandise
at the
Fair Trade Store

Sunday mornings
or by appointment



In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, I would like to thank some very special people that help make the newsletter possible on a weekly basis. Mary Richardson is our proofreader and she is here on Tuesdays rain or shine (and even on bitterly cold winter days). Betty Moon (on temporary leave ☹), Dave Beem and Joyce Stanley all help label and bundle *The Visitor* for mailing each Wednesday. Many thanks to each of you for all the hours that you volunteer!
~Kay Beissenherz

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

Sunday, April 25
JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Future meeting dates:
May 9, 23, June 6

JYF/Chi-Rho Parents: Make sure your kids always wear tied running-type shoes to youth group for the rest of the season. No sandals/flip flops! We might go outside/to the park.

Summer Church Camp Forms
All children and youth grades 2-12 interested in church camp--**your forms are now due!** Bring them on Sunday to church or youth group! Return them to Jimmy. The church will again pay half of the registration fee and assist in rides.

CYF Weekly Events
Bible Study on Tuesday Nights
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Bethany Hall
Youth Group - Wednesday Nights
6:30-8:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:30 p.m. \$5)

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY
June 20-27 Adult Partners needed.

Vacation Bible School
(preschool- 5th grade)
July 18-22, evenings



Weekly Report April 11, 2010

Received this week \$8,576
Received to Date \$362,304
Needed to Date \$362,398
Attendance - 308
(includes early worship - 70)

Scholarships and Awards

Our church has had a long and deeply held commitment to education from its beginnings in 1832. One of the specific ways in which that commitment has been expressed is through scholarships that are available each year to our high school seniors and college students.

We invite you to apply for the scholarship(s) that you are eligible to receive by completing our application and turning it back in to the church office by Friday, April 30, 2010. Recipients will be notified of their selection and the amount of the scholarships shortly after that time from our Church Scholarship and Awards Committee which administers all of these awards. The application can be found on our website at www.firstchristian.org or you can contact Amy Kay for a hard copy. Please call the church office if you have any questions at (573)449-7265.



It was a pleasure to get to visit Gene and Rena Moore a few weeks ago in St. Louis. Gene and Rena were active members of our church for many years and moved to the city to be closer to their kids. They have a lovely place to live and attend a great church. Not surprisingly, Gene and Rena are staying active in many ways. They hope to be back for my Ordination worship service on May 16th at 2:30pm as Gene is a fan of the guest preacher, Dr. Patterson. It will be wonderful to have them back for a day! It was a joy to see how Rena and Gene continue to live life and love one another. ~amy kay

CWF Silent Bazaar

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen! Please turn in your cash/check donations for the CWF Silent Bazaar. This is our main fundraiser for the year. We would like to start the new year with \$3,000 - we're getting close. Make checks out to "CWF" and turn in to the church office. We use these donations for: Disciples Mission Fund, Loaves and Fishes, FCC Youth Projects, donations to: Woodhaven, Rainbow House, Voluntary Action Center and the Women's Shelter. We appreciate all donations! Thanks, Joyce Stanley - CWF President



Wednesday, April 21

- **Family Fun Fest: Teen Night**, featuring Festa Palooza Talent Contest - event held at Flat Branch Park (4th & Cherry), 6:00-8:00 p.m. (no rain date). Come for: games, prizes, snacks, face painting, bungee run, talent contest and more. Sponsored by: Columbia Parks & Recreation, YC2 and Rainbow House.

Sunday, April 25

- Red Top Christian Church invites you to the installation service for their new pastor, Rev. Charles A. Butcher. The time of the service is 4:00 p.m. and you are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

- Open House on Earth Day. The Islamic Center of Central Missouri invites you to join them in celebrating the diversity of Columbia. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center located at the corner of Locust and Fifth Street. (Earth Day rain date is May 2nd and the Open House would be postponed until that date as well.)

- Earth Day 2010, 12:00 - 7:00 p.m., Peace Park (Elm Street between 9th and 6th). Activities include: Eco Avenue, Kids' Park, Volunteer Way, Music and Dance, Huge Street Fair, Food Court on 7th Street. (Rain date-May 2)

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 18

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Nina Oliver
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
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Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Jeff and Susan Ripley
Delivered by - Sally Estes, Doris Neidhardt

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Carol Hughey
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David and Julie, Andrew and Jake Nichols
Liturgist: Jacki Davidson
Elders: Robert Swanson, Joyce Stanley, Carol Slusher
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Chuck Scott
Greeter South Door: Nannie Lou Mallett
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Max Schaefer and Wolf Schaefer
Candlelighters: Gavin Rose and Zac Ruffolo
Children's Worship Leader: Kim Boger
C. W. Helper: Tom Rose

This Week (April 18 - 24)

- Sun. - Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Sunday
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Blue Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
* Marcus Borg Study Group, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
* Elementary aged Children's Choir with Amy Kay, Emily Reinbott and Andy Vickers, 6:30 p.m.
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr. - Master Planning Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

