



## In Worship on April 25

The astonishing story of Peter raising a woman named Tabitha from the dead, coupled with the appeal to use our gifts in ministry and service to Christ provide the background and texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon on April 25, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of our stewardship campaign. Scripture readings are found in Acts 9:36-43 and Ephesians 4:1-16.

Hymns for the day will include: *O God of Vision, Called As Partners In Christ's Service* and *The Voice of Jesus Calls His People*. And special music, *Jesu Joy of Man's Desire*, will be provided by Cheryl, Steve and Amy Lightner at both services.

## 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 25 *Becoming...partners*

## Becoming...*builders*

This week we kick off the annual stewardship campaign of our church—our opportunity and our responsibility to renew our fiscal commitments to our church home here at Tenth and Walnut. I know that you cherish with me the fellowship and the sense of God's presence that we experience here in this congregation. We all take pride in the many activities and programs of this church, programs focused on our membership, programs for the community, programs for the region, the nation and for the international church. The leadership that we have here at FCC, designing and implementing these programs while simultaneously providing for the spiritual needs of each of our members, defines the very highest standards of pastoral care. Indeed we do have many reasons and justifications for the pride and the love that we have for our church and that we so frequently and openly express.

For the next few weeks, various programs will be featured in the inserts to your morning bulletin. Please read these carefully and reflect on what they mean to you and to the mission of our church. As we strive to fulfill the promise of becoming "Children of God", today we focus on becoming God's builders and concentrate on the general area of property, such as maintenance, long term repairs, office upkeep, utilities, taxes, insurance and the like. This constitutes about 20% of our annual budget and is certainly an indispensable, and basically irreducible, part of our program.

In the weeks ahead we will highlight some of our other programmatic needs. I won't go into them today but let me say a few words about how our church income is derived. As you saw in Sunday's bulletin insert, about 70% of our income comes directly from the tithes and offerings of our members. This is the only part, too, that we really have much direct control over. By that I mean we cannot do very much, very soon, to increase income from sources like permanent fund investments, memorial gifts, rental agreement leases, etc.

A preliminary planning budget approved by the Cabinet and the Administrative Board indicates there will therefore need to be an increase of about 10% in tithes and offerings for the next fiscal year if we are to meet the programmatic needs of the church. Thus it is especially important for each one of us to consider carefully our commitment to this stewardship program.

You will receive an "estimate of giving" card in the mail next week. Please fill it out and return it as soon as you can. Victory Sunday is three weeks away and we would hope to have cards returned by then if possible so the Cabinet and the Administrative Board can prepare a budget for your approval that reflects the history and the promise of this wonderful church. Thanks for your good stewardship!!

~Cliff Tompson

## Help for the Prayer Room

Boone Hospital needs your help. The month of June is First Christian Church's time for Prayer Room services at Boone Hospital. We need to supply, each Sunday in June, a piano player (or guitar), vocalist(s) and a reader for the worship time. Time spent at the hospital is 8:30-10:00 am June 6,13,20 or 27. You can pick your own favorite songs to sing/play out of the "little red book". The readings are picked by the hospital Chaplain. This would be a great family worship experience. If you are interested in or have questions about any of these opportunities please call Brenda Martin 443-8312 or 817-8534 to offer your time. Thank you in advance.

## Church...

John mentioned in his sermon on Sunday how good it is to have people of all ages in our church family. He spoke about his own absence from church during college and how wonderful it is that we have students who are making the choices to come to church and be involved in addition to worship. As I looked out at our students in the balcony and downstairs, I too was touched by their commitment to their church and God. These students aren't at a loss for how to fill their time – they have tough majors, active social lives, work and are college athletes. They are tired. They are stressed. Through all of their goings and comings, they choose to try to stay centered with their relationship to God and one another. I am blessed by them – we all are blessed by them.

The students will be the first to say that they are blessed by this church. As John affirmed, we are fortunate here to get to have friends from varied backgrounds and many generations. As I looked out on Sunday morning, I was truly touched to see you who witness to your faith by the very way you treat people and how you choose to use your time. I often praise how good it is to get to worship in our sanctuary, but more than the sun coming through the stained glass is your presence that makes this place beautiful. Your collective bodies in the pews that the colored light shines upon makes this a wonderful place to come to know God.

As we continue to consider our stewardship in the coming weeks, may we all take a moment to look around and soak in the blessings of our lives – the blessings we know in our church family – the blessings known from our God.

w/thanksgiving for all that this church has been, is now and hopes to become with our God whom we know through Jesus  
~amy kay



My thanks to John for being with me prior to surgery as well as a visit later. Cards from caring folks were so good and a great visit with Linda Ridgeway and Brad Beary when they delivered flowers from the church. I am thankful for my church family. ~Bonnie Jean Backues

## News of the congregation

**Cheryl Nichols**, Chancel Choir Director, was released from the hospital on Tuesday and returned home to continue recuperating from surgery on April 15. **Ed Bright** also had surgery on April 15 at Boone hospital and returned home last Sunday. **Holly Wheatley** had outpatient surgery last week and is now at home doing well. **Nina Oliver** is at home recovering from a surgical procedure on Monday morning at Boone Hospital. **Jean Rossman** has returned to her home in the Lenoir Woods Village after spending a few days at the University Hospital last week. **Dick Vaught** was admitted to the VA hospital last week for some testing, and has now returned home.

Congratulations to **Millie Bolman** who was among the many people nominated to receive a Hero Award for her work with RSVP, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. The awards were presented on Tuesday afternoon, April 20. The Hero Awards are sponsored by the Voluntary Action Center, Landmark Bank and the Columbia Daily Tribune.

We have received word via email that **Colleen Nilges** is among those thousands of travelers who are stranded in Europe as a result of the volcanic ash blowing across the continent from Iceland. Now in London, she was supposed to fly home on Wednesday, but late word says another cloud of dust is coming and the airport in London will not be open. In her email Colleen asks for our prayers and says, "If anyone in our church family can help in any way (connections, calls, etc.) it would be appreciated."

**Odette Schafer**, age 91, died on Monday morning, April 19, at the Candlelight Lodge. A member of our congregation since 1996, Odette and her late husband, **Van Schafer**, were active members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for many years, and were among the charter members who founded the Community Christian Church in Jefferson City. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, **Vanette and Dan Noll** of Columbia, two granddaughters, two brothers and a sister, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter due in late April. A memorial service will be conducted by Dr. Yonker at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 26 at Parker's Funeral Home. A one-hour visitation will be held immediately preceding the service.

It was a joy to witness the service of Blessing and Dedication for **Ila Rose Hickey**, eleven month-old daughter of **Bryan Hickey** and **Kenley Barnett**, and **Madison Maxine**

**Eliff**, six month-old daughter of **Jessica and Kurt Eliff**. Among the family members present for the dedication at the 10:30 service on April 18 were grandparents **John and Julie Hickey** and other grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. The family enjoyed a tasty lunch together in the Morris Parlor following the worship service.

Congratulations to **Bill and Mary Ann Niedergerke** who celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary this week.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Bud Smith - 95**  
on April 25

## CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

### April 28th

*Menu:* Chicken Tetrazzini  
Mandarin Spinach Salad  
Carrot Cake

**Programs (6:30 p.m.):**

- **Adult Bible Study**, 6:30 p.m., Keystone
- **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.**

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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, 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 18, 2010

Received this week \$4,977  
Received to Date \$367,280  
Needed to Date \$372,202  
Attendance - 236  
(includes early worship - 60)

## Special Thanks from the Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry would like to thank the ladies of CWF for their recent and very generous financial contribution to our program. We were able to buy a nice supply of beautiful yarn which will keep us busy for a good while. We're so very glad that the rest of our church friends appreciate this ministry.  
~The Prayer Shawl Group

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

## Honoring Graduates

Please let the church office know if you or someone you love is graduating this May. High School, College, Graduate School – we want to celebrate with you! College Graduates will be honored in 10:30 worship on May 9. High School Graduates will be honored in 10:30 worship on May 23. A section of the church bulletin board will be set aside for graduation announcements and invitations to be shared with the entire church family in the month of May. Please let Jimmy Spear know if you have some to add.



## Birthdays

**Apr. 25** -Betty Moon, Alex Smith,  
Millard Thomas, Erin Peterson,  
Bobbi McCormack  
**Apr. 27** -Gary Unterschutz  
**Apr. 28** -Pamela Hunsaker, Magdalena  
Schaefer  
**Apr. 29** -Sherry K. Dobbs, Kelli Embry,  
Susan Ramsey, Anne Tomlin,  
Jade Mooney  
**Apr. 30** -Korinna Hylen  
**May 1** -Jane Ann Hackett

## Drennan Salad Luncheon



**Tuesday, April 27  
Keystone Room  
Gather 11:30-12:00  
Eat at 12:00**

## Giving a Gift?



You are invited to check out the new arrivals in our church's Fair Trade Store! We are open each Sunday morning and by appointment with Amy Kay.



Join Parkade Baptist Church in Columbia for their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Evening of Music" program on **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**. The hour long concert will begin at **5pm** and will feature the **church choir, praise team, soloists and the church instrumentalists**. There will also be a brief **organ demonstration** on the church's new Rodgers organ.

The concert will last an hour and is **FREE and open to the public**, although canned food and/or monetary donations are encouraged to help support the Shepherds' Basket Ministry, here in Columbia. For more information, please contact the church office at **573-443-4585** or check out their website at [www.parkadebaptistchurch.org](http://www.parkadebaptistchurch.org)

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## Return Service Requested

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 25

*Van Driver:* Jeff Ripley  
*Office Receptionist:* Debbie Potthast  
*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Ben and Jen Micek  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Bryan and Debbie Garton  
*Delivered by -* Bryant and Susan White

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Steve and Sharon Smith  
*Elder:* Cherry Hinderberger

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Dan, Holly, Drew and Steve Gieseke  
*Liturgist:* Sarah Storm  
*Elders:* Julie and John Hickey, Brenda Mosby  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Carol Slusher  
*Greeter South Door:* Joy Duren  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Emily Unterschut and Erich Unterschut  
*Candlelighters:* Anna Poole and Jacob Ripley  
*Children's Worship Leader:* Jessica Humble  
*C.W. Helper:* Ben Micek

## This Week (April 25-May 1)

- Sun. - Pastor's Class #1, 8:30-10:15 a.m., Green Rm. (3rd floor)  
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Green Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Drennan Group Salad Luncheon, 11:30-12:00 (gather) and 12:00 (eat), Keystone Room  
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- 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., Bethany Hall  
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
\* Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
\* 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, 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

