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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

## Worship this Sunday: May 2

On May 2, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in our Stewardship Campaign, worship services will continue the theme, “*Power to Become Children of God*” and focus on service. Scripture readings found in Psalm 148 and John 13:1-15 will provide the texts for Dr. Yonker’s sermon, “*Becoming . . . servants.*”

Music for the day will include special music provided by Brenda Mosby at 8:30 and 10:30 when she sings *Lord Let Me Serve*. The Chancel Choir will also sing at 10:30 worship.

Blessing of Children! At the 10:30 service we will be privileged to witness a service of dedication for Caden Joseph Snow, five month-old son of Curt and Carolyn Snow, and blessing of five year-old Carleigh and three year-old Cullen.



## 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

May 2    *Becoming...servants*

## Welcome New Member

We celebrated **Jacob Walsh**’s decision to become an Associate Member of our church last Sunday at the late worship service. He shares his membership here with his home-home church in Eldorado Springs, Missouri. Jacob is a Freshman at Mizzou in Aerospace Engineering and has been an active member of our church all year through Sunday morning worship and the weekly college Back Room group. Jacob is a caring, fun, energetic and bright man whom you will want to get to know. It is good to get to be church together while Jacob makes Columbia his home away from home!

## Baptism & Discipleship Begins

The annual Baptism & Discipleship for youth began last Sunday morning. Eight 6<sup>th</sup> graders gathered with adult church member mentors for discussions around the important sacrament of baptism. Six “C” words will guide us over the next three weeks. Confession, contrition, covenant, community, connection and church are words that will bring the group to understanding their discipleship and prepared for a confession of faith. Baptisms will be held on Pentecost Sunday. Please be in prayer with these youth in the days ahead as they make this important journey: **Annika Hysten, Megan Potthast, Matthew Hoepfner, Logan Garton, Devin Klotz, Ryan Boger, Jack Creasy, and Hailey Korman**. Our prayerful thanks include **various parents** and also church members **Bragg Stanley, Susan Klockow and Linda Hutton** for sharing in this journey.

## Connect with Students

One of the ways we stay connected with students who are affiliated with our church and our denomination is through our tradition of providing College Care Packages at the end of each semester. This Sunday morning we will have packages ready to pick up in the Narthex with students’ names and addresses. If you are willing, please peruse the addresses and deliver one or two to students who live near you. It is a great way to extend a smile and best wishes to our students. Also, if you have a child or grandchild who is in college here or away, please pop by and pick up a package for him or her. Thanks a bunch~ amy kay and Charise (Campus Ministry Intern)

## Heeerrreee's Johnny!

Thinking about our stewardship campaign, a story comes to mind which helps to put the matter in proper perspective. I can't remember where I read or heard it, and I don't know whether or not it's true! But like many stories which may or may not have actually happened the way they are recorded, it is a true story.

The composer Giacomo Puccini wrote a number of famous operas, but in 1922 he was stricken by cancer while working on his opera, "Turandot," which many consider to be his best. When he got sick he said to his students, "If I don't finish 'Turandot', I want you to finish it for me." Shortly afterward he died.

Puccini's students studied the opera carefully and completed it. In 1926 the world premiere was performed in Milan, Italy with Puccini's favorite student, Arturo Toscanini, directing. Everything went beautifully until the opera reached the point where Puccini was forced to put down his pen. Tears ran down Toscanini's face. He stopped the music, put down his baton, turned to the audience, and cried out, "Thus far the Master wrote, but he died."

A total silence filled the opera house. Then Toscanini picked up the baton again, turned to the audience, smiled and proudly proclaimed, "But the disciples finished his work." Then he finished the opera, and the audience broke into a thunderous applause.

Here is a true story! We are called to take up the Master's work! That is the heart of Christian stewardship! As the Ephesian letter says, we have been called by God "to lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called." "Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." Although God may not have given us gifts to become apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, we have all received gifts to use in the service of Christ, in building up the body of Christ, in becoming partners with one another in advancing the cause of Christ through the work of the church.

Our approach to stewardship is low-key! No one will knock on your door to ask for your commitment! No one will decide how much you should give, or how you should use your gifts and talents for the church. It will be up to you to decide.

The work of our church and the success of our stewardship campaign depends upon us responding to Christ's call. May God help us respond with thankful and generous hearts!

### THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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AND

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

AND

### ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

ANNOUNCE IN CELEBRATION

THE

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

FOR

REV. AMY KAY PAVLOVICH

"THE GREAT FEAST"

SUNDAY, MAY 16

2:30 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
COLUMBIA, MO

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

YOU ARE INVITED!

## Happy Birthday!



May 2-Doris Neidhardt, Jacob Ripley,  
Atticus Pavlovich

May 4-Deidre Wipke-Tevis, Drake  
Tevis, Aubrey Schomaker

May 6-Delaney Tevis, Nancy Kirtley,  
Sue Underwood, Maddox  
Colborn, Joe Davis

## News of the congregation

It was good to see **Cheryl Nichols** back with us on Sunday. Thanks to her and the **Chancel Choir** for their anthem, *For the Beauty of the Earth*. It was glorious!

Thanks, also, to **Cheryl** and **Steve Lightner** and their daughter **Amy** for singing the beautiful song *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* at both services last Sunday.

Congratulations to **Kari Salmon** who won Boone County National Bank's 50,000 Pennies for Your Thoughts contest at the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Business Conference and Showcase. Kari won \$500 for sharing her thoughts.

Columbia College recently recognized **Joe Reardon**, Class of '93, with their Columbia College Service Award at their recent Alumni Weekend's Alumni Awards Banquet. **Rev. Jimmy Spear** was on hand that evening to offer the evening's prayer & invocation.



Thank you so much to all my dear friends at First Christian Church! The prayers, cards, visits, calls and good wishes all helped to sustain me through the knee surgery and recovery process. I enjoyed the flowers from the church and Linda Hutton's visit when she brought them. It was a great support to have John with my family and me during the surgery and afterward.

I continue to find comfort in the lovely shawl made by Mary Tompson which was given to me on an earlier occasion. I look forward to being back at the church soon. ~Moray Kiehl

We want to thank you for the Easter Lily that Judy brought to Tom while he was in the hospital. Also, thanks to John for coming and seeing us and for all of your prayers. ~Tom and Freda Martz

Thanks to CWF and church members for sending our daughter-in-law cards and for all the prayers. She has a long way to go to get to her old self again. ~Tom and Freda Martz

## Becoming...partners

As some of you are aware, it's often difficult to keep things down to a minute, and I found this especially true of Sunday's stewardship message because as a committee member, I need to educate and convey some business matters to you. I also want to convey some matters of the heart with you.

As you are aware from last week's and this Sunday's messages from John Yonker, from the stewardship presentation by Cliff Tompson and by letters that you have received in the past couple days, our church is now in its second week of this year's emphasis on stewardship. Our theme this year is Power to Become Children of God.

This week our specific theme is Becoming Partners which you received as an insert in your bulletin. We ask that you read through that material and give it your thoughtful consideration. We now will turn our attention from last week's emphasis on the building and physical aspects of our church to the aspects of special people serving as partners to make our church and world better places. We all serve as partners with our time, with our financial resources, with our many talents and with friendship and fellowship in each others' lives.

I invite you to think beyond the partnership that all of us share and to concentrate on the very special people who partner with us who make up our administrative department. These include our senior minister, our two associate ministers, our music and choir directors and the staff members who manage our finances, who manage our office and its volume of work and who manage the maintenance of our building and facilities. They serve in many ways too numerous to mention, but without them, we would have no church and no sacred place to share. As our stewardship emphasis this year seeks to help to educate and to answer the question of where our offerings go, we ask you to look on the other side of your insert to note that in the preliminary budget for the coming church year, \$421,191 has been budgeted for the administrative department. This includes such things as salary, retirement benefits, social security, health care coverage, special music and other things that you see detailed for the administrative department. This figure is close to 60% of the preliminary budget figures, a percentage that is very representative of salaries and benefits in many other comparable churches and organizations.

It is important to realize that our administrative department members have taken no salary increases in the past three years. While this was at their request and was very commendable during times of economic recession, we now need to be aware of this and perhaps consider adjusting our thinking, budgeting and pledges to keep pace with changing realities and needs.

I ask that we not just look at the administrative part of our church budget as numerical figures, but more importantly, to keep in our minds that while all of us are partners with God's work, these special people are the ones who lead us and who share God's love with us. They teach our children and provide mission trips, camps, children's moments and many ways for children to learn about God. They create learning experiences for all ages to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of the sacred. They preach and teach the scriptures, and each week they provide us with stories and a way to

see things with new eyes and understanding. They are part of the celebrations and milestones of our lives such as our weddings and baby dedications. They walk beside us and hold us up with support when we grieve the loss of a loved one, or when we face trouble and fear and need a Christlike presence to comfort and sustain us. They help to create opportunities for us not only to partner here in our own church, but to partner with other churches, with our community and with the church's mission in the world. Remember all of these things and more with thankful hearts and minds as we consider our stewardship for the coming year. We give thanks for all the ways that they help us as the children of God to continue to grow and partner together in God's world.  
~Anne Campbell

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## Northeast Area Christian Women's Ministries

Brenda Hines, the new DWM Coordinator for the Mid-America Region, led the NE Area meeting in Monroe City. Brenda provided a step by step lesson on how to use the magazine Just Women for group studies. Shirley Park, Muriel Leach and Joyce Stanley were among the 32 participants.



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## Church T-Shirt Design Finalist!

We had a great response to our design contest last Sunday morning and will have the vote-off this Sunday morning! The finalist will include the top vote getters from last week plus an entry that I failed to get on the board last week. You will want to see the new addition and vote for our next all-church shirt design.

Several friends in the church expressed how good all of the designs are. Many good ideas were generated about other ways we can use the designs in addition to a t-shirt winner. Look for some of our good artists' work used in many ways throughout the year. Thanks be to God for all of the gifts and talents that we share!

## The Great Feast

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> we will gather at 2:30pm in our sanctuary to celebrate the ordination of our own Amy Kay Pavlovich. Amy Kay has been a licensed clergy person here for almost nine years and it will be a joy to witness and participate in her ordination. We are looking forward to wonderful music and dance, great preaching from a well-known Jesus scholar and the act of blessing Amy Kay's life in ministry. The whole service will be no longer than 70 minutes and the Great Feast will continue in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We hope you can come to help celebrate this event in the life of our church and for Amy Kay.

Child Care will be provided in our nursery for pre-schoolers and we hope that older children will come to worship as Jimmy will have a Children's Moment and we hope the whole service will be engaging for friends of all ages.

## All-Church Talent Show!

The Membership Department invites you to get your talents all practiced up as we will have a fun Fellowship Dinner and Show to kick off the summer on Wednesday evening, June 2. From 6:00pm – 7:30pm we will enjoy a potluck supper and one another's great talents. It is sure to be a fun evening. In early May we start asking for your acts. Mark your calendars, think of your talent or start persuading your friends to showcase their talents and we'll look forward to good times together!

## Repair a Cabin

Is there a chance you could be part of a work-party that repairs a cabin before camp? Come on a Friday or Saturday morning. The Rickman Center will feed and house you. The things that need to be done are: painting the tile floor, blocking out a window and building one more double bunk bed. This will cost about \$800-\$900. One study area is finished. There are plans to build three more before the June 1 camp. Contact John Yonker (449-7265) if you can help.

## Help for 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.

The dates volunteers are needed are June 6, 13, 20 or 27. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for the service at 9:00. The Chaplain conducts the service that may last 30-45 minutes, giving you time to still attend our 10:30 service. 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.

## FCC - Columbia College Ties!

At the Columbia College Honors and Awards Convocation held on the campus on Friday, April 9, I was reminded of the very close ties which our church has had with the college through the years. The following awards and scholarships are named after women and women of First Christian Church who have served the college as teachers, administrators and members of the board of trustees.

- Elisabeth Estes Gentry Endowment Fund Scholarship
- Glenna Mae Kubach Accounting Scholarship
- Mary Isabel Omer Scholarship
- Jane Froman Smith Memorial Scholarship and Singer of the Year Award
- Louis Lubrich Atterbury '38 Music Scholarship
- Eloise Green Bates Scholarship in the Arts
- Hartley G. Banks Sr. Scholarship
- First Christian Church of Columbia Christian College Scholarship
- Dr. Edward F. and Carol Alexander Coffman '46 Scholarship
- Edgar Desmond Les Scholarship

What a great legacy! The relationship between the college and the church continues as the Senior Minister of First Christian Church serves on the board of trustees, and several members of our congregation continue to teach and work at the college. And the college continues to receive funding from the Disciples Mission Fund as one of the institutions of higher learning affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).  
~John Yonker

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## Becoming builders, partners, servants, and church... as children of God.

Our children from the pre-school Sunday School Class recently took a break from talking about Jesus to show us how a church steeple looks! We sure love these little friends! May they guide us as we recall what it means to be a child of God.



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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, May 9

JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Future meeting dates:  
May 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 25, 2010

Received this week \$6,938  
Received to Date \$374,219  
Needed to Date \$382,007  
Attendance - 269  
(includes early worship - 53)

# BOOK O R N E R

At any hour of the day or night God may be speaking to us. Do we hear him? Perhaps he sends an angel (friend) to our door; plants an idea in our head; pushes in a direction He sees right for us, or closes off a pathway that feels so right. Will we know when He speaks?

How to Listen to God is a new book from Guideposts which will help us understand how he communicates with us. Through a series of stories, scripture and encouraging commentary author Doug Hill shows how God speaks through prayer, the Bible, new experiences, dreams, or even a children's story or jigsaw puzzle.

Each chapter offers suggestions about being aware of the different kinds of messages God is sending us, teaching how to discern His guidance and distinguish His voice from all others. ~On the Book Cart in the narthex

## Book Club



The Ladies' Book Club looks forward to its last meeting before summer break at **12 noon on Wed., May 12, in Bethany Hall.** Last August the group selected a mystery, *Only Daughters*, by Columbia obstetrician (and new mayor!), Robert McDavid. However, at this last meeting we will not only discuss Dr. McDavid's book, but members are encouraged to share books they've read and would like to suggest for next year's reading list. Hope to see you on May 12!

## Upcoming Events



**Sunday, May 2** - Fifth Street Christian Church invites you to attend their Family and Friends Day, 3:00 p.m. at

their church (401 N. Fifth). Sister Adelle Loving of Mount Celestial Baptist Church, Columbia will be the speaker.

**Sunday, May 9** - The Columbia Community Band performs their Mother's Day Concert. It will take place at 4:00 p.m., Missouri Theatre Center for the Arts. This is a benefit concert for the Central Missouri Food Bank. Admission is non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

**Saturday, May 22** - Riding Out Poverty in Mid-Missouri, sponsored by Central Missouri Community Action, will be held on the Katy Trail. This fundraising event will highlight five beautiful stops along the trail and celebrates the efforts CMCA has undergone to eliminate poverty in Mid-Missouri. For details and pre-registration go to: [www.ridingoutpoverty.org](http://www.ridingoutpoverty.org)

# CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

## May 5th

**Menu:** Taco Bar

**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.**

Make Plans now for **CAFÉ on June 2:** (the last CAFÉ of season)  
**The All Church Talent Show & Potluck Dinner**

# The Visitor

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Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister  
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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Return Service Requested

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 2

*Van Driver:* Matt Batterson  
*Office Receptionist:* Carole Randerson  
*Church School Greeter:* Judy Hall  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Judy Cunningham  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Shirley Park  
*Delivered by -* Sarah Yonker and Joni Cupp

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Louis, Janice and Andy Janssen  
*Elder:* Will Houston

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Nannie Lou Mallet, Ed Bright, Justin and Jessica Bright  
*Liturgist:* Valerie Freed  
*Elders:* Perry Stemmons, Tommy Tomlin and Shirley Park  
*Deacons:* The Campbell Team  
*Greeter North Door:* TBA  
*Greeter South Door:* Margie and Maury Ellis  
*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers  
*Candlelighters:* Julia Bower and Will Bower

## This Week (May 2 - 8)

- Sun. - Baptism and Discipleship Class #2, 8:30-10:15 a.m., Green Rm. (3rd floor)  
- Terrace Vespers, 3:00 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Yellow Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Coffman-Watson Group, 6:00 p.m., Ruby Tuesday's (3310 Vandiver Drive, close to Bass Pro Shop)
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
\* Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
\* Elementary aged Children's Choir, 6:30 p.m.  
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- College Group, 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri. - Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

