



THE VISITOR

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Sunday Morning Worship

Where your treasure is...

A Sermon Series for August 1, 8, & 15.

The conclusion of the three week sermon series on Luke 12 will continue the focus on the treasure that is of God and lived out in our hearts. This week the text shifts to Jesus' words about interpreting the present time.

The African-American spiritual *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* will be a featured prayer hymn for the day. The ever-powerful *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* will be the big opener and *Living for Jesus* will guide us to the Invitation. Good hymns for a good Sunday are in store. Special Music we be shared by Linda Chandler (8:30) and Nora Dietzel (10:30).

See you Sunday!

Ministerial Search Committee Approved

On Sunday, August 8th, the Administrative Board held a brief meeting after the 10:30 worship service for the purpose of approving the members of the Ministerial Search Committee. Those approved were: Jessica Humble, chair; Cliff Tompson; Erin Bower; Mark Mills; Bryan Garton; Tommy Tomlin; Genie Rogers and ex-officio members, Ken Watson and Steve Smith. The committee will be organizing and meeting soon. If you have suggestions, please contact any of the committee members.

Weekly Report

Aug. 8, 2010

Received this week \$6,279.98

Received to Date \$57,768.01

Needed to Date \$43,810.32

Attendance - 246

(includes early worship - 65)



The Fall CWF Dinner will be Monday, September 20th. More details to follow as Cindy and I finalize the menu.

-Colleen Nilges



Loaves & Fishes Monday, Aug. 23

Group needed to prepare & serve meal

Call church office or Paula Hoenes to volunteer your group!

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



JYF Pool & Pizza Event

Sunday, August 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Southwest Swim Club, College Park Dr.
(bring \$3)

Youth Groups Begin:

CYF - EAT OUT for new Seniors
August 18, 6:30 p.m.

CYF - Begins Wed., Sept. 1
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho & JYF

Youth bring their families to the all-church picnic on Aug. 29

Sundays Sept. 19 & 26

JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Chi-Rho, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**START
August 29**

Early Church (8:30) Greeters and Helpers Needed

There are spots available (and needed) for volunteers as Early Church Greeters and Helpers. The dates are: September 5, 19, 26 and October 3, 17, 24. Please call Mary Daugherty (446-1366). Thank you.

Be Thou My Vision

Read these words of the hymn *Be Thou My Vision*, in our Chalice Hymnal # 595. Sing along if you know the hymn tune SLANE.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art, thou my best thought by day or by
night, waking or sleeping, thy presence
my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word; I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord; thou my redeemer, my love thou
hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with
thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great
God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall, still be my vision, O
Ruler of all.

This hymn has always been on my favorite list. The Irish hymn is from the 8th century but yet has a melody (the hymn tune SLANE) and the words that say so much about God and the guidance sought in this life. The word *vision* is used to indicate not only what we focus on but also what we strive for.

This last Sunday I kind of wanted to change the Invitational Hymn to this one at the last minute because I thought it would fit well to follow the sermon.

As we end the summer with several weeks' discussion around Luke 12 I think this hymn would continue that conversation. It also would provide us pause to consider our vision as we begin a "new year". A new year of study, youth gatherings, worship and mission focus, and enthusiasm of being church together in the fall season.

My response to the hymn is:

- *God, be my vision into this new school year.*
- *Be the focus of my vision. Help me focus my vision on things that are really important.*
- *God be my wisdom, my redeemer, my love and my dwelling.*

Read the hymn again; what is your response? What words does it bring to mind, thought, and faith? Mull them over, ponder your vision in these days and for the days ahead.

~Jimmy Spear

Calling all Soloists

Vocalists and Instrumentalists! I am scheduling for Fall 8:30 worship and would like to invite anyone who is interested in singing or playing an instrument to please contact Cynthia Williams (ph.# 636-357-0708). All ages—middle school and up—are welcome. Come share your gifts and talents through music. Thank you to all the current soloists—your musical contributions are greatly appreciated!!

I'd like to thank you all for supporting my graduation.



My family and I were delighted to have your support in this important transition from high school to college. I love my afghan and bible. Know I will cherish those for many years. Also, thank you for the \$500 Anne and Jim Linn, Jr. Scholarship. That was extremely generous.

~Matthew Taylor

Your Special Birthday!



Jerry Guy- 90
on August 13
Iva D. Thurman- 93
on August 15
Robert Sisson- 97
on August 16



Aug. 15-Kim Korman, Iva Dell Thurman, Elayna Mottaz

Aug. 16-Robert Sisson, Joyce Stanley, Louis Janssen

Aug. 17-Elizabeth Mottaz

Aug. 18-Dorothy Allen, Sharon Smith, Nora Dietzel, Michelle Mountjoy

Aug. 19-Carol Hughey, Quinn Fullington

Aug. 20-Gene Kirkham

Aug. 21-Susan Gray, Patrick Shay

News of the congregation

Muriel Leatch has returned home from a time of healing at Lenoir Healthcare Center. **Tom Martz** continues to undergo a specialized therapy each week day and is in need of prayers of support and cards of good cheer. **Kim Rogers' father, Kenneth Swisher**, is in need of prayers in the midst of a serious cancer diagnosis and treatment plan. **Don Seltsam** continues to be a patient at Boone Hospital and is recovering well.

Our prayers of sympathy are extended to the family of **Peggy Cline** who died on August 4. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, August 7 in the sanctuary. Rev. Jimmy Spear officiated and was assisted by Rev. Jerry Riggert of Lenoir and Rev. Terry Lippstreu from Hatton.

Sympathy is extending to **Mary McRoberts, Jim and Mimi McRoberts** in the death of **Flint McRoberts**, August 6. A celebration of Flint's life will be held on Saturday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. at Lenoir's Eppl Chapel. Rev. Sally Robinson will officiate.

The **Norma Miller/Drennan Singers Music Scholarship** was inaugurated on Sunday, August 8. The Drennan Singers present shared in leading the worship music of the day. Norma's family was also present. Brochures about the new scholarship are available in the Narthex and in the church office.

Thanks to church members assisting in sharing the morning liturgy in these weeks of August. **Drew Nichols** and **Bryan Grieme-Verslues** in 8:30 worship and **Sally Robinson, Jordan Mills** and **Hayley Batterson** in 10:30 worship.

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby's leadership** and **a large group of church friends** for preparing the meal for the very large Cline family on Sat. Aug. 7.

Thanks to the **CYF** for hosting a summer Ice Cream Social last Thursday evening. Thanks to over 75 people who came out to not only share in cold ice cream and delicious desserts but also to hear the story of the youth summer mission trips. The annual presentation by the CYF is a real treat – allowing the congregation to get a glimpse of the service and play that is a CYF Mission Trip.

Annual Meeting for Parents of all Children and Youth

Wednesday, August 25, Bethany Hall

Introduction to the new **Children's Choir Fellowship** (ages pre-school to 5th grade). Come meet new children's choir director Cynthia Williams and hear of the great plan for kids' music! Receive an information packet and take a look at choir volunteer opportunities. **6:00 p.m.**

Annual **Check-In Meeting** about the three youth groups - JYF, Chi-Rho, CYF (3rd-12th grade) - to discuss the meeting times and plans for the coming year—hopes, changes, expectations, concerns. **6:30 p.m.**

Children's Choir Fellowship

Make a Joyful Noise to God, all the children of FCC!! If you love to sing, this is the place for you. Children's Choir Fellowship (CCF) will begin Wednesday night September 1st.

Wednesday night, September 1st, two of the choirs will begin after the CAFÉ dinner: K-2 @ 6:15-6:45 and 3-5 @ 6:50-7:30. Pre-K will meet 2x per month following the children's time in the 10:30 service. This will start the Sunday after Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 12.

It is exciting to be working with the children and hearing all their beautiful voices!
~Cynthia Williams

Potluck Brunch in Bethany Hall

First 4 Sundays in August!
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Bring Food, share Fellowship with church Families and Friends.



Sunday School for all children will be on summer break but families will be in fellowship together over potluck brunch in Bethany Hall. (Classes on break include: Pre-School, Elementary River of Life, New BackRoom Class, & Pathfinders)

Music on these Sundays: The Chancel Choir will be on summer break but the Drennan Singers, Soloists, and the Boonslick Chordbusters will be offering special music in worship services.

Amazing Response!!! Festival of Sharing

Thank You! Thank You! All 40 of the bags to be filled for Festival of Sharing were picked up by willing FCC members Sunday Morning! AND - many of the completed bags have been returned to the church office already! It would be wonderful if all the completed bags could be returned to church by September 1 - then they can be boxed and ready for delivery to the Festival of Sharing in October!



STARS Breakfast Picnic

(Potluck)

Wed., August 25

8:30-10:00

C.K. Odor Shelter

Kiwanis Park

College Park Drive

STARS is the 55+ fellowship group of
First Christian Church



BOOK O R N E R

In line with last week's review—

With well-known brevity and wit, author Will Kaim offers parents food for thought on everything from choosing the right campus to dirty laundry (stop doing it now) to care packages (send lots). New students must be ready for change, focused on learning and discovery, sensitive to others (dormitory living?), strong in personal and institutional values.

For parents: areas such as letting go, empty nest, high expectations, writing checks.

For students: transition to college, distance, returning home, homesickness, personal finances, sex, alcohol and drugs.

This book, The Truth About College is gathered from the author's lectures to more than a million college students all over the world. Heartfelt, straightforward, practical, it is considered "a refreshing and upbeat approach to the college experience". It's on the Book Cart.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, August 15

Van Driver: James Taylor
Office Receptionist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
Bethany Hall Greeter: TBA
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Sue Fink, Mary and Robert Dewey
Delivered by - Moray Kiehl, Lana Poole

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Millie Caringer
Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Cindy, Jeff and Lexi Ruffolo
Liturgist: Sarah Read
Elders: Steve and Cheryl Lightner, Perry Stemmons
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Elizabeth Mottaz
Greeter South Door: Nina Oliver
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Elayna Mottaz and Kim Potthast
Candlelighters: Anna Poole and Sam Creasy

This Week (August 15 - 21)

- Sun. - Potluck Fellowship Brunch, 9:30-10:15 a.m.,
Bethany Hall
- JYF Pool & Pizza Party, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Southwest
Swim Club
- Wed. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

