



Sunday Morning Worship

On this last Sunday of the “summer season” our worship will bring the message of Christ and the people of God together to start the new week. The morning message will be based upon the scripture reading found in Luke 6:27-36. The sermon will focus on what it is to be merciful. We will gather to hear the good news that Dr. Yonker will bring fresh from time away in rest and renewal.

Hymns for the day will include the joyous and familiar *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, the invitational *I Would Be True*, and for the table *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*. Special Music for the day will be offered by Jerry Daugherty and Sally Estes.

This Sunday is the last installment of “Brunch in Bethany Hall” during the 9:30 hour. The group of morning “potluck-brunch” has grown in numbers and menu the last three weeks. Join us for this special time in fellowship this Sunday!

The following Sunday, August 29, will be START Sunday. The chancel choir and children’s worship will be back as a part of the 10:30 worship. Sunday morning Christian Education will begin a new season for both children and adults. The day will culminate with the annual all-church fellowship picnic and bbq.

START

**August
29**

- Chancel Choir
- Christian Education
 - River of Life
 - Adult Classes
- Children’s Worship
- Fellowship



All-Church Picnic & BBQ

**Sunday, August 29
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Bethel Park**



All Food Provided. Bring a lawn chair. Your garden fresh sliced tomatoes, etc. are welcome.

**S.T.A.R.S.
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

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.**

Officially Old

Okay, so in thinking about the sermon from last Sunday and the new school year I have now realized I am officially old. On my yahoo news feed this morning it noted Beloit College (Wis) has come out with their annual "Mindset List." The mindset list is a listing of what is the mindset of those who are entering college freshmen. It noted that the group was born in or around 1992. This is where I get old. I graduated from high school and was a freshman at Culver-Stockton in 1992. Ahg!

It turns out that this year's mindset list even notes that for students entering college this fall, e-mail is too slow, and phones never had cords. Oh do times change.

It is always interesting to me that in the church we exist as such a constant in a world that changes so rapidly. While we do change with it, we are also a part of the community's life that is timeless. The story of God's people is so very old, yet so very new. In a church's life we are called to remind each other that as God was relevant in the past, God is relevant in the present and can be in the future. Relevant even when times change. Finding God and a place to explore the message of love, justice, peace and mercy is still so very important to those who were born in 1992, 1972, 1922 and all the decades between.

Back to the business of mindset. As we begin this new school year, what is our mindset list? Does it matter if we are officially old or does it pertain to our activity in and around the community, with those who are like minded or in places with diversity of mindset?

As we begin a new season of church life together may faith exploration be a part of our mindset, wherever we fall on the spectrum of age or experience. For in this part of existence-this mindset-we have responded to God's call to be in relationship and created anew for this life.

~Jimmy Spear

A Postscript: It has been a most productive and spirited time around the church these last three weeks being "solo." Thanks to Kay in the office and church folks who have volunteered to lead worship and those who have shared excitement for the worship and events of this month. I am gone for the weekend to the Maes Family reunion in Denver, Colorado!



Thanks to the Flower Ministry. The anniversary flowers are beautiful. Many thanks to Sally Estes who delivered them.
~Norma and Carl Miles

I wanted to take a moment and thank you for your recent donation to the needs of the child care programs at our facility. As you are aware, we serve a very large percentage of children in at-risk situations that could impact their future success in school and eventually in society. It is through the partnership of caring organizations that the hope for these children is made achievable. Thank you for today, and all the tomorrows, you have made possible through your caring.

~Meg Bartlett, Executive Director, Mary Lee Johnston Community Learning Ctr.

Many thanks to all of you for your concern over the last several months as my uncle and aunt, Frank and Marion Cloninger, have struggled with cancer. Their deaths so close together have been very difficult for the family and we appreciate your support. My cousins and I really appreciate all of your prayers. They have helped more than you can know.

~Nancy Watson and family

We want to thank our friends for taking the time to come to our lake home to help us celebrate our 90th birthdays. Special thanks to Jimmy for bringing them in the church van. Our lake friends were so impressed with all of you as were our family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We're enjoying the cards sent by many who couldn't make it.

~Jerry and Connie Guy

News of the congregation

Our sympathy to the family of **Kathryn Glaab** who died August 11. Funeral services were held Sat., Aug. 14, in Columbia. Many years ago, she helped in the church nursery and was very good with the children.

Our sympathy, also, to the family of **James Berkley** who died Monday morning, Aug. 16. A funeral service will be held Sat., Aug. 21, 11:00 a.m., at Memorial Funeral Home and conducted by Dr. John Yonker. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. prior to the funeral. Jim was preceded in death by his wife **Tillie** in Dec. 2009. He is survived by daughters **Janet Berkley** and **Barbara Cornell** and a son **Jim Berkley**.

We keep in our prayers **Harlan Hackett's** sister who is gravely ill in Houston, TX.

Congratulations to **Margie and Maury Ellis** on their 66th anniversary, August 25th.

In the hospital this week: **Don Seltsam**, Boone; **Tom Martz**, ICU, University Hosp. and **Bob Leach**, University Hospital.

Muriel Leach has returned home from a time at Lenoir Healthcare Center. **Marvelle Ridgeway** has moved to the Manor at Lenoir.

School is starting! College Students from our congregation are headed to schools in Columbia and across the U.S. Good luck and safe journey!

College Students from across the U.S. are arriving in Columbia this week. If they are in our pews in the coming weeks, make sure to welcome them to a church home away from home! Your greeting can make all the difference! Make sure you point them in the direction of Jimmy Spear or the **College Group Brochure** in the Narthex.

Your Special Birthday!



Alice Hartley-
97 on August 20



BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 23-Marsha Sisson, Brian Thompson

Aug. 24-Ann Teel, Paula Slusher, Katie Thompson

Aug. 25-Roy Overacre, Susan White

Aug. 26- Mary Daugherty

Aug. 27-Steven McCormack

Aug. 28-Elizabeth Nelms, Jenna Gunnell

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

Youth Groups Begin:

CYF - Wed., Sept. 1
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 (Dinner at 5:30 p.m. - \$5)

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.

Children's Choir Fellowship
 Wed. Nights:
 K-2 @ 6:15-6:45
 3-5 @ 6:50-7:30
 and
 Sundays 2 x month for Pre-K
 during 10:30 worship service

Arts Ministry Starting

Are you interested in art? First Christian is located right in the heart of Columbia's growing art community and several of our members who like to create art and others who like to view art would like to start a small group arts ministry. If you are interested, join us in Bethany Hall on Tuesday, August 31, 7:00 p.m. for a brief organizational meeting. If you can't attend yet would like to know more, see Jimmy!



At their annual luncheon, The Ladies' Book Club selected the following books for their reading year. September (a tie) : *Await your Reply*, Dan Chaon (Columbia's One Read) and *Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons*, Lorna Landvik; October: *Mockingbird—A Portrait of Harper Lee*, Charles Shields (biography); November *The Scent of Rain and Lightning*, Nancy Pickard (mystery); January: *Half Broke Horses*, Jeannette Walls; February: *Olive Kitteridge*, Elizabeth Strout (Pulitzer winner); March: *Mudbound*, Hillary Jordan; April: *Vanishing Acts*, Jodi Picoult; May: *Girl in Translation*, Jean Kwok. The group meets the second Wednesday in each month at noon in Bethany Hall. Please join us!

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Begins September 1

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**.

CAFE Programs (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.):

- **Adult Study** with John Yonker
- **Children's Choir Fellowship** (See Youth Box for times)
- **Children's Activities** Craft & play time
- **Christian Youth Fellowship** (grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

Potluck Brunch in Bethany Hall

Sunday, August 22
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Bring Food, share Fellowship with church Families and Friends.



Sunday School for all children is 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)

College Group begins
August 25
8:45 - 10:00 pm
Bethany Hall



BOOK ORNER

Beyond the Yellow Brick Road, a book new to our library, does two important things: creates a sense of urgency about the serious drug epidemic among our youth and offers solutions. The author, Bob Meehan, is described as having the charisma of Frank Sinatra or John F. Kennedy, yet he relates to teenagers because he "has been there".

From the introduction by Tim Conway, "I have read many books about drugs in the past few years, but I always put them down thinking, 'Fine, but what can parents DO when their children take drugs?' When I finished this book I had answers and so will you." On the Book Cart.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, August 22

Van Driver: James Taylor
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Church School Greeter: Gene Kirkham
Bethany Hall Greeter: TBA
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Mark, Kelli and Sydney Embry
Delivered by - David, Julie and Jake Nichols

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Steve and Sharon Smith
Elder: Charlie Koelling

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: J.D. and Laura Estes,
Chuck and Emily Scott
Liturgist: Valerie Freed
Elders: David and Sarah Read, Judy Cunningham
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Anne Campbell
Greeter South Door: Moray Kiehl
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Abe Creasy, Ben Creasy
Candlelighters: Madeline Marrero, Coleman Rogers

This Week (August 22 - 28)

- Sun. - Lenoir Health Care Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. - Serving at Loaves and Fishes
- Wed. - STARS Breakfast Picnic, 8:30-10:00 a.m., C.K. Odor Shelter, Kiwanis Park on College Park Drive
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Children's Choir Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Annual Check-In Meeting for Parents of Children & Youth, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall

