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Sunday Morning Worship

According to the gospel an expert came before Jesus with a question about religion, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It was not uncommon for ancient Jewish rabbis to debate and summarize the law, so Jesus responded with two, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We have often focused on loving God with our hearts, and our neighbors as ourselves. But Jesus also called us to love God with all our minds.

Do you love God with all your mind? What can it mean as we consider our place in this world and face the challenges to faith which the advances in science have presented to us in the last 200 years? Basing his message on texts found in Psalm 8 and Matthew 22:34-40, Dr. Yonker will address the challenge in his sermon, "With All Your Mind!" on Sunday morning.

Special music will be provided by Sally Estes at the 8:30 service. Jean Hall and Mary Bancroft will play duets at the 10:30 service and the Chancel Choir will be back.

Thanks, Vitaly!!!

We say thanks to Vitaly Ahmedov for being a great summer ministry intern. Vitaly's 12 weeks were spent prepping the college student group list of new students, organizing and selling fair trade at the Olivet Christian Church's farmers market, assisting around the church office and building, hosting potluck brunches, leading/helping at VBS, and moving a lot of stuff around the church. Vitaly is a part of the The College Group and continues in his last semester at Columbia College.

Fair Trade Ministry Sale!!

The World Outreach Department is making room for the holiday season so will have selected items at half price this Sunday, August 29th. We will have a table in the narthex to make it easier for you to shop. We will have almonds, dried cranberries, coffee, tea and chocolate plus a few other items. You may also go over to Bethany Hall to the Amy Kay Fair Trade Ministry Shop for jewelry, bags, and more selections of coffee.

The World Outreach Department gives a HUGE thank you to Vitaly Ahmedov for taking our Fair Trade Ministry to the Olivet Christian Church Farmer's Market each Thursday afternoon this summer. We also thank him for doing a complete inventory for us. We wish him well in his final semester at Columbia College and look forward to seeing him around the church this fall.

CAFÉ Adult Study Begins Wednesday

The Adult Study each Wednesday Night will be offered during the 6:30 hour. Dr. John Yonker will teach the following sessions September 1 & 8: *Profiles in Spirituality*. **September 1** begins with **Rufus Jones** – scholar, teacher, leader, ecumenist and social activist.

Also coming this fall:

- A 1 night look at the popular TV show *Lost*. "*Lost: Live Together or Die Alone*"
- A 5 week book study of "*The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon*" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.
- A 4 week session of dialogues for young parents/adults on "*Faith Journeys – Sorting through where you've been and where you're going*" led by Sarah Read.

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.

Heerrree's Johnny!

I always try to resist the temptation to give detailed reports of our adventures upon returning home from vacation. Nothing can be worse than being invited over to the neighbors' to watch a few thousand slides of their latest trip to Disneyworld or the Mall of America, or to listen to an hour long monologue bragging about the latest development of their grandchildren who happen to be the cutest and smartest grandchildren in the world. I once pulled up behind a car at a stop light with a bumper sticker which said, "Ask me about my grandchildren." I didn't roll down my window and ask for any stories. And so I will spare you a blow by blow account of our recent three week vacation except to report that we enjoyed a few days sight-seeing in Washington DC with our son Tom before helping him move to Charlottesville, Virginia where he begins a Masters in Teaching degree program this week. After visiting some of the great historical sights around colonial Williamsburg, and stopping to see the campus of our own Disciples of Christ Lynchburg (Virginia) College, we made our way to northern Illinois to spend several days with Dave and Liz and grandson, Sammy. What a great time that was! All of you who know anything about 18 month old children know what a fun and interesting time can be had with those little ones who never seem to stop for anything.

Upon returning home I have had the time to reflect on a wonderful vacation and to ponder the value of having time away, and I write this column to say thanks. Thanks for the gift of time to renew and refresh myself. Some years ago one of my ministerial colleagues had a sail boat which he named Sabbath where he could be found on most Tuesday mornings in the summer time. It was his time away from the routines, worries and stresses of everyday living. It was his place of relaxation and renewal.

I hope you have had time for such renewal in these past months, and are now ready to return to the routines of work and school as the summer days come to end. In the midst of taking kids to ball games, music lessons, band practices, and everything else, don't forget the Sabbath. Don't forget to take the time for rest and renew yourself every week. Don't forget Sabbath time to reflect on what's really important, to remember who you are and to recharge your batteries for the coming weeks. Many years ago the great Albert Schweitzer advised his grandchildren, "Don't ever lose the Sabbath. If you do, your soul will become an orphan." His words are still true. See you on the Sabbath morning!

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

\$7-adults, \$3-kids 5-12 years,

\$18 cap for a family, Under 5 free

***Child Care Available**

Menu: Oven-fried chicken, green beans, corn, pea cold salad, squash and zucchini casserole, chocolate zucchini bread (fresh tomatoes would be great if anyone has some to share)

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.

CAFÉ Programs (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.):

- **Adult Study with John Yonker**
"Rufus Jones - scholar, teacher, leader, ecumenist and social activist"
- **Children's Choir Fellowship**
(See Youth Box for times)
- **Children's Activities**
Craft & play time
- **Christian Youth Fellowship**
(grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

News of the congregation

Don Seltsam returned home after spending several weeks at Boone Hospital this summer. We're glad that he is feeling well again and glad he is home.

Our prayers are with those in the hospital at this time: **Tom Martz**, who had surgery at University Hospital on Aug. 18. After spending a few days at University Hospital last week, **Bob Leach** has moved to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center for continuing rehabilitation.

We are glad to report that **Anne Campbell** has returned home and is feel better after spending a night last weekend at Boone Hospital.

Congratulations to **Kent and Paula Kurtz** who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24th.

Special thanks to **Sally Estes** for her clarinet solo at the 10:30 worship service and to **Jerry Daugherty** for his solos at both services last Sunday.

Thank you!

Jim and I want to thank John and Sarah Yonker for their welcomed visit to Boone Hospital that brought us hope, comfort and shared prayer after a very frightening event; thanks to Mary Kay Mueller for her visit and sharing of a meal, and also thanks to Dave Nichols for his very valued time, effort and hug while bringing flowers to me Sunday after the service through the flower ministry. All of these visits were very treasured and important to recovery and feeling cared for by our church. Receiving these ministries reminded us again of how vitally important the sharing of visits, flowers and comfort are that members of our church do on a regular basis. I am thankful to be home and well again, and we are both thankful to be part of such a wonderful church.

~Anne and Jim Campbell

Celebrating a



Aug. 29-David Polach, Ryan Hunsaker

Aug. 30-Bill Crawford

Aug. 31-Jessica Humble

**Sept. 4-Mary Tompson, Jean Black,
Elizabeth Rottmann, Ashley
Williams**

Your Special Birthday!



Bill Crawford-
92 on August 30

(youth) @ first christian

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

Youth Groups Begin!!!!!!:

CHI-RHO - Saturday, Aug. 28
 7:00 p.m. -- meet in Bethany Hall
 Eat/Movie/Funness/Welcomes 6th graders

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!

Weekly Report

Aug. 15, 2010

Received this week \$5,681
 Received to Date \$63,449
 Needed to Date \$54,812
 Attendance - 230
 (includes early worship - 36)

Weekly Report

Aug. 22, 2010

Received this week \$6,617
 Received to Date \$70,066
 Needed to Date \$59,213
 Attendance - 268
 (includes early worship - 52)

Pakistan Floods are Beyond Devastating

While flooding continues to wreak havoc in Pakistan, the world has been slow to understand how vast the needs emerging from this crisis are, much less respond.

While the international community has so far committed close to US\$229.5 million in support and another US\$142 million in additional pledges, those pledge amounts alone are insufficient to cover even the initial three-month relief needs outlined by the United Nations, says Donna Derr, Director of Humanitarian Assistance for Church World Service.

"Thankfully the flood's death toll has remained relatively low, but disasters can't be measured by just the number of dead," says Derr. "Effective humanitarian response must be measured against the number of people affected, just struggling to survive."

The initial UN plan calls for US\$460 million. The Pakistan Humanitarian Forum, which Week of Compassion supports through our partnership with CWS, calls on government and private sources to dramatically increase funding in order to save lives.

Pakistan's already weak social services may crumble without adequate and immediate help now. Millions of Pakistanis risk sinking deeper into chronic poverty for the next generation, compromising human rights and basic needs.

Week of Compassion partners are on the ground in Pakistan, providing food, shelter, and health care to affected areas. The severity of the flooding in Pakistan cannot be underscored enough: ***This is as big a humanitarian crisis as the 2004 Tsunami—if not bigger.*** Please continue to keep the people of Pakistan in your prayers and consider contributing to the response directly to Week of Compassion or through the church office. Make checks payable to First Christian Church. On the memo line add "Pakistan Relief".



On Wed., Sept. 8 at noon in Bethany Hall, the Ladies' Book Club meets to discuss either Columbia's One

Read, *Await Your Reply* by Dan Chaon OR *Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons* by Lorna Landvik. Both books were selected for September to give members a choice. Bring a beverage, a lunch or just bring yourself to help us discuss one or both of these books. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or lhutton60@gmail.com.

Assist Children's Worship

Children's Worship will begin this Sunday, Aug. 29. A second adult is needed to assist and be present for the Children's Worship time during the 10:30 Worship Service. Leaders Holly Gieseke, Jessica Humble, Kim Boger and Eric Arnett take turns leading and need a second adult present. Please see Jimmy Spear to volunteer for a Sunday soon.

S.T.A.R.S.



The STARS group will be going to see *Christmas Nuncrackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical* at the Lyceum Theater in Arrow Rock. "A show filled with Nonsense humor, some favorite carols, and an uproarious take on Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet. Check out the Lyceum

Theater website for more information. Reservations are needed now for the trip on Thursday, November 18. It will be an afternoon performance with transportation via the new church bus. If we have 10 or more attend the price will be \$24 a ticket. The **reservation deadline is Wed. Sept. 1.** Please see Jimmy Spear, Carol Slusher or put the word "NUN" in the activity box on the Sunday morning pew pad.

S.T.A.R.S. is the 55+ fellowship group of First Christian Church

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, August 29

Van Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Carol Randerson
Church School Greeter: Lorene and Nelson Trickey
Bethany Hall Greeter: TBA
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Holly, Dan and Steve Gieseke
Delivered by - Larry and Millie Caringer

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Will and Donna Houston, Carol Hughey
Elder: Bettie Koelling

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Christian Hulen, Gary and Cheryl Unterschutz
Liturgist: Nora Dietzel
Elders: Tom and Marsha Sisson, Jacki Davidson
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Russ Palmer
Greeter South Door: Joy Duren
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: Hunter and Wyatt Rogers
Candlelighters: Wolf Schaefer and Alexandra Estes

This Week (Aug. 29 - Sept. 4)

- Sun. - START Sunday: Chancel Choir Begins Practice & Singing in Worship; Christian Education for all Children and Adults begins a new year, 9:30 a.m.; All-Church Picnic, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Leech Shelter at Cosmo-Bethel Park, 4500 Bethel Street
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ, dinner @ 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall; program, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- CYF (9th-12th grade), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Children's Choir Fellowship: K-2, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; grades 3-5, 6:50-7:30 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri. - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant (Everyone Welcome!)

