



Sunday Morning Worship

The stories of two people who found themselves in the presence of God are found in two great texts for Sunday morning: Isaiah 61:1-13 and Luke 5:1-11. How would you react to such an experience?

The gospel text from Luke this day recalls again the story of Jesus and the disciples fishing on lake Gennesaret. Hymns of the day will be most fitting using fresh words to reflect on the gospel story. Using the familiar hymn tune ST THOMAS, circa 1770, the big opening hymn this Sunday will be a new hymn called "Push Out Into the Deep." The theme continues with the more contemporary tune "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore". To the tune of an old Scottish folk song, the chancel choir anthem will be "The Apple Tree."

As it is the annual "SOUPerbowl Sunday," the high school youth will share stories of food and giving during the time of offering. Their words will not only invite all to a time of offering but to consider the magnitude of needs found in local food pantries.



Welcome New Members

What an exciting day it was to welcome into the membership of the church **Burt Rogers, Alyssa Ruth and Brian Peavler!** Brian works at Kraft and has a daughter named Jenna who is a lovely spirit and is a first grader here in Columbia. Alyssa is a Senior at Mizzou with a Social Work major and Psychology minor. She plans on going to graduate school next year. Burt just completed his psychology degree at Mizzou and is working at the VA Mortgage Center until next year when he will begin graduate school as well. Please extend your own welcome to Burt, Alyssa and Brian when you see them next. It is indeed wonderful to get to be church together!

Special Offerings

The special offerings by the friends of First Christian Church continue to support the work of the church. The Thanksgiving offering was \$1,217. The Christmas offering was \$1,625. The Week of Compassion special offering for Haiti relief is an amazing \$4,256.12.

Weekly Report

January 31, 2010

Received this week \$9,699

Received to Date \$269,597

Needed to Date \$268,850

Attendance - 300

(includes early worship - 42)

SOUPerbowl Sunday February 7



Bring Cash! Bring Canned Goods! This Sunday is SOUPerbowl Sunday at FCC. Youth will collect **canned goods and cash** to feed the hungry. The offering will be collected in large soup pots at the building doors this Sunday, February 7, before and after 10:30 worship.



Have a Heart for
Yakama Christian Mission

Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast
February 14th
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

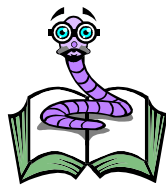
Heerrree's Johnny!

After a good meeting last Thursday evening, the matter of Master Planning is on my mind. As you recall, following the approval of the Administrative Board to begin the consideration of our future ministry and use of our church building and property, a Master Planning Committee was appointed and began meeting in the Fall of 2008. A great group of people representing the whole congregation all eagerly agreed to serve and have been meeting regularly to accomplish the task set before them. They are: Eric Arnett, Jay Creasy, Mark Hunsaker, Andrew Nichols, Molly Read, Sarah Read, Hartley Rogers, Thomas Rose, Steve Smith, with the ministers John Yonker, Amy Kay Pavlovich and Jimmy Spear.

In these past months the committee has been hard at work gathering information from the congregation and the community. We have looked at the use of our facilities by members of the church and outside groups and have discussed ways in which we might enhance our ministry, partner with community groups or agencies and further use our building to fulfill our mission in serving.. We have studied the present state of our physical structure, and taken into account the importance of maintaining our historic church building. We have benefitted from the professional services of Peckham and Wright Architects to guide us in our planning, and held consultations with members of the congregation to gain input as we determine our mission and attitudes regarding the use of our building in future ministry.

The Master Planning Committee has been meeting for more than a year now, and still we have more work to do! But we are getting there! At our January 28 meeting we began final consideration of a list of recommendations which will be presented to the Administrative Board and the congregation. And we debated and discussed how this will be done. We have not completed the process yet, but we are getting close. Our hope is to finish the process and present the master plan to the congregation in the spring.

As we do so, let me remind you that this will be a Master Plan to guide the congregation in consideration of our future ministry. It will not be a detailed list of specific things to be done each month for the next 10 years. It will be much more like a road map to the future, with the general ends in mind, and recommendations for ways to reach our desired destinations in sight for all of us to work on together.



Book Club

Next Wednesday, at noon on February 10, the Ladies' Book Club gathers in Bethany Hall to discuss William Young's *The Shack*. The novel, originally written as a Christmas gift for the author's six children, has sold over 1 million copies. Bring your lunch and meet with the Club at noon as they explore this best selling book.



An appreciative thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for my surgery in December. Thank you to John for his visit and to Bragg and Joyce Stanley for the flowers from the flower ministry.

~Linda Chandler

An Invitation to Breakfast!

Columbia Interfaith Council, a forum that provides a network of communication among faith groups and human service agencies, announces the 2010 Lenten Breakfast Schedule. Each breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m. A donation of \$1.00 is expected from those attending to offset the cost of the light breakfast. Any surplus will be given to the Russell Chapel CME Food Pantry. Each person is encouraged to bring non-perishable food for the Russell Chapel CME Food Pantry.



February 17, Ash Wednesday - First Christian Church (DOC), 101 N. 10th St.

February 24, Calvary Episcopal Church, 123 S. 9th St.

March 3, Columbia United Church of Christ, 3201 I-70 Dr. NW

March 10, First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway

March 17, First Presbyterian Church, 16 Hitt Street

March 24, Second Missionary Baptist Church, 407 E. Broadway

March 31, Holy Week, Missouri United Methodist Church, 209 South 9th St.

April 2, Good Friday Service, 12:00 Noon, Russell Chapel CME Church, 108 E. Ash St.

News of the congregation

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our prayers at this time are: **Ruth Brandenburg** who has returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center after spending a few days in the hospital last week. **Joy Duren** is recovering from surgery at Boone Hospital last Wednesday. After being released early this week, she plans to spend some time continuing to gain strength at the Lenoir Health Care Center before returning home.

Virginia Ivey, is recuperating from surgery Friday, January 29 at University Hospital, and hopes to return home early this week. Our prayers are also with **Charlie Koelling** who was admitted to a hospital last week in Honolulu, Hawaii after becoming ill aboard ship while he and **Betty** were on a vacation cruise. He is hoping to be released and return home to Columbia this week.

Nancy Grieme is recovering from a surgical procedure in an Oklahoma City, OK hospital where she can spend time with family members during the recovery period. Our prayers are with **Bill Moon**, **Betty Moon's** husband, who is scheduled for surgery at Boone Hospital on Friday, February 5.

Thanks to **Nora Dietzel** for her lovely solos which she offered to God during the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services last Sunday. It was a joy to welcome **Melissa Straw** to rehearse with the Bell Choir and to direct the Chancel Choir during the late service last Sunday. **Cheryl Nichols** will return to worship with us this Sunday.



Feb. 7-Lorene Trickey

Feb. 8-Kimberly Foster, Ruth Ann Martin

Feb. 9-Dane Pavlovich

Feb. 10-Jennifer Alexander, David Chrisman, Steven Smith, Steve Humble, Nancy Sandford

Feb. 11-Sara Peterson

Feb. 12-Edith Wright

Feb. 13-Olivia Johnson

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

JYF and CHI-RHO: Sunday, Feb. 7

PIZZA & POOL

Pizza Lunch after worship,
then to ARC to swim (bring suit & towel),
back to church for pick-up by **3:00 pm**,
bring **\$5.00** (bring ARC card if member)

Future Youth dates: Feb. 21, Mar. 7, 21
Chi-Rho (Area) Retreat March 12-13

CYF in 2010

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 served at 5:30 p.m. \$5)

Haiti Relief - Donations for Kids' Cards

Handmade cards created by the Elementary Sunday School children were available in the narthex again last Sunday. Thanks to the many generous church members who made donations. Sunday's donations were \$197.19 making a grand total of \$446.12. Gifts from the heart to help the people of Haiti. Thank You!!



Kits for Haiti Relief - Project Completed

Thanks to everyone who brought in donations for Haiti Relief kits. We completed 12 Hygiene Kits (approx. value \$10 each) and 2 Baby Kits (approx. value \$34 each). These have been taken to Missouri United Methodist church for delivery. While we will no longer be collecting kits, financial contributions are still appreciated.

Cure for the Winter Blues!

Feeling a little sad, a little down, a little blue – ask yourself – “What can I do?”

Clear out the clutter, pack up those dust catching knick-knacks and donate them to the Youth Garage Sale March 19 - 21 We want to send our kids on their Mission Trips this summer with no worries about finances. Your contributions – great and small - make our Youth and College Mission Trips possible.

Garage Sale items may be brought to Fellowship Hall March 13 - 17.

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058 jbstanley@msn.com

Amy Kay's Office Hours

Although I have been able to take classes in St. Louis on my day off from the church throughout the last six years, this semester I am not able to do so. The very last classes I need to complete the degree I have been working towards are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. I am grateful to John and the church for allowing me to work the following hours so that I can finish my schoolwork and continue my work here at the church as well:

- Mondays = 2:30 – 7:30pm
- Tuesdays = regular daytime hours
- Wednesdays = 2:30 – 10:30pm
(college group meets late each week)
- Thursdays = 2:30 – 8:30pm
- Fridays = regular daytime hours
- Weekends = programming and worship hours

If you need me during hours that I am not at the church, please continue to feel comfortable calling me on my mobile phone at 573-808-1980. w/thanksgiving – amy kay

Church Dine-Out
Friday - February 5
5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!



Two minister guys. One book by Borg.
Wednesday nights.
Getting to the heart of the Christianity...

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Feb. 10th

Menu: Cranberry Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Green Vegetable Medley
Strawberry Pretzel Salad

- * **Program:**
- **Administrative Board Meeting,**
6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- * **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

6:20 - Devotion
6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming
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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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 7

Van Driver: Ben Micek
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Church School Greeter: Judy Hall
Bethany Hall Greeter: Judy Cunningham
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Charles Scott, Holly Wheatley
Delivered by - Dan Backues


Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey
Elder: Frances Brown

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Steve, Jessica & Taylor Humble
Liturgist: Linda Ridgeway
Elders: Debbie Batterson, Sarah Yonker, Barb Rothenberger
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeter North Door: Amy LaHue
Greeter South Door: Elizabeth Mottaz
Ushers: The Pavlovich Team
Banner Bearers: Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers
Candlelighters: Julia Bower and Will Bower
Children's Worship Leader: NA
C.W. Helper: NA

This Week (Feb. 7 - 13)

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- Sun. - SOUPerbowl Sunday
- Youth Group Lunch & ARC, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- Mon. - Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study (grades 9-12), 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Church in Society, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, Noon-2:00, Bethany Hall
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Program at 6:30 p.m.:
- Administrative Board Mtg., Morris Parlor
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall