



## Sunday Morning Worship

The season of Lent is upon us! Through the coming weeks our scripture readings and worship services will focus on themes to prepare us for the celebration of Easter. The first Sunday of Lent will center on "Faith," with readings from Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, and Mark 9:14-28 providing the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon.

The Chancel Bells will begin the 10:30 service with the prelude, *Ride the Chariot* a traditional spiritual arranged by Bill Ingram. The Chancel Choir's anthem this week will be *God Is Our Refuge*. Hymns of the day will include the majestic *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*, the contemporary *On Eagles Wings* and the ever faithful *More About Jesus Would I Know*.






## Week of Compassion: "Feed My Sheep" A Celebration & Offering this Sunday!

The annual celebration of the *Week of Compassion* will be this Sunday! **Feed My Sheep** is this year's theme reminding us of Jesus' words when he said "If you love me, take care of the people I love." (John 21:15-17)

In recent weeks we have observed the work of WOC in places like Haiti. It is so important that we support this benovolent arm of our denomination. With the great needs of the world, we are evermore aware of the ways Week of Compassion's ministry is around the world, around the year on our behalf.

## Summer Camp Dates Reminder

A reminder for our elementary aged kids' parents about church camp this summer:

-  Kids completing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades have two options: Elementary Camp 1, June 27-29 or Elementary Camp 2, June 30-July 1
-  Kids completing 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades will attend Junior Camp 2, July 6-10
-  Rev. Jimmy Spear will be directing Elementary Camp 2 (June 27-July 1) and will be hopeful for adults and youth from FCC willing to join in the leadership as counselors for that half week.

Email or call Jimmy for other aged camp dates or if you would like to talk about being a volunteer counselor this summer at one of the dozen different camps. Forms will be available soon for early April registration.

## Elder Breakfast



Topic: Elder prayers

**Feb 27, Morris Parlor  
8 am, \$6**

RSVP to church office  
by Wed, Feb 24th

## Be a Mission Trip Partner

The CYF's longer summer mission trip will be June 20-27. They will be going to eastern Kentucky (Whitesburg) to work with an organization in that impoverished Appalachian region, fixing and constructing homes for those in need. Adults are needed to serve with the 15 or so youth in a most important week of the summer program. Adult partners offer friendship, some supervision, a working spirit, a spiritual grounding and of course a hand with the driving (optional). A female and male are needed. Expenses paid.

## Baptism & Discipleship (Pastor's) Class

A class for youth who are interested in and of the age to make the decision on church membership and the sacrament of baptism will be offered in late spring. The class, typically for those who are completing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older, will meet in the weeks following Easter with baptisms taking place on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. The pastoral staff will send information in the near future to youth that are of this age concerning the dates and requirements. Please talk to Jimmy Spear if you have questions. Thanks.

## Fair Trading with Olivet Christian (DOC)

Last Sunday we were excited to partner with Olivet Christian Church (DOC) with our Fair Trade Store. Sara Klockow from our church and their church's outreach folks hosted the store while Rev. Dennis Swearngin told of the Fair Trade ministry in worship. This was reportedly a wonderful experience and we hope to do it again! If you have a connection with a group or church that you think would be interested in this ministry (learning about Fair Trade and/or hosting the store), please visit with Amy Kay. This is an excellent way for us to share how we are a part of God's ministry in the world through this easy connection to artisans and farmers all around the world.

## Heeerrree's Johnny!

This week marks the beginning of Lent. One of the oldest observed seasons of the church year, Lent dates back to at least the early 4<sup>th</sup> century. It begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for the forty weekdays and six Sundays preceding Easter, and reminds us of the forty days which Jesus fasted in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry.

In the early church this season became a special time of preparation and repentance for all Christians. One of the most ancient purposes of Lent was the preparation of candidates for baptism, and for those already baptized to renew their covenant with Christ made through baptism. Lent has also become a time for Christians to meditate upon the meaning of the cross in Christian life and faith, and to reflect upon the sacrificial life and death of Christ. And this season offers us the opportunity to give special attention to developing spiritual discipline and deepening our relationship with God.

During the six Sundays of Lent we will focus upon the following themes and scripture texts. You are invited to use them in study, reflection and preparation for worship in the coming weeks.

### February 21 – FAITH

Psalms 91; Mark 9:14-28

### February 28 – PRAYER

Psalms 27: 7-14; Luke 11:1-10

### March 7 – TRUTH

Isaiah 55:1-9; John 8:31-38

### March 14 – FORGIVENESS

Psalms 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### March 21 – COMPASSION

Isaiah 42: 16-21; John 12:1-8

### March 28 – PALM SUNDAY

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

### April 4 – EASTER SUNDAY

John 20:1-18;

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

As we journey together, may these days of Lent help us discover a deeper experience of faith, and a renewed commitment to the Christ who loved the world and gave his life for us all.



Feb. 23-Jim Campbell, Jacki Davidson,  
Brooke Storm

Feb. 24-Scott Foster, Joy French

Feb. 25-Matt Foster, Sarah Read

Feb. 26-Kim Rogers

Feb. 27-Larry Caringer, Elizabeth Hensley

## Drennan Group

Drennan group will meet on Tuesday, **February 23** at **1:15 p.m.** in the **Drennan room**. Marsha Rawlings will give the program and worship.

**S**eniors  
**T**ogether  
**A**ffirming our faith in God  
**R**eaching out to others  
**S**erving Christ



### *The 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church*

The **STARS** group is coming out of “winter hibernation” and we have been invited to join the **Out and About Group** from Olivet Christian Church, Thursday, **March 4**, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 at Olivet Church.

There will be a lunch catered by Hy-Vee and the cost is \$6 per person.

The program will be given by Dr. Chris Belcher, Superintendent of Columbia Public Schools and the topic is explaining the upcoming school bond issue.

**Reservations** need to be in by Friday, February 26, 2010. A sign up sheet is available in our church office or you can call the office 449-7265. We can make arrangements to travel together leaving from our church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. Please indicate if you'd like to travel with the group when you make your reservation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for **STARS** to get back in action and enjoy friendship and learning with friends from Olivet.

~Carol Slusher

## News of the congregation

**Reesy Tetley**, age 89, died at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center on Wednesday, February 10 after a battle with cancer. Along with her husband **Bill Tetley**, Reesy had lived in several communities following his music teaching career before moving to Columbia, taking up residence at Lenoir and joining our congregation in May of 1998. She is survived by three sons, **Fred, Tony** and **Murphy** and their families. A celebration of her life was held at the Lenoir Epple Chapel on Saturday afternoon, February 13.

**J.W. “Stan” Stafford**, age 91, died at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center on Wednesday, February 10. A native of Cameron, Missouri, Stan moved to Columbia to attend the University of Missouri in the late 1930's and after teaching vocational agriculture, went to work in the family business for the Pepsi Cola Company, made his home in the community and was active in many community organizations. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Lois** who died in 1998, and is survived by a son, **John Stafford**, a daughter, **Fran Koepke** and their families. A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 18 at the Memorial Funeral Home.

Sympathy to **Larry Caringer** on the death of his brother, **Daniel Caringer**, whose services were held in Springfield, MO last week.

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our concern are: **Bill Moon**, recovering at home following recent surgery at Boone Hospital. **Ruth Ragsdale** and **Joy Duren** have been released from the hospital and gone to spend some time at the Lenoir Health Care Center to continue recovering from surgery last week. **Nancy Banks** was admitted to Boone Hospital last week. **Jean Rossman** was admitted to University Hospital last weekend. **Virginia Ivey** has returned home after spending a few days in the hospital last week. **Larry Caringer** has returned home after outpatient surgery in St. Louis on Tuesday, February 9. **Don Houston** has moved to The Bluffs Nursing Home from the Candlelight Lodge. **Khons Volmert's** mother, **Thep Leoparsent** is recovering from surgery last week.

### Weekly Report

February 14, 2010

Received this week \$6,330

Received to Date \$296,404

Needed to Date \$288,604

Attendance - 253

(includes early worship - 40)

# (youth) @ first christian

JYF (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
CHI-RHO (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
CYF (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Sunday, Feb. 21

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

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

Future Youth dates: Mar. 7, 21

Chi-Rho (Area) Retreat: March 12-13

Retreat Forms were mailed out and need to be returned to Jimmy with check for \$25 by Sunday, Feb. 21.

## 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)

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY

June 20-27

## Garage Sale Supports Youth Mission Trips!

Clean your closets, look under the stairs, check out the basement storage areas! Don't want it? Don't need it? WE DO!! Your no longer needed items will be sold at the Annual Youth Garage Sale - March 19 - 21 All profits send our kids on the Mission Trips.

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information: 445-5058 or [jbstanley@msn.com](mailto:jbstanley@msn.com)



## Census Contact

The Census Bureau has openings in our area in the following positions: Census takers, crew leaders and assistants, recruiting assistants, and census clerks. William Schart is our church's contact person and he has offered to come to the church to do all of the paperwork for these employment opportunities if we have enough people interested in working for the Census. Apparently the paperwork takes about 2 hours to complete. If you have any questions or would like to apply, you can contact William directly at his home - 573-256-2281 or on his mobile at 573-239-4416. The bulk of the census work will be in April and May, although they are looking for good people right now to begin in management. Positions begin at \$11 an hour and, if there is driving involved, .50 per mile.

# CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

## Feb. 24th

**Menu:** Loaded Potato Soup  
Southern Layer Salad  
Cookies

\* **Program:**  
- **Marcus Borg Study Group,**  
6:30 pm, 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

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.**

## Book Club



Reviews for February's pick, *The Shack*, were as varied as the women who make up the Ladies' Book Club. March's selection is the only non-fiction book this year, *The Girls from Ames* by Jeffrey Zaslow. The book chronicles the lives of 11 girls who became friends in the 1960s and maintain their friendships for over 40 years and hundreds of miles. Please join us on March 10 at noon in Bethany Hall to discuss this book.



## FCC Day with the Stars

Come out this Saturday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to enjoy a Stephens basketball game at Silverthorne Arena. First Christian is the "Game Day Sponsor", so your admittance is free! Just let the ladies know at the desk that you are from the church and come on in to cheer on the Stars along with these passionate players. You can't quite make it out in this picture, but behind the ladies above hangs a First Christian banner that has adorned the wall of the gym all season. It is good to be in relationship with the college in this way. Silverthorne Arena is located on the Stephens College campus on Dorsey Street which is north off of Broadway.



Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed biscuits and gravy on Sunday. Thank you for the generous donations. So far we have received \$415.85 to send to Yakama Christian Mission. There is still time to help support this great mission if you missed the breakfast. Drop your money off at the church office and let them know it is for Yakama. If you would like to know more about Yakama Christian Mission go to their website at [www.disciplesnw.org/yakama/](http://www.disciplesnw.org/yakama/)

~World Outreach Committee

# The Visitor

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### Return Service Requested

**Campus Ministry Intern:** Charise Garrett

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## Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 21

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher  
*Office Receptionist:* Carole Randerson  
*Church School Greeter:* Mark Hunsaker Family  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Ben and Jen Micek  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Marion and Sarah Storm  
*Delivered by -* Cindy and Thomas Rose

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Sarah Yonker, Will and Donna Houston  
*Elder:* Charles Koelling

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Dan, Deidre and Drake Tevis  
*Liturgist:* Nora Dietzel  
*Elders:* Anne Campbell, Cherry Hinderberger, Barb Rothenberger  
*Deacons:* The Nichols Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Colleen Nilges  
*Greeter South Door:* Joyce and Bragg Stanley  
*Ushers:* The Nichols Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Gavin Rose and Zac Ruffolo  
*Candlelighters:* Emma Hawkins and Makali Hawkins  
*Children's Worship Leader:* Jessica Humble  
*C.W. Helper:* Valerie Freed

## This Week (Feb. 21 - 27)

- Mon. - Drennan Singers, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Drennan Room
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Calvary Episcopal Church, 123 South 9th Street  
- Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd floor apts.  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Helen Stemmons' home  
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
- Study of Marcus Borg's book, led by John Yonker and Ken Watson, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor  
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat. - Elders' Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

