



Morning Worship: The 2nd Sunday In Lent

From the New Testament it is clear that Jesus was a person who felt the need to spend much time in prayer, and when asked by his disciples, taught them to pray using the words which we have come to know as “the Lord’s Prayer.” The 2nd Sunday in Lent brings prayer as the theme for our worship services, and the scripture passages found in Psalm 27:7-14 and Luke 11:1-10 as the texts for Dr. Yonker’s sermon, “Asking, Searching, Knocking!”

Hymns this Sunday include: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, Sweet Hour of Prayer, As Grain on Scattered Hillsides* and *O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*. The Chancel Choir anthem will be *I’m Gonna Pray Every Time*, arranged by Larry Shackley.

The Lenten journey continues this Sunday with the worship theme of prayer. Bring your prayers and hopes for the new week as we begin in worship.

Disciple Men’s Breakfast

Sat., March 6th
8:30-9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bible Study by
John Yonker

Menu:
Southwest Strata
Morning Glory Muffins
Fresh Fruit
Coffee & Juice
\$6

Reserve by marking “Brkfst” on the Sunday pew pad, calling the church office, or emailing Jimmy Spear.



Chancel Bells always needs help filling spaces in the bell choir. Consider joining us Sundays, 8:45-9:30 a.m., in the Bell Choir Room!

Youth Garage Sale! March 19 - 21

Do you remember what’s in those storage boxes? If not – the youth would be happy to take them off your hands! Your unused items will make a huge difference in the success of our Youth Garage Sale. We need what you don’t want! **Garage Sale items may be brought to Fellowship Hall March 13 - 17.**

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

Book Club



The FCC Ladies Book Club first began meeting in the fall of 2005 and we’ve read 37 books. Because we meet during the school year, we only have 3 books left. Please consider joining us in Bethany Hall on March 10 at noon to discuss The Girls from Ames by Jeffrey Zaslow. You’re welcome to bring a lunch and beverage.

Weekly Report

February 21, 2010

Received this week \$3,997

Received to Date \$300,331

Needed to Date \$296,012

Attendance - 246

(includes early worship - 43)

Children’s Choir

If you are in elementary school, we would love to have you come to our children’s choir practices each Wednesday evening in March and April! We will begin our time together at 6:30pm and after practicing for some time, we will adjourn to after-practice-playtime. We will conclude our evening of song and play at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall where you can be picked up by a parent, grandparent or other family approved adult. We are excited to help with worship on the first Sundays in April and May by singing one of the songs we have learned in the 10:30am worship service! Hope you can come!



Around 55 cold, hungry folks were served on Monday evening at **Loaves and Fishes** (our town’s ‘soup kitchen’). Many thanks to the college students who volunteered this month! Jenny Patterson, Sara Klockow, Charise Garrett and Liz Nash along with our long-term volunteer, Chuck Scott did a great job. Also thanks to Stephanie Mottaz and Amy Kay who volunteered but are not pictured above.

The Topic is Love: A story of our Pre-schoolers

We highlight Children's Education today as we hear the following thoughts from Hayley Batterson, teacher in the Sunday morning pre-school class. Thanks Hayley for your insights! -Jimmy Spear

Sunday, February 14th brought about another exciting morning for the preschool class at First Christian. Since love was the theme of the day, we carried it into our classroom by talking about the love God wants us to have for each other, even our enemies. In addition, we discussed what the 2-5 year olds think love means and who/what they love:

Justin loves his mom and dad and love means he has to clean up.

Delaney loves her princess dresses and love means you have to think about people all the time.

Ryley loves her "books and babies and things" and loves means you give out lots and lots of hugs and kisses.

Sebastian loves his train and his daddy and mommy and love means you make pictures "and stuff" for them.

Laura loves all the different colors and love means she uses them all.

Cullen loves his baby brother and love means he helps to take care of him.

Max loves his mom and dad and love means he helps them.

Carleigh loves God and love means you have to be nice to people.

Madelyne loves her Beta fish and so she cleans her tank and feeds her. Love means you have to like someone and see them a lot.

Izzy loves her mommy and daddy and baby brother and love means you have to listen.

The class also talked about loving Jesus and God by praying, reading Bible stories, coming to Sunday School, and always being kind—even when someone is mean. We talked about how much God and Jesus love us, and we learned to say "Jesus Loves Me" with our hands (sign language)—ask one of our preschoolers to show you!

What once was a small group continues to grow every week and there is always room for more! The preschool class meets from 9:30-10:15 and our classroom is within the nursery wing. We hope your preschooler can join us!



I want to thank all of the many friends at FCC for their warm best wishes during my recent brief hospital interlude. The cards, the phone calls, flowers, visits and delicious goodies made this experience unforgettable and even pleasant. I especially appreciated John's visits even though I had encouraged him not to come. His special demeanor and thoughtful, moving prayers are incomparable. Mary and I fully realize that we are indeed fortunate to be a part of such an exceptional family of friends. ~Cliff Tompson

Once again our church family has shown us love and concern. Many thanks for the cards, calls, visits, prayers, and food (whether it was a piece of Christmas candy or a full meal with leftovers, it was appreciated). It's always difficult to mention names lest I miss someone at the time of writing – I'm having "senior moments" at times – but I'm grateful to each of you. John, the "papa" of our church family, made special trips to the University Hospital, for which I'm grateful. Thank you, my brothers and sisters. ~Muriel Leach

Thanks to ministers, church staff and friends who have remembered our family with hospital visits, telephone calls, cards, prayers and flowers at the time of Bill's surgery.

~The Moon Family-Bill, Betty and Sue

I wish to thank those who called, sent cards and otherwise expressed well wishes to me during my illness. Your prayers were especially appreciated. At the moment I seem to be on my way to "normalcy". I know most of you will think that is quite an improvement.

~Charlie Koelling

Your Special Birthday!



Marceline Shamberger
- 97 on Mar. 2

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Cindy and Thomas Rose** on the birth of their son, **Cullen Patrick Harrison Rose**, born early Friday morning, February 19, at Regional Hospital weighing 6 lbs, 15, ozs. Proud big brothers are **Gavin** and **Liam**. The family is at home doing well!

Our sympathy and Christian love go to the **Tevis Family** on the death of **Dan's** Father, **John Tevis** who was killed in an automobile accident last Friday evening, February 19. His mother, **Kathryn Tevis** was injured in the accident and admitted to the University Hospital here in Columbia for treatment. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, February 23 at First Christian Church in Sedalia. Cards may be sent to their home at 3501 Acorn Court, 65203.

Brianna Shepard was admitted to Boone Hospital for treatment of injuries received in a fall on the ice outside her home early Monday morning, February 22. She will spend a few days recovering from surgery before being released. **Cliff Tompson** is up and around again after spending a day in the hospital recuperating from a surgical procedure last Tuesday. **Jean Rossman, Stan Langley** and **Nancy Banks, Genie Roger's** sister-in-law, have all returned home after spending some time in hospital recently.

Charlie Koelling continues to gain strength every day as he recovers from a surgical procedure in Honolulu, Hawaii where he and **Betty** were vacationing a few weeks ago.

Also in our prayers at this time are **Lois Brown** who has begun hospice care in the home of a care giver here in Columbia, and **Chris Creasy's** 94 year-old grandfather, **Roy Jeffries** who is not feeling well these days.

We are glad to report that **Khons Volmert's** mother, **Thep Keopraseut**, returned to her Marble Hill, Missouri home to continue recovering from surgery at Barnes Hospital.

Thanks to our talented friends who provided special music at our worship services last Sunday: **Harlan Hackett** for his solo, "I Believe" at both services, and to the **Handbell Choir** for their prelude at the 10:30 service.

Many thanks to all who came to the FCC Day with the (Stephens) Stars last Saturday! We had a full crowd to support the Stars and affirm our connection with the students of SC. More and more students come around to the church and we appreciate your kindness and openness to them.

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

Sunday, March 7

JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m./Chi-Rho: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Future Youth dates: Mar. 21, Apr. 11, 25
Chi-Rho (Area) Retreat: March 12-13
Retreat Forms are due ASAP!
Departure Friday 6pm/Return Sat. 3:30

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

CYF Wed. March 3: will meet at
Broadway Christian Church at 6pm for
dinner and a talk by a DOC Missionary
to South Africa!

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY
June 20-27

Boy Scouts "God & _____" Merit Badges

In recent years Rev. Jimmy Spear has worked with cub scouts on the God and Me/Family awards. Some parents have inquired. It would be helpful to have sessions with as many interested as possible. If you know your child/scout is interested in this, please talk with Jimmy as new groups could begin soon.

Show-Me Creation Care

There is a wonderful conference coming to Missouri United Methodist Church on March 20th from 8:30am – 3:15pm. The subtitle is "Planting Seeds: For Congregational Creation Care" and it will offer among other things workshops on the biblical ethics for creation care, rain gardens, stream dynamics, community gardens and advocating for environmental justice. The keynoters look good and the schedule friendly. If you would like to attend, please talk with Amy Kay.

Seniors
Together
Affirming our faith in God
Reaching out to others
Serving 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



Feb. 28-Jack Creasy
Feb. 29-Eliana Snyder
Mar. 1-Ben Creasy
Mar. 2-Marceline Shamberger, Victoria Sheppard
Mar. 3-Sally Estes, Sue Haynes, Austin Orscheln
Mar. 4-Sharon Ronchetto
Mar. 5-Cathy Seltsam, Khons Volmert
Mar. 6-Nancy Watson, Andy Janssen

Garden Club

You are welcome to come to the first gathering of the Garden Club on Sunday, March 7th following the late worship service in Bethany Hall. (If you sing in the choir, come on over after your rehearsal!) A soup lunch will be provided and we will set our year's goals and events. No need to RSVP – just come over! All interested in gardening (food gardening especially) are invited. Child care will be provided in our nursery for pre-schoolers during the meeting.

If you missed Sally Robinson's Minute for Mission about our church's mission response through Week of Compassion, please check it out on our web site (www.firstchristian.org). Thanks!

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Mar. 3rd

Menu: Penne Alfredo with Broccoli and Chicken, Mixed Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Strawberry Pretzel Dessert

* **Programs** (6:30 p.m.):

- **Marcus Borg Study Group**,
Morris Parlor
- **Elementary aged Children's Choir** with Amy Kay, Emily Reinbott and Andy Vickers
- **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**.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 28

Van Driver: Jeff Ripley
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack
Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt
Bethany Hall Greeter: Pat and Sue Wright
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Candace and Christopher Stormer
Delivered by - Harlan and Jane Ann Hackett

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Louis, Janice and Andy Janssen
Elder: Carol Slusher

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Joni Cupp, Elizabeth Mottaz,
Paula Slusher
Liturgist: Matt Taylor
Elders: Nancy Watson, Marilyn Schappert, Cheryl Lightner
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Betty and Rich Montgomery
Greeter South Door: Eric Arnett
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Anna Poole and Jacob Ripley
Candlelighters: Jonathan LaHue and Julia LaHue
Children's Worship Leader: Kim Boger
C.W. Helper: Debbie Taylor

This Week (Feb. 28 - Mar. 6)

- Sun. - Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m., Lenoir Woods
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Mon. - Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., home of
Pam Hunsaker
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Columbia United
Church of Christ, 3201 I-70 Drive Northwest
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- 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
* Elementary aged Children's Choir with Amy Kay,
Emily Reinbott and Andy Vickers, 6:30 p.m.
* CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr. - World Outreach Dept., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Fri. - Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant-
Everyone Welcome!
- Sat. - Disciple Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall