



## Sunday Morning Worship

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany we will turn to readings from the Hebrew Bible to find our texts for worship and the sermon.

As Dr. Yonker prepares for this week's message he is asking the questions *How well do we stand up under pressure? Can we find strength to stand the storms of life?* Perhaps we ask the same questions. Readings from Psalm 29 and Isaiah 43:1-7 provide the perspective of the ancient Israelites and direction for us.

The Chancel Choir will sing *God Is Our Strong Salvation*, arranged by Gordon Young at the 10:30 worship service.

Join us this Sunday as we ask questions of faith, sing great hymns of praise and find the warmth of fellowship to be a welcome relief amid a week's worth of cold. Remember to use good judgement if the snow and ice are back this Sunday. We will do our best to have, as the prophet Isaiah reminded, "...every mountain and hill made low, the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."

## Financial Peace

Many members of last semester's Dave Ramsey class spoke of how helpful the course was to their direction with personal finances. Some are debt free already (barring a house payment) and others have a plan to get that way in the coming years. It is a really wonderful thing to be able to "tell money where to go instead of wondering where it went."

Our church would like to offer the class again if there are enough interested in learning together. We are thankful for Kerry Brammon who is willing to coordinate this offering for us during the months of February, March and April. The class would meet each Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 8:00pm and would again cost \$100 per family unit for all of the class supplies and resources. We will only offer the class if there are at least four family units interested in engaging in learning together. Please let Amy Kay or the office know if you are interested by January 20.

## While Fred is Away...

Following his surgery on January 5, Fred Mottaz, will be out of the office for the rest of the month of January. During the time of our Business Manager's recovery, Kim Boger has volunteered to assist us in the church office with financial matters, and our regular core of volunteers will continue to assist in counting offerings and making bank deposits each week. In the coming days financial questions may be directed to John Yonker.

## Special Administrative Board Meeting

A special meeting of the Administrative Board will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 13th in Morris Parlor to discuss the status and continued use of Bethany Hall by the church. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and hear information presented regarding the present and proposed future use of the building, followed by a period of questions and answers before a recommendation is made and vote taken by the board.

## Free BCCA Workshop!

All Elders have another opportunity for free training to help in your ministry here at First Christian Church. Boone County Council on Aging is having a workshop on "Effective Communication" on Thursday, January 14 at Lenoir Woods Community Center Rooms A & B 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Call BCCA to RSVP 443-1111. Rev. Sally Robinson will be leading this workshop.

## Baptism: a Family Celebration



It was a joy to witness the baptism of **Janie Hellwege** (middle, left) at the 10:30 service on January 3. The daughter of **Darren and Bonnie Hellwege**, she was baptized by her uncle, **Rev. Roger Hellwege**, ordained Disciples of Christ minister from Edmond, Oklahoma, who also conducted her infant blessing and dedication service. She was accompanied in worship with several friends and family members!

## Picking Hymns, a joy.

*When in our music God is glorified.*

This is the title of hymn number 7 in the Chalice Hymnal. I have always wanted to sing it. There is something about the words in that hymn that really speak about our music and our God. I note to you that we never have sung nor will we probably ever sing that hymn. It is an unfamiliar tune and hymn falling with many other hymns into the "it probably won't work with our folks on a Sunday morning" category. I wonder if we are missing out.

The picking of hymns is one of the great joys in worship planning. It is also one of the most difficult and highly critiqued pieces of a church staff member's portfolio. As we start the new year and begin picking hymns that will provide the music for our souls to sing in this new year I offer some background to how it is done at our church.

Worship planning meetings are held regularly with all three ministers and the Coordinator of Music/Organist in attendance. We four bring our years of worship experience in this place and in former churches to the table. We have a record of when all our hymns were last sung. These four people with hymnals and bibles in hand work through the 700 hymn options found in the hymnal to find what would be most appropriate, inspiring, and reflective for each Sunday morning worship service. We take into consideration the season of the church year, the texts that will be read and preached on, and the "life and times" of the congregation, community and world. In the season of advent for example, as a church with a long standing tradition of good liturgy, we look for a good combination of advent and Christmas hymns that can offer a balance of these different yet so very closely related seasons. In Lent the hymns might be more somber and in January they just might need to be bright.

Finally, we try our best to sing all the very familiar hymns of the faith while keeping a finger on the newer hymns that might become old favorites in a decade or so. I know that as our hymnal is now about 16 years old, some of the "new hymns" have begun to hit old favorite status. There are so very many hymns of the faith that speak to so many of us in different ways. What a joy it is to pick them.

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Thanks be to God for intentional worship planning, a mighty pipe organ and quality organist, the leadership of a full choir, a good hymnal, and the chance to, *When in our music God is glorified*, sing from the depths of our soul.  
~Jimmy Spear

## The River of Life – Fresh Water Ahead

The Children's Education Committee and interested friends (11 people) met this week and have laid plans for a fresh start to 2010 in the area of Children's Education on Sunday mornings. The River of Life will continue to nurture children K-5 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on Sundays from 9:30-10:20 a.m. Here are some highlights of the fresh water that is in this year's river of life...

- Children will begin each Sunday by gathering in the Drama Room.

- Two groups will be taught: grades K-2 and 3-5.

- Each of the two age groups will have Leader/Teachers leading them for 4 weeks.

- The 4 week lesson will be on one story with an emphasis each week on a different teaching method. (Games, Drama, Art, Cooking, Outreach).

- Children will meet in the Drama room and signs will always let parents know where each group is among the 6 rooms on the west end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

- Teachers for January are preparing for a good month. Others are signing up for future months. Additional leaders are welcome from the church membership.

### Other Children's Education News:

- Further plans were made for children to begin using Rainbow Bells on a more regular basis. This will likely take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Children's Worship Time on Sunday mornings a few weeks a month.

- Vacation Bible School 2010 dates are being set and will be announced next week!

**The River of Life's  
Bible adventure  
begins again Sunday!**

**9:30 a.m.  
Grades K-5**

## News of the congregation

Thanks to **Jean Hall** and **Mary Bancroft** for their great piano/organ duets presented at both worship services last Sunday.

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our concern are: **J.W. "Stan" Stafford** has been released from the hospital and returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center. **Fred Mottaz** is recuperating from surgery on Tuesday morning at Boone Hospital Center.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery are with **Beth Martz**, wife of **Matthew Martz**, (**Tom** and **Freda's** son) as she recuperates from surgery in a Kansas City hospital on Monday, December 28.



Thank you for all the prayers and calls of concern I received during my recuperation after my accident. Thank you to Lorene Trickey for the flowers. I feel truly blessed to be a member of the First Christian Church family. ~Emily Scott



**Jan. 10-**Samantha Fullington, Cindy Rose, Ava Hoenes

**Jan. 12-**Darren Hellwege

**Jan. 13-**Louise Ward

**Jan. 14-**Nannie Lou Mallett, Bradley Daugherty

**Jan. 15-**Susan Ballard, Janet Mountjoy, Gary Magruder, Charles Brown

### **Weekly Report**

January 3, 2009

Received this week \$13,207

Received to Date \$251,817

Needed to Date \$236,350

Attendance - 231

(includes early worship -39)

## White Sheets!

In anticipation for next year's Christmas Pageant, we are in need of white sheets. If you have white cotton sheets you are wanting to get rid of... please bring them to church!

The little angel robes are more than 30 years old and are getting rather thin and are not in the quantity needed for the large pre-school group in these years. We will be making new robes this summer and collecting your white sheets until then. Send them to Jimmy in the Office. Thanks!

## Children's Worship: Be an Adult Helper

Additional adult helpers are needed three Sundays a month in Children's Worship during the 10:30 worship service. The adult helper does not take a leadership role, but rather supports the leader and helps children participate. On a safety note, it is most important for us to have the additional adult present every Sunday. A few folks have volunteered, but more are needed. Please contact Jimmy Spear with your interest.

## 2010 Summer Church Camp Dates

Calendar it now! Registration happens in March! Last year we had 33 kids attend and 4 counselors. More Adult Counselors will be needed this year!



### Rickman Conference Center based Camps

Junior 1 Camp (grades 4-5)	June 8-12 (T-Sat)
CYF Conference (grades 10-12)	June 14-19 (M-Sa)
Chi-Rho Outback Camp (grades 6-7)	June 21-26 (M-Sa)
9th Grade Camp	June 21-26 (M-Sa)
Elementary Camp 1 (grades 2-3)	June 27-29 (Su-T)
Elementary Camp 2 (grades 2-3)	June 30-July 2 (W-F)
Junior 2 Camp (grades 4-5)	July 6-10 (T-Sa)
"That Camp about God & Sex"	July 12-17 (M-Sa)
Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-7)	July 19-24 (M-Sa)
MusicArtDrama Camp (grades 9-12)	July 25-31 (Su-Sa)
MusicArtDrama Camp (grades 6,7,8)	August 1-7 (Su-Sa)
Family Camp	September 3-5 (F-Su)



### Canoe & Backpacking Trips

Chi Rho Current River Canoe (grades 6-8)	Dates & Director TBA
Chi Rho Smokey Mountain Trek (grades 6-8)	Dates & Director TBA
CYF Eleven Point River Canoe	August 2-6
CYF Wilderness Backpack Trip (grades 9-12)	Dates TBA

CRY Festival @ Columbia College (grades 8-12) July 12-15

\*Note grade level refers to grade finished.

\*\*Note the church pays half the fee and generally provides transport.

\*\*\*Note all registrations will be dealt with in March.

\*\*\*\*Note the Canoe Camps are limited in enrollment number and fill up fast!

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

JYF and CHI-RHO: Sunday, Jan. 10

JYF: 4:30 - 6 pm

Chi-Rho: 6 - 7:30 pm

Other dates: Jan. 24, Feb. 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)

**CYF attending the NEA/SEGA Retreat**

January 15-16

Departing Fri. 4:30pm/Return Sat. 5pm

See Jimmy to sign up.

## CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

### Wednesday Evenings

*Great Hot Meals Served*

*Classes, choirs, and new opportunities*

*for you and your family to learn and grow 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**.

### Jan. 13th CAFÉ

**Menu:** Hot Chicken Salad, Tossed Salad, Artichoke Bread and Carmel Cheesecake Brownies

### **\* Program Choices:**

- Card Making: come and enjoy being creative with friends of all ages as we together make 'thinking of you' cards. These special cards will be shared throughout the year by our ministers with church members. If you have scrapbook-making materials that you would like to use, please bring them along. We will provide additional materials.

- Special Board Meeting: to discuss the status and continued use of Bethany Hall by the church. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

\* **CYF** (grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

# The Visitor

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## Return Service Requested

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 10

*Van Driver:* Matt Batterson  
*Office Receptionist:* Nina Oliver  
*Church School Greeter:* Colleen Nilges  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Perry and Helen Stemmons  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Joy and Roy Overacre  
*Delivered by -* Carol and Millard Thomas

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Will and Donna Houston, Bonnie Fay  
*Elder:* Cherry Hinderberger

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Gerald and Susan Ramsey, Roger Backues  
*Liturgist:* Hayley Batterson  
*Elders:* Debbie Batterson, Jacki Davidson, Brenda Martin  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Sally Robinson  
*Greeter South Door:* Moray Loring Kiehl  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Julia LaHue and Anna Poole  
*Candlelighters:* Jonathan LaHue and Emma Hawkins  
*Children's Worship Leader:* Holly Gieseke *Helper:* Erin Bower

## This Week (Jan. 10 - 16)

- Sun. - JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- CYF Bible Study (grades 9-12), 6:30 p.m.,  
Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Book Club, Noon-2:00 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Programs:  
- Card Making: *Thinking of You* cards to be given to church members, 6:30 p.m.  
- Special Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor (to discuss Bethany Hall)  
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.-Sat. - CYF Retreat (9-12 grades), departing to St. Louis at 4:30 p.m. on Fri. & returning at 5:00 p.m. on Sat.

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