



THE VISITOR

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Sunday Morning Worship

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith”

With these words the author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds early Christians of the great heroes of the Jewish faith, and encourages them to take their place in running the race of faith, always focusing their eyes on Christ. In the same spirit, the Apostle Paul challenged his friends in Philippi to keep straining forward in pursuit of the goal of the call of God in Christ. With these two texts, Hebrews 12:1-2 and Philippians 3:10-14, Dr. Yonker will address the congregation on Sunday with the call to run the race of faith in the days to come.

Special music for the morning will include hymns: *Rejoice the Lord is King*, *Surely the Presence of the Lord* and *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*. The Chancel Choir anthem will be *Gracious Spirit, Dwell In Me* by K. Lee Scott.

Administrative Board Meeting
July 14th
6:30 pm, Morris Parlor

Weekly Report

July 4, 2010

Received this week \$16,002

Received to Date \$16,002

Needed to Date \$11,768

Attendance - 228

(includes early worship - 46)

Vacation Bible School!

... set sail in 2 weeks!



July 18 - 23
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(dinner at 5:30 p.m.)

Register your child NOW!

Pre-registration is vital so the right number of supplies and food can be purchased and planned. We want to make sure we have the right number of BIBLE BUDDIES--and they can't be found at Walmart!

Register children NOW online by going to www.firstchristian.org and clicking on the VBS link

Leaders still needed:

Pre-School Crafts
Pre-School Supper Supervisor
Several Pre-School Crew Leaders
Several Elementary Crew Leaders

ALL Crew Leader

Meeting/Orientation:

Sunday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.
Bethany Hall (A 35 minute mtg!)

Scenes from
CYF Mission Trip to
Rural Appalachia near
Whitesburg, Kentucky



Bringing Camp Back

Yesterday I got a text from a church mom who counseled camp with me last week. She said "I kind of miss rest time!" I responded "I kind of miss pool time and the 3 meals a day already prepared!" Another counselor and I agreed that we did not miss the bunk beds!

I can't begin to express how great it was to do camp this summer and feel renewed in my camp spirit. Summer church camp has always held a special place in my life and ministry. When I was young before we were Disciples I attended the Presbyterian Camp at Mound Ridge. It was where my father had gone to church camp. In high school I jr counseled at the St. Louis DOC's "Orchard Crest" camp in Fredericktown. It was there that I learned some important camp leadership lessons. Since 1996 I have been leading camp at Rickman, at Wakondaho in Kentucky, at Camp Christian in Oklahoma and back at Rickman and have found it to be an important and positive part of my summer work. But over the years I got burned out. Camp had changed and I was not sure if it was for the best. Last year I took the summer off.

This last week I directed Elementary Camp II. It was good to be back. The goodness was found in the partners I had on the journey. A staff of 14 caring and dynamic adults and youth. The connections we had were interesting: Five of the adults were from our church and were amazing. One counselor is now an attorney in JC. She was in 4th grade at the first camp I directed back in '96. Ha! Three of us went to Culver-Stockton College at the same time. Five counselors were in high school or just graduated. They brought an energy that the kids loved! One from STL is Genie Roger's granddaughter. She liked being at camp with her triplet cousins. Three of our FCC adults were moms who have a new appreciation for the camp that their kids talk so highly of.

The goodness was found in the 44 children that came to camp (11 of which were ours). Their energy and willingness to learn about Jesus, experience God's creation and just have fun together was contagious. Their singing was the best! And while the theology of "Jesus is my superhero" may have some minor flaws, the song really stuck in our heads, brought home the theme and got the kids up moving and singing out.

As we were packing up on Friday, the Moms and I reflected that the camp we once knew

to be so special to our faith and childhood seemed to be alive in our week at camp. The leadership of our staff brought camp back with the perfect selection of songs, outdoor activities, fun group games and camp traditions like campfires and smores, hiking and crafts. The church kids who came to experience "Being a Hero for God" brought camp back and made it alive.

As the camp season is just half-way done, those of us that have already been are looking forward to next year when we will journey back and continue the tradition of quality church camping. In the meantime, however, we will enjoy our non-bunk beds at home.

~Jimmy Spear

ps: Erin Bower, Laura Estes, Amy LaHue, Jen Micek (moms) and Michael Talley (Columbia College student) were our FCC Counselors. We can all thank them for their leadership!

FCC T-Shirts are showing up on famous people everywhere!



Elwyn Ewer wears her new First Christian Church shirt on her 95th birthday!



News of the congregation

Our prayers are with **Don Seltsam** who was admitted to Boone Hospital on July 4.

Our sympathy is extended to **Marguerite Smith** on the death of her brother, **Richard Sidden** of Chillicothe, Missouri on June 27. Funeral services were held in that community on Thursday, July 1. He was 78 years old. Marguerite lives in Jefferson City now and is an associate member there while maintaining her membership with us.

We extend our sympathy to **Will and Donna Houston** and the members of their family on the death of Will's brother, **Don Houston**, age 79, who died Sunday morning, July 4 at The Bluffs Nursing Home after a recent illness. A native of Council Grove, Kansas, and a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Don lived most of his life in Salina. Afflicted with Cerebral Palsy from birth, Don never let that handicap limit his life, but among other things operated a restaurant in the City-County Building more than 25 years. After moving to Columbia in 2003, Don became a member of our congregation, and was a regular attender of the early worship service and participant in the Tuesday Lectionary Bible Study group as long as he was able. A memorial service was held on Thursday morning, July 8 in our church sanctuary.

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for the special music which she presented at the early worship service last Sunday.

Congratulations to **Carol Hughey** who received the "Yard of the Month" recognition from the Columbia Garden Club for the month of July. One who has long been a lover of working in the yard, Carol was surprised and delighted to learn of her selection late last week. The Hugheys live at 1306 Jake Lane in Columbia!

Dabney Doty, U.S. Navy veteran, participated in the Honor Flight program honoring WW II veterans in Washington, D.C. on June 29. He was welcomed home at a reception at the Courtyard by Marriott by local residents, relatives and **Ralph Dobbs**, a previous Honor Flight participant and WW II Marine veteran. Other previous Honor Flight participants who have made the trip to Washington include **Jim Ross**, **Gordon Martin** and **Glen Rainey**. Thank you to all who served. We are here because they served!

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

Summer Youth Events are Here!

Each youth group will have monthly events and gatherings. Email/Facebook/postcards and this box will keep you informed! Stay tuned!



Chi-Rho Pool Party!

Sun., July 11, 3:00 - 6:30 pm
Swim and BBQ at the Bogers
Hwy Z North of 70
call for directions: 474-8050

CYF Canoe Trip: Tues. July 13
\$20 - See facebook for details

Chi-Rho Mission Trip:

August 1-3, St. Louis, MO
Inner city mission work through Union
Avenue CC's "Urban Mission Inn"

At Church Camp this Next Week:

8th Grade Camp
"That Camp About God and Sex"
Jeff Ruffolo



Happy Birthday!

July 11-Erin Boster, Teddy Nichols
July 13-Richard Underwood, Bragg
Stanley, Christopher Stormer,
Eric Seaman
July 14-Anne Campbell, Buddy Green
July 15-Tommie Ross, Tammy Arnett
July 16-Micki McGuire Kirkham
July 17-Paul Rinehart, Cullen Snow

STARS to K.C. American Heartland Theatre

It looks like tickets are going fast so we need to know ASAP if you can join us for this day. Tickets are not refundable so we want to order the right amount. If we purchase 12 or more the price is \$16 per ticket.

We will also be eating lunch together and possibly a light supper. The play, *Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a comedy, starts at 1 p.m. Date of the play is Wednesday, August 4, 2010. Contact the church office (449-7265) to make reservations **by July 11.**

Ministry of Flowers

Thank you for your terrific support of the Ministry of Flowers and returning the Chancel Flower forms. All the forms, except four have been returned. All of the Sundays, except one, have been adopted. Sunday, May 22, is the lone open Sunday. If you would like to adopt May 22, please stop by or call the church office at 449-7265.



Regional Assembly October 8-10, 2010

Assembly Headquarters: First Christian Church, 327 E. Capitol Ave., Jefferson City

*God is doing a new thing:
Believe it! Perceive it! Receive it!*

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Richard "Dick" Hamm a familiar face to Disciples, having served as pastor of congregations for 26 years, as a regional minister, and serving as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) between 1993 and 2003. He is the author of three books. He received his D. Min. degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Early Bird Registrtaion Fee (on or before August 1) \$100: includes breakfast Saturday and Sunday, Lunch Saturday and the All Assembly Banquet.

Register: www.mid-america-disciples.org



Thank you very much for awarding me the Purdy Scholarship This will be a very great help for my college tuition and expenses. I am lucky to have such a supportive church family. Thanks again!
~Taylor Humble

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Thank you so much for your recent gift to Coyote Hill. It was quite a blessing to receive. Also, we can't thank you enough for your continued support over the years. We are truly blessed by your prayers and efforts to aid our ministry. Thank you for being a direct influence on creating "A Place to Be a Child".~Kari Salmon, Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, clients, and staff of Welcome Home, Inc., I would like to thank you for providing our agency with a check for \$250 towards supporting the basic needs of our Homeless Heroes staying at Welcome Home, Inc. Your donation improved the basic needs of our Homeless Veterans by providing our Veterans with shelter, food, and clothing. You will never know how grateful Welcome Home, Inc. and our recipients are of such a generous donation. Our mission is to insure that no Veteran who has served this beloved nation of ours is forgotten and left without a Welcome Home to return to.~Aneisa Sherrill-Mattox, MSW, Executive Director

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Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the 175th Anniversary scholarship as well as the William D. Phillips Music Award! I cannot begin to thank you enough for all of the support that our church and its people have shown me throughout my years here, and I am honored to have been chosen to receive these awards. Thanks again!

~Jordan Mills

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Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 11

Van Driver: Frank Boster
Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Bethany Hall Greeter: Pat and Sue Wright
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - TBA
Delivered by - Bradley and Khons Volmert

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Jerry and Mary Daugherty
Elder: Millie Carringer

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mike & Mary Taylor, Mark Martin
Liturgist: Nancy Watson
Elders: Don and Brenda Mosby, Sally Estes
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeter North Door: Tom and Susan Gray
Greeter South Door: Doris Neidhardt
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Max and Wolf Schaefer
Candlelighters: Gavin Rose and Anna Poole

This Week (July 11-17)

- Sun. - Chi-Rho Swim Party, 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Purple Field at
Rainbow Softball Center
- VBS Crew Leader Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - CYF Canoe Float Trip
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Thr. - Church in Society Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone

