



Sunday Morning Worship

“And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.” With these words of the risen Christ spoken on the mountain in Galilee, the Gospel of Matthew comes to a close, and the promise of Christ’s presence through the ages is extended to his followers. Many times we have heard these words, but how have we come to experience their truth? Answering that question and discovering the presence of the living Christ in our midst will be the focus of Dr. Yonker’s sermon, *“With You Always”*, on June 13. Scripture texts will be taken from Matthew 28:16-20 and Galatians 2:15-21.

The Chancel Choir’s anthem will be *Join Hands!* Hymns of the day will bring variety in our singing. We will open with *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*, be invited by *She is the Spirit* and gather at table with *There’s Something About That Name*.

Also featured in 10:30 worship this Sunday:

As the CYF Mission Trip approaches, the fifteen member mission team will be present to be commissioned in their forthcoming mission work in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Church scholarships will be celebrated by those who give and those who receive. This year nine students will receive monies from six different scholarship sources and will be honored in the 10:30 worship service.

At last Sunday’s Red Cross Blood Drive, 13 units of blood were given! Thanks to all those who gave the gift of life!

Weekly Report

June 6, 2010

Received this week \$15,414
Received to Date \$430,259
Needed to Date \$430,234
Attendance - 264
(includes early worship - 53)



**Join us for
Vacation Bible School!
July 18 - 23, 2010**

Register NOW online by going to
www.firstchristian.org
and clicking on the Vacation Bible School link

This Sunday: Fill the Brown Bags!

Church members can help gather supplies for VBS by picking up a brown bag and filling it with what is written on the outside. The “brown bags” will be in the narthex this Sunday! All bags can be returned to the church stage in the designated “pre-school” or “Elementary” areas. Thanks!

VBS is an all-church ministry! Come and take part-anchors away! —which is an invitation to all church members to take part in the leadership of VBS. Please contact Jessica Humble (441-8021) or Jimmy Spear (jimmy@firstchristian.org) to volunteer or with questions. See the list below...

- Ship Rec Games Leader
- “Welcome Aboard” Greeters
- Sail Away Cinema Leader (Chadder)
- Registration Table Greeters
- Clipper Ship Crafts Leader
- Decorating the “high seas”
- Clipper Ship Crafts Helper
- Kitchen/Serving Dinner Help
- Skipper’s Preschool Playhouse Leaders
- Bakers (from home)
- Crew Leaders for Elementary & Preschool



Cullen Patrick Harrison Rose was dedicated and blessed on Sunday, June 6. With Dr. Yonker is Cullen’s family, Thomas and Cindy Rose with older sons Gavin and Liam.

All Women Invited to Sing!

Ladies who enjoy singing are welcome to join Chancel Choir women for our Father’s Day anthem on Sunday, June 20! Rehearsals are after 10:30 service on Sunday, June 13 and at 9:50-10:25 on Sunday, June 20!

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

6:30 P.M.

MORRIS PARLOR

AGENDA: BUDGET

HEEERRREEE'S JOHNNY!

Things have been in a whirlwind the last three weeks. On May 25 I drove to Sterling, Illinois to spend a few days with my son Dave. We had planned to attend a preaching conference together but one of the old saints in his church got sick, and he could not leave town, so we spent a couple of days "hanging out" together and playing golf. Later in that week he and Liz and Sammy came to town for a brief visit with us before going back to work on the weekend. Little did we know what the next two weeks would bring!

On Monday we received word that Sarah's father had fallen and the next morning they said he was seriously ill and we should come to Texas. So, within three hours we were in the car on the road to Ft. Worth, Texas. When we arrived we found him in serious condition, but not knowing how long he might live, by Saturday I was flying home to be with you in church on Sunday morning. He died on Memorial Day, so Tuesday afternoon I flew back to Texas to be with the family for the services. A great memorial service was held in University Christian Church in Ft. Worth on Thursday, and on Friday we drove to Taylor, Texas where Dave and I conducted the grave side service. Then, following Sarah's father's suggestion, we all gathered at the famous Louis Mueller's restaurant for some of the best bar-b-que you ever tasted. On Saturday Sarah and I drove home to be with you in church the next day.

Many of you have been kind enough to say we should have stayed in Ft. Worth a few more days to rest and relax and take care of business before returning home. And we thank you for that! But we came home, not just because we were tired of living out of suitcases for two weeks! We came home because we needed to be home; we needed to be in church with you. To begin getting our lives back to normal, and to share your love and support.

Through about 40 years of service I have ministered to hundreds, perhaps thousands of families. I have seen many of them try to face their problems without faith and without the church and I don't know how they do it. What do people do without faith and the church? I don't know and don't ever want to find out! Here is a word of thanks and sincere appreciation for all the love and support which you have given to us. Through your Christian caring we have discovered the presence of God in the midst of our whirlwind.

Thank you very much for the senior breakfast for me and my family and the very nice bible and the beautiful prayer shawl. Thanks again!
~Taylor Humble



Thank you so much for the bible and the shawl. I will keep that bible forever and put it to good use in the years to come.
~Drew Geiseke

What a tremendous partner you are! We deeply appreciate your recent gift of 44 pounds of food. Every day we thank God for people like you who see the needs of others and do something to help.
~Peggy Kirkpatrick, The Food Bank

Thank you, dear friends, for the beautiful floral arrangement which graced one of the tables at the reception following my father's memorial service. Your cards and words of comfort are very much appreciated. It is wonderful to have the support of a loving church family.~Sarah Yonker

Fifth Street Christian Pastor Farewell

Fifth Street Christian Church invites you to attend the Farewell Pastor Appreciation Celebration for Pastor James Kimbro and family. After six years of service their congregation says good-bye on June 20th, 3:00 p.m., 401 North Fifth Street. The guest speaker will be Bishop Freeman of United Community Cathedral and his dynamic choir.

Mark Randle Memorial

Memorial contributions for Mark W. Randle, Sarah Yonker's father, can be made payable to: Brite Divinity School (with "Mark Randle Memorial" on the memo line).
Send to: Brite Divinity School
TCU
Box 298130
Fort Worth, TX 76129

News of the congregation

It was a joy to share in the service of Blessing and Dedication for **Cullen Patrick Harrison Rose**, three and one-half month old son of **Thomas and Cindy Rose**, last Sunday, June 6. He was joined in the worship service by his two big brothers, **Gavin and Liam**, and his grandparents, **Gary and Millie Rose** of Nevada, and **Frank and Sue Stagsdill** of Springfield.

Among the members of our congregation in our concern at this time are **Jean Rossman** who has returned to Lenoir Woods Health Care Center after spending a few days at University Hospital and **Don Seltsam** who has returned home after being a patient at Boone Hospital last week. **Tom Gray** is doing well after out-patient surgery last week. **Marvellee Ridgeway** is looking forward to returning home this week after spending some time at the Lenoir Health Care Center following recent surgery at Boone Hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Bill Tetley**, age 92, who died at the Missouri Veteran's home in Mexico on Tuesday, June 1. The son of a United Methodist Minister, Bill spent his life in education and loved teaching music and was a member of a church choir in every town he lived. He was preceded in death by his wife **Reesy** and is survived by his three sons and their families: "**Fred**", "**Tony**" and "**Murph**". A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at Epple Chapel, Lenoir Woods.

Our sympathy, also, to **Brenda Mosby** and family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Darrell Baldwin**, who died Monday, May 31, of cancer. He lived in Shelbina and services were held in that community on June 4.



June 13-Mitchell Taylor
June 14-Dodie Palmer
June 15-Janice Janssen, Jamie Burlison
June 16-Will Houston
June 18-Marguerite Smith,
Jon McRoberts

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

School is Out!

Regular youth group meetings are over for the school year. Each youth group will have other monthly events and gatherings. Email/Facebook/postcards and this box will keep you informed! Stay tuned!

CYF Mission Team Commissioning:

Sunday, June 13
in the 10:30 worship service

CYF Mission Trip:

Building and repairing homes in rural Appalachia near Whitesburg, KY
Depart early June 20/Return June 26/27

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 Week:

Jonathan LaHue, Junior Camp 1

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



*The 55+ Fellowship Group of
First Christian Church*

Coming this Summer:

Matinee Movie @ Church

"The Blindside"

Wed., July 7

3 p.m. – Church Cinema

With the FCC Mid-Summer Festival to follow after 5:00 p.m.

Day Trip: Theater in Kansas City "Putnam County Spelling Bee" at the American Heartland Theater

Wed., August 4

Meet at church at 9:15 a.m.

1 p.m. show.

Lunch and dinner en-route.

\$16 ticket

Reserve a ticket by July 11.

Reservations to all STARS events can be made by noting the event on the Sunday pew pad or by calling the church office, or emailing us at fcc@firstchristian.org

Chancel Flowers

Sign up for chancel flowers will take place in the narthex between church services, 9:30-10:30 a.m., this Sunday, June 13.



CHURCH IN SOCIETY COMMITTEE REPORT

The last meeting for year 2009-2010 of the committee entitled Church In Society was held June 3, 2010. We've had a really good year and have completed most of the projects planned for the year. It was decided to continue with the same budget submission as we had last year.

One new and exciting item transpired at the meeting. After serving as interim chair for the past 4 ½ to 5 years I will be passing this responsibility on to a very active member of the committee. Colleen Nilges graciously agreed to assume this role for the coming year and I know she will do an excellent job. Let's all work together and give her the help she requests to continue to find ways to serve our local community as faithful members of First Christian Church.

This committee is a great place to get to know people better as we work on our projects such as Christmas gifts for the needy, serving meals to the homeless through Loaves & Fishes, the Blood Drive, and delivering food to the Food Pantry when it is brought to our church building the first Sunday of each month. In fact, we are looking for additional help for this project right away. Wouldn't this be a great way to get started helping others!

It's so easy and if you're willing to help, give the church office your name and phone number, and we'll get you started.

Be sure to watch for a couple of NEW projects on the horizon from Church In Society starting this fall!! One item is we'll be hosting the community Crop Walk, October 3. The next committee meeting is Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

It's been very rewarding to have represented this committee and I plan to remain on it. I sincerely wish the very best to Colleen. Let's all step up and help her keep this a great committee working for our church and community. ~Carol Slusher

*In celebration of close to a
decade of ministry together,*

On Sunday, June 27,
the people of
First Christian Church
will celebrate and honor
the ministry of
Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich



Join church friends in a
reception held for
Amy Kay & Dane Pavlovich
(Sebastian & Atticus too!)

Sunday, June 27
Following the 10:30 service
Fellowship Hall



BOOK O R N E R

At the time of Amy Kay's ordination guest speaker Stephen Patterson left with us a copy of his book, The God of Jesus, regarding the historical Jesus and the search for God. The book presents a way to understand the relationship between history and theology which avoids confusing the two.

A quote from Marcus Borg on the book jacket says, "Patterson brings together the two worlds in which he lives: the academy and the church. With great clarity and informative content, he combines the insights of contemporary Jesus scholarship with the perspective of a seminary professor committed to the life of the church."

~On the Book Cart.

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Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 13

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Becky Bramon
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Bethany Hall Greeter: Moray Kiehl
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - David and Jan Keithley
Delivered by - Judy Cunningham, Eldon Drennan

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tommy Gay Evans, Anne Linn, Donna Houston
Elder: Don Mosby

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Chris and Candace Stormer, Curt and Carolyn Snow
Liturgist: Rich Montgomery
Elders: Pam Hoepfner, Anne Campbell, Richard Hoepfner
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeter North Door: Holly Wheatley
Greeter South Door: Susan Klockow
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Abe and Sam Creasy
Candlelighters: Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers
Children's Worship Leader: Eric Arnett

This Week (June 13 - 19)

- Sun. - Commissioning of CYF Mission Trip, 10:30 worship
- Scholarship Awards, 10:30 worship
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Green Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Administrative Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Sat. - Charismatic Episcopal Church Open House, 2:00 p.m., Bethany Hall - All are invited

