



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Morning Worship: The 3rd Sunday In Lent

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” These words of Jesus challenging any who would be his disciples to hear his word and to remain faithful in following his way provide the theme, TRUTH, for our worship services on the 3rd Sunday in Lent. Scripture readings for the day will be taken from John 8:31-38 and Isaiah 55:1-9.

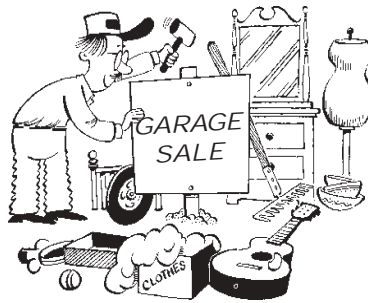
The Chancel Choir’s anthem at the 10:30 worship service will be *Seek The Lord* by John Carter.

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.

Church Dine-Out
Friday - March 5
5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Weekly Report
February 28, 2010
Received this week \$9,603
Received to Date \$305,034
Needed to Date \$304,780
Attendance - 312
(includes early worship - 57)



Spring Cleaning Time!

Yes, it’s true! Spring is just around the corner! It’s time to “cast off the old and put on the new.”

Please save all unwanted, unnecessary (but still useable) treasures for the Youth Garage Sale. All items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall:

March 13 — 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
March 14 — 9 am-1:00 pm,
March 15, 16, 17 — 8:00 am-8:00 pm

Support Youth Mission Trips through your garage sale donations and contributions. **Volunteers are NEEDED to set up, sell and clean up!**

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

**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 calling the church office, or emailing Jimmy Spear.



T-Shirt Design Contest

We need some new church gear! You and/or your group in the church are invited to enter the all-church contest and create a design for us all to sport!

Rules of the Contest

Designs must:

- * Include our church’s name and location
- * Fit on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of paper
- * No more than three colors should be used (shirt color will be either white or grey)

Submit your design to the church office with your \$10 entry fee by March 22nd. Voting will take place March 24—April 5 in the Narthex and church office with the winner announced on April 8th

Shirt orders will be taken on Easter through April 19th and will be ready for pick up by the end of April! (Funds raised will benefit the college mission trip.)

Book Club



The Ladies’ Book Club returns to Bethany Hall next week, March 10, to discuss Jeffrey Zaslow’s true story of 11 girls who became friends, many meeting as babies in the church nursery, in the 1960s and continue their friendship for over 40 years. Why not join us at noon to discuss this book and possibly share your stories of childhood friendships? We meet at noon for about an hour.

CYF Spring Break Mission Day

The CYF will take Monday of this year’s spring break to do mission work in Kansas City. They will re-visit the Micah Ministry at Independence Blvd. Christian Church on March 29. The day will be spent working with KC volunteers to serve food and clothing to over 400 people in need at the evening meal. Adult Partners are welcome.

Heeerrreee's Johnny!

One of the great joys which I have in serving at First Christian Church is the opportunity to know so many great people. Some of you have heard me mention this on various occasions as the basis for a friendly little debate with Sally Robinson, Chaplain of the Columbia Area Older Ministries, as one of us claims ours is the best job in the community because of the people we work with in our respective positions. One of the ways this is manifested to me is the quality of lay leadership among the members of our church.

I became aware of great lay leadership at the beginning of my ministry with you, and it continues to be a source of joy and confidence in the future of the church as another class of people are elected to leadership positions for the coming year. In a few weeks the names of the new Administrative Board officers, Elders and Deacons and Junior Deacons will be presented for consideration and approval by the board and the congregation. These persons will begin their preparation to take office on July 1, and their names will be listed in the Visitor prior to their election.

For the present I want to thank the people who served on the Nominating Committee. When I asked them serve on this important committee they all readily agreed, and they all willingly participated in the process of selecting and recruiting the people who will lead us in the coming year. The next time you have the chance, offer your word of thanks to them.

2010 Nominating Committee Members

Elders: Jacki Davidson, John Hickey, Donna Houston, Linda Ridgeway
Deacons: Jay Creasy, Hartley Rogers, Debbie Potthast, Sarah Storm
Members-at-Large: Valerie Freed, Nora Dietzel
Junior Deacons: Haley Evers, Steve Gieseke

Your Special Birthday!



Ruth Ragsdale
- 90 on Mar. 11



I want to thank everyone for their concern and prayers. Though my illness has not been immediately life-threatening, its cure (as I hope the procedure I just had is) has been significantly life-changing. Part of the change is realizing the joy I feel at being a member of a spiritual family who truly cares about and for me. As my health continues to improve I find the glory of being alive washing over me again. I hope to expand my participation in and commitment to First Christian Church to share my joy and gratitude. ~Nancy Grieme

A NOTE OF



The members of the Prayer Shawl Group would like to thank all who have supported our ministry by providing yarn and monetary donations to help us replenish our supply. A particular "Thank you" to the Hannah Jones Group for their recent generous gift. We love this wonderful service project and are happy that it is recognized by others in this way. If you would like to join the group call 442-8849 and we will keep you in stitches and have lots of fun.

~The Prayer Shawl Group

Anne & Tommy Tomlin

cordially invite you to help them celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20th

Fireside Room

Lenoir Community Center

No gifts, please

No speeches, just visiting
with good friends

Casual dress

News of the congregation

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Lois Brown** who died at the home of her caregiver, **Gail Cameron**, on Sunday morning, February 28. A native of Columbia, and a graduate of Hickman High School and Christian College, Lois loved music and loved to teach dancing. She belonged to the American Business Women's Association, was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. She was preceded in death by her two sons, **James** in 1978 and **Thomas** in 1988, and her husband **Charles** in 2005. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 5 at Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Thanks to **Nora Dietzel** for her lovely solo, "The Cross Was His Own" presented at both early and late worship services last Sunday.

Among the members and friends of our church in our concern at this time is **Brianna Shepard** who has returned home to continue recovering from surgery for treatment of injuries following a fall on the ice a week ago. **Raven Sheppard** has returned home to recover from recent surgery in a St. Louis hospital. **Marsha Rawlings'** sister is a patient at a hospital in North Carolina also recovering from surgery last week to treat injuries following a recent fall. **Alyssa Ruth** asks us to remember her aunt in our prayers. Also, in our prayers are **Angelo Provenzano, Joy Duren** and **Jane Ann Hackett**.

Congratulations to **Bob and Sue Haynes** who celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on March 9th.



Mar. 7-Kelly Tracy, Michael Taylor

Mar. 8-David Keithley, Andrea Smith,
Melissa Straw, Valerie Freed

Mar. 10-Sara Estes, Aidan Anderson

Mar. 11-Ruth Ragsdale

Mar. 12-Amy Leach, Liam Rose

Mar. 13-Joy Duren, Anna Poole

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



Chi-Rho: Sunday, March 7

Chi-Rho Afternoon Bowling: 2-4:30 p.m.
(Meet at church at 2:00 p.m.) Bring \$8.

JYF: Sunday, March 7

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Future Youth dates: Mar. 21, Apr. 11, 25

CYF Weekly Events

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 Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY
June 20-27

Help for Haiti Gospel Concert

Saturday, March 20
5:00 p.m.
First Christian Church
101 N. 10th Street

Sponsored by
Fifth Street Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

There is no charge to attend!
All donations will be used to benefit
the people of Haiti!

Contact Diane Bradshaw at 999-9375
for more information.

Christian Education 9:30-10:20 on Sundays

Children and Youth

Pre-School: 3 - 5 yrs., Nursery 2nd floor
K - 5th grade: meet in drama room on the
3rd floor and divide into small groups
6 - 8th grade: Chi-Rho Room, 3rd floor
9 - 12th grade: CYF Room, 3rd floor

Adult

CL Class: in Morris Parlor, 2nd floor
Keystone Class: 2nd floor
Pathfinder Class: Bethany Hall (9:45-10:15)
New Class: Backroom - behind the
sanctuary on 1st floor

Counseling Church Camp

There are many openings this summer for volunteer adults to spend a week at church camp in the role of counselor. It is a most rewarding experience, the ultimate of fun times, and spiritually enriching. Perhaps you could be a counselor? All ages are welcome. Talk to Jimmy.

A good camp experience for our 35+ kids attending church camp this summer depends greatly (hear it again: greatly!) on the quality of counselors. A church our size (sending 35 kids) should be sending at least 7 counselors this summer. Who is with us?

Rev. Jimmy Spear will be directing the week of Elementary Camp (2nd-3rd grade) and will hope to have a number of FCC folk on the staff for that camp June 30- July 2.

Summer Ministry Internship

Win/win situations are the best and we are glad to be able to have them often around the church. For instance, we have a healthy congregation and many talented college students. We are glad to be able to benefit both this year again through a 10 week summer ministry internship position. This year's position focuses on our business and functioning of the church and Campus Ministries. If you or someone you know is interested in our church's Summer Ministry Internship, please see Amy Kay for a full job description and application.

The River of Life News

"*Healed by Jesus*" was the theme for the bible stories for the month of February on the River of Life (Children's Sunday School). The children were taught by Jessica Humble and Holly Gieseke. There was an average of 12 children (divided into two classes). (Note: This is half of the number of children who are active in the life of the church.)

In the four Sundays of March the bible stories will focus on "*Remembering Jesus.*" Stories of Jesus in the Temple, The Garden, Palm Sunday and the Passover will be part of this focus.

The children meet in the Drama Room to begin the 9:30 hour every Sunday morning. Come join the us!

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Mar. 10th

Menu: Down Home Chicken, Poached Corn, German Style Green Beans, Lemon-lime Poppy Seed Cake

* **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, Mar. 7

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Cindy Rose
Church School Greeter: Judy Hall
Bethany Hall Greeter: Sally Robinson
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Debbie Taylor
Delivered by - Fred Mottaz and Elizabeth Mottaz

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Will and Donna Houston, Barb Rothenberger
Elder: Barb Rothenberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Eric Arnett, Debbie, Matthew and Mitchell Taylor
Liturgist: Mary Jane Anderson
Elders: TBA, Julie Hickey, Carol Slusher
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeter North Door: Nina Oliver
Greeter South Door: Judy Cunningham
Ushers: The Pavlovich Team
Banner Bearers: Hunter Rogers and Wyatt Rogers
Candlelighters: Coleman Rogers and Alexandra Estes
Children's Worship Leader: NA
C.W. Helper: NA

This Week (Mar. 7 - 13)

- Sun. - Garden Club, after 10:30 worship service, Bethany Hall
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 2:00 p.m. (going bowling, \$8)
- Mon. - Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- 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., First Baptist Church,
1112 E. Broadway
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Book Club, Noon, Bethany Hall
- 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
- Fri. - Chi-Rho (Area) Retreat, 6:00 p.m. Friday-3:30 p.m., Sat.
- Sat. - Garage Sale Set-up, Fellowship Hall

