



Morning Worship: The 4th Sunday In Lent

Who among us has not heard the parable of the prodigal son? Any of us who have spent any time around the church know the story which Jesus told of the man who took his inheritance and wasted it in riotous living and ended up eating with pigs in a land far from home. This great parable of Jesus, along with Psalm 32, will be read in our worship services on the 4th Sunday in Lent, and provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon.

Special music will be presented by the Drennan Singers, directed by Gene Kirkham and accompanied by Mary Bancroft. At both worship services this week, their anthem will be *You Raise Me Up* by Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham and their offertory will be *Lord, Let Me Serve--Medley*, arranged by Doug Holck and Tom Fettke. In addition, at the 10:30 service they will sing an Introit, *The Lord is in This Place*, by Mosie Liste.



Baptism & Discipleship (Pastor's) Class

A class for youth who are interested in and of the age to make the decision on church membership and the sacrament of baptism will be offered in late spring. The class will meet on Sunday mornings April 25, May 2, May 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and a final session on Saturday May 15 from 10 am-2 pm. The class is typically for those who are completing the 6th grade or older. Confessions of faith will be received by the group on Sunday, May 16 and baptisms will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, both done in the 10:30 worship service. Eligible youth and parents will be contacted this week by mail/email with further information. Please talk to Jimmy Spear if there are questions. Thanks.

FCC 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 some form of "First Christian Church (DOC)" and our location like "10th & Walnut"
 - * Fit on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of paper
 - * Be limited to no more than three colors (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.)

Wanted: Your Stuff!

Load up those boxes; fill up those trucks and vans! We want what you no longer need! (Clean and in good condition) Knick-knacks, jewelry, holiday items, decorative items, toys, camping gear, tools, clothing, furniture, small appliances, "Items too numerous to mention!"

Letters acknowledging receipt of donated items for tax purposes will be available at the door to Fellowship Hall.

Donations for the Annual Youth Garage Sale may be brought to the church:
 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

Volunteers are NEEDED to set up, sell and clean up!

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



Annual Youth Garage Sale

Shopping Times

Friday, March 19: 3:00 – 6:00

Saturday, March 20: 8:00 – 1:00

Sunday, March 21: 8:00 – 12:00

Exposure

Going to South Africa. Last Wednesday night the CYF went to Broadway CC to join their CYF in hearing a presentation by a DOC missionary who recently returned from a few years in South Africa. It was great to hear her story of adventure and mission work in a very different setting to ours. On our way out I noted one of our seniors lingering to talk to the missionary. Later she told me something to the effect, "Wow, this was really interesting. This is something I would like to consider doing with my life."

Going Bowling. The Chi-Rho youth group made its annual bowling trip last Sunday. It is always fun to observe the group as we all learn how to bowl. While we were bowling we met up with one of our 6th grade boys who was already there with his family. He is a *real* bowler. (He even had his own cool looking ball and bowling shoes!) It was interesting to watch the kids be really intrigued by their friend's prowess with a bowling ball. They did not know that about him. Exposure to each other is a part of growing as a community.

Going to Kentucky. The CYF will mission trip into Appalachia this June. In recent years we have been south and west repeatedly. Disaster response and painting have been our work and it has been good. This year we realized we need to go east. The country of Appalachia provides different scenery and a people with a degree of poverty that we are not familiar with. It will be different than the place we live and other places we have been. Helping God's people in that region will be important exposure for our young people.

Sometimes being a community of faith that raises young people means offering them some exposure. In our church context exposure can be to other churches, faith traditions, or the greater church and its mission in the world. It can be to other cultures, mores, needs of the neighbor, and even to those that share our pews. Exposure offers perspective and allows growth. Exposure brings our kids together to form bonds that we hope will not only carry them through the often turbulent teenage years, but also last them a lifetime. I am talking about good church friends that hold each other accountable and offer an unconditional love and support. Exposure brings the many faces of the world within closer reach that our kids might know who they are and how they are a part of the body of Christ in the world.

~Jimmy Spear

Boy Scout Troop 5
is pleased to announce that

Matthew Taylor

has attained the rank of Eagle Scout

His parents, James & Debbie Taylor,
invite you to join them for a special
ceremony to recognize this achievement.

Saturday, March 13, 2010
at 1:00 pm

First Christian Church
10th & Walnut
Columbia, Missouri

Reception immediately following
in Morris Parlor

Property Work Day Saturday, March 27th 8:00 a.m. - ?

Lunch will be Served (BBQ)

Work to be done includes:

1. Grind out stumps
2. Plant trees/bushes
3. Mulching
4. Trimming and general spruce up

We need your help to keep our church property looking good. Please call Mark Hunsaker at 443-6117 if you can attend.

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

Congratulations to **Matthew Taylor**, son of **Debbie and James Taylor** who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout and will be recognized for his achievement in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at 1 p.m., this coming Saturday, March 13 in our church sanctuary.

Among the people in our prayers at this time are: **Jean Rossman** who is recuperating from surgery on Tuesday morning at University Hospital, and **Betty Moon** who will have surgery on Friday morning, March 12 at Boone Hospital. We also continue to keep **Joy Duren, Jane Ann Hackett** and **Angelo Provenzano, Tommy Gay Evans'** son-in-law in prayers at they continue to undergo testing and treatment for illness.

We extend our sympathy to **Nancy Watson** on the death of her aunt, **Marion Cloninger** who died last week in Seward, Nebraska. Funeral services will be held on March 11th in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Weekly Report

March 7, 2010

Received this week \$12,787

Received to Date \$317,821

Needed to Date \$314,303

Attendance - 290

(includes early worship -60)

CWF Needs You!

HELP - If you are computer literate, the CWF needs you!! We need someone with page layout experience in InDesign or Quark Xpress to work on the yearbook this year. contact Joyce Stanley (445-5058).

Happy
Birthday!



Mar. 14-Donna Houston, Pat Rainey

Mar. 15-Mary Dysart, Kim Williams,
Rob Ridgway

Mar. 16-Ed Bright, Jordan Mills

Mar. 18-Amy Foster, Katherine

Richardson, Jack Wells

Mar. 19-Lois Ross, Cari Sapp

(youth) @ first christian

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

Sunday, March 21

JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Future meeting dates: Apr. 11, 25

JYF Parents: On Mar 21 you will have a chance to sign up to be partners and snack providers through the end of the school year.

Summer Church Camp Forms:

Informational brochures and forms have not arrived yet... but when they do, we will mail them to all youth eligible for camp this summer. The church will again pay half of the registration fee and assist in transportation to camp.

See Jimmy Spear if you still need the dates to calendar.

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 Spring Break Mission Day: Mar. 29
to Micah Ministry, Kansas City, MO

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY
June 20-27

Adults Partners needed.

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting to approve the report of the Nominating Committee will be held after each worship service on Sunday, March 21. The report of the Nominating Committee will be presented to the Administrative Board at their Wednesday evening, March 17 meeting. This report will recommend Administrative Board officers, one Trustee, six Elders, fourteen Deacons, and four Junior Deacons to represent their groups on the board, and the names of persons nominated to become new Elders, Deacons and Junior Deacons. All members of the congregation are urged to present for this congregational election.

Supply Our Young Artists

As spring approaches and some spring cleaning, you are invited to set aside any art-craft supplies that you are no longer needing. The children's art room is used very heavily and would welcome donations of yarn, felt, buttons, lace, ribbon, soda caps, construction paper, fuzz balls etc. etc. You would be surprised at the creativeness springing forth from our kids every week and how much stuff they used to make something great out of just about anything. Please send them to the office with Jimmy's name on the sack. Thanks!

Garden Club

Our church's Garden Club met last Sunday and had a wonderful time together! We have many gatherings planned and will invite you to join in as you wish to do so as the dates are finalized.

If you would like to be a part of a group from our church that shares a food garden plot together, please let Amy Kay know of your interest. We will wait until Sunday, March 21st to see if there are enough of us to try it this growing season. Thanks!

Back Room & Middle East

Our college group is looking forward to learning the basics about the problems in the Middle East from Dr. Tony Alioto on Wednesday, March 17th and 24th. We will meet as usual at 8:45pm for snacks and will benefit from Tony's teaching from 9-10pm in the Bethany Hall. Tony is the Religion and Philosophy Professor at Columbia College. He is a wonderful friend of our congregation and resource for us. We are very thankful for his upcoming time with our college group!

5th Street Christian (DOC) Choir Concert to benefit Haiti

Location: Our FCC Sanctuary!

Date: Sat., March 20th

Time: starting at 5:00pm

If you would like to sing in the mass choir, see Amy Kay for details.

Habitat for

Humanity Benefit

Pancake Breakfast & Lunch



PANCAKES!

March 13, 2010

7:00 am-1:00 pm

**Columbia United Church
of Christ**

3201 I-70 Dr. NW

Adults-\$5

Children (6-12)-\$2.50

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Mar. 17th

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage
New Potatoes
Shamrock Cupcakes

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

- **Administrative Board Meeting**
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. 14

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Bethany Hall Greeter: Perry and Helen Stemmons
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Freda and Tom Martz
Delivered by - Gary and Cheryl Unterschultz

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Brad and Khons Volmert, Tommy Gay Evans
Elder: Nancy Watson

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Roy and Joy Overacre, Judy Hall
Liturgist: Mitchell Taylor
Elders: Richard and Pam Hoepfner, Sarah Read
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeter North Door: Susan and Gerald Ramsey
Greeter South Door: Anne Campbell
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Julia and Will Bower
Candlelighters: Max and Wolf Schaefer
Children's Worship Leader: Eric Arnett
C.W. Helper: Becky Bramon

This Week (Mar. 14 - 20)

- Sun. - Receiving items for the Youth Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Drennan Singers perform at 8:30 and 10:30 worship services
- Mon-Wed.- Receiving items for the Youth Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Mon. - LIFE Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Stewardship Dept., 5:15 p.m., Keystone Room
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 16 Hitt Street
- CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
* Administrative Board Mtg., 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. - Youth Garage Sale, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Sat. - Youth Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (and Sunday, March 21 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- Help for Haiti Gospel Concert, 5:00 p.m., FCC Sanctuary (sponsored by Fifth Street Christian Church)

