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# VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## Morning Worship: "Victory Sunday" A Celebration of Stewardship

May 9 is Victory Sunday at First Christian Church! The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of our Stewardship Campaign, we will celebrate the commitment of our financial resources to God through the ministry of our congregation. Chris Creasy will present the Minute for Stewardship at both worship services. Dr. Yonker will deliver the sermon, "Becoming . . . church!" based on the story of the beginning of the ministry of the church to the Gentiles found in Acts 11:1-18.

As it is Mother's Day our prayers of celebration will continue as we uplift in our time of prayer those who have been a nurturing presence in our day.

Hymns for the morning will include: *I Love Your Church, O God; Be Thou My Vision; Take Our Bread and I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*. We will celebrate the musical gifts at 8:30 of Linda Chandler with the presentation of the special, *As the Deer*, and the Chancel Choir anthem, *A Song of Stewardship* at 10:30. Join us this Sunday!

## Stewardship 2010



*But to all who received him,  
who believed in his name,  
he gave power to become  
children of God...  
~John 1:12*

## POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD

May 9 Becoming.. *church*

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
IN MID-AMERICA  
AND  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
AND  
ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS**

**ANNOUNCE IN CELEBRATION THE  
SERVICE OF ORDINATION  
FOR  
REV. AMY KAY PAVLOVICH**

**"THE GREAT FEAST"  
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2:30 P.M.  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
COLUMBIA, MO**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**YOU ARE INVITED!**



## A Joyous Sound!

Special thanks to our Children's Choir for their energy-filled Children's Moment and offering in song later in Sunday's late service! We appreciate the kids' dedication to practice each Wednesday evening and their parents' efforts to get them here as well. Obviously, a choir needs a director and

we have been blessed with the time and attention of Emily Reinbott. Thanks to one and all!

**Congrats and thanks** to Carolyn Snow for her winning t-shirt design (below)! We will have order forms in the Narthex through the month of May for pre-orders of shirts or you are invited to email your order to Amy Kay. Thanks to all who submitted designs in our contest!

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## Associate Minister Resigns

Amy Kay Pavlovich has resigned her position as Associate Minister of First Christian Church effective June 30. She and her two sons, Sebastian and Atticus will be moving to Jacksonville, Illinois this summer to join her husband, Dane, who has accepted a job as Athletic Director and Head Women's Basketball Coach at MacMurray College in that city and will begin his duties on June 1

A native of Junction City, Kansas, Amy Kay earned a bachelor's degree in communication and psychology from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas and a master's degree in rhetoric and communication from Kansas State University before moving to Missouri with Dane. She was called to our congregation in July 2001 to work in the educational ministry of children, youth and college students. While working with our congregation Amy Kay began her seminary education at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis in 2004, and will graduate with a Master of Divinity degree in a ceremony held on the Eden campus Friday evening, May 14.

Having been nurtured and approved by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America Regional Commission on Ministry, Amy Kay will be ordained in a service of worship on Sunday afternoon, May 16 in the First Christian Church sanctuary. We look forward to that public affirmation of her calling and pray God's blessing upon her and her family as she journeys into the next phase of ministry for Jesus Christ.

**Disciple Men's  
Breakfast  
Sat., May 15  
8:30-9:45 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

Bible Study by  
Rev. Jimmy Spear



For reservations call the church office or mark "MEN" on the Sunday pew pad.

## Joys Known...

It has been a great pleasure to get to serve as a minister at First Christian for almost nine years. In my mind's eye, Dane and I were so young when we came here. Actually, when I see pictures of us from the summer of 2001, we *were* really young! This has been a wonderful place for us and for our boys. Sebastian and Atticus have come to know what it means to be church in this place and for this we will always be grateful.

As I shared in church on Sunday, Dane has been offered and has accepted a wonderful job at MacMurry College in Jacksonville, IL. He will be their Athletic Director and Head Women's Basketball Coach. He is already making trips to Jacksonville and will be there full time on June 1. I am very proud of him (!) and am excited for this opportunity for our family.

I will enjoy working at the church through the month of June and, with JD's help, will try to sell our house! My plans include just being with the boys for awhile as our time has been limited throughout this semester. Eventually I will look for a church to be in ministry with in the Jacksonville area.

At the end of June I will get to say this again, but it can not be said enough: thank you so much. It has been a great joy to get to be here with you and I will certainly remember these years with a glad heart. ~Amy Kay

**Church Dine-Out  
Friday - May 7**

5:30 p.m.

Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

## College Mission Trip Change

I am thankful for the flexibility of our college group. We had a Mission Trip planned for our Disciple Mission Center in San Antonio, TX, but the trip has been canceled because of our family's move. Throughout the summer our group will be working in many and varied places around Columbia instead of going away. We will publish our plans in case you know of additional ministries that we should learn from and serve through the coming months. ~Amy Kay

## News of the congregation

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her solo, *Lord, Let Me Serve* which she offered in worship at both 8:30 and 10:30 services last Sunday. Thanks to **Emily Reinbott** for leading our children in singing and hand-clapping during the Children's Moment, and then presenting an Offertory, *Down to the River to Pray*, at the 10:30 service.

It was a joy at the late service last Sunday to share in the Service of Blessing and Dedication for the children of **Curt and Carolyn Snow**: five year-old **Carleigh Bonita**, three year-old **Cullen Mahoney**, and five month-old **Caden Joseph**. God's blessings to this beautiful young family!

Thanks to **Kerry Bramon** for his leadership these last 13 weeks in leading the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University sessions on Wednesday nights at the church. It is a significant time commitment which has proven helpful to many people! Thanks, Kerry!

**Dorothy Jacobs Hatfield's** grandson, **Taylor Dalby**, will graduate from Lindenwood University on May 15th with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Congratulations to **Frank Boster** on the move of his engraving and trophy business, Collegiate Awards, to a new location at 3503 Buttonwood Drive. It shares a building with Corporate Identi-T's & Universi-T's.



**May 9**-Ann Rogers, Lucinda McRoberts, Sebastian Pavlovich  
**May 10**-Harlan Hackett, Laura Hutton, Sharon Winner, Wayne Meyer  
**May 11**-Mary Bancroft, Amy Kay Pavlovich, Makali Hawkins  
**May 12**-Jacy Alexander, Ben Nelms  
**May 14**-Linda Hutton  
**May 15**-Vaughan Dietzel

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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)

**Sunday, May 9**  
JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Future meeting dates:  
May 23, June 6

**JYF/Chi-Rho:** On May 9 we are creating tie-dye t-shirts. The CYF will be at our meeting to help us. **Please bring a plain white t-shirt to youth group on Sunday.**

**JYF/Chi-Rho:** No sandals/flip flops!  
We might go outside/to the park.

**Summer Church Camp Forms**  
See Jimmy Spear for Registration Forms

**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 Adult Partners needed.

**Vacation Bible School**  
(preschool-5th grade)  
July 18-22, 5:30-8:00 p.m.



## Children's Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Needed

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult is always present in the Children's Worship Time on Sunday mornings. **May 9, 30, June 13, 20, 27** are all needing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult. Please call or email Jimmy Spear for information or to sign up. This is an important ministry opportunity that any church member could easily take advantage of.

## Book Club



Before taking time off for the summer, the Ladies' Book Club gathers next Wednesday to discuss Columbia mayor, Dr. Robert McDavid's mystery, *Only Daughters* and/or share books they'd like to see selected for the next year's reading list. Why not consider joining us in **Bethany Hall at noon on May 12?** We'll also be selecting a suggested summer read. Hope to see you there!

# CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

## May 12th

**Menu:** Pulled Pork  
Cole Slaw  
Baked Beans  
Texas Sheet Cake

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

- **Adult Bible Study**, Keystone Room
- **Elementary aged Children's supervised craft & play time**
- **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.**

Make Plans now for **CAFÉ on June 2:**  
(the last CAFÉ of season)  
**The All Church Talent Show & Potluck Dinner**

## VBS Supplies Needed

As the decorations are being created for Vacation Bible School in July we are in **need of white twin sheets and wrapping paper rolls.** So, save them aside and pass them to Holly Gieseke or Jimmy Spear. Thanks!

See the *Visitor* next week for a full list of ways all church members can take part in Vacation Bible School this summer.

## Becoming...servants

Last Sunday was the third Sunday of our Stewardship campaign. We focused on being servants. First Christian Church has a long tradition of serving others both inside and outside its walls. The insert that was in your bulletin on Sunday details the programs that our offerings support.

One of things that attracted Holly and me to this church when we first moved here 12 years ago was the commitment of this congregation to helping others. To truly be a follower of Jesus, you have to serve others, and this church does that.

Please take a close look at the picture on Sunday's insert. These people are not actors. They are our kids...there's Lindsey, Lexie, Alec and Drew serving dinner at Loaves and Fishes. They are feeding God's people. It makes me so proud every time I read about, hear about, or see pictures from a mission trip that our Youth take or when our "not so youthful" members are out in the community helping others at the Food Bank or the Wardrobe on behalf of our Church. I know that maybe I could not be there for that particular event, but my money was.

When we put money in the offering tray, it goes to keeping the lights on, paying for the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful building and for compensating our wonderfully talented staff. But a portion also goes to answering Jesus' call to each of us to help others. What better reason to give?

~Dan Gieseke

### Weekly Report

May 2, 2010

Received this week \$10,486  
Received to Date \$384,705  
Needed to Date \$390,956  
Attendance - 275  
(includes early worship - 65)

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## Return Service Requested

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 9

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* Bobbi McCormack  
*Church School Greeter:* Colleen Nilges  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Sally Robinson

*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by - TBA*  
*Delivered by - Dan Tevis and Deidre Wipke-Tevis*

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard  
*Elder:* Anne Campbell

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Mary Jane Anderson, Shawn and Christy Von Talge  
*Liturgist:* Nancy Kirtley  
*Elders:* Cheryl and Steve Lightner, Debbie Batterson  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Nina Oliver  
*Greeter South Door:* Dan and Holly Gieseke  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Gavin Rose and Kim Potthast  
*Candlelighters:* Abe and Sam Creasy  
*Children's Worship Leader:* Eric Arnett  
*C.W. Helper:* TBA

## This Week (May 9 - 15)



- Sun. - Baptism & Discipleship Class #3, 8:30-10:15 a.m., Green Rm. (3rd floor)  
JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Orange Field at Rainbow Softball Center  
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 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  
\* Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
\* Children's supervised play and craft time, 6:30 p.m.  
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- College Group, 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat. - Disciple Men's Breakfast, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall