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# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## In Worship This Sunday

The text for this Sunday's sermon is from I Thessalonians 2:9-13 in which Paul responds to unfounded criticism that his work on behalf of Christ was for the money. As he defends his integrity, he urges the Thessalonians to live their lives to the glory of God. The service will open with the singing of *All Creatures of Our God and King*. Other hymns include: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*, and *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*. The Chancel Bells will play *Be Thou My Vision* as the prelude for the 10:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem at 10:30 is *Walk Worthily*, by Joseph Martin.

## Administrative Board Meeting

Tues., November 8  
6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

## Breakfast for Brethren - Each Saturday in Nov.

Breakfast for Brethren will begin again on Nov. 5th for the entire month of November. Please see the article on the Bulletin Board across from the office for details. A sign up sheet, listing personal and food items needed, will be available on the counter in the church office. Please contact Colleen Nilges or Jeri Sheppard with any questions.

### Weekly Report

Oct. 23, 2011

Received this week \$6,579  
Received to Date \$136,648  
Needed to Date \$140,013  
Attendance - 240  
(includes early service - 39  
and total visitors - 19)



and

*"A reaffirmation of the college-church connection"*

*Sunday, November 6, 10:30 a.m.*

*The Jane Froman Singers to sing.  
Church members who are Students, Alumni, Staff,  
Faculty & Trustees recognized.*

## 14th ANNUAL ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON November 8



WE NEED YOU! Can you help clean the kitchen after Church on the 6th? (We will feed you lunch!) Can you bake a fruit pie? Can you make sandwiches the morning of the 8th? Can you wash dishes? Can you decorate the Hall on the 7th? Can you sell tickets? Can you wait tables? We can use your help if you answered yes to any of these questions. In working together, we accomplish a lot and have fun in the process. Call Brenda at 442-7507 or Mimi at 881-1022 and volunteer your help. Thank you!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting and being with good friends? If so, the Prayer Shawl group invites you to join us in this important and rewarding activity. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in Bethany Hall. If you have not yet learned these skills, don't be dismayed - we have wonderful teachers! Look forward to good fellowship, hot coffee and light refreshments. Our next meeting will be November 16. If you have questions, call 442-8849. ~Mary Tompson



## Epistle

Do you have a “junk” drawer? It’s the drawer you put things in that don’t seem to have a home, but probably should be kept. So it’s not really junk. It’s homeless.

Today I got into my “junk” drawer. Actually I have two and if you count the stack on my desk it’s three.

It’s amazing what can be found there: two packets of sugar-free gum (which I hardly ever chew), two disks of John’s Bright Spots (one to be returned to a church member), several old epistles, sheets of labels, a DVD of Holy Cartoons, several e-mail receipts for things I ordered on line (so I can easily reorder if the time comes), three sheets of outdated stationary (we are using temporary letterhead), an article informing us that we need to replace the cribs in the nursery because they do not meet standards, a neat scratch pad (I wondered where that went), a few articles folks thought might interest me (they did but not at that moment).

What’s in your “junk” drawer? Is it time to open it and pull all of that stuff out and deal with it? Some can be thrown away. Some can be given to someone else. Some of it probably didn’t matter that much anyway. Some you just might have to give up though you are reluctant to do so. But think of how good you’ll feel with a clean “junk” drawer. Things won’t seem quite so chaotic.

But “junk” drawers reappear eventually. If only we would take care of things as we go we wouldn’t have to spend the time cleaning out the junk. We know this but for some of us it is hard to do. Maybe the only counsel that really works is to “keep on keeping on.”

Is there a junk drawer in your spiritual life? They are the thoughts and ideas one keeps around, not really knowing what to do with them. Some come to my mind: God is out to punish us; Jesus didn’t really mean what he said in the Sermon on the Mount; religion is for weak people; I’ve been so bad that not even God can save me; I can skip on prayer without any consequences; God is on our side; etc.

Involving ourselves in regular worship and exploring the depths of scripture have ways of helping us clean out our spiritual junk drawer. How long has it been since you cleaned out your spiritual junk drawer?

~Larry Veatch

# CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education  
Wednesday Evenings

**Nov. 2**

**Menu:**

- Baked Steak
- Baked Potatoes
- Creamed Spinach
- Apple Crisp



**CAFÉ Programs**

(6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

- Adult study with Dr. Ben Nelms:  
“Old Wine in New Wineskins-The Bible in Modern Literature”
- Children’s Choir & Activities  
“Hometown Nazareth”  
Music Room, 3rd floor, 5:30 p.m.
- Christian Youth Fellowship  
(grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

**Opportunities for the church family to share in fellowship, while learning and growing in spirit and faith**

**5:30-6:15 - Dinner**

\$7-adults, \$3-kids 5-12 years

\$18 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.

## News of Our People

**Harsh Brown** was recently nominated to be one of the 150 Faces of Chapman. As part of Chapman University’s 150th anniversary celebration this year, a list of the most influential people in Chapman’s history is being collected. Harsh was among the names. Congratulations, Harsh! Chapman University is a liberal arts college related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is located in Orange, California.

Thanks to **Linda Chandler** for her text appropriate and lovely song in 8:30 worship last Sunday. In preparation for the Banner Dedication thanks to **Drew Nichols** and **Fred Mottaz** for getting the banners hung so perfectly in the sanctuary. Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for making new communion table cloths for the 8:30 worship service in the proper colors of each liturgical season.

WITH  
*Gratitude*

This note is way overdue, but I did not want to let it go. We brought a little friend of ours to your VBS this summer. His family was going through a very terrible time in St. Louis so I asked if he could come and stay with us and go to VBS. Honestly, I am new to Columbia, so I didn’t even know if there was a VBS to go to. I found you on the web and called; from the very first contact all the way to the end of the VBS week – you all were a blessing to us!

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!!! Little Elijah’s family has reached out to the Lord and many positive things are happening. It all started this summer and you were a dear part of that child’s hope in Jesus. Your hearts and program rock!

Sincerely Grateful,  
Pamela O’Brien



## Happy Birthday!

**Oct. 30**-Daisy Crane, Rachel Fullington,  
Drew Gieseke

**Oct. 31**-Richard Hoepfner, Laurie Seigel

**Nov. 1**-Cherry Hinderberger, Lillian McCormack, Richard Schomaker,  
Max Weber

**Nov. 2**-Holly Gieseke

**Nov. 3**-Thomas Rose

**Nov. 4**-Ryley Batterson

**Nov. 5**-Delanie Batterson, Evan Dietzel,  
Dabney Doty, Gene Taylor



Thank you for the beautiful birthday flowers. I really appreciate your kindness on my 93rd birthday.

~Mack Brushwood

Thank you to all for your cards, calls and friendship.  
~Dorothy Allen

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**CYF (9th-12th grades) - Nov. 2**  
6:30-7:45 pm, CYF Room, 3rd floor

**Sunday, Nov. 6**

**JYF (3rd-5th Grade)**

4:30-6 pm

Partner/Snack: Amy LaHue

**Chi-Rho (6th-8th Grade)**

6-7:30 pm

All: wear shoes! (no flip flops!)

**Future Youth Group Times:**

Nov. 13: Afternoon hiking/bonfire/  
cookout at the Schaefer Farm. Watch  
your mailbox for details.

## DOC Group

DOC (Disciples on Campus) college ministry group posts the following dates. DOC Overnight Retreat is set for Nov. 18-19. Winter Break Mission and Serving Trip is set for January 8-15. Please see Jimmy Spear to sign up/for details. The DOC group meets on Wednesday nights in Bethany Hall from 8:45-10 p.m.



**American  
Red Cross**

## Blood Drive November 27

**Yonker Fellowship Hall**

## STARS



### Thanksgiving Meal - Mon., November 21, Noon

The senior group of Broadway Christian Church annually invites our STARS to join them and other DOC churches of Columbia for a "Thanksgiving" feast. Sign up in the church office.

**STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of  
First Christian Church**



## Ladies' Book Club

In case you haven't heard, 2011 is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. To mark the event, the Ladies' Book Club reviews a novel based on actual events that occurred in Missouri, *Up From Thunder* by local author Susan Salzer. Please join the group in Bethany Hall at noon on Wed., Nov 9, to discuss this fascinating time period in Missouri.

## Fair Trade Sale

"buy one,



get one free"



This is your **LAST** weekend  
to purchase Fair Trade buy  
one get one free!

The second weekend in Nov. we  
will have our **NEW** products for  
sale! Come see the new  
collectable mini nativities! We  
also will have Christmas  
ornaments, candles, and many  
more new items!



## STARS Fall Color Tour

The STARS group took their annual Fall Foliage Tour last Thursday. Church touring in Hermann, the sights of country roads, delicious lunch in St. James and a walk about at Maramec Spring were the events of the day. Pictured are Betty Moon, Bonnie Fay, and Emmy Croll atop the waterfall at Maramec Spring Park. Others on the trip included Ben & Beth Nelms, Tom & Laura Crane, Barb Rothenberger, Carol Slusher, Millie Bolman, Nancy Kirtley, Tommy Gay Evans, Connie Guy and Jimmy Spear. It was a fun day together!

## CORE - This Week!

We have been talking about it for months and the time has come! A unique worship service started in a downtown art studio space by our friends at Broadway Christian Church began about a year ago. In recent months the leadership of BCC and First Christian have determined it would be a good thing to share space and leadership of this worship service and for it to be held in our own Bethany Hall. With the invitation extended the worship service will begin gathering in the BH this Sunday. CORE, as it is called, can be described as a smaller (than Sun. am worship at FCC), reflective, conversational, artistic, emergent, community based worship experience. It is different than what our two churches do on Sunday morning. It attracts a different demographic. It will not be everyone's thing. It could be someone's thing. It will be another offering for folks to be invited into the presence of God and brought into the fold of a caring community of believers. For this we are glad to be a part.

Check it out: Sunday nights, 5:00 p.m. -  
Bethany Hall.

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**Return Service Requested**

## The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Oct. 30

*Van Driver:* Don Mosby  
*Office Receptionist:* Carole Harris Randerson  
*Church School Greeter:* Pam Hunsaker  
*Flower Ministry: Arranged by -* Moray Kiehl  
*Delivered by -* Moray Kiehl

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty  
*Elder:* Linda Ridgeway

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Larry Burnam, Richard and Ruth Ann Martin  
*Liturgist:* Ben Nelms  
*Elders:* Jacki Davidson, Sarah and David Read  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeters:* Bette Scavone (*N. Door*); Nat Scavone (*S. Door*)  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Elayna Mottaz and Madeline Marrero  
*Candlelighters:* Kim Potthast and Wyatt Rogers  
*Children's Worship Leader:* Kim Boger  
*Children's Worship Helper:* Carolyn Snow

### This Week (Oct. 30-Nov. 5)

- Sun.** - CORE, 5:00 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 10:50, Green Room
- Tue.** - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- World Outreach, 5:00 p.m., Keystone  
- Children's Choir & Activities, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 3rd floor  
- CAFÉ: dinner - 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall program - 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:45 p.m.  
- DOC (Disciples on Campus), 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - NE Area Assembly, First Christian Church-Fulton
- Sat.** - NE Area Assembly, First Christian Church-Fulton  
- Breakfast for Brethren (feeding those in need)

