



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship Sunday, April 27

The second Sunday of Easter brings us into a time when the Spirit and the news of the resurrected Jesus spread among the people. The text this week is Psalm 16 and Acts 2:14a, 22-36. Rev. Stagg's sermon "Fearless Living" will be based upon these readings in combination with the beginning of the annual stewardship emphasis.

Hymns of the day will include the hymns of Eastertide with a splash of stewardship: *Crown Him with Many Crowns, Living for Jesus, and Take My Gifts.*



## Stewardship Moment: Week 1: Fearless Living Based on Genesis 1 & 2

God created man and woman in his own image. Unfortunately, that image of God often bears little resemblance to our own self-image. The reason for that, according to many Christian counselors, is because many of us suffer from low self-image. So when do you feel best about yourself? – I feel best about myself when I have selflessly reached out to someone in need and given with no thought of reward for myself. Fearless living can help provide a healthy self-image that is a true reflection of God in us and in our lives.

DO NOT BE AFRAID is written in the Bible 365 times. That's a daily reminder from GOD to live every day being fearless.

## All Church Potluck

Sunday, May 4 - Noon

**Featuring: Lunch & Fellowship  
Heifer International Themed Tables  
All Church Department Fair**



Plan to bring a dish to share in one of the following categories: 1) Entree, 2) Side dish, 3) Salad, 4) Dessert. Rolls, bread and beverages will be provided along with tableware.

A Membership Dept. member will be in Yonker Hall to receive dishes from 8:00 a.m. on.

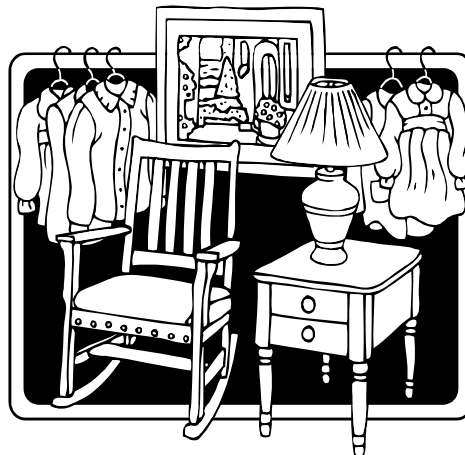
## Garden Tour & Luncheon

Attention all women of the church: The 2nd Annual Garden Tour and Luncheon will be held on a Saturday in late May or early June, depending on the weather. We want Mother Nature to do her magic with a little help from the garden owner. We are looking for gardens to tour! Do you have a garden that is a labor of love that you would enjoy sharing with others? Call Peggy Veach to arrange a date for the tour. Watch the upcoming Visitor for a date and time, which of course, will depend upon the weather!

## All-Church Garage Sale

April 25 - 27

Yonker Fellowship Hall



### Sale Times:

Friday: 3 - 6pm

Sat.: 8am - 12pm

Sun.: 8am - 1pm

**\*Come help during the sale:  
this sale is a serving opportunity  
for the whole church family.  
The Garage Sale fully funds  
all summer youth and winter  
DOC mission trips.**

## Bit from Brad

This week I've been called up for Jury Duty in Boone County. It is different here than in Houston, Texas. Here, as most of you know, you call an automated phone line each night after 4:00 Sunday through Thursday to find out if your juror number must show up in the Jury Assembly Room the next day. Being Juror Number 17, I had to come in Tuesday morning, the day I'm writing this article. One may not arrive with any electronics, especially one's cell phone, which instantly made me feel naked and disconnected. After all, I've grown accustomed to my iPhone; heck, it even serves as my watch so couldn't check the time as I walked to the courthouse, goodness sake. The Jury Assembly Room seats 75-100 folks and a PowerPoint presentation displays Boone County Justice Trivia as a way to inform and pass the time. Then an orientation video is shown explaining the process which we are about to embark. Following the Orientation, we are led through "The Maze" of hallways to the courtroom where the judge, prosecuting attorney, and defence attorney conduct *Voir Dire* to determine who will be selected for the panel jury and actually hear the trial. Then we return to the Jury Assembly Room to find out if we've been selected, or not. I was not. Therefore I must call the automated phone line for the remainder of the week to determine if I must return again, or not.

In Houston, one enters a large auditorium that seats well over a thousand people, as the jury pool must be large enough to supply a dozen trial juries each day. You are encouraged to bring books, and electronics are permitted as long as they are kept silent. There is no PowerPoint Trivia, nor video orientation, but there is a concession stand/grill hawking drinks, sandwiches, and breakfast burritos to commuters who have been on the road for over an hour to get to jury duty. And whether you are selected or not for a jury panel, your jury duty is fulfilled for another two years. One day and you're done, unless of course you've been selected to a multiday trial.

Well, different states and counties administer justice differently. And yet there are great similarities: a jury trial by 12 peers, innocent until proven guilty, due process. How often we take these matters for granted! I remember being in Istanbul, Turkey where the legal system is based upon the premise "guilty until proven innocent; being in Imbaburra, Ecuador where the indigenous people were not given due process and could be ar-

rested without trial. And I remember how justice was denied Jesus at his arrest, trial, and execution.

How grateful I am, that God does not deal justly with us considering our sin, since OT law says the penalty of sin is death. How thankful I am that God offers us grace rather than justice! There is an old adage, "If you want peace, work for justice." And how true that is! This week I hope you will join me in reflecting on justice. Justice needed and justice denied; justice required and justice forgiven. May God's true kingdom of justice, mercy, and faith come soon!

~Blessings, Brad

### April 27: Garage Sale

All Chi-Rho & CYF Youth and Parents: Garage Sale Clean Up after worship: boxing & clearing out of extra items, taking down of tables, cleaning hall. Lunch Served. No evening meetings.

### May 4: Children's Choir

will sing in 10:30 worship

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



## Thank You!

My very special thanks to Joyce Stanley, Larry and Peggy Veatch for arranging the Easter lilies for me this week. Well done! ~Mary Daugherty

Thanks for your hospitality and for letting us use your facilities. We sincerely appreciate it. Thanks again for your generosity!

~Sigma Alpha, Professional Agricultural Sorority

Thanks to the following members of Coffman Watson Circle who helped with the Easter Brunch for the First Christian Church Choir and Brass Ensemble: Ann Campbell, Susan Gray, Moray Kiehl, Susan Klockow, Betty Montgomery, Colleen Nilges, Janelle Patterson, Diana Provenzano, Sally Robinson, Joyce Stanley, Sarah Storm, Nancy Watson. Thanks to Tom Gray for special assistance and Keith Picker for our set up. ~Susan Gray

## News of Our People

\* **Bill & Mary Ann Niedergerke** celebrate their 71st Wedding Anniversary on Friday, April 25. Congratulations!

\* **Carolyn Savoy** requests prayers as she prepares for brain tumor surgery May 12.

\* **Lois Ross** at Colony Point remains under hospice care.

\* **Mary Swanson** is home from the hospital recovering from pneumonia.

\* **Mary Richardson** is recovering at home.

\* **Wilkie Wilkerson** is home after his hospital stay this past week.

\* **Marjorie Ellis'** memorial service will be this Sunday, April 27, at Lenoir's Epistle Chapel at 2:00.

## Learning the Hymnal

The program at CAFE on Wed., April 30, 6:15-7:00 (Morris Parlor) will be centered around the Chalice Hymnal. As a congregation who sings out of the denominational hymnal every Sunday, it always helps to understand that great book a little better. Mary Bancroft (Organist and Director of Music) and Jimmy Spear will lead an exploration of the richness and hidden features of a complex and helpful worship guide -- the hymnal. We may sing a bit too. Join us!

## Disciples Heritage Tour Travelogue - May 7

Disciples will tell how they found the sights and story of Disciples History during the recent DOC Heritage Tour, Wed. May 7, 6:15-7:30 p.m. We have pictures to show!

## STARS Reservations

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

*Upcoming: Reserve NOW!*  
**Daniel O'Donnell Concert in Branson**

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15  
Overnight Trip. RSVP and musical ticket payment of \$54 by May 1. Do so now in the church office or to Carol Slusher. Rooms to be reserved later.

**May 22: Clydesdales & Food**

Trip is now full. If you reserved please pay for your spot (\$15) by May 1. Do so in the church office or to Carol Slusher.



**Scholarships-Apply Now!**  
**New Application Deadline**  
**May 18**

Pursuing a degree in higher education? Now is the time to apply for FCC scholarships. First Christian Church has a long history of supporting higher education. Each year we offer a number of scholarships to graduating high school seniors and individuals already in degree programs. Preference is given to active members and based upon each scholarship's criteria. More detailed information and applications are available in the church office, or by emailing the office staff.

Available scholarships include:

- 175th Anniversary Scholarship—graduating high school seniors or undergraduate college students in any major field of study.

- The Tommy L. Kubach Scholarship—those planning to enter the field of social work or nursing.

- The Anne and Jim Linn Jr. Scholarship—members of First Christian Church.

- The Norma Miller / Drennan Singers Music Scholarship—for those pursuing a degree in music (education or performance), including those in graduate school as well as undergraduate.

- The Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship—graduating high school seniors or freshman/sophomore in college.

- The Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship—those planning to enter social services or education.

- The John Ridgeway Scholarship—members of first Christian Church.

- The Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship—those planning to enter education, either in teaching or administration.

- The Mildred Ray Shrou Memorial Scholarship—those studying education, with a preference given to students seeking teacher certification in social studies or U.S. history.

- The Larry Brooker Memorial Ministry Scholarship—for seminary students preparing for careers in ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For members of FCC or other Christian Church (DOC) in the NE Area or Region of Mid-America.

**Men's Baseball**  
**ROAD TRIP**

Sponsored by Men's Ministry

for all interested

**Reservations must be made by**  
**sending a check to First**  
**Christian Church by May 1**



**Royals vs Yankees**  
**June 7, 2014 (evening)**

**\$45.00 per person**  
**Includes ticket and gas**  
**money for church bus**  
**We will stop at a KC BBQ**  
**to eat (dutch treat)**

**Ladies' Book Club**



*The Round House* is described as a "gripping mystery and multi-layered portrait of Native American culture" as told through the eyes of a 13 year old boy. Please join the Ladies' Book Club on Wed., May 14 at noon, in Bethany Hall when they take a look at this book.

**Weekly Report**

April 20, 2014  
 Received this week \$7,544  
 Received to Date \$361,545  
 Needed to Date \$375,515  
 Attendance - 452  
 (includes early service - 147  
 and visitors - 76)

**Your Special Birthday!**

**Anne Tomlin-**

91 on April 29



**CAFÉ**

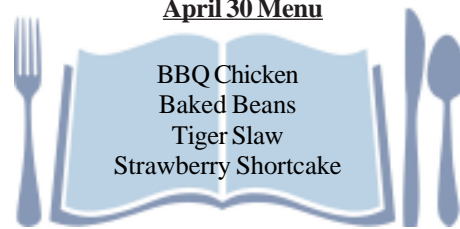
Christian Action Fellowship  
 Education

**Wednesday Evening**  
**April 30**

**The Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm**

A unique menu created each week by church chef, Laura Estes is served buffet style tonight in **Morris Parlor**.

**April 30 Menu**



**Cost:** Adults - \$8, Teens (ages 13 thru college) - \$5, Children (ages 5-12) - \$3, Children (under age 5) - free, Family Special Rate - \$18.

\*\*Reserve your spot in the church office or by putting "CAFÉ" on the Sunday pew pad.

**Program 6:15-7:30 pm: Morris Parlor**

*Learning the Chalice Hymnal* -- join Mary Bancroft and Jimmy Spear in a learning adventure based upon the most useful of worship guides - the hymnal.



April 27  
 Trish Staggs  
 Gary Unterschutz

April 28  
 Pam Hunsaker  
 Magdalena Schaefer

May 1  
 Jane Ann Hackett

April 29  
 Sherry Dobbs  
 Kelli Embry  
 Roy Fullington  
 Jade Mooney  
 Susan Ramsey  
 Anne Tomlin

May 2  
 Doris Neidhardt  
 Dale Richardson

May 3  
 Nathaniel Leon-Rudy

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Keith Picker, Custodian

### Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

## Return Service Requested

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

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 27

*Van Driver:* Don Mosby  
*Office Receptionist:* Bobbi McCormack  
*Church School Greeter:* Lorene Trickey  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Chris Creasy  
*Delivered by:* Chris Creasy

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Susan and Tom Gray, Tom Hughey  
*Elder:* Bettie Koelling

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Amy Marrero, Gene and Micki Kirkham  
*Liturgist:* Ann Rogers  
*Elders:* Julie and John Hickey, Jean Hall  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeters:* Don Mosby (*N. Door*), Brenda Mosby (*S. Door*)  
TBA (*Atrium*), TBA (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Kameron Freed and Andrew Stormer  
*Candlelighters:* Olivia Johnson and Ava Hoenes  
*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett (*ldr.*), Ruth Ann Martin (*hlpr.*)

### This Week (April 27 - May 3)

- Sun.** - Stewardship Campaign Kickoff  
- Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall  
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
- DOC Serving Loaves and Fishes  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Drennan Singer Rehearsal, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor  
- Culver Stockton College (Mid-Mo Alumni Club), 3:00-8:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- CAFÉ : dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
program, 6:15 p.m., Morris Parlor-**"Learn the Hymnal"**  
- Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Bethany hall  
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - Adult Education Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant -  
Everyone Welcome!

