



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship Sunday, Aug. 03

This Sunday is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and our worship is based upon Romans 9:1-5 and Genesis 32:22-32. Rev. Stagg continues his sermon series on the Patriarchs; this week his sermon is entitled "Wrestling" based on Jacob's wrestling with God. We will also commission our Associate Minister Jimmy Spear as he departs for his three-month Sabbatical. The commissioning of the Board Officers and new Admin Board members, originally scheduled for this Sunday, has been postponed to Sunday, August 31.

There will be duets by Jean Hall and Mary Bancroft. Pat Rybolt will sing at both services. Hymns for the day will be: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; I Need Thee Every Hour; We Place Upon Your Table, Lord; and Peace Be Upon You.*

## Worship Sunday, Aug. 10

On the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, the Drennan Singers lend their beautiful voices to our worship experience to the glory of God in memory of Norma Miller. Our Scriptures that day are Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 and Genesis 37:1-11; Rev. Stagg's sermon is entitled "Dreams" as we focus on Joseph's dreams given by God.

### Weekly Reports

#### July 20, 2014

Received this week \$6,252  
Received to Date \$27,925  
Needed to Date \$25,962  
Attendance - 193  
(includes early service - 43  
and visitors - 22)

#### July 27, 2014

Received this week \$5,466  
Received to Date \$33,391  
Needed to Date \$34,516  
Attendance - 177  
(includes early service - 43  
and visitors - 15)

## All-Church Ice Cream Social and CYF & Chi-Rho Mission Trip Presentations



Sunday, Aug. 3, 6:00 p.m.

Yonker Fellowship Hall

Desserts Welcome

Ice Cream & Toppings provided

## Annual Church Picnic Sunday, August 17 Twin Lakes Shelter (off Chapel Hill)

4 - 7 pm

(Eating at 5:30)



### All-Church Picnic Details...

All the food (hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, beans, watermelon) and table setups are provided. Bring a lawn chair.

The picnic is sponsored by the Membership & Evangelism Committee. They are in need of some helpers for the picnic! If you can help set up, clean up, bring tomatoes and onions, or yard games please email Natalie Barnard at [natbow@yahoo.com](mailto:natbow@yahoo.com) or call after 3 pm to 314-479-3882.

## Bit from Brad

By now, most members and friends of First Christian Church should have received a letter in regards to FCC conducting a Feasibility Study to determine how best to proceed with a Capital Campaign for our church. Each household should have received one of two invitations, either an invitation to an interview or an invitation to complete a survey (paper or online). The purpose of the Feasibility Study is to ascertain our capacity as a congregation to best serve our people including, but not limited to, the care of our historic facility.

As determined by professional inspectors, our wonderful building is deteriorating at an alarming rate which jeopardizes people's safety and well-being. As the costs of materials and labor increase at a rate faster than interest rates, this is a matter that must be addressed immediately.

Most of our facility issues cannot be seen from either the sanctuary or the fellowship hall, which is of course where our members and guests spend the majority of their time at our facility. **To help anyone who might want to see "first-hand" the seriousness of our facilities' deterioration, I'm offering to give tours of our facility after each worship service for the five Sundays in August.** A good deal of walking will be required, so you'll want to wear comfortable shoes that day. If you're interested, please call the church office as a courtesy and let us know you're coming. But if you forget to call, not to worry; just come on anyways, I'd love to have you!

As we gather input for the Feasibility Study, we also want to assess our ministry and how First Christian Church might best serve you, the congregation, and the mission of Christ. To do that your input on the survey or the interview will be invaluable for our response so that we increase the quality of our ministry on behalf of Jesus Christ. We look forward to hearing from you!

~Blessings, Brad

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am  
KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:25 am



Dear First Christian Family:

Thank you to all the people who sent cards, visited my dad and brought communion over the last year during his illness. Dan Backues and Lorene Trickey were especially faithful to visit.

Thank you to Brad Stagg for the beautiful funeral service at the church and the meaningful graveside service at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. Thanks to the organist Mary Bancroft and to Harlan Hackett for his solo "It is Well with My Soul."

Thank you to all the ladies at the church who provided the wonderful luncheon following the service. Special thanks to Janelle Patterson who planned the luncheon and to Brenda Mosby and Jane Ann Hackett who prepared and served.

We appreciate the fellowship and support of my parents' many friends over their 50 years at First Christian.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

~Sue Dobbs for the Ralph Dobbs Family

Many thanks to Susan Klockow, Nannie Lou Mallett, Cindy Smith, Susan Gray, Deb Batterson, Barb Rothenberger, Brenda Mosby, Opal Stites, Jane Ann Hackett, Helen Stemmons, Betty Moon, Linda Hutton, Donna Houston, and Pam Hunsaker for all their help at Ralph Dobbs bereavement reception. Many hands make lighter work. Thank you again. ~Janelle Patterson

Your Special Birthday!

Muriel Leach - 

91 on Aug. 9

Iva Dell Thurman -

97 on Aug. 15

## News of Our People

Congratulations to **Nelson & Lorene Trickey** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 25. **Norma and Carl Miles** will celebrate 74 years on their anniversary, August 3. **Charles & Bettie Koelling** will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5. And, **Gene & Micki Kirkham** will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on Aug. 9.

**Josh Wheatley** has been promoted to MBS Direct general manager, director of operations at MBS Textbook Exchange Inc. Congrats!

Couldn't forget to thank **Pat and Sue Wright** for helping in the kitchen at VBS. We appreciate so much your help in preparing food for the kiddos. You're great!

**Ralph Dobbs** died Tuesday, July 22. Services were Friday, July 25 at FCC. Our sympathy to his daughters: **Marilyn Schappert, Jeanie Dobbs, Sherry Kaye Dobbs, Dr. Sue Dobbs, Carol Kvanvig.**

**Bill Niedergerke** is at Boone Hospital for an infection. He hopes to go to The Bluffs this week.

**Eva Bright's** son, **John Beffa**, a brain cancer survivor, will undergo tests this week.

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



The Ladies'  
Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club celebrates its 10th year on Wednesday, August 13, by selecting 8 books for our reading pleasure.

We will gather at 11:30 at the Columbia Country Club for lunch. You may order from the menu and can pay with cash or credit card.

Whether you have a book to recommend or not, please come and feel free to bring a friend!

RSVP by Friday, Aug 8, to Linda Hutton at [lhutton60@gmail.com](mailto:lhutton60@gmail.com) or 268-8901.

## The Norma Miller/Drennan Singers' MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Young musicians abound at First Christian Church! Our worship services are often enriched by tiny, talented pianists, enthusiastic choral and bell groups, and award-winning teen instrumentalists. Even more of our young people are active in their school music programs. It is with our young musicians in mind that the **Norma Miller/Drennan Singers' Music Scholarship** was established. With this scholarship, First Christian Church will be able to provide financial support to those students who chose to continue studying music in college.

More than 30 years ago, the late Norma Miller used her gift of music to found *The Drennan Singers*, which she directed until her death in 2009. This lovely ladies' choir, now under the direction of Gene Kirkham, continues to grace our worship services and bring beautiful music to area nursing homes. **On Sunday, August 10, 2014, in remembrance of Norma's birthday, the Drennan Singers will sing at both worship services, providing an opportunity for Church members to continue their annual contributions to the music scholarship.** Thanks to your wonderful generosity, the endowment for the scholarship now exceeds \$23,000.00. We hope to continue to grow that amount, allowing us the possibility of awarding generous scholarships from the fund's earnings, once our young musicians reach college age.

Brochures are available in the Narthex which describe the scholarship, or if you have any questions, please contact Brenda Mosby or Micki Kirkham. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us perpetuate Norma Miller's gift of music by investing in the young musicians of our Church.

## Events for the STARS

Twelve STARS regular participants met for lunch with Jimmy and set the following ideas in place for the next few months. Be sure to get these dates on your calendar, and join us in fellowship.

We have sign up sheets in the office (449-7265). You can save a spot by calling the church office. **If there is a pre-registration fee needed for an activity, payment is due at the time of registration.**

**Aug. 6, Wed.** - Trip to Kansas City to see Discovery of King Tut Display at Union Station  
 Tour Country Club Christian Church - Life size carvings of Apostles  
 Lunch on the Plaza (meal on your own)  
 Registration \$30 (this includes \$20 Tut registration and \$10 for travel)

Deadline July 31

Departure from church at 8:00 a.m. Return by 5:30 p.m.

**Sept. 18, Thurs.** - Trip to St. Louis Art Museum and Visit to a St. Louis Church with lunch on the Hill  
 Travel \$10, Museum cost to be announced  
Sign up by September 12

Departure from church @ 8:15 a.m. Return by 5:30 p.m.

**Oct. 16 or 23, Thurs.** - Trip to the Kevin Crane Farm  
 Lunch and visit along the way with Amish  
 Departure time 9:30 a.m., Travel \$5

**S**eniors  
**T**ogether  
**A**ffirming our faith in God  
**R**eaching out to others  
**S**erving Christ



## Chi-Rho Campers



*Back row:* Jimmy Spear, Wolf Schaefer, Matthew Bledsoe, Coleman Rogers, Cole Galbraith

*Front row:* Will Bower, Hunter Rogers, Julia LaHue, Maddie Marrero, Wyatt Rogers

*Sitting:* Elayna Mottaz



Jake Nichols, Laura Shirey, Jimmy Spear and Lexie Ruffolo are counselors this week at Chi-Rho camp.

## Thank You Notes

Thank you very much for my bible. It was so nice of you to send that wonderful gift. I will use it a lot. ~William Bower

Thank you for the Anne & Jim Linn, Jr. Scholarship! I love it at Kansas State and it means a lot to know people back home are supportive of me. Thanks! ~Jenny McCarty

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Anne and Jim Linn, Jr. Scholarship. With this gift, I'll help fund my final undergrad semester at Mizzou. We've been blessed to have such a kind, caring church family. ~Drew Gieseke

Thank you so much for honoring me with this scholarship. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. Thank you again! ~Steve Gieseke

Thank you so much for my scholarship! College is such an important time in my life and it's awesome to receive help to fund my education. I couldn't ask for a better church support! Thanks so much. ~Brian McCarty

Thank you for gifting me with the Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship and the Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship! I appreciate your belief in me and my ability to make a difference in the world after graduation. Thank you again! ~Heather Hunsaker

## Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

### October 10-12, 2014



BE THE  
CHANGE

Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!  
Matthew 3:2 (CEB)

#### Our Speakers:

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes  
Rev. Dr. Todd Adams  
Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw  
Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Hylton, Jr.  
Xuyen Dangers

Congregational choirs and musical groups are invited to participate in the Assembly Concert on Saturday evening!

Sing in the Joint Choir!

Youth will have the opportunity to stay at Union Avenue CC's Mission Inn and participate in a mission project.

Bring items to contribute to a Church World Service school kit. (blunt scissors, 70 page spiral notebooks, 12" ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser, pencils, 24 count crayons, 12" X 14" canvas bag)

Registration requested by Sept. 1  
ph. 314.918.2515

Webster Groves CC - 1320 W.  
Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, 63122

Union Avenue CC - 733 Union  
Blvd., St. Louis, 63108

## TYJGOS! Part 2

I am again writing from camp... It is Chi-Rho Camp this week. Ten of our kids and three of our college students are here at Rickman with me and we are loving it! The weather is amazing; the kids are super charged up and the Spirit of God is ablowing in our direction. What a great way to end the summer. I can't say enough about how great our middle school kids are to be with in places of mission and camp. It is also a great way to begin sabbatical — leaving on a high note!

So when I get back from camp I will spend one more Sunday at FCC sharing in morning worship and at the evening ice cream social then three days of pulling it all together! I will be writing meeting plans for the 9 weeks of youth group meetings that parents and adult partners will be implementing. I will be cleaning my office so I can return to an "organized ready for ministry space" when the first of November rolls around. I will be setting in motion emails and plans with those who have said yes to leadership and those who are setting out to ask church folks for assistance this fall.

I go on sabbatical knowing that our kids/groups are cared for and held accountable to be present and active in the start of this new school year. I look forward to sharing with them upon my return stories of their times and my adventures. When November comes we will get busy with Advent preparations and offering thanksgiving. I leave you for a time with great thanks and humility for the time off to rest and renew. I will honor that privilege with my prayers and spirit.

Remember, it is okay if we see each other around in these months. We just won't talk about calendar, air-conditioning or where the extension cords are located. I am confident someone else can figure those things out, leaving us to easily share a moment on a higher calling: the friendship we share as church family.

Well it is noon. I am off to meet the campers for lunch, rest hour, pool, crafts, a cookout, water games, interest groups, Vespers, and campfire... the second half of a day in the fullness of camp.

~Grace and peace, Jimmy Spear



## Fall Start Ups

DOC (Disciples on Campus)...**Aug. 20**

Sunday School.....**Sept. 7**

Youth Groups.....**Sept. 7**

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, Aug. 3

*Van Driver:* Don Mosby  
*Office Receptionist:* Elizabeth Mottaz  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tom and Susan Gray  
*Delivered by:* Steve and Tracy Evers

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Tom and Carol Hughey, Will Houston  
*Elder:* Donna Houston

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Ed and Eva Bright, Amy Lightner  
*Liturgist:* Dan Gieseke  
*Elders:* Cheryl and Steve Lightner, Hayley Batterson  
*Deacons:* The Garton Team  
*Greeters:* Janelle Patterson (*N. Door*), Pat Ritchie (*S. Door*)  
 Tom Gray (*Atrium*), Susan Gray (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Mia Gregory and Jack Bower  
*Candlelighters:* Joseph McCormack and Ava Hoenes  
*No Children's Worship this week*

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, Aug. 10

*Van Driver:* Kim Leon  
*Office Receptionist:* Jordan Barnes  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Candace and Chris Stormer  
*Delivered by:* Sarah Storm

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty and Donna Houston  
*Elder:* Will Houston

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Chris, Candace and Conner Stormer  
*Liturgist:* Harlan Hackett  
*Elders:* Don Mosby, Brenda Mosby, Jacki Davidson  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeters:* Jordan Barnes (*N. Door*), Greg Mooney (*S. Door*)  
 Moray Kiehl (*Atrium*), Joyce Stanley (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Ella Rogers and Kameron Freed  
*Candlelighters:* Luke Stagg and Emma Hawkins  
*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett (*ldr.*)

## This Week (Aug. 3 - 9)

- Sun.** - Building Tours with the Sr. Minister, 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Narthex  
 - All Church Ice Cream Social & CYF/Chi-Rho Mission Trip Presentations, 6:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Mon.** - No newsletter this week  
 - Church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
 - Drennan Singer Rehearsal, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor  
 - Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - STARS trip to Kansas City, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (depart from church)  
 - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

## This Week (Aug. 10 - 16)

- Sun.** - Building Tours with the Sr. Minister, 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Narthex  
 - Drennan Singers at both services
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
 - Ladies' Book Club, 11:30 a.m., Columbia Country Club

Aug. 3

Brad Beary  
 Frances Brown  
 Lauren Hofmann  
 Ryan Hughey  
 Brian Mottaz

Aug. 4

Kayla Von Talge

Aug. 5

Larry Veatch

Aug. 6

Jeff Underwood

Aug. 7

Hartley Rogers

Aug. 8

Floyd Marcum  
 Don Mosby

Aug. 9

Brenda Bailey  
 Muriel Leach  
 Madelyne Micek  
 John Yonker



Aug. 10

Max Schaefer  
 Robert Seltsam  
 Carolyn Snow

Aug. 11

Brianna Shepard

Aug. 13

Joyce Marcum  
 Marvellee Ridgeway  
 Tommy Tomlin

Aug. 14

Courtney Martin  
 Janet Mills  
 Zeke Mottaz

Aug. 15

Elayna Mottaz  
 Iva Dell Thurman

Aug. 16

Louis Janssen  
 Jacob Mooney  
 Robert Sisson  
 Joyce Stanley

## **The Visitor**

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Dr. John J. Yonker

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