



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, January 26

On this the third Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Brad Stagg will preach on "Fishers of Men" based upon texts from Isaiah 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-25.

Hymns selected for the day include: *Gather Us In* as the opener; the old faithful *I Am Thine, O Lord* at the Invitation; and *The Voice of Jesus Calls His People* at the table. The Chancel Choir is working up *No Turning Back* for the 10:30 anthem and Harlan Hackett will share music with the 8:30 service.

Join us this Sunday and bask in the bright light of this season of light – Epiphany and the winter sun as it shines through the bright north sanctuary windows.

Weekly Report

Jan. 19, 2013

Received this week \$6,324

Received to Date \$265,459

Needed to Date \$259,166

Attendance - 197

(early service - 42/ total visitors - 9)

ART SHOW

Evening Reception

Saturday, Jan. 25

5:00-7:00 pm

Bethany Hall



Meet the artists, view the diverse works and share the evening of music and food.

"A showcase of art by members of the congregation - past, present, and future"



We said by Valentine's Day!

Well, actually we said by Thanksgiving, then surely by Christmas...but the reality of the church photo directory saga was a mid-January arrival.

So, Happy Valentines!

Long awaited and anticipated the now infamous directories have arrived and e ready for pick up.

With your directory, members who had their picture taken will receive a directory and "member specific" information to access the online version of the directory. Members of the Communications Department will be in the narthex before and after each of the services Sundays., Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 to assist in this distribution. Extra directories will be distributed after mid-February to those who would like one. Some directories will be reserved for future new members.

Oh Yes, I Do Welcome 2014

I must confess I have been waiting for 2014 for about six months. In my 13th year of ordained ministry and 20th year of serving a church I long for a sabbatical. Now, having served this congregation for six years I am eligible. I am glad to serve a church that has the tradition of honoring the needed rest and renewal of their clergy. So, 2014, here you are with all your parts: winter, spring, summer and sabbatical. Thanks be to God.

In consultation with Brad Stagg we have decided Aug 1-Nov 1 to be the best time of the year for me to be away from the daily work of the church. By that time of year, the full schedule of youth summer activity will be complete and I will be back at church before we sing the hymns of Thanksgiving. I will later in the year tell you of the plans for my time off. But first, I will share more about 2014 as it relates to all of us.

We will in these first 7 months of the 2014 work on re-establishing the ministry and work of ministry between you and I. These six years have put into place (or carried on an already in place model) of clergy micromanagement. In order for ministry to be of the people and by the people, the people will need to play a larger role in making whatever we do happen. I hope in this way to be less burnt out in our next six years by the supplies and set up and be more inspired to be a pastor that can lead, study, preach, liturgize, care, and play with you in ways that I am called by God and this congregation. I look forward to sharing this new arrangement in the coming months.

~Rev. Jimmy Spear



DOC Winter Break Mission Trip

A week spent in Memphis, TN for 19 members of the DOC-Disciples on Campus college ministry group had elements of cold and hot. Yes, the weather was cold (but not as cold as Columbia!), but the service opportunities warmed the heart and soul of both servant and recipient.

The mission team, 13 from Columbia joined by 6 from Lee's Summit Christian Church, served in six different venues in the Memphis community. Broken up into teams each day they were able to paint the inside of a house, serve at an AIDS resource center's food pantry, package 2000 condoms, pack enough food at the Mid-South food bank that equaled 6,500 meals, serve two hot meals via soup kitchens,

sort tons of clothes, and assist in recreational therapy with dozens of students at a residential youth facility. We even had the chance on two occasions to push stalled cars out of traffic. (Even with a little help from the Oscar Mayer Wiener Mobile!)

The group was welcomed with food and housing at Kingsway Christian Church (Sam Langley served there in the 1960s) and experienced spirited worship at Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church. A tour of the National Civil Rights Museum along with time on Beale Street rounded out the Memphis experience.



The Columbia Team included:
Jake Nichols, Michael Tatum,
Lexie Ruffolo, Andrew Meeds,
Tara VonderHaar, Jesse & Jordan
Barnes, Trevor Walker, Adrienne
Hamlin, Kayla Chapman, Kay
Flavin, Nick Larson, and
Jimmy Spear



News of Our People

Prayers are welcomed this week for **Bob Mountjoy**, a patient at Boone Hospital, facing a terminal illness.

David Polach, continues to be a patient at University Hospital and has upgraded in health from ICU to a regular room. With pneumonia and FLU gone, he now concentrates on new health concerns. David would welcome your cards and prayers.

Disciples History Tour

Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone; Bethany, West Virginia and Cane Ridge, Kentucky are names and places of note for those who appreciate the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 2014 could be the year for another "Disciples Heritage Tour" of these names and places.



We have been approached by another DOC church in St. Louis (Community Christian Church) to consider going together on such a trip this spring. Would you be interested? Jimmy Spear needs to know your interest and availability. Please talk with him or send him an email. We will move fast to get the trip scheduled.

***Update:** Several folks have expressed interest in the trip! Costs are nominal. Figure a 4-5 day trip with hotel lodging/meals/a few tour costs/and a portion of the gas money. Now that we know there is interest we will look to securing a date.

Feb. Book is Delightfully Funny



The book, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, by Maria Semple is the topic for the Ladies' Book Club on Wed., Feb. 12, at noon in Bethany Hall. Critics describe this novel as "a delightfully funny book that constantly catches one by surprise." All women are invited to join in on the discussion.

CAFÉ

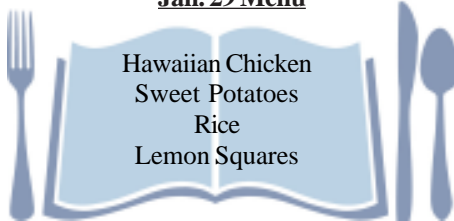
Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening January 29

The Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm

A unique menu created each week by church chef, Laura Estes is served buffet style in Yonker Fellowship Hall.

Jan. 29 Menu



Hawaiian Chicken
Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Lemon Squares

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.

The Class: 6:15-7:30 pm

Milton's Paradise Lost, reading and conversation on this classic led by Dr. David Read. The class will meet in the parlor.

STARS in January

The meal is **POTLUCK**.
The game is **BINGO**.
The fun and fellowship
will be **OUTSTANDING**.



Thursday, Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m.
Morris Parlor.

Please RSVP by marking
"STARS" on the Sunday pew pad
or call the office so we can make
preparations for the day.

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

Youth Groups, January 26

Chi-Rho: 4:30-6

CYF: 6-7:30

Children's Choir: (grades k-5)

Jan. 26: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho Bells

Jan. 26: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Future Youth Meetings:

Jan 26: Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb. 2: JYF at regular time

**CYF time change to 3-4:30 pm

(due to superbowl)

Feb. 9: Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb 16: no meetings (pres wknd)

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)

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Your Special
Birthday!



Jim Ross- 91

on Jan. 28

Happy
Birthday

Jan. 26

Glenda Clark
Jan Keithley
Kara Zimmer

Jan. 28

Jim Baumgartner
Jim Ross

Jan. 29

Anita Dresser
Bryan Freed
Cole Galbraith

Jan. 30

Ronnie Sheppard (junior)

Feb. 1

Martha Barnes
Amy Marrero



The Visitor

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 26

Van Driver: Eric Seaman

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Church School Greeters: Lorene Trickey

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Dan and Holly Gieseke

Delivered by: Dan and Holly Gieseke

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Carol and Tom Hughey, Will Houston

Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Richard and Allie Schomaker, and
Amy Lightner

Liturgist: Erin Bower

Elders: John Hickey, Jean Hall, Julie Hickey

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters: Helen Stemmons (*N. Door*), Sharon Winner (*S. Door*)

Perry Stemmons (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack and Andrew Stormer

Candlelighters: Elayna Mottaz and Maddie Marrero

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (*ldr.*); Amy Marrero (*hlpr.*)

This Week (Jan. 26 - Feb. 1)

- Sun.** - Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Chi-Rho Bells, 4:00 p.m.
- Children's Choir, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Chi-Rho Youth Group, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Pathfinders/BASICS Serving at Loaves & Fishes
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
- Nominating Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Drennan Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- CAFÉ : dinner, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
programs, 6:15 p.m., various classrooms
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - Adult Education Dept. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall