



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, Feb. 2

A favorite anthem of choirs across the United States, *Offertory*, by John Ness Beck, brings a beautiful arrangement to the powerful text of Micah 6:1-8. The Chancel Choir will present this anthem at the 10:30 service as a connector of the text and the day's message by Rev. Stagg entitled "God's Requirements." The hymns, *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending; Have Thine Own Way, Lord; We Your People, God, Confessing; and We Are Walking* will also connect us to this theme.

As this Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday in many churches, Cub Scouts from Pack 733 (Shepherd Elementary) will be our guests and greeters at the 10:30 service.

See the article at the right for more about a special offering received on this Super Bowl Sunday. The Chi-Rho Youth Group will offer a unique invitation to this offering.

Weekly Report

Jan. 26, 2013

Received this week \$4,888

Received to Date \$270,346

Needed to Date \$265,756

Attendance - 217

(early service-50/ total visitors-17)



On Sunday February 2, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter, and a hot meal.

Our middle school youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected is donated to the Central Missouri Food Bank. If you choose to bring canned food items, there will be a large purple container in the Narthex to receive your donations. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot or bringing canned food items on February 2.

SOUPer Bowl Sunday, February 2

"Artists Among Us" Art Show 2014



Paint. Pencil. Metal.
Fabric & Thread. Wood.
This year's art show was a
showcase of art by members
of the congregation - past,
present, and future.

Bit from Brad

A Conversation with Dr. Phyllis Tickle

Please put these three dates on your calendar: Sunday, February 23; Friday, March 14; and Saturday, March 15. First Christian Church has partnered with Broadway Christian Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and Missouri UMC for a shared learning opportunity. The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Tickle, noted clergywoman, theologian, sociologist and leader of a cutting-edge post-modern theology called, Emergent Christianity, will present her thoughts on this new and innovative perspective in Christian thought.

While not everyone agrees with Dr. Tickle, she stimulates the mind and challenges one's faith, in light of the new 21st century paradigm of life. As Dr. Tickle is in her early 80's, this will be one of, if not the, last public speaking engagements of her professional career as she steps away from this sort of lecture series. This may very well be your last time to hear her speak publicly. She will be in town on March 14-15. Watch for more details to come!

Pulpit Exchange

To prepare for this multi-congregational learning experience, the Senior Ministers of the above listed congregations are going to "swap pulpits" for the Sunday services on February 23. Rev. Amy Gearhart from Missouri United Methodist Church will preach both services here at First Christian, while I preach both services at First Baptist Church. Each clergy person has committed to lifting some issue of Emergent Christianity. While none of these clergy buy into Emergent Christianity "lock, stock, and barrel," each of us does understand that this particular perspective merits attention and consideration. Emergent Theology doesn't propose to have all the answers, but it does take seriously the changing landscape throughout the world, especially in North America.

I personally hope you make time to go and hear Dr. Phyllis Tickle when she comes to Columbia and I know you will receive Rev. Gearhart with gracious and warm hospitality.

Third Floor Update – Volunteer Painters Needed!

The birds are gone? Check! The toxins remediated? Check! The hard ceilings re-

placed? Check! The drop ceiling grid and panels installed? Check! The lights are installed and fully functional? Check, check!

What remains? Paint and carpet! The carpet is being selected and ordered. But our classrooms, except for the Map Room, need to be repainted before the carpet is laid. To meet our budget, we need volunteers willing and able to come to the church in the next couple of weeks to paint these rooms. If you're willing, able, and available, please notify the church office to be placed on the "3rd Floor Paint Team" Sign-up Sheet. You'll be contacted with specific time and dates once your name is on the list, as we may have more than one crew working!

~Blessings, Brad

Hear the Lecture Series - Hosted by 1st Presbyterian

You are invited to join in as First Presbyterian Church hosts a Lecture Series February 15-16 with Dr. Steven Tuell, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as presenter. Dr. Tuell will present three lectures during the weekend and preach both services on Sunday the 16th. The theme is "How to Read the Old Testament...and All Scripture."

The Schedule:

9:00 a.m., Sat. 15th – Lecture "Bible 101: What the Bible Is (And Isn't)". Dr. Tuell writes, "Rediscover Scripture, not as a textbook about God, but as an invitation to a relationship with God."

5:30 p.m., Sat. 15th – Dinner in the Social Hall (call the church at 442-1164 for reservations).

6:15 p.m., Sat. 15th – Lecture "True Metaphor". Dr. Tuell discusses embracing Scripture as true metaphor.

Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Sun. 16th – Sermon title "H.W.J.R.? (How Would Jesus Read)"

4:00 p.m. Sun. 16th – Lecture "Inspired By Scripture". Lecture examines several key passages in the Old and New Testaments to consider what it means to affirm, with II Timothy 3:16, that "All scripture is inspired by God."

For more information call: First Presbyterian Church office (442-1164).

Disciples History Tour Update of Plans

Tentative Date: April 7-11.

A number of folks have expressed interest in the historical tour of the Disciples of Christ history sites in West Virginia and Kentucky. We are planning the trip in conjunction with Community Christian Church in Manchester, MO. If you are interested, please speak with Jimmy Spear soon.



We will look forward to encountering the story of our Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone; Bethany, West Virginia and Cane Ridge, Kentucky. These name and places of note for

those who appreciate the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) can bring the church story to life in many new ways.

Book Club Invites all Women of FCC



The Ladies' Book Club's pick for February 12 is *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, by Maria Semple. The Ladies meet in Bethany Hall at noon. Some bring their lunch but all women of FCC are always welcome.

Pictorial Directories Available this Sunday

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 this Sunday, Feb. 2 to assist in this distribution. If you miss this opportunity you can pick up your directory in the church office on Sunday mornings. Extra directories will be distributed after mid-February to those who would like one. Some directories will be reserved for future new members.

News of Our People

Bob Mountjoy died on Friday, Jan. 24 after a brief illness. He was almost 85 years old. Bob was a longtime deacon and was an “offering counter” on the first Monday of the month. Services were held in celebration of his life on Monday, January 27, at Memorial Funeral Home.

Prayers continue to be **David Polach** who is now in a step down room at University Hospital. He continues to improve, can have visitors, and continues to be thankful for his church family’s prayers.

Thanks to **Ron and Judy Longaker** for their assistance in the installation of Bethany Hall updates. New blinds in the windows and curtains on the 10th St. door will give much needed privacy and warmth to the space.

The annual **Baptism and Discipleship Class** will be offered for six week beginning at the end of February. It is our tradition to invite youth in the 6th grade to participate. If there are other youth 6th grade and older who have missed this opportunity in the past and would like to participate please see Rev. Jimmy Spear.

On Feb. 1 **Mary Jo Banken** is being promoted to a new job as Interim Assistant to the Chancellor for University Affairs. Congratulations!

The family of

Bonnie Jean Backues

cordially invites you to join us as we joyfully celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday February 16 from 2-4p pm. Enjoy music, light refreshments, and warm fellowship at the Kemper Arena, 1270 Boone Industrial Blvd. For addition information: Vivian 803 206-3151 viviano600@att.net or Dan 573 489-1242.

Bonnie requests only the gift of your presence.

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening
February 5

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.

Feb. 5 Menu

Oven BBQ Brisket
Cheesy Potatoes
Green Beans
Cornbread
Texas Sheetcake

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

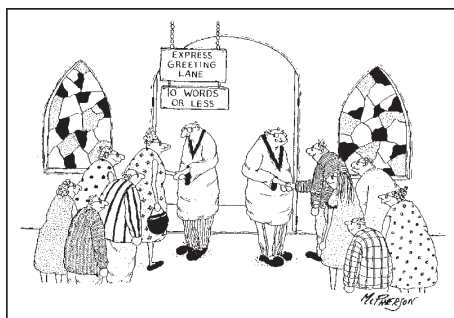
**Reserve your spot in the church office or by putting “CAFÉ” on the Sunday pew pad.

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.


UP coming
at CAFÉ

Brad Stagg will teach the adult class:
Feb. 12: “*Discover Your Spiritual Type*”
Feb. 19: *Richard Foster's “Inward Disciplines”*



Youth Groups, February 2

JYF: 4:30-6

CYF: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

*note time change

(due to superbowl)

Children's Choir: (grades k-5)

Feb 9: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho Bells

Feb. 9: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Future Youth Meetings:

Feb. 9: Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb 16: no meetings (pres wknd)

Feb. 23: JYF & CYF

Mar. 2: Chi-Rho & CYF

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)

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Your Special
Birthday!
Millie Bolman - 95
on Feb. 2

Wishing You a
Happy
Birthday!

Feb. 2
Millie Bolman

Feb. 4
Susan Palmer

Feb. 7
Lorene Trickey

Feb. 8
Kimberly Foster
Ruth Ann Martin

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 2

Van Driver: Kim Leon

Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Church School Greeter: Carol Hughey

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Bob and Linda Hutton

Delivered by: Bob and Linda Hutton

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Charles and Bettie Koelling, Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bryan, Debbie and Logan Garton

Liturgist: Jacki Davidson

Elders: Brenda Martin, Paula Hoenes, C.K. Hoenes

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters: Larry Veatch (*N. Door*), Peggy Veatch (*S. Door*)

Pat Wright (*Atrium*), Sue Wright (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Mountjoy Team

Banner Bearers: Liam Rose and Luke Stagg

Candlelighters: Will Bower and Emma Hawkins

No Children's Worship this week

This Week (Feb. 2 - 8)

- Sun.** - CYF (grades 9-12), 3:00-4:30 p.m. (note time change)
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Sarah Yonker's home
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Trustee Mtg., 12:00 p.m., Bleu Restaurant
- CAFÉ : dinner, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
programs, 6:15 p.m., various classrooms
- Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:15 p.m.
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!