



**Worship Sunday, July 20 TYJGOS "The Year Jimmy Goes On Sabbatical"**

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and our worship is based upon Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 and Genesis 28:10-22. Rev. Stagg continues his sermon series on the Patriarchs; this week his sermon is entitled "Ladders" based upon the patriarch Jacob (the heel) and his vision of angels going up and down a ladder between heaven and earth.

Hymns for the day will include: *Come, Christians Join to Sing; Love Divine All Loves Excelling; Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread and I Love to Tell the Story.*

**Worship Sunday, July 27**

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost centers around Psalm 105: 1-11 and Genesis 29:15-28, in which God's steadfast commitment to humanity endures in spite of our waywardness. Rev. Stagg's sermon is "A Tangled Web" as we learn about Jacob marrying the daughters of Laban, Leah and Rachel, as his series of the Patriarchs continues.

Join us to sing these great hymns: *Come Thou Almighty King; How Great Thou Art; Eat This Bread and Peace Be Upon You.*

Friends, it is the middle of summer. I am at camp and thinking about August 5. I know some of you are thinking about it also. So, here is the Sabbatical plan:

As we approach our seven year anniversary, I am at a point where the schedule of church life has worn me thin and rest is needed. How thankful I am for a church that knows this about ministry, those they call to serve, and makes sabbatical rest a priority to my letter of call.

At camp today we read about rest in Genesis 1-2. This text speaks to the theme of rest for God, the people, and a land found throughout the biblical story. In this year I am glad our story of ministry together will bring rest for me. I am in need of it. Thus, to be renewed for more years together, we have TYJGOS – "The Year Jimmy Goes On Sabbatical."

A sabbatical committee has been formed to help navigate my time away from church life. They came up with the fun acronym "TYJGOS" and welcome the use of it in our conversation. Yes, I am only gone for three months, but these three months are within a year of preparation, implementation and living out a new day of ministry upon my return.

**Our parameters:** August 5-November 5. During this time I will not be engaged in the work of the church or be present at its functions in order to focus on the health, spirituality, rest, and renewal that can come from complete disengagement. This means I will not be available via email, phone, in the office, or for worship/activities. Plans are being created for members and staff to implement ministry in the areas I serve.

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**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.

**Weekly Reports**

July 6, 2014  
 Received this week \$9,596  
 Received to Date \$9,596  
 Needed to Date \$8,654  
 Attendance - 247  
 (includes early service - 42  
 and visitors - 12)

July 13, 2014  
 Received this week \$12,055  
 Received to Date \$21,651  
 Needed to Date \$17,308  
 Attendance - 227  
 (includes early service - 47  
 and visitors - 15)

## TYJGOS (cont. from pg. 1)

Note: I will for some of the three months be in Columbia and will throughout continue to be a part of the prayers and concerns of the congregation. The committee and Brad Stagg will be in contact with me to maintain a pastoral connection.

The TYJGOS committee includes folks active in parts of church life where my work has emphasis. Amy LaHue - the connection to all things youth related. Jordan Barnes and Laura Shirey are the connection to all things DOC. Carol Slusher is the connection to all things STARS and membership related. Mary Bancroft and Brad Stagg are the connectors to worship. Hayley Batterson is the connection to all things related to children. Laura Shirey is the summer, sabbatical and DOC Intern. She will serve as an office/calendar/communication liaison for all of the above areas. Laura will not be in charge of leading where Jimmy has led, but instead be the connector and staff go-to person for those who lead.

**My plans:** I have found in these years that my schedule is not my own. In certain seasons of the year there are many weeks that pass without “weekends (two days off in a row).” While I accept these parts of this calling and position, such timing has kept me from doing a number of things with my life. In these months I will do “all the things I haven’t been able to do because of my job.”

**What does this include?** Boating: The “*Riparian E*” has not been in the water since September of 2012. Boating has been a part of my family’s life for four generations. I need to be a boater again. I plan on having the boat moored at Louisiana MO, and spend time in that place where my family has for many years found rest and time together. Boating in consecutive days, hosting friends, being with family, spending time on the Mississippi will renew my spirit and speak to my soul.

Cars: Of my four cars, the two antiques have been neglected – not driven in months. They need to be cared for, brought back out into the sunshine and driven. Having time to do this will renew me in so many ways.

Travel: While I have always dreamed of a trip to Europe I would not enjoy a trip of that magnitude alone. Without a compatible travel companion available this fall, I will make that trip at a later time of annual vacation. Thus, I will focus my travels on the places in the US I have longed to see and experience. The T-Bird yearns for an extended road trip. I hope to make a loop eastward via the northern and southern routes. My Spear family is originally from Millington, Maryland, a land I have not been in since childhood. As a keeper of the family history I long to have the time to properly explore my roots. As I make this road trip there will be a church relatedness. Along the way I will tour great churches of all types finding opportunity for conversation and exposure to the ministries of clergy colleagues. Lunch with these folk will provide expansion of my ministry as I see first-hand ministries that have relevance to us.

Learning & Development: I will attend the Pastors’ Conference sponsored by The Christian Church, DOC held in California this September. I have a good size box full of books and periodicals forming that need more attention and uncovering in an atmosphere of calm. Retreat centers along the way will be places to pray, meditate and learn. In August I will have the brain space and time to devote planning my approach to this area.

Health & Home: Without the present schedule it is my plan to renew a commitment to healthier living. Exercise, sleep, and better meal planning will be established in the hope that with the return to work a good pattern will be developed. My house needs more than a mere Saturday of my time for some deferred maintenance.

I am out of space. More next issue...  
~Rev. Jimmy Spear



When I answered the door on Sunday, July 6th, and saw the smiling faces of Susan and Gerald Ramsey and the beautiful flowers from FCC, I was so happy to see them. Nat and I are fortunate to belong to a loving and caring church family. Thank you.  
~Bette & Nat Scavone

## News of Our People

Congratulations to **Bud and Deb Batterson** who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18th.

### A Long Legacy!

Our church has a long legacy! Did you see the July 10 Tribune article on “170 Years Ago”? It told that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the Columbia Sunday Schools had a procession downtown followed by a ceremony in which “Elder T. M. Allen” took part. At the time, he was the minister of First Christian Church. The stained glass window on the east side of the sanctuary is dedicated to Rev. Allen. You can see his portrait in the Narthex with those of the other former FCC ministers.

~Bob Leach

### Drennan Ladies Lunch

We will be meeting on July 22nd, 11:30 a.m. at the LONE STAR STEAK HOUSE. Please contact Carol or Bonnie to let us know that you will be attending. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.  
~Bonnie Fay



<u>July 20</u> Tom Hughey	<u>July 27</u> Derrick Evers
<u>July 21</u> Bryant White	Brad Volmert
<u>July 22</u> Gerald Ramsey	<u>July 28</u> Mark Martin
<u>July 23</u> Judy Longaker	<u>July 29</u> Shane Bower
<u>July 24</u> Audrey Snyder	Betty Turner
<u>July 25</u> Larry Dietzel	<u>July 30</u> Nancy Davis
Jennifer Hallam	Donna Heinen
Julia LaHue	<u>July 31</u> Hayley Batterson

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

WOW! What an amazing week we had at the Workshop of Wonders! We had 79 kids attend throughout the week! Thank you to the MANY volunteers listed below that donated money, supplies, food, time and talents. We couldn't have done it without you!



Brown Bag Fillers  
 Christian Women's Fellowship  
 All the cookie bakers  
 Eric, Tammy & Jadie Arnett  
 Hannah Barnes  
 Jordan & Jesse Barnes  
 Deb Batterson  
 Hayley Batterson  
 Buzz & Michelle Bledsoe  
 Sonya Carney  
 Chris & Jack Creasy  
 Valerie Freed  
 Holly & Dan Gieseke  
 Susan Gray  
 Trish Gregory  
 Harlan Hackett  
 Makali Hawkins  
 Taylor & Steve Humble  
 Pam & Heather Hunsaker  
 Linda Hutton  
 Vicki Johnson  
 Donna Kessell  
 Kim Leon  
 Steve & Bobbi McCormack

Amy, Maddie & Brady Marrero  
 Mamie Meenehan  
 Jen & Ben Micek  
 Brenda Mosby  
 Elizabeth Mottaz  
 Colleen Nilges  
 Monica & Russ Palmer  
 Janelle Patterson  
 Tori Pine  
 Deb Potthast  
 Josh Provenzano  
 Susan Ramsey  
 Sally Robinson  
 Kim & Hartley Rogers  
 Stacia & Lena Schaefer  
 Laura Shirey  
 Carolyn Snow  
 Brad & Trish Staggs  
 Sue Underwood  
 Peggy & Larry Veatch  
 Brad & Khons Volmert  
 Holly Wheatley  
 Jeff Wheeland

And a very special Thank You to Jimmy Spear for always doing whatever is needed, whenever it is needed! See you next year!

~Jessica Humble

## 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

**Nov. 14 & 15, Fri. & Sat.** - Trip to Branson to see Daniel O'Donnell in concert

Depart at 7:45 a.m. on the 14th, return by 6 p.m. on 15th  
**Dec. 2, Tues.** - Trip to St Louis to enjoy Brass Ensemble at 2:15 p.m.  
 Registration Fee to be announced next week.  
 \$10 for travel

**December (day to be announced)** - Soup Luncheon at church and program presented by children from Mothers' Day Out

## 2015

### January (Open)

**Feb. 18, Wed.** - Weather permitting, trip to St. James to visit Winery and Vacuum Cleaner Manufacturing Plant

**Spring outing** (overnight) Trip to Arcadia, date TBA

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



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014



## Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 20

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher  
*Office Receptionist:* Bobbi McCormack  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tommy Gay Evans  
*Delivered by:* Tommy Gay Evans

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Roy and Rachel Fullington, Barb Rothenberger  
*Elder:* Tommy Gay Evans

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Shane, Erin and Julia Bower  
*Liturgist:* Kameron Freed  
*Elders:* Pamela Hoepfner, Rich Hoepfner, Dan Backues  
*Deacons:* The Nichols Team  
*Greeters:* Gerald Ramsey (*N. Door*), Susan Ramsey (*S. Door*)  
Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Carol Slusher (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Rose Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Elayna Mottaz and Mia Gregory  
*Candlelighters:* Max Gregory and Olivia Johnson  
*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (*ldr.*)

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 27

*Van Driver:* Kim Leon  
*Office Receptionist:* Elizabeth Mottaz  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Jessica and Steve Humble  
*Delivered by:* Jessica and Steve Humble

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Brice and Mary Moeller  
*Elder:* Cherry Hinderberger

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Ryan Hunsaker, Judy & Ron Longaker  
*Liturgist:* Dan Gieseke  
*Elders:* Jessica Humble, Steve Humble, Debbie Batterson  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeters:* Ann Rogers (*N. Door*), Genie Rogers (*S. Door*)  
TBA (*Atrium*), TBA (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Emma Hawkins and Ava Hoenes  
*Candlelighters:* Joseph McCormack & Liam Rose  
*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (*ldr.*)

## This Week (July 20-26)

- Sun.** - Elder Orientation, Noon, Keystone Room
- 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 on break  
- Drennan Group Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Lone Star Steak House
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

## This Week (July 27-Aug.2)

- Sun.** - Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Serving Loaves & Fishes  
- Drennan Singer Rehearsal, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study on break
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant,  
Everyone Welcome!

**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

## The Visitor

### First Christian Church

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#### Ministerial Staff:

Rev. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister  
brad@firstchristian.org  
Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister  
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#### Music Staff:

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Ariene Price, Director of Chancel & Bell Choirs  
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**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director  
MOM23ROCKS@aol.com

#### Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry:

Rev. Sally Robinson, Chaplain  
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#### Support Staff:

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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
fred@firstchristian.org  
Keith Picker, Custodian

#### Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

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## FAIR TRADE reboot

Fair Trade is at FCC! What is Fair Trade, you ask? Fair Trade is a trading partnership whose products are made in safe and healthy working conditions. Those who invest time and effort into the production of these goods receive fair payment and have a voice in how their workplace is run. Basically, Fair Trade is the exchange of goods based on principles of economic and social justice. It is a business model that strives to transform lives of workers in the developing world by enabling and empowering them to use their skills and resources to work their way out of poverty.



FCC will be selling a variety of Fair Trade coffee following worship in the narthex two weeks per month. The types of organic ground coffee available include Columbian, French Roast, French Vanilla, Decaf, as well as whole bean French Roast. You can also buy Organic English Breakfast tea or choose from a selection of chocolate bars.

On top of weekly coffee sales, you are always welcome to browse the Fair Trade store during the seasonal openings where you can find a selection of clothing, jewelry, home décor and other miscellaneous items. If you are in a real need to shop, find a staff member or World Outreach member to get a special opening of the store. In all these ways support Fair Trade!



## Combine Blessing & Safety Expo

Boone County Farm Bureau and University of Missouri Extension are teaming up to produce Missouri's first Combine Blessing and Safety Expo. This event will take place August 2, 2014, from 4 to 9 p.m., at the Central Missouri Events Center, home of the

Boone County Fair, located just two miles north of Interstate 70 on Highway 63.

The evening will begin with safety demonstrations and informational sessions for adults and youth. Topics will include ATV safety, hearing protection, lawn mower safety, poisons, electric safety, power tool safety, grain bin safety, livestock and horse safety, and fire safety. Attendees will be served a locally-produced meal. After dinner, a worship service will be held that will include nationally and internationally recognized speakers and live worship music. The night will end with the Blessing of the Combines, in which we pray for God's divine blessing on our farmers, ranchers, and crops.

Register in advance by calling Boone County Farm Bureau at 573-474-6178 or email: [combine\\_blessing@yahoo.com](mailto:combine_blessing@yahoo.com). You may also register, beginning at 4 p.m., on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Central Missouri Events Center.