



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June 20, 2014  
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## Worship Sunday, June 22

Come worship with us this Sunday as we worship God and honor members of our congregation who have gone over and above in their service to Christ and our church. Rev. Stagg's sermon is entitled, "The Family of God" based upon Genesis 21:8-21.

During the 8:30 service Brenda Mosby will sing "Seekers of Your Heart" by Tunney & Darnall. At the 10:30 service Kate Volmert will play a piano piece, "Amazing Grace", music from Virginia Harmony and lyrics by John Newton, arr. Edwin McLean.

**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 22**  
**at both services**

**Agenda: Budget**  
**Special Recognitions**



### Meet Laura Shirey

We welcome Laura Shirey to the church staff as she begins her time as summer/sabbatical/DOC intern. Laura will serve the summer in the many capacities of the usual summer interns and as fall comes she will be a staff liaison to groups and meetings—a connector—while Jimmy Spear is on sabbatical. Laura will also, as the school

year begins, be the Disciples on Campus (DOC) intern for the 2014-15 academic term.

Laura is a junior Psychology major at the University of Missouri. She is hopeful to pursue a career in family counseling or social work. She is originally from North Carolina but has lived in Indiana and Arizona (her father is a Disciples clergy person). Laura is the youngest of three and is interested in photography. While Laura has been attending FCC since her arrival in Columbia in January of 2014, we now welcome her to official ministry among us at First Christian Church.

## Worship Sunday, June 29

Rev. Dr. Ken Watson, our former Associate Minister will preach Sunday as both Rev. Stagg and Rev. Spear are away. Dr. Watson's sermon is "Complaining in the Courts of God", based on the texts of 1 Peter 4:7-11 and Isaiah 49:1-7.

Join us to sing some familiar hymns: *Holy, Holy, Holy; Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart; I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* and *Go In Peace*. Nora Dietzel will provide special music at 8:30.



## Chi-Rho Mission Trip

The Chi-Rho Mission Team departed on Sunday morning for a three day mission trip. The group of 15 was commissioned in the early worship service, departed for the Lake of the Ozarks for a day on the water and then landed in Kansas City. They are housed at Lee's Summit Christian Church and are serving a day with the residents of Foxwood Springs Retirement Community's Healthcare Center (games, exercise, wheelchair washing, bingo, manicures) and a day at the Liberty Disaster Relief outreach ministry (sorting food, helping in the food pantry and thrift store). Middle school youth on this trip include Jonathan LaHue, Maddie Marrero, Kim Potthast, Julia LaHue, Wolf Schaefer, Hunter Rogers, Audrey Snyder, Coleman Rogers, Bradley Snyder, Wyatt Rogers, Cole Galbraith, Jadie Arnett with adults Holly Gieseke and Jimmy Spear. Thanks to Jeff and Amy LaHue for hosting and Eric Arnett for partnering on Lake Day.



## Bit from Brad

We dropped Annie off at the Rickman Camp Center, just south of Jefferson City, Monday morning. She is the first of our children to go to church camp; last year's family schedule didn't work and this year's Junior Camp meets in July, so Luke will go then. This is one of those rare times when the second child gets to do something before the oldest child. So this was new territory for Annie; and as the days got closer to camp, Annie's reluctance to going away to camp grew. After all, leaving the security of mom and dad is still a big deal when you're just nine.

By Monday morning and time to get into the car, reluctance had grown into full blown crocodile tears and near total defiance. "You're just making me go to church camp because you're the minister!" "No. You're not going to church camp because I'm a minister; you're going because we're Staggs and that's what we do." That gave her enough of a pause to get her into the car but did not eliminate pouting or desperate negotiation attempts. And when we had to turn back around to the house because we forgot to wear closed toe shoes to camp and Dad had clearly had enough, things began to settle down.

Then we arrived at Camp! A beautiful day in a beautiful setting! In the registration line, a contagious buzz of energy filled the room and Annie began to warm to the idea of camp. Then she saw her friend Lena Schaefer from church; a familiar face! Afterwards, we saw Eric Arnett a parent/counselor staying; another familiar face! Things were improving! Then more friends along the path to her cabin! Momentum increased. Then Annie entered her cabin with the Micek girls, and Carley Snow, and others! But I couldn't enter; the door had to be closed while a girl was changing. Then whoosh the door opened and we got to walk into Annie's cabin and I found Annie laughing and talking and settling in. I layed out her sleeping bag on the bunk she had chosen and rolled her bag under it. Then she looked at me, Trish, and the boys and said, "Okay, you can go now." We had been dismissed. No longer did she need dad's protection or mom's care. She was a big girl and could go it alone. Well at least for this stage, I assured myself.

None of us like to leave the comfort and security of the familiar. But God calls us beyond our comfort, beyond our security. Therein lies the adventure; therein lies the

faith of trusting that God has something greater in store for us, beyond what we can see in the present. God is calling you and me, everyone to a far greater place but it requires us leaving our places of comfort and security. Are you ready? Because that's where the real action lies! Fear not!

~Blessings, Brad

*Thank You!*

Many thanks to my FCC family for all the cards, calls, visits, thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

To Brad, your presence was a blessing and comfort. To bell choir, thanks for the beautiful flowers. We realize how blessed we are to have such wonderful friends and family during times like this. Your expression of sympathy is greatly appreciated.

~Brenda Martin and family

## Happy Birthday



June 22

Mark Hunsaker  
Glenn Rainey  
Kim Reardon  
Pat Rybolt

July 1

Mary Jane Anderson  
Cole Freed  
Bette Scavone  
Emily Unterschutz

June 23

Heather Hunsaker  
Sarah Keithley

June 25

Steve Evers

July 2

Gina Henry

June 26

John Hickey  
Julie Holliday

July 3

Jadie Arnett

June 28

Nelson Trickey

July 4

Drew Nichols

June 30

Bill Moon

July 5

Kim Leon  
Stacia Schaefer

## News of Our People

Our sympathy to **David & Debbie Potthast and family** on the death of David's mother, **Christine Potthast**, of Collinsville, IL. She died June 8th at the age of 89. Services were June 18th in Pierron, IL.

Celebrations for **Sharon Winner's family**: Sharon Winner's oldest grandson, **Benjamin Robert Salmon**, graduated May 10 from Truman State University in Kirksville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration-Finance and Economics Minor. Sharon's second oldest granddaughter, **Ryan Salmon**, was married to **Warren Sharp** May 31 in Springfield. Ryan was recently promoted to senior associate at BKD CPAs and Advisors of Springfield. Ryan and Ben's parents are **Shane and Jill Winner Salmon** of Hermitage, MO.

Congratulations to **Jim and Tommie Ross** on the 64th wedding anniversary June 24th.

**Yvonne Clark** has moved from Boone Hospital to Lenoir Health Care Center for her recovery time. Also her husband **Larry Clark** is staying at Lenoir during this time as well.

**Ferd Lightner** is recovering from his tick bite at The Bluffs.

**Mary Daugherty's** mother, Norma Ault, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

**Annie Stagg** was inadvertently left off the list of those campers attending Church Camp this week. She's attending Elementary Camp I: June 16-18.

**No newsletter week of  
June 23-27.**

Your Special Birthday!

Glenn Rainey -

91 on June 22

Nelson Trickey -

90 on June 28



## Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 22

*Van Driver:* Eric Seaman  
*Office Receptionist:* Carol Slusher  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Roy Rogers  
*Delivered by:* Janelle Patterson

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Louis, Janice and Andy Janssen  
*Elder:* Charlie Koelling

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Cindy, Lexie and Zac Ruffolo  
*Liturgist:* Jennifer Alexander  
*Elders:* Tom Sisson, Marsha Sisson, Tommy Tomlin  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeters:* Ron Longaker (*N. Door*), Judy Longaker (*S. Door*)  
Jerry Miller (*Atrium*), Kathy Miller (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Maddie Marrero and Olivia Johnson  
*Candlelighters:* Andrew Stormer and Emma Hawkins  
*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett (*ldr.*)

## This Week (June 22-28)

### Congregational Meeting



- Sun.** - Congregational Meeting & Special Recognitions, both services, Sanctuary  
- CYF Mission Trip (all week)  
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - No newsletter this week  
- Church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
- Serving Loaves and Fishes  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study on break
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

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

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 29

*Van Driver:* Steve McCormack  
*Office Receptionist:* Pat Rybolt  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Kim and Abigail Reardon  
*Delivered by:* Harlan Hackett

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

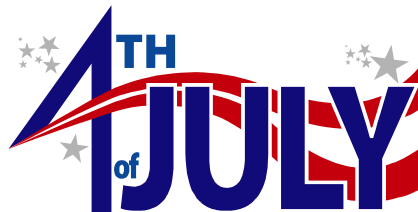
*Worship Assts.:* Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey  
*Elder:* Bettie Koelling

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* J.D. Estes, Laura Estes, Pat Rybolt  
*Liturgist:* Shane Bower  
*Elders:* John Hickey, Julie Hickey, Marilyn Schappert  
*Deacons:* The Campbell Team  
*Greeters:* Brice Moeller (*N. Door*), Mary Moeller (*S. Door*)  
Betty Moon (*Atrium*), Colleen Nilges (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Kameron Freed and Max Gregory  
*Candlelighters:* Olivia Johnson and Ava Hoenes  
*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (*ldr.*)

## This Week (June 29-July 5)

- Sun.** - Ken Watson in the pulpit  
- Chi-Rho Mission Trip members return  
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study on break
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Fri.** - July 4th Holiday - office closed  
- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant,  
Everyone Welcome!



## Summary of Proposed 2014-2015 Church Budget

	2013 - 2014 Budget	2013 - 2014 Y-T-D Plus Estimate	2014 - 2015 Proposed Budget	Budget Change
<b>Estimated Funding Sources:</b>				
<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings:</u>				
Pledged Offerings	\$383,169.00	\$373,590.00	\$383,000.00	(\$169.00)
Un-pledge Offerings	\$72,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$59,000.00	(\$13,000.00)
Loose Offerings	\$6,500.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,500.00	(\$1,000.00)
Church School	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Total Tithes & Offerings	<u>\$461,769.00</u>	<u>\$432,915.00</u>	<u>\$447,600.00</u>	<u>(\$14,169.00)</u>
Rent	\$29,100.00	\$32,141.00	\$29,000.00	(\$100.00)
Endowed Permanent Funds	\$26,130.00	\$26,325.00	\$25,140.00	(\$990.00)
Permanent Funds	\$121,525.00	\$117,312.00	\$127,200.00	\$5,675.00
Memorial Funds	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	\$57,884.00	\$57,310.00	\$58,127.00	\$243.00
Mother's Day Out Preschool	\$150,243.00	\$149,800.00	\$148,850.00	(\$1,393.00)
Scholarships	\$4,650.00	\$5,343.00	\$6,900.00	\$2,250.00
Other Sources	\$8,790.00	\$5,400.00	\$7,660.00	(\$1,130.00)
Total Other Income	<u>\$408,322.00</u>	<u>\$393,631.00</u>	<u>\$412,877.00</u>	<u>\$4,555.00</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u><u>\$870,091.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$826,546.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$860,477.00</u></u>	<u><u>(\$9,614.00)</u></u>
<b>Estimated Expenditures:</b>				
Administrative	423,827.14	408,552.00	422,368.14	(\$1,459.00)
Adult Education	1,500.00	900.00	1,000.00	(\$500.00)
Awards/Scholarships	4,650.00	5,343.00	6,900.00	\$2,250.00
Campus/Young Adult	2,200.00	4,140.00	2,200.00	\$0.00
Children's Education	\$3,700.00	\$3,724.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00
Church in Society (2%)	\$9,817.38	\$6,210.00	\$9,532.00	(\$285.38)
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	\$50,100.16	\$46,425.00	\$58,127.00	\$8,026.84
Communication	\$26,166.00	\$11,361.00	\$21,106.00	(\$5,060.00)
Evangelism & Membership	\$4,000.00	\$2,489.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Mother's Day Out Preschool	\$147,293.00	\$147,965.00	\$144,210.00	(\$3,083.00)
Office	\$18,184.00	\$15,025.00	\$17,100.00	(\$1,084.00)
Property	\$135,817.00	\$138,577.00	\$148,700.00	\$12,883.00
Stewardship	\$400.00	\$289.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
World Outreach (4%)	\$19,634.76	\$18,592.00	\$19,064.00	(\$570.76)
Worship	\$8,575.00	\$6,816.00	\$7,575.00	(\$1,000.00)
Youth Ministry	\$11,590.00	\$8,550.00	\$10,250.00	(\$1,340.00)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$867,454.44</u>	<u>\$824,958.00</u>	<u>\$875,232.14</u>	<u>\$7,777.70</u>
Total Estimated Funding Sources	<u>\$870,091.00</u>		<u>\$860,477.00</u>	<u>(\$9,614.00)</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$867,454.44</u>		<u>\$875,232.14</u>	<u>\$7,777.70</u>
Difference	<u>\$2,636.56</u>		<u>(\$14,755.14)</u>	<u>(\$17,391.70)</u>

**Stewardship and Finance 2014 – 2015 Budget Narrative:** Proposed budget deficit of -1.69% falls within an acceptable margin of error for achieving a balanced budget.

**Budget Highlights:** Zero staff raises. Per his Letter of Call, budgeted for Rev. Stagg to begin his Doctor of Ministry studies in January 2015. Funding for Rev. Spear's Sabbatical education experience. Intern budgeted for summer and fall for Rev. Spear's Sabbatical. Changing carriers achieved lower total health insurance rates (with a deductible offset). World Outreach and Church in Society remain at 4% and 2% of total offerings and rental income. As per audit, includes budgets for Mother's Day Out and Columbia Area Older Adult Ministries programs.

**Note:** A copy of the full budget is posted on the church bulletin board for review.



# Vacation Bible School is set for July 7-11

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School is set for July 7-11 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Get ready for the Worship of Wonders where we will Imagine & Build with God!

As you know, VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers\* to make it a great week for the kids. Please call me at 808-6394 or email me at [humblejess@aol.com](mailto:humblejess@aol.com) to volunteer. The following positions are needed:

Preschool Rotation Teachers  
Preschool Crew Leaders  
Elementary Rotation Teachers  
Elementary Crew Leaders  
Middle School Teacher  
Kitchen Helpers  
Dessert Bakers  
Decoration Helpers

Thank you for your participation  
~Jessica Humble

## Register now!

**ONLINE:** Register online via the church website [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org) and look for the VBS link. **FORMS:** There are also forms in the narthex, office, and nursery. Please return them to the church office.

Each family that registers early will receive a free CD of this year's music before VBS! Start singing the songs now!

**VBS volunteer orientation: June 25, 6:30 p.m. or June 29, 9:30 a.m.**

\*Every volunteer needs to attend one of the orientation meetings.

## CYF Heads to Eastern Shore

The CYF Mission Team will depart on Saturday morning for the Eastern Shore of Virginia for a week's worth of serving. The 10 person team will serve in the town of Onancock, VA and partner with *Youthworks*. Prayers for safe journey and good mission go with our high school youth and adults.

## Offering Envelopes 2014-15

Pick up your box of 2014-2015 offering envelopes next time you are in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. One per family, please.

## Wardrobe Needs Black Pants

Donations are needed at the **Wardrobe** (715 Park Ave.) of men's black trousers. Men starting work in the food industry are not permitted to work without wearing black pants.

## Drennan Group to Meet

The Drennan ladies will meet **June 24th, 11:30** at the **Upper Crust**, 3107 Green Meadows Way. Please come and join us for good food and fellowship. **SEE YOU THERE!**

## VBS Kitchen Help

Volunteers are needed to help with cooking, serving and baking for Vacation Bible School, July 7-11. You can sign up on Sundays in the Narthex for any of the areas of service or talk to Brenda Mosby. Brenda Mosby and Amy Marrero are heading up this year's food efforts for VBS. A hot meal is served to the over 100 participants each night.

## VBS Needs to Borrow...

The VBS Workshop of Wonders will soon be here and there are a few items that we would like to borrow from church members for the week. If you have bright orange cones (kids may use these in sports), construction hats, wheelbarrow, or anything else construction related that may be used, please contact Chris Creasy at [chriscreasy@hotmail.com](mailto:chriscreasy@hotmail.com) or 573-999-7070 as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to borrow them. Thank you.

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## The CWF Invites All Ladies of FCC to a

## Garden Tour & Salad Luncheon

**Saturday, June 21**

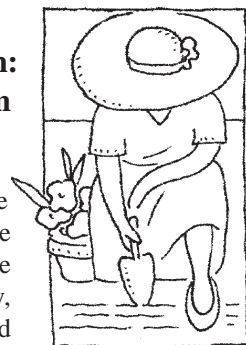
**Garden Tour:**

**9:30 am**

**Salad Luncheon:**

**11:30 am**

We will meet at the church and leave from there to tour the Veatch, Daugherty, Hughey, and Rothenberger gardens, then return to Bethany Hall for a Salad Lunch prepared by our own Laura Estes. So come join us, bring a friend, sunglasses and a hat!



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## First Christian Church

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**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director  
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### Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

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## BOOK O R N E R

For those of you who are raising families there are some really helpful books in the church library on the second floor of the Education Building. Maybe you think, "I don't have time to read." Maybe one of these might meet a need right now and make it worthwhile to TAKE time to read.

How About "Fresh Elastic for Stretched Out Moms" by Barbara Johnson, a popular author and speaker whose books we have in our library. She knows personally about a child hurting a parent till one feels mortally wounded inside.

Or try "52 Timesavers for on the go Moms," "When the Handwriting on the Wall is in Brown Crayon," "Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours," "Sticking With Your Teen—How to Keep from coming unglued No Matter What," "Beyond the Yellow Brick Road: Our children and Drugs."

### Weekly Reports

June 8, 2014

Received this week \$4,965  
Received to Date \$412,716  
Needed to Date \$436,941  
Attendance - 228  
(includes early service - 43  
and visitors - 13)

June 15, 2014

Received this week \$3,864  
Received to Date \$416,580  
Needed to Date \$445,217  
Attendance - 127  
(includes early service - 70  
and visitors - 12)