



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Dr. Ben Nelms to Teach on Character in April

We are a people who identify with characters: in stories, novels, plays, movies, myths, folklore, even comic strips, ads, and pop literature. Last year, *Time* magazine focused on these characters among us in *The 100 Most Influential People Who Never Lived*.

Who are the heroes and villains, the idols and outsiders, the duos and John Does with whom you identify and who have influenced your sense of self? Together we will compose our own "Avatars of Character."

Join Ben as he will focus on these and other examples from our culture that *Time* magazine did not include. Ben will teach from 6:15-7:30 on Wednesdays, April 2, 9, and 16 as a part of the CAFÉ program. Join us and bring a friend.

Worship for the Third Sunday in Lent, March 23

Reconciling will be the word of the week as we gather for lenten worship this Sunday morning. Basing the sermon on Romans 5:6-11 and John 4:5-42, Rev. Brad Stagg will bring the sermon "Living Water." *How Beautiful* is the Twila Paris song arranged for choir and presented by the Chancel Choir as an anthem. *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing; Fill my Cup, Lord*; and *Here at Thy Table Lord* will be the hymns for congregational singing.

confessing acting reconciling seeing orienting accepting raising

PREPARATION
for Resurrection

A sermon & worship emphasis for the season of Lent 2014

ANNOUNCING:

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

APRIL 5, 2014
8 AM TO 1 PM
BETHANY HALL

RESPONDING TO HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

- ▶ BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONAL
- ▶ SERVE AT THE
CENTRAL MISSOURI FOOD BANK
- ▶ LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP WITH MEN
OF THE CHURCH

▶ COST: \$15 PER PERSON

PLEASE SIGN-UP BY MARCH 30
BY EITHER:
"MEN'S R" ON THE SUN. PEW PAD,
OR EMAIL/CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

The Annual Congregational Meeting

to elect officers & leaders will be held Sunday, March 23
following both worship services.

Let's Use It! The 3rd Floor is Ready this Sunday

It has been a long time since last July when the 3rd floor of the Education Building went off line. After many months and great expense, the bird disaster is over and we are ready to use the children and youth area again.

Thanks to Hayley & Matt Batterson, Debbie Batterson, Donna Kessel, Amy Lightner, Jen Micek, Chuck Scott, Trish Stagg, and Jimmy Spear for the three hours of work spent beginning to get things back to normal. Pictured here are Chi-Rho youth group members who used their youth group time last Sunday cleaning and making ready several rooms. Their enthusiasm of helpfulness really got several jobs done!

This Sunday, Mar. 23, Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship will be back on the 3rd floor. Sunday School children will gather at 9:30 in the Children's Worship Room to start then go to classrooms. New colors and a freshness will welcome all in the renewed space.



Baptism & Discipleship Class 2014 Underway



Pat Wright, Colleen Nilges, Barb Rothenberger, and Jennifer Gwinner (not pictured) are serving as mentors to this year's Baptism & Discipleship Class. The group of six candidates include (left to right) Elayna Mottaz, Aiden Fullington, Maddie Marrero, Julia LaHue, Audrey Snyder, and Will Bower. The class meets twice a week and is working toward baptism to be held in April.

Conference on Faith was a Success

It was a "Tickle Weekend" as our congregation joined other Columbia churches in welcoming "Emergence Christianity" guru Dr. Phyllis Tickle to Columbia for a two day conference on the future of faith. Enraptured with her wit and knowledge, crowds were easily taken on a journey of faith, history and church story with each lecture. Brad Stagg is pictured below with Dr. Tickle.

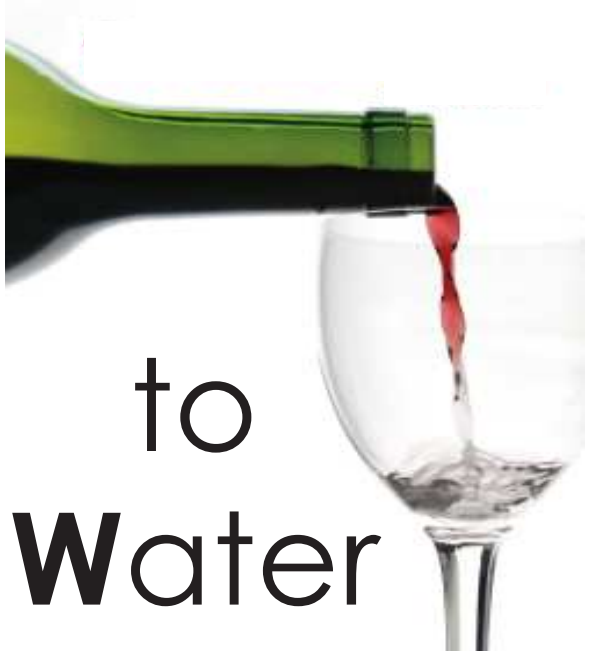
A rough count of our people throughout the two day event seemed to be around 17 members attending the lectures and discussions. The MU community (Office of Extension) was a part of the conversation and hosted some lectures and receptions. The FCC swung into use as it became evident that parking was far from the speaking. We even carried a few Methodists!

Friday night a special worship service was held to celebrate the unity of Christ within the spirit of those who sponsored the event. FCC folk also came out for the service with 6 people in the choir and many in attendance.



A prolific writer, Dr. Tickle has written several books on the subject of the emergent church. Moray Kiehl was excited to purchase Tickle's recent four books that they would be added to the church library in the coming weeks. They are an engaging read! Thank you Moray!



turn **W**ine

to
Water

Saturday, April 12

Bethany Hall 7 - 9 pm

The yearly celebration in support of
Week of Compassion
water projects

RSVP to Jimmy Spear for available childcare

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Columbia, Missouri
FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2014-2015

Candidates below are presented for a vote by the Congregation on **March 23, 2014**.
They are submitted by the Nominating Committee, and have been approved by the Administrative Board.

SERVICE BOARD NOMINEES

(for an indefinite term)

Elders

Erin Bower
Larry Burnam
Susan Gray
Tom Gray
Eric Seaman
Gene Taylor
Larry Veatch

Deacons

David Fox
Rachel Fullington
Roy Fullington
Stephanie Mottaz
Diana Provenzano
Jeff Underwood

Junior Deacons

(for a 1-year term)

Jacy Alexander
Jadie Arnett
Ryan Boger
Julia Bower
Jack Creasy
Quinn Fullington
Logan Garton
Makali Hawkins
Matthew Hoepfner
Jonathan LaHue
Sam Poole
Megan Potthast
Zachary Ruffolo
Max Schaefer
Conner Stormer
Delany Tevis

EMERITUS AND HONORARY

Elder Emeritus

Judy Cunningham
Linda Ridgeway
Marsha Sisson
Tom Sisson
Perry Stemmons

Deacon Emeritus

Nannie Lou Mallett
Richard Underwood
Sue Underwood

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
NOMINEES**

(for a three-year term)

Elders

Jacki Davidson
Tommy Tomlin
Nancy Watson

Deacons

Steve Evers
Jennifer Gwinner
Ryan Hunsaker
Jerry Miller
Russ Palmer
Janelle Patterson
Doug Smith

Chair/Co-Chairs of Elders

(for a one-year term)

Sarah Read
Jessica Humble

Chair/Co-Chairs of Deacons

(for a one-year term)

Trustee

(for a three-year term)

Steve Smith

**OFFICERS of the
Administrative Board/Congregation**
(for a one-year term)

Moderator: Bragg Stanley

Vice Moderator: C.K. Hoenes

Secretary: Jordan Barnes

Treasurer: Sarah Storm

The Silent Bazaar - A Tradition of Church Women Supporting FCC

To: The Women of First Christian Church and Friends who would like to Honor them

With spring right around the corner the Christian Women's Ministries/CWF Board begins to focus on planning the budget for next year.

Each year we send a "Silent Bazaar" letter out requesting monetary donations to support the work of the CWF. It is a "Silent Bazaar" because we are asking for donations and not asking anyone to make or buy anything, unlike the Christmas Craft Bazaar where proceeds went to the vendors and the Stage Curtain Fund.



The CWM/CWF has two major fund raisers to support our many worthwhile projects, the Election Day Luncheon in the Fall (thanks to Brenda Mosby and Mimi Roberts for their superb organizational skills!) and the Silent Bazaar in the Spring. The majority of our budget comes from these two fundraisers and the rest from CWF group offerings.

What do we use the money for?

It is divided almost equally between donations to the following ministry areas within and outside of First Christian Church:

1. *Church Projects & Ministry Opportunities:*

FCC Youth Projects; Vacation Bible School; Loaves and Fishes; Breakfast for Brethren; Woodhaven; Disciples Mission Fund; Shawl Ministry.

2. *Local Women's & Children's Charities:*

Coyote Hill; True North Women's Shelter; Nora Stewart Early Learning Center; Rainbow House; Meals on Wheels; Ronald McDonald House; Buddy Packs Mid-Mo Food Bank.

3. *Women's Ministry Activities & Events:*

Election Day Lunch; Fall Women's Dinner; Christmas Women's Brunch; Spring Garden Tour and Luncheon; Speaker Honorariums; Study Materials; Yearbooks; Supplies, postage & cards; Quadrennial Expenses.

In the past few years we have been able to increase the amount of our donations and to give to non-budgeted items such as \$50.00 to Chaddock Home for Disturbed Children, a NE Area CWF project, and \$200.00 for the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition, the International Disciple Women's project.

Please give prayerful thought and consider giving a donation so we all can join together and accomplish the mission of the church.

We ask that you make checks payable to CWF and place all cash donations in an envelope marked CWF. **There are envelopes all hanging near CWF signs all over the church.*

Return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate **by April 15**, so we can complete our 2014-2015 Budget in a timely manner.

Thank you,
Tommy Gay Evans, President, Christian Women's Ministries/ CWF

News of Our People

Holding in our prayers the following friends in varied situations:

The family of **Jerry Guy** who died on Monday, March 17 after a brief illness. Services will be held in celebration of his life on Saturday, March 29, 11:00 a.m., our sanctuary.

Kim Boger family in the sudden death of her step-father Charles Kelsey. **Brad Volmert family** in the death of his aunt, Lucille Rackers.

David Polach had surgery on March 19 at University Hospital. **Gene Kirkham** had a successful outpatient surgery on March 17.

Jennifer Gwinner's grandmother Thema Gwinner (94) who is under hospice care.

Loaves & Fishes Feeding Good Food to God's People!

The **DEACONS** will be serving at L & F on Monday, March 24. If you would like to take part, call Paula Hoenes at 424-3165 or cph@centurytel.net.

WITH
Gratitude 

Thank you so much for this scholarship. It's a great honor to receive it. This is greatly helpful to offset the costs and for that, I cannot thank you enough.

~Steve Gieseke
(175th Scholarship)

We would like to thank all the members of our church family for the cards, and words of sympathy, condolence and assistance in the recent death of our youngest son, Charlie. Also, thanks to Brad, Jimmy, Mary, Janelle Patterson and the CWF for a helpful and meaningful memorial service and reception.

~Anne and Tommy Tomlin

Future Youth Meetings:

Mar. 23 & 30: No Youth Meetings due to Spring Break.

CYF will EAT OUT over the Columbia schools spring break--
--Lunch on Wed., Mar. 26.
Jimmy will send a text on Tuesday.

CHURCH CAMP

Registration is happening now!
Parents should have the info and forms. See Jimmy if you need more.
Also go to: www.neolacamps.org
Counselors needed across the board!

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



Spring with STARS!

STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

Watercolor Exhibit in Fulton - Thurs., April 3.

8:30 a.m. departure.

See First Christian Ch., Fulton
See Churchhill Museum in Fulton for touring 10-11:30 a.m. (\$6.50)
Lunch at BEKS in Fulton
Afternoon return to Columbia
RSVP by Mar. 30.



Upcoming Reserve NOW!

Daniel O'Donnell Concert in Branson

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15

Overnight Trip. We will buy tickets in early April. RSVP now to ch. office.

Palm Sunday Cantata Voices Welcomed!

The Chancel Choir will share a cantata with the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 13th. If you are looking for an opportunity for singing, but can't make a long-term commitment right now, won't you consider joining us for the cantata? We will be focusing on the cantata each Monday evening beginning at 6:00 (regular rehearsals begin at 5:30). All voice parts are welcomed, and there is a particular need for male voices. For more information, please contact Adriene Price at 864-4355, or by email at singers.and.ringers@gmail.com. We hope to see you on Monday night!

Attention Dept. Leaders

Your proposed budgets are due at the April 1st Cabinet meeting. Department leaders, if you need to consult your present budget and your staff liaison, please make an appt. to do so soon. Thanks!

Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club meets the second Wednesday at noon in Bethany Hall. Their pick for April is *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin. The historical novel is set in early twentieth-century Washington State before railroads and roads connected its borders. Please join us on April 9.



CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship
Education

on break
March 26

True North Donations Requested by Drennan

Drennan Group is collecting donations for True North, a local domestic violence shelter. They are in need of personal products, children's items, and household appliances.

Please bring your items to the church before the end of April.

Here is a list of items on their wish list:

Personal Products: Body wash (**high need**), lotion, conditioner, ethnic hair products, women's deodorant

Children's Items: baby shampoo, lotion, body wash and baby oil; diapers sizes 3,4, and 5; wet wipes

Household items: silverware, small kitchen appliances (**high need**) microwave, toaster oven, coffee pot, hand mixer

You can see a more complete list at www.TrueNorthofColumbia.org.

Thank you in advance for any and all donations you might be able to make.

Weekly Report

March 16, 2014

Received this week \$11,877

Received to Date \$324,644

Needed to Date \$324,060

Attendance - 186

(includes early service - 42)

Happy
Birthday



March 23

Mabel Smith

Jared Swope

March 27

Kira Hoenes

March 24

Helen Stemmons

March 28

Robert Dewey

Monica Palmer

March 25

Natalie Barnard

Jonathan LaHue

March 29

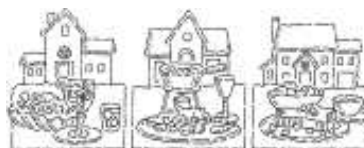
Ferd Lightner

Bradley Snyder

March 26

Libby Weber

Rick Wells



Dinner for Six

Sign up now for the next round to begin in April. Six people having three meals in three months. Call the office or see the sign up in the Narthex.

**** Last week to sign up! ****

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, March 23

Van Driver: Russ Palmer

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Church School Greeter: Lorene Trickey

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Gene and Micki Kirkham

Delivered by: Gene and Micki Kirkham

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Brice and Mary Moeller, Sharon Smith

Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Steve and Sharon Smith, Ron and Judy Longaker

Liturgist: Ben Nelms

Elders: Marsha Sisson, Tommy Tomlin, Tom Sisson

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters: Charles Koelling (*N. Door*), Bettie Koelling (*S. Door*)

Elizabeth Mottaz (*Atrium*), Doris Neidhardt (*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 (Mar. 23 - 29)

- Sun.** - Congregational Meeting, both worship services
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Serving at Loaves & Fishes (The Deacons)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CYFEAT OUT, 12:00 p.m., meet in parking lot.
- Brummett-Harrah Group Mtg., 1:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Worship Dept. Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Property Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- DOC (campus ministry group) on Spring Break.

