



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship Sunday, Oct. 26

Sunday is the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost based on Matthew 22:34-46 and Deuteronomy 34:1-12. Rev. Stagg's sermon series from the Pentateuch continues; this week's sermon entitled "Passing the Torch" is upon Moses' death and the transfer of leadership to Joshua. Hayley Batterson will bring the Children's Message.

Hymns for the day will include: *O God of Vision; Surely the Presence; In Memory of the Savior's Love* and *We've a Story to Tell*. Harlan Hackett will sing *What a Wonderful World* at the 8:30 worship service and Jean Hall will be at the organ.

## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



## LUNCHEON

Nov. 4

We still need your help! Can you bake a pie (or we will bake it for you for \$8); decorate Yonker Fellowship Hall Monday the 3rd; sell tickets; sanitize the kitchen Sunday the 2nd after late service (lunch is provided); or help on Election Day? Your help is needed for another great success! Our time together is a blessing. So don't miss out! See you in the Narthex or call Brenda at 442-7507. We thank you!!

## Listen In...

## Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am  
KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am

## Sun. October 26th 4:30-6:00 pm

Church Parking Lot



### An all-church fall festival

featuring church members' car trunks (4:30-5:00)

open & decorated offering treats to

kids in costume on parade.

Costumed trunk hosts are welcome too!

Games and fun in Bethany Hall.

Face Painting!

A warm light dinner in Yonker Hall -- hotdogs and chili, free for all.

**Sweets** - Love to decorate? We're having a contest of all sweets decorated with a Halloween theme. ALL sweet things will be given away as part of our "Sweet Walk" game for the children! Sign up in the office or on your pew pad with "SWEETS". Note—you can also donate non-decorated sweet items for the Sweet Walk.

**Chili Cookoff** - Think you have the best chili at FCC? We're putting it to the test with a chili cookoff! Bring your best pot of chili for church friends to taste and vote on. Sign up in the office or on your pew pad with "CHILI."

The Chili Cookoff and the Decoration Contest will be judged by YOU from 4:30-5:00. The "Sweet Walk" will begin at 5:00 pm and other children's games and activities will be happening throughout the event.

**Trunks** - The Children's Education Dept. is hoping for a great turnout of themed trunks to provide a fun and exciting start to this outreach event. A prize will be given for the best decorated trunk! If you, your family or your group are interested in decorating a trunk (please, no gory or scary decorations) and helping celebrate fall, you can sign up in the church office. Last year we had some impressive trunks! We would like to see even more this year! The kids got through the trunks pretty quickly so if you are interested in helping to make this the best Trunk 'n Treat ever, please sign up! For more information email Cindy Rose at [roseca@health.missouri.edu](mailto:roseca@health.missouri.edu) or you can even just text her at 573-514-2211. Let's help our FCC kids have a great time!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EVENTS

Every First Christian Church household is highly encouraged to attend one of the upcoming campaign events. Each event features a presentation of the Tier I plan, an opportunity for Q&A, and a special campaign video. Join us for food, fellowship and information. Meeting length is approximately 45 minutes.

### EVENTSCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 26, "Breakfast Meeting;" Following 8:30 a.m. service (Yonker Hall); Breakfast treats, coffee, juice.

Sunday, Nov. 9, "Family/Youth Scavenger Hunt;" 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. (Yonker Hall); Pizza and dessert.

Monday, Nov. 10, "Music Event;" 6:30 p.m. (The Music Suite – 1906 N Providence); Dessert, coffee, tea.

Friday, November 14, "Evening Reception;" 7:00 p.m. (Bethany Hall); Appetizers, wine, beer.

Sunday, Nov. 16; "Sunday Potluck;" Following the 10:30 service (Yonker Hall); Potluck lunch.

**JIMMY SPEAR  
RETURNS  
NOV. 4TH!!!!**

*Thank You!*

Larry and I are very appreciative of the communion brought to us by our friends from First Christian Church. We would also like to say "Thanks" for the visits.  
~Yvonne Clark

I'd love to express our appreciation for the faithful prayers in Lynn Freeman's behalf. Her condition has stabilized.  
~Beth Nelms

## Welcome New Member



**Bryan Savidan** hails from First Presbyterian Church, Columbia. Sensing a call to ministry, Bryan has enrolled in Mid-America Center for Ministry, formerly known as the Missouri School of Religion. Bryan is a regular attendee to the 10:30 Service, Tuesday Bible Study, and Wednesday Night Oasis. He is gifted in IT and hopes to work on FCC's Website. As you see Bryan and his wife, Dana, zipping about in their wheelchairs through the halls and corridors of FCC, be sure to give them a warm welcome!



**Oasis  
Oct. 29  
5:30 pm  
Yonker Hall**

### All-Church Potluck

The program will be a hymn sing led by the choir and a jam session. So, everyone is invited to bring an instrument to join in.

Sign up on the Sunday Pew Pad sheet, in the church office or call 449-7265.

Please let us know what dish you are bringing.

## News of Our People

Congratulations to **Richard and Sue Underwood** on their 55th wedding anniversary on Oct. 24th.

**Pam Hunsaker** is home recovering from her surgery.

Our sympathy goes to **Chris Creasy and her family** for the loss of her grandmother, Jane Jefferies.

Our sympathy goes to **Will and Donna Houston** for the loss of their 46 year old nephew.

**Nelson Trickey** is home recovering after his stay at Boone Hospital.

**Breakfast for the Brethren** served meals and distributed clothing items to 45 individuals last Saturday.

**Brad Stagg** has been accepted to Northwestern University's Doctor of Ministry (Congregational Leadership Track) program at its seminary, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. The Leadership Track has a strategic partnership with NU's Kellogg School of Business, combining the best of seminary and business instruction for congregational development. Kellogg is the only Top 5 MBA program in America with a D.Min. partnership. Brad's course work begins January 20, 2015.

*Happy Birthday*



Oct. 26

Judy Hall  
Diana Provenzan  
Sue Wright

Oct. 27

Freda Martz  
David Potthast  
Kurt Schaefer

Oct. 31

Richard Hoepfner  
Laurie Seigel

Oct. 30

Rachel Fullington  
Drew Gieseke

Nov. 1

Cherry Hinderberger  
Lillian McCormack  
Richard Schomaker

## Decisions Made at Regional Assembly

The Christian Church in Mid-America (our regional church of which our congregation is a part) recently met at Webster Groves Christian Church for Bible Study, Worship, workshops and business.

Two decisions were made at the assembly after months of careful discernment and debate:

+ to move toward a unified region and discontinue areas. A final vote will be taken at a special regional assembly in 2015. This means that areas as we have known them will no longer be part of our structure.

+ reluctantly and sadly approved the sale of Rickman Center. Over the course of many years the operations of Rickman have been carefully studied and professional counsel was sought. The Council of Areas (regional board) came to the painful conclusion that Rickman Center is no longer tenable and should be sold. The proceeds of the sale will be put into an endowment to generate income to fund the youth/camping program of the region. The actual sale will come to a special regional assembly for vote. It might take two to three years for this to happen. It was noted that the Boy Scouts and the United Methodist Church in Missouri are also closing their camps. ~Larry Veatch

The Drennan Ladies meeting will be on October 28th at 1:15 p.m.

We will meet at Bethany Hall and talk about all the rain and the trees changing colors. That will be after we have our Program/Worship, I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. ~Bonnie Fay

### Weekly Report

Oct. 19, 2014

Received this week \$11,653  
Received to Date \$131,762  
Needed to Date \$133,411  
Attendance - 154  
(includes early service - 39  
and visitors - 12)

## Men's Ministry Announces November BIG Event

Last November our Men's Ministry was launched with a pizza-party and program. This year's event will also be a pizza-party (**Shakespeare's South**) on **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Food will be served at **6:00 pm**.

The program is Bob Priddy speaking on funny things that happened at church. Bob is no stranger to First Christian Church. He spoke during our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He is also a noted broadcaster with the Missouri Net.

Advanced reservations are required. The cost will be \$10.00 which can be paid at the door.

## Ladies' Book Club



The Ladies meet on Wed., Nov. 12, at noon in Bethany Hall to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's novel, *The Invention of Wings*. Set in the 1830s, the book traces the lives of the most infamous sisters in America: the Grimkes. Their stance against slavery resulted in exile from their home city, Charleston, SC. Because the novel is based on historical events/people, those familiar with this fictional work suggest reading the Author's Note at the very end before beginning the book. Many bring their lunch for this noontime meeting.

## Respecting Choices

advanced care planning for  
end-of-life decisions

October 30 or November 20  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Boone Hospital Conference Center

You will learn:

- \* To facilitate discussions about what end-of-life choices are available
- \* Guidelines for having these discussions
- \* To effectively communicate these choices to the family, physicians and the health care team

Register for one of these conferences (815-6021) by Oct. 20 or Nov. 10.

October 26th

All youth groups invited to participate in Trunk 'n Treat 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
(see front page for details)

Children's Choir (grades K-5)-performance during 10:30 worship service

Future youth meetings:

Nov. 2: Chi-Rho and CYF

Nov. 9: JYF and CYF

Nov. 16: Chi-Rho, CYF

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



## Bakers Needed!

The Capital Campaign Events Team is looking for some dessert bakers to provide goodies for the dates listed below.

**Sunday, November 9**

**Monday, November 10**

Please contact Jessica Humble at 808-6394 or [humblejess@aol.com](mailto:humblejess@aol.com) if you would be willing to bake something for the informational events. Thank You! ~Jessica

You are invited to:  
**The Mid-America Center for Ministry  
Annual Dinner**

**Friday, November 7  
at the**

**First Christian Church, Columbia  
Yonker Fellowship Hall**

**Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 p.m.**

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There is no charge for the meal, but an appeal will be made for donations. Program: Silent Auction, Awards Presentation and Graduation Ceremonies for Angela Pigg

RSVP: [krystal@m-acm.org](mailto:krystal@m-acm.org) or call  
(573) 635-1187

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### Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

## Return Service Requested

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

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, Oct. 26

*Van Driver:* Perry Stemmons  
*Office Receptionist:* Carol Slusher  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Eric Seaman  
*Delivered by:* Eric Seaman

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Tommy Gay Evans, Will and Donna Houston  
*Elder:* Donna Houston

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Gene and Micki Kirkham, Matthew Hoepfner  
*Liturgist:* Chris Stormer  
*Elders:* Nancy Watson, Cheryl Lightner, Steve Lightner  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeters:* Ron Longaker (*N. Door*), Judy Longaker (*S. Door*)  
Steve Humble (*Atrium*), Jessica Humble (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Elizabeth Martin and Andrew Stormer  
*Candlelighters:* Olivia Johnson and Lena Schaefer  
*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (*ldr.*)

## This Week (Oct. 26 - Nov. 1)

- Sun.** - Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.  
- Capital Campaign Breakfast Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall  
- Children's Choir performs at the 10:30 worship service  
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
- Trunk 'n Treat, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Parking Lot, Yonker & Bethany Halls
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Serving Loaves & Fishes  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Prayer Team, 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Executive Committee, 6:30 a.m., Pastor's office
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor  
- Drennan Group Mtg., 1:15 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- Capital Campaign Management Team, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- DWM/CWF Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall  
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

