



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, Sept. 28

Sunday is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. The message is based around Philippians 2:1-13 and Exodus 17:1-7. Rev. Stagg's sermon series on Exodus continues; his sermon is entitled, "Testing" as the Israelites quarrel and test Moses and God. Hayley Batterson will bring the Children's Message.

At 8:30 worship Brenda Mosby will be singing "Come and Fill This Place" by Johnson, Robinson and Denson. The hymns will include: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*; *Spirit of the Living God*; *One Bread and One Body*.

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY OFFERING OCTOBER 5

**THEME: SCHOOL YARDS
NOT PRISON YARDS**

Weekly Report

Sept. 21, 2014

Received this week \$7,533

Received to Date \$97,390

Needed to Date \$100,903

Attendance - 165

(includes early service - 37
and visitors - 8)

Ladies' Book Club



The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley centers around an eleven year old sleuth in the summer of 1950. Surely the Book Club will try to remember or relate stories of the good ole fifties. Come by Bethany Hall at noon, Oct 8. The gathering usually lasts about an hour.



Are You Able?

All Church Work Day September 27, 8:00 AM

Plans are for outdoor weeding, transplanting and clean-up. All able bodies are invited to attend!
~Mary Daugherty

Calling All Elders (Deacons & church members, too)

World Communion Sunday is coming up Oct 5th. Our Communion Connection Teams will be delivering to our friends that aren't able to join us in sanctuary for worship services. Mark your calendars and expect to be called upon to participate in this wonderful ministry we provide/share with others.

Members at large: if you would like to join us in the delivery please contact Brenda Martin, 443-8312.



Chancel Flower Ministry

The Chancel Flower Ministry provides fresh flowers to grace the sanctuary each Sunday. Afterward, they are taken to those in the hospital, homebound or celebrating special birthdays.

There are 8 weeks in 2015 that are open weeks for donating flowers for the flower ministry. If you've missed the sign up in the narthex, call the church and arrange a week. \$30 to honor or give in memory of someone near and dear to your heart!

Fall Women's Dinner

The annual fall dinner sponsored by DWM/CWF is on Monday, Sept. 29th at 6:00 p.m.. It will be held in Yonker Fellowship Hall with Leslie Clay as our speaker. Leslie is the author of *Sisters in Song*.

The dinner is **open to all church women and guests** and is **free** of charge.

This would be a good opportunity to bring some of the most needed items for True North, a women's shelter in Columbia. Those items include: shampoo, disposable razors, body lotion, school supplies and craft items, such as construction paper, coloring books, beads and holiday themed craft items.

You may sign up for the dinner in the office or on the attendance pad on Sunday.

Breakfast for Brethren

October approaches and we will again be reaching out to those in need by serving breakfast on Saturday mornings to the homeless. We serve from 8:00 am to 9:30 am each Saturday morning in October. If you have time to help, please arrive at the church between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. There also will be a sign up list in the office of food items needed.

In addition to feeding them, we provide items for personal hygiene and clothing, which with the changing weather will be greatly needed.

Donations of razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, travel size bottles of shampoo, mouthwash, and soaps, cotton swabs, tissues, band-aids, dental floss, ladies feminine products and toilet paper are always in demand. We also can use all sizes of men's white t-shirts, crew socks, men's underwear, blue jeans, jackets and coats, long-johns, long sleeve shirts, shoes, and back packs. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated and make a difference in the lives of these people.

Bit from Brad

My uncle, a retired physician, told me when he tended to his hospitalized patients that there were only two types of patients to whom he gave unlimited access to their morphine drip: heart surgery patients in which the “crack open the chest” method had been used, and kidney stone patients. Last Wednesday, just two days before my 51st birthday, I passed my first kidney stone. I wished I had “unlimited morphine drip.” By the grace of God, it passed relatively soon and I was reminded of the following story.

A local veterinarian known for his dry wit outdid himself one day when a woman brought in her dog to repair the damage from a prickly encounter with a porcupine. After an hour of plucking and stitching, he returned the frightened puppy to the woman. “What do I owe you?” she asked.

“Fifty dollars, ma’am,” he replied. Outraged, she stormed, “That’s what’s wrong with you resort-town people. You’re always taking advantage of summer visitors. Whatever do you do in winter when you don’t have us to rip off?” To which the vet wryly replied, “We raise porcupines, ma’am.”

Not all porcupines live in the woods. We all run across a few every day. This leaves us with two options: Act like porcupines in return or develop a sense of humor. Which are you going to be today: prickly or looking on the bright side of life?

Life is pain. Life is beauty. God’s question to us is: What will you do with them when God sends them your way? Moments of beauty, like one I see in Annie ringing the bell below, get me through the times of pain. Like Jesus’ sacrificial love getting through the pain of the cross.

~Blessings, Brad



Oasis

Oct. 1
5:00 pm

Pizza - \$5
Bingo

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

The Oasis program on
Oct. 8 & 15 will be
“Paradise Lost”
by David Read

Coffman Watson CWF

will meet at 7:00 PM on
Monday, October 6
at Betty Montgomery’s home
7650 Chimney Ridge Road

Your Special Birthday!

Moray Kiehl

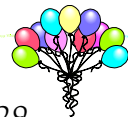
95 on Sept. 29

Emmy Croll

93 on Sept. 30

Mary Richardson

96 on Oct. 4



News of Our People

We extend our sympathy to **Dubby Muir** whose sister-in-law, **Donna Derr**, died Sunday, September 14, 2014.

Congratulations to **Jessica Klockow** who completed her PhD in Chemistry at Mizzou this August. She has moved to California to commence postdoctoral research at Stanford University working in the Department of Radiology. Congratulations, also, to **Sara Klockow** who has a new job as a Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) with Columbia Surgical Associates. Sara previously worked at Boone Hospital Center for 10 years. Jessica and Sara Klockow are the daughters of **Susan Klockow** and granddaughters of **Jane Ann Hackett** and **Harlan Hackett**.

Tommy Gay Evans had surgery at Boone Hospital and is expected to return home soon.

Jim Silvey returned again to The Neighborhoods; the family requests no visitors.

Glenda Clark continues her rehabilitation at The Neighborhoods.

Buddy Boger’s nephew Bryan Boger (30) died last week after fighting a courageous battle with brain cancer for the past 18 months.

Mark Mills’ 44-year old niece, Mary Margaret Mills, died unexpectedly; she is the daughter of his brother David Mills in Clinton, MO.

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

<p><u>Sept. 29</u> Moray Kiehl Keller Martin</p>	<p><u>Oct. 1</u> Aaron Brown Jake Nichols</p>
<p><u>Sept. 30</u> Emmy Croll Azure Stevens</p>	<p><u>Oct. 4</u> Jack Bower Mary Richardson</p>

Festival of Sharing

The **Festival of Sharing** will be held **October 18, 2014** in Sedalia, MO. It promotes and supports projects and programs that respond to hunger, poverty and injustice in the world. Our **CWF** is collecting school supplies to help in this effort.

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no school-rooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. **School kits** may be these children's only educational resources.

If you can help, please deliver your items to the church office **by Oct 5, 2014** so that the kits can be assembled. Supplies should be new with no advertising or religious markings.

Supplies needed for each School Kit are:

(cost \$11)

- 1 – Pair Round Tip Blunt Metal Scissors
- 3 – 70-count Spiral Bound Notebooks (totaling 200-210 pages)
- 1 – 12" Ruler
- 1 – Hand Held Pencil Sharpener
- 1 – Large Eraser
- 6 – New Pencils with Erasers
- 1 – Box of Crayons (only boxes of 24)
- 1 – 14" x 16" heavy duty cloth bag (no advertising on bag)

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

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

REMINDER!

FALL WOMEN'S DINNER FOR ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND GUESTS

Monday, September 29
at 6:00 p.m.
Yonker Fellowship Hall

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Childcare providers are needed for Sunday mornings and/or other church events. The pay will be \$10 per hour. For more information, call the church office.

Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies

“Sex, Gender and the Catholic Church”

John McHale and Anthony Alioto
coauthors of “Saintly Sex; Saint John Paul II, Sex, Gender & the Catholic Church”

Thursday, October 9, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Bixby Lecture Hall
Brouder Science Center
Columbia College Campus

For more information:
www.ccis.edu/SchiffmanLecture



Capital Campaign Video Production Begins

Steve Gieseke, son of Holly & Dan Gieseke, and his fellow MU School of Journalism classmate, Steve Dawson have begun film-

ing a promotional video for the Capital Campaign. Steve Gieseke grew up at FCC, attends DOC, and studies documentary film making. Steve's work once appeared at the Rag-tag Cinema. Here are



a few shots of Steve and Steve filming Rev. Staggs touring several of our Elders this past Monday evening. Elders who participated are Erin Bower, Frances Brown, Eric Seaman, and Larry Veatch. To date: 100 participants have toured the building with Pastor Brad on 13 tours.

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Sept. 28

Van Driver: Eric Seamon
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Erin Bower
Delivered by: Erin Bower

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Charles and Bettie Koelling, Jerry Daugherty
Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Kurt, Stacia and Max Schaefer
Liturgist: Lexie Ruffolo
Elders: Joyce Stanley, Mark Mills, Harlan Hackett
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeters: Ed Bright (*N. Door*), Eva Bright (*S. Door*)
Genie Rogers (*Atrium*), Abigail Reardon (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Mia Gregory and Jack Bower
Candlelighters: Kameron Freed and Luke Stagg
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (*ldr.*)

This Week (Sept. 28 - Oct. 4)

- Sun. - Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.
- Children's Choir, both services
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- JYF Youth Group (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon. - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Women's Fall Dinner, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Tue. - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Capital Campaign Management Team Mtg., 5:30 p.m.,
Keystone Room
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Oasis, 5:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri. - All Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!