



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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God and Family Award

Three Webelos Scouts received their "God and Family" award last Sunday. Joseph McCormack, Luke Stagg, and Liam Rose (l to r) worked with Rev. Spear on a several week project-conversation about God, church, and family. We are proud of the scouts among us and their interest in the "God and Country Award."

Ken Watson to Teach Part 2 Next Week

"Columbia and the Faithful Founders"
Three of the most important historical figures in the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) came through Columbia and preached in (or near) the Christian Church, drawing large crowds from the surrounding area. What they found was a young but strong and growing congregation of Christians settled in a very small frontier town with prominence in education and politics. Ken Watson will present the second of two programs at OASIS, Feb. 11, about the visits of these men and what they might have seen both in the congregation and town. There will also be discussion about the strange fate that befell two of the preachers who gave their last sermons on earth among the folks of Columbia.

Wed., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.: Two trips of Alexander Campbell of 1845 and 1852.

Worship for February 8

On Sunday, Feb. 8, 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Stagg returns to the pulpit to preach his sermon based on Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39 entitled "Power and Priorities." The Children's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Amy Lightner, will bring song to the 10:30 service. They are always a delight!

Hymns of the day will include the power packed *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, the prayerful *It Is Well with My Soul* and for table time, *Gather Us In*.

Last week, in the 10:30 service, it became evident to organist Mary Bancroft that the big opening hymn was being sung by a solid sized crowd and so she felt confident to turn on the big pipes for the last verse. This week's *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* could be another moment for good singing and mighty pipes. Come, sing, and inspire the big pipes to come back!



2nd Annual Mid-Mo Church Music Festival

Sun. February 8, 3:00 pm

Olivet Christian Church (1991 S. Olivet Rd.)

Join musicians from area churches for an afternoon of musical entertainment, fellowship and giving back to our community. The FCC choir and Mary Bancroft, organist will be participating. There is no admission fee, but people are encouraged to put money in a jar to indicate which group they appreciated the most. Proceeds support charities of musician's choice and the Olivet Summer Gazebo Concert Series. Refreshments follow the music.

"A service for repentance & receiving of ashes"

Feb. 18
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary



Ash Wednesday

This service to begin the Lenten season will include hymns, prayers, a brief meditation and the imposition of ashes.



The Children of Sunday Mornings

Children gather every Sunday morning to hear the day's bible story via a unique dramatic video from "Leapers Pointe" - a fictitious little burg of faithful and funny people. The children then go with teachers to their classes to know the story better!

A Bit from Brad

Thank you so much for the opportunity to pursue my doctoral studies at Northwestern University in Chicago! While the course schedule was extremely intense, it was also amazingly rewarding. While I have papers due before and after my course work, the two-week course work covered the equivalent of 6 graduate credit hours to be applied to the 30-hour Doctor of Ministry degree. Each day we were scheduled to attend class from 8:00am to 5:00pm, but more often than not the course extended until 8:00pm. During the lunch and dinner “breaks,” frequently, our professor would say, “Go get your dinner at the cafeteria and bring it back to class;” or he would say, “Let’s all go to the cafeteria together and continue our discussion there.” So we’d go 10-12 hours straight; as one of my veteran colleagues said, “It’s called ‘An Intensive’ for a reason!” Oh my! Was he ever right!

For those not familiar with the program, let me repeat what I’ve said in other settings. The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree is the terminal degree for the professional clergy person or the professional lay church worker; the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree earned by clergy is designed for those who will work in the academy, i.e. – seminary or graduate schools of theology. In other words, D.Min. is for those who will work in the local congregation; the Ph.D. is for those who will work at the seminary.

Additionally, most D.Min. degrees have a concentration focus. For instance, Dr. John Yonker’s D.Min focus was on Theology, Biblical Studies, and Christian/Islamic dialogue. My D.Min. concentration is Congregational Leadership. What makes my Congregational Leadership degree distinctive at Northwestern is that it is a combined program between two of NU’s schools/colleges, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and Kellogg School of Management. Of the Top 5 MBA programs in the nation (Wharton, Harvard, Stanford, Carnegie Mellon, and Kellogg), only Kellogg has a strategic partnership with a seminary. I spent my first week exclusively with Garrett faculty and the second week two of Garrett’s faculty joined us as together we learned from Kellogg’s faculty.

So the gist of this past two weeks’ class was examining the roles of Administration, Leadership, and Management for the local church. Remembering that the root word for admin-

istration is the same root word for ministry, we delved deeply into administration’s top priority for any organization – mission, purpose, “The Why!” We recounted the most important feature of a congregation – faith formation. Why does a church exist? To help serve in the faith formation of those who come within its spheres of influence.

Leadership guides people in adhering to the mission into a new, future reality where that purpose has new meaning. Management is strategic and tactical managing of resources to achieve the vision for the mission. We spent most the first week at Garrett covering Administration (mission) and Leadership (vision); and most of the second week at Kellogg discussing Leadership (vision) and Management (managing resources.)

What excited me most was that every step of the process, every class, every discussion had direct correlation and connection to FCC! Throughout each body of work, your faces floated up before my mind’s eye and I could see us working together in new and distinct ways for the kingdom of God and gospel of Jesus Christ. Over the next weeks, months, even years, we will work together in making FCC a stronger, more vital community for the sake of Jesus Christ. I look forward to our shared ministry to impact the world with light, love, grace, and joy! ~Blessings, Brad

Church Dine-Out
Friday, Feb. 06,
5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Capital Campaign Update:

175 pledges have been received, totaling \$811,317.88.

Thank you to all contributors!

Weekly Report

Feb. 01, 2015

Received this week \$5,634
Received to Date \$257,044
Needed to Date \$273,085
Attendance - 201
(includes early service - 35
and visitors - 15)

News of People & Place

Perry and Helen Stemmons have called with news of their grandson, 20 year old Kevin. He was to have surgery – a new procedure to deal with the stint near an aneurism in the brain last week in Atlanta. The surgery could not be performed. They have all gone home to North Carolina to await a different approach. They welcome our prayers.

Tom Shrout continues to be with us, under hospice care at Lenoir Healthcare Center. He welcomes your cards.

Lindsey Sheffield has been a child care provider in the church nursery for several years. She is a college student in her last year at MU. Lindsey has announced her engagement to Matthew and due to wedding planning at her home in Springfield will no longer be working in our nursery. We wish Lindsey and Matthew well and say thanks to her for years of great care for our littlest members.

Thanks to **Jeff and Amy LaHue** for hosting the CYF Super Bowl Party last Sunday. Eight youth braved the winter mix to spend time together with “the Game” and other games.

STARS Feb. Trip

STARS is the fellowship group for FCC folks and friends 55+. Come explore and be with a great group of church friends.

February 19 Independence/KC, MO

Harry Truman Home and Library
World War I Museum, Kansas City
Depart from church at 8 a.m., return 6 p.m.
Cost: \$37 (entry fees & travel)

Lunch on your own

Ride needed: indicate so when signing up or call Carol Slusher at 874-4902

RSVP by Sunday, Feb. 15.

Feb. 8

Kimberly Foster
Ruth Ann Martin

Feb. 10

Jennifer Alexander
David Chrisman
Steve Humble
Nancy Sandford
Steven Smith

Feb. 13

David Fox
Olivia Johnson

Feb. 14

Russ Chandler



JYF (grds 3-5) &
 Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)
 4:30-6:00 p.m.
 CYF (grds 9-12)
 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Feb 8: Chi-Rho, CYF

Feb 13: Chi-Rho Mission Day

With no school, the Chi-Rho youth group will serve with friends at Lenoir Healthcare Center. Meet at Church at 11:00 a.m./pickup at 5:00 p.m. Lunch provided.

Feb 13-14: CYF to FCC Macon

for Friday night lock-in.
 RSVP to Jimmy by Feb 8.

Feb 15: Presidents wknd – no youth groups

Feb. 27: CYF Mission Day

With no school, the high school youth group will serve with friends at Lenoir Healthcare Center. Meet at Church at 11:00 a.m./pickup at 5:00 p.m. Lunch provided.

Children's Choir dates:

Feb 8 sing in the 10:30 service
 no choir practice
 Feb 15 no CC due to holiday

Three Questions

The Adult Christian Education Department is currently researching the congregation's needs for classes and other educational opportunities. Please take a few minutes to consider the questions below and send your responses to Sonya Carney at sonyacarney@gmail.com or Bill Carney at wjcarney1@gmail.com. You can catch us after worship too.

1. What would motivate you to attend an ongoing Adult Christian Education class on Sundays, whether afternoon or evening or the current 9:30 a.m. Sunday School time?
2. Do time-limited classes appeal to you (e.g., 4 to 6 weeks)?
3. What kinds of Adult Christian Education topics interest you?



Oasis

Feb. 11
 5:30 pm

Yonker Hall

Meal: Baked Potato Bar - \$5

Program: "Columbia and The Faithful Founders, part 2", Dr. Ken Watson

Make your reservation asap by signing up on the Sunday Pew Pad sheet or call the church office 449-7265.

Oasis Schedule

Feb 18 Dinner Menu: POTLUCK
 Ash Wednesday Service—6:30 pm

Feb 25 TBA

Mar 4 Dinner Menu: Pizza
 Program: BINGO!

Mar 11 Dinner Menu: Ham and Beans,
 Cornbread
 Program: Dr. Larry Veatch
 presentation on prayer

Mar 18 Dinner Menu: POTLUCK
 Program: Barb Rothenberger
 presents a travelogue on India

Mar 25 – Spring Break. Oasis TBA

Week of Compassion

Sundays February 15 & 22
 and the week between



Ladies' Book Club

Don't forget to stop in Bethany Hall at noon on Wed., Feb. 11, for the discussion of the murder mystery, *The Weight of Blood*, by Columbia author Laura McHugh. Bring your lunch. Our discussion lasts about an hour.



Old Roof – New Roof

Between snow showers and cold temps the roofers are at work on the Education building roof. The roof work has to be done before the HVAC systems can be completed. And so, despite Punxsutawney Phil's forecast, the good folks of FCC are praying for sun!



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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 08

Van Driver: Royce Palmer
Office Receptionist: Jordan Barnes
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Genie Rogers
Delivered by: Genie Rogers

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Betsy Hofman, Brice and Mary Moeller
Elder: Tom Gray

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Roy & Joy Overacre, Conner Stormer
Liturgist: Ben Micek
Elders: Ken Watson, Hayley Batterson, Nancy Watson
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeters: Doug Smith (*N. Door*), Cindy Smith (*S. Door*)
Betty Moon (*Atrium*), Elizabeth Mottaz (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Lena Schaefer and Elizabeth Martin
Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack and Ava Hoenes
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.)

This Week (Feb. 08 - 14)

- Sun.** - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Edu. Bldg.
- Children's Choir Performs, 10:30 worship service
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Mother's Day Out: 2 Parent Conscious Discipline, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, Noon, Bethany Hall
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - CAOAM Advisory Board Mtg., 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - Mother's Day Out not in session
- CYF to FCC Macon for Friday night lock-in