



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship for February 15

Worship this Sunday will be focused on Week of Compassion and the Transfiguration. Rev. Stagg's sermon is based on 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9 and is entitled "The Glory." Members of the Chi-Rho youth group will provide our Stewardship challenge in support of Week of Compassion at the 10:30 Service.

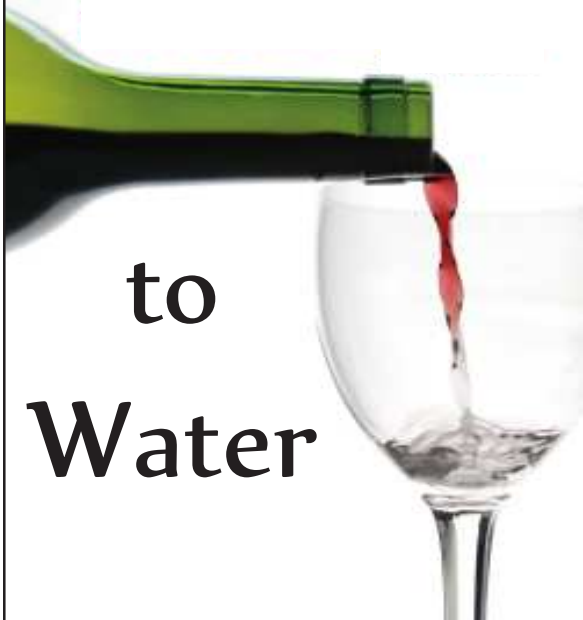
Hymns of the day include *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun;* *For Each Day of Life We Thank You;* and *More About Jesus Would I Know.*



Week of Compassion

Sundays February 15 & 22
and the week between

turn Wine



to Water

Saturday, March 14

Bethany Hall 7 - 9 pm

The yearly celebration in support of
Week of Compassion water projects

**"A service for repentance
& receiving of ashes"**



**Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary**



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

Welcome New Members

Geoff and Lauren Karr and their 2 1/2 year old daughter, Kennedy, united with FCC on Sunday, Feb. 8th at the 10:30 Service. Geoff joined by transfer of faith from Central United Church of Christ in Jefferson City and Lauren joined by confession of faith; we'll have Lauren's baptism in a few weeks!



Geoff grew up in Jefferson City and Lauren here in Columbia; they met during their senior year at MU. Geoff is a SBA Lender at the Bank of Missouri where he helps grow our community's small businesses and Lauren is the Director of Communications at Veterans United Home Loans. Lauren's roots are deep in Columbia; her grandfather Hap Whitney was former Head Wrestling Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at MU. Lauren's background is journalism and maybe a familiar face to many as she was a morning TV anchor for KOMU a few years back. Geoff and Lauren love sports; it was one of the first things they bonded over, as Geoff was an accomplished athlete in high school and Lauren's family is full of coaches. They were drawn to FCC because of our traditional worship style, genuine warmth and friendliness of our folks, and because of all the children at church where Kennedy can grow in faith. Welcome Geoff, Lauren and Kennedy.



Dinner for Six

6 people having
3 meals together over the course of
3 months --- dinner for six is back!

Join us in this great opportunity for church folks to become friends! New groups will be formed for the next *Dinner for Six* season of March, April, May.

This round of D4SIX will have a new twist! Groups will be formed of 3-4 and will have the challenge of inviting two-three guests to join the dinner -- making six. Dinner for Six has been a great way to meet new friends and this round will be a new way to further connection among church folks that were previously unfamiliar. Good food and good times await...

Sign up by contacting the church office: 449-7265 or fcc@firstchristian.org or Betty Montgomery: bettymontgomery@charter.net or 443-7817.

Sign Up by March 1

STARS February 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.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

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

Your Special Birthday!

Bonnie
Backues

91 on Feb. 16



Feb. 15

Royce Palmer
Sally Robinson

Feb. 16

Bonnie Backues
Charles Dysart
Sally Kessell
Kim Potthast

Feb. 17

Patti Freeman
Jenny McCarty
Brian McCarty
Dan Tevis

Feb. 18

Mark Mills
Karen Rogers

Feb. 19

Sue Fink
Audrey Koch
Cullen Rose

Feb. 20

Heather Mottaz

Communion Connection

Thanks to all elders for winter communion connection visits during January and February. If you still need to visit, the bulletins are in church office elder mailbox. Communion boxes are available in sacristy. Thank you for sharing the table and your time!

Capital Campaign Update:

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

Thank you to all contributors!

Weekly Report

Feb. 08, 2015

Received this week \$10,580
Received to Date \$269,361
Needed to Date \$280,732
Attendance - 229
(includes early service - 42
and visitors - 20)

News of People & Place

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shrou died on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the age of 95. Tom was the former dean of the Missouri School of Religion, professor at Culver-Stockton College and distinguished clergyman in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was a longtime member of FCC. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 28, 10:30 a.m. at Lenoir's Nifong Hall. Light refreshments will be served following.

Nat Scavone is home after spending two weeks at the Neighborhood while **Bette** recuperated from the flu.

Nelson Trickey is glad to now be back at home (Lenoir Maplewood Apts.) for comfort care and Lorene's attentiveness. He welcomes visits and cards from friends. Please call first if you are planning a visit.

All-Church Mission Trip

There will be an exploratory meeting to check interest in an adult mission trip.

Options include: Spring break/late spring/early summer; two-three-five day trip; local/in state/farther; serving/constructing/disaster relief. Who wants to go? What are you interested in? How could you be a part of a mission team? All types of talents from construction to hands on help to cooks to cleaners to Jacks/Jills of all trades are welcomed. Two outreach departments and Rev. Spear are leading this exploratory process.

The meeting: 15 minute meeting on Sun., March 1 in the Sanctuary up front after 10:30 worship.

A Special
THANK YOU

Ed, John and I would like to let you know how much we appreciated your prayers, cards and calls of concern. John is doing great and Ed still has a ways to go. It is great to have such a caring church family. Thanks again!! God Bless all of you!!
~Eva Bright

Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Feb 13: **Chi-Rho Mission Day**
Meet at church @ 11 a.m.

Feb 13-14: **CYF to FCC Macon**
for Friday night lock-in.
departure at 7pm from church

Feb 15: Presidents wknd – no youth groups
Feb 22: JYF & CYF

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.

Mar 1: Chi-Rho & CYF

Children's Choir dates:


Feb 15 no CC due to holiday

Feb 22 4-4:30 p.m.

Mar 1 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Mar 8 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mar 15 singing in worship

 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.



CYF - youth group for high school FCCers

Baptism Class

A class is forming for older youth interested in confession of faith and baptism. The six week Baptism and Discipleship Class is offered each spring to 6th graders (and other youth who missed it in 6th grade). Please talk to Rev. Jimmy Spear for more information.



Oasis

Feb. 18
5:30 pm
Yonker Hall

Meal: Potluck or pay \$5

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

Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm

Oasis Schedule

Feb 25 Menu: Casseroles by Laura Estes
(King Ranch & Artichoke Chick/rice)
Psalms of Lent with Rev. J. Spear

Mar 4 Dinner Menu: Pizza
Program: BINGO!

Ken Watson to Teach Part 2 This Sunday

"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. Dr. Ken Watson will present the second of two programs on Sunday morning, Feb. 15, 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.

Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room (2nd Floor Edu. Bldg.): Two trips of Alexander Campbell of 1845 and 1852.

2 events to calendar

The Garage Sale

Set up: April 6-9

Sale: April 10-12

"The all church project to raise funds for youth mission trips."

Vacation

Bible

School

June 21-25 (Sun.-Thur.)

Coffman Watson

Some of the members of the Coffman Watson CWF group met at Moray Kiehl's home on February 2 for their monthly meeting. One of the highlights of the meeting was a surprise party for Nancy Watson who has been a long-time valued member of Coffman Watson. Nancy received many cards of love and appreciation, a thumb drive engraved with Coffman Watson CWF and beads selected by each member for making a bracelet. The group enjoyed a special ice cream cake and wished Nancy the very best as she and her family move to North Carolina in March. She will be greatly missed but also cherished for her many years of wonderful friendship, desserts and discussions in Coffman Watson.



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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 15

Van Driver: Steve McCormack
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Moray Kiehl and Joyce Stanley
Delivered by: Moray Kiehl and Beth Nelms

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Jerry and Mary Daugherty
Elder: Larry Burnam

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David, Julie and Jake Nichols

Liturgist: Sarah Read

Elders: Larry Veatch, Jacki Davidson, Nora Dietzel

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters: Bill Carney (*N. Door*), Sonya Carney (*S. Door*)

Cole Galbraith (*Atrium*), Sarah Storm (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Rose Team

Banner Bearers: Jack Bower and Liam Rose

Candlelighters: Andrew Stormer and Luke Stagg

Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.)

This Week (Feb. 15 - 21)

Sun. - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Edu. Bldg.
- No Youth Groups today

Mon. - Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Mother's Day Out Not in Session

Tue. - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- DWM/CWF Board Mtg., 4:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thr. - STARS Trip to Independence/KC MO, depart from church 8:00 a.m.

