



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship: March 1 Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we turn to the texts from Psalm 22:1-11 and Mark 8:31-9:1 to continue our look at "Faith Formation." Rev. Brad Stagg will preach a sermon entitled "Setting Our Mind on the Divine."

Congregational singing will consist of the hymns *Praise Him, Praise Him; Out of Need and Out of Custom* sung to the tune of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*; and *Bread of the World* at the time of communion.

## Lent - 2015 Faith Formation

Sermon Series Week 2  
"Set our Mind on the Divine"

### Lent & Easter Commitment

Our ministers ask that you and your family make a personal commitment to come to worship 75% of Sundays of Lent and Easter. That's 5 out of the 7 Sundays between Feb. 22-April 5. Let's "Follow Jesus Christ" together as we prepare for Easter!

## All-Church Mission Trip 15 Min. Exploratory Meeting Sunday

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
- servicing needs/constructing/disaster relief

Who wants to go? What are people interested in?  
How could a person 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.**

## FCC says Good-Bye to the Watsons

Please join us on Sunday, March 8 after the second service for a reception in Yonker Hall to say good-bye to the Watson family. If you would like to leave a letter, note or card there will be a basket at both doors to hold your good wishes. There will also be a special blessing for the Watsons at the second service on that same day, March 8. This is your opportunity to wish Godspeed to special members of our church family before their move to the east coast. This is a family who will be missed!

March 8, 2015 will be the last day Ken and Nancy Watson along with Erica and Jaxson will be with us prior to their move a few days later to North Carolina. Ken has served the denomination tirelessly before coming to FCC as our Associate Minister from 1994-2007. Following his retirement in 2007, Ken and Nancy have been active members of our congregation, each assuming the role of Elder and involvement in many committees and assuming leadership positions within the church. Ken is an invaluable resource when it comes to the history of the Disciple movement, the early leaders of the denomination and the history of our church here in Columbia. He was the go-to person every time anyone had a question on the history of First Christian and past leaders of the church. A teacher at heart, Ken has conducted many short class studies on a Disciple subject in history or books of the Bible that would be from one to four sessions. Always the popular and knowledgeable expert he conducted two recent very popular classes on Barton Stone, Alexander Campbell and Raccoon John Smith, early leaders of the Disciple movement.

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



## Dinner for Six

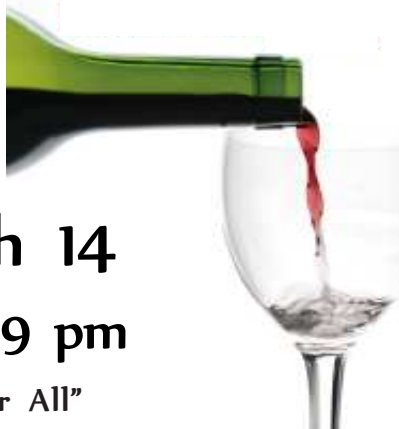
Join us in this great opportunity for church folks to become friends! New groups will be formed for the next *Dinner for Six* season of March, April, May.

### Sign Up by March 1

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](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) or Betty Montgomery: [bettymontgomery@charter.net](mailto:bettymontgomery@charter.net) or 443-7817.

# Wine to Water



Saturday, March 14

Bethany Hall 7 - 9 pm

"Wine to Share, Water for All"

A benefit for Week of Compassion

Who will you invite to this great FCC event?  
Join us and bring a friend for wine, food, and compassion  
for those in need of water.

For childcare, please RSVP to jimmy@firstchristian.org by March 8.

## STARS March Trip

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

### March 26: St. James, Missouri

Vacuum Cleaner Museum

St. James Winery

Depart from church at 8:00 a.m., return by 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20

(Lunch on your own)

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

**RSVP by Sunday, March 22.**

### April 16: St. Louis, Missouri

See the art of the famous George Caleb Bingham at an exhibit held at The St. Louis Art Museum.

### May 20-21: St. Joseph, Missouri

The Spring Over-Nighter!

Touring, sightseeing, and a visit with Molly Read.



## Let's Eat Pancakes Sat.

Let's help the **Coyote Hill kids** and enjoy a great Pancake Breakfast.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 28, 7 AM to 12 Noon

**WHERE:** Memorial Baptist Church, 1634 Paris Road

**WHY:** To help support the Kids' summer activities

**COST:** \$5 adults, \$3 ages 3-12, free under 3

Your Special Birthday!



Marceline Shamberger  
102 on March 2

## News of People & Place

A Valentine letter has arrived from our friends, **Mike and Jan Crouch**. We are sharing it on the church bulletin board.

Also on the church bulletin board is an article from the St. Louis Post Dispatch featuring **Mark Rogers, Genie Rogers' grandson**. His scoring helped his basketball team win a big game recently!

**Marv Tracy** is under hospice care. He and his wife, **Royanne**, were long time members of FCC before moving to Liberty, MO. They would enjoy hearing from friends (1901 Quail Ridge Ct., Liberty, MO 64068).

*Church friends in and out of the hospital:*  
**Charlie Koelling** had a short hospital stay over the weekend. **Ed Bright** recuperates at home following recent hip and leg surgery. **Fred Mottaz** had finger surgery Tuesday.

The DOC college ministry group served over 75 meals at Columbia's Loaves and Fishes on Monday, Feb. 23. The group included **Ryan Hunsaker, Mamie Meenehan, Laura Shirey, Michael Tatum and Trevor Walker**. **Jake Nichols** helped with the SAM's run and **Chuck Scott** offered that great continuity of support.

**The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** will be held in Columbus, Ohio July 18-22. More information is available at [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org) or in future issues of the *Visitor*. Talk to Jimmy Spear if interested in attending.

Happy Birthday



### March 2

Marceline Shamberger  
Victoria Sheppard

### March 3

Sally Estes  
Sue Haynes

### March 4

Sharon Ronchetto

### March 5

John Hamilton  
Khons Volmert

### March 6

Andy Janssen  
Nancy Watson

### March 7

Mike Taylor

### Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Mar 1: Chi-Rho & CYF  
 Mar 8: JYF & CYF  
 Mar 15: Chi-Rho; (No CYF evening mtg)  
 Mar 15: CYF Girls/Boys Events  
 Girls Day: afternoon-lunch and the movie Cinderella  
 Boys Day: afternoon-lunch and an adventure



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.

April 24-26: CYF Leadership Retreat at Culver-Stockton College, Canton MO. Talk to Jimmy if interested.

CYF Summer Mission Trip: July 5-11

### Children's Choir dates:

Mar 1 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Mar 8 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
 Mar 15 singing in worship

### The Garage Sale

**Set up: April 6-9**

**Sale: April 1-12**

### Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, June 28-Thursday, July 2**



Scenes from JYF last Sunday -- as the group took part in a Lenten prayer experience

## Conscious Discipline Program Offered for Parents

Mothers Day Out Preschool is so excited to offer a class in Conscious Discipline. The presenter will be Karen Hickman, a Loving Guidance Associate and a National Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor. The class is open to MDO and FCC parents and will meet in Morris Parlor on Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. The cost for this wonderful opportunity is \$20/person or \$25/ couple. Karen will be talking about Brain Research and Composure and teach Brain Smart strategies for responding, rather than reacting to life events. The group will learn new skills to pass to their children, as they learn their self-regulation skills from the adults in their lives. All will leave with some calming strategies for personal practice and parenting. Pay in advance to Fred in the office making checks payable to "First Christian Church" noting "MDO class" or pay at the door.

~Tracy Westoff, MDO Director



I want to thank everyone that helped with Nelson Trickey's reception. Deb and Bud Batterson, Cherry Hinderberger, Carol Hughey, Jean Juba, Marsha Rawlings, Carol Slusher, Jean Hall, Debbie Potthast, Gene Taylor, Becky Baumgartner, Susan Klockow, Joni Cupp, Sarah Storm, Mary Tompson, Bonnie Fay, Donna Houston, Genie Rogers, and Jane Ann Hacket for delicious desserts that were brought in, helping to prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards. This was the first time helping with a reception for several; I hope they enjoyed the fellowship as much as I did.

~Janelle Patterson

*"It is in giving oneself that one receives" - St. Francis of Assisi*



# Oasis

**March 4**

**5:30 pm**

**Yonker Hall**

**Meal: Pizza! - \$5**

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

**Program, 6:30 pm: BINGO!**

### Oasis Schedule

Mar 11 Dinner Menu: Ham and Beans, Cornbread

Program: TBA

Mar 18 Dinner Menu: POTLUCK

Program: Barb Rothenberger

presents a travelogue on India

Mar 25 - Spring Break. Oasis TBA

## Ladies' Book Club



On March 11 at noon in Bethany Hall, the Ladies' Book Club will discuss Denise Kiernan's *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*. Kiernan tells the story of secretaries, nurses, farm girls, statisticians, chemists and recent high school graduates who moved to an isolated location to work on The Secret of Oak Ridge. Please join us.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am

KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am

### Weekly Report: Feb. 22, 2015

Received this week \$4,351

Received to Date \$280,506

Needed to Date \$296,027

Attendance - 190

(includes early service - 38, visitors - 5)

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## First Christian Church

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

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, March 1

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Jennifer Gwinner

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tommy Gay Evans

*Delivered by:* Tommy Gay Evans

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Asssts.:* Eli Gaffney, Will and Donna Houston

*Elder:* Betty Koelling

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Brian and Heather Mottaz,  
Diana Provenzano, Logan Garton

*Liturgist:* Micki Kirkham

*Elders:* Ken Watson, Nancy Watson, Marilyn Schappert

*Deacons:* The Garton Team

*Greeters:* Susan Klockow (*N. Door*), Janelle Patterson (*S. Door*)

Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Jordan Barnes (*Portico*)

*Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team

*Banner Bearers:* Ella Rogers and Olivia Johnson

*Candlelighters:* Lena Schaefer and Elizabeth Martin

*Children's Worship:* Julie Nichols (ldr.); Jen Micek (hlpr.)

## This Week (March 1 - 7)

- Sun.** - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center  
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Edu. Bldg.  
- Mission Trip Exploratory Mtg., 11:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
- Children's Choir, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
- 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.  
- Adult Education Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- Coffman Watson CWF Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Susan Gray's home
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room  
- 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
- Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m.,  
Bob Evans Restaurant

