



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Sunday School Resumes January 4 9:30-10:20 a.m.

### Children & Youth

Children pre-K, K-2nd, 3rd-5th - Meet in Children's Worship Room to start with a fun video introduction to the day's story.

In January the children will learn the stories of:

*Jarius's Daughter*                      *The Woman at the Well*  
*The Ten Lepers*                         *Mary and Martha*

Youth Class co-led by Sarah Read, Ben Micek, and Jimmy Spear

### Adults

CL Class meets in the Keystone Room: led by Marsha Rawlings.

Lessons for the four weeks of January will be:

A Model for Prayer - Luke 11:1-13  
Jesus Prays for the Disciples - John 17:6-21  
Jesus Intercedes for Us - Hebrews 4:14-5:10  
We Pray for One Another - James 5:13-18

BASIC Pathfinders meet in Bethany Hall:

coffee and a topical/biblical study led by class members

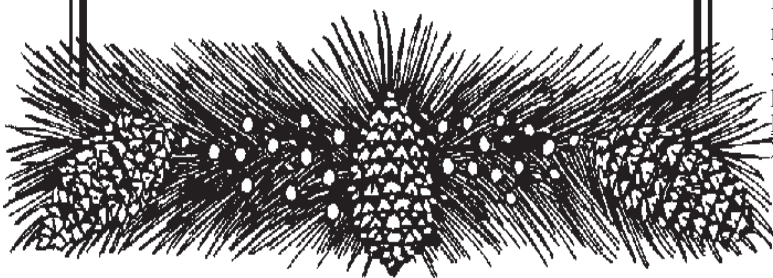
## Worship for January 4 Second Sunday of Christmas

This year there are two weeks of worship between Christmas and Epiphany. This coming second of those weeks will continue our celebration of Jesus' birth. We will finally get the chance to sing *Joy to the World* in full to start the service, and hear the preached word by Rev. Stagg on the continued story of Joy -- "God with us."

### Thank You from the Church Staff

As the 2014 year of serving at First Christian Church comes to a close, the staff offers a most heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the Christmas bonus gift. We continue to be blessed by not only the chance to work with good folks in the church, but also among good people on staff. Thank you for your generosity to the Staff Christmas Fund in this season.

~Brad, Jimmy, Fred, Kay, Keith, Mary, Adriene, Laura and the nursery staff



## Welcome 2015!

What will the new year bring for the good folks of First Christian Church in Columbia? Here is a short list of highlights that will be offered as part of the on-going fellowship, outreach, worship, and program life of the church. *What else might be possible together? Where will you find a place to be involved?*

*Fixing the building:* Air-conditioned Yonker Fellowship Hall, Dry ceilings on the 3rd Floor, moving away from steam heat.

*Serving:* Loaves and Fishes, Breakfast for the Brethren, Warming Station on Sunday mornings.

*Fellowship:* Wine to Water, All Church Campout in May, Sunday Potlucks, STARS travels & fellowship, Advent Events like the Living Nativity and Pageant will be team led.

*Children and Youth:* Weekly youth group meetings, Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trips in June & July, The Garage Sale (late April) benefiting youth mission trips, Over 35 children and youth attending summer church camp.

## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving for the Capital Campaign!

Capital Campaign offerings can now be made electronically (at this time, we can offer electronic processing of *only* Capital Campaign offerings). If you have questions or if you are ready to set up an electronic giving schedule for your Capital Campaign offerings contact Fred at the church office (573-449-7265)! Thank You!

## Annual Art Show is Calling All Artists!

We invite you to submit 1 to 3 pieces to Artists Among Us, a showcase of art by members of our congregation-past, present, and future. All media areas are welcome, including but not limited to: drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, woodwork, jewelry, fibers, etc. Pick up your entry form in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Leon at 573-529-1617 or [kimberlykleon@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlykleon@gmail.com).



Entry Form: DUE 1/04/15

Opening Reception: January 24, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Music, art, food and good company!!!

## A Hymn of Epiphany

### “Sing of God Made Manifest”

Verse 1:

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust  
and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star  
had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave  
and God and king foretold.

Verse 2:

Sing of God made manifest when at  
Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign –  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine –  
Hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my  
beloved Son.”

Verse 3:

Sing of God made manifest when Christ  
came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed as he  
taught, forgave, and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all who would  
listen to God’s call.

Verse 4:

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-  
capped mountain’s crest,  
Where the Law and Prophets waned so  
that Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as  
Jesus set his face  
Toward the waiting cross and grave, sign  
of hope that God would save.



**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday, Jan. 02,**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Bob Evans Restaurant**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

## Ladies' Book Club



The Ladies' Book Club opens 2015 with a biography of Harper Lee on Jan 14 at noon in Bethany Hall. The Washington Post describes the memoir of Harper Lee and her sister, Alice, as the story of “small-town America; of an unlikely friendship between the young author and her elderly subjects; of journalistic integrity; and of grace and fortitude.” Come join us next Wed. Some Ladies bring a lunch. Our gathering lasts about an hour.

## STARS to Plan Future

The STARS group will plan their winter/spring schedule of activities on January 15.

**Planning Meeting over Lunch.**  
**Columbia Area Senior Center.**  
**Thursday, January 15, 11:30 a.m.**

A slate of options will be presented for opinion and calendaring.

*STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of  
First Christian Church*



## News of Our People

Our sympathy to the family of **Larry Clark** who passed away Dec. 24th. A memorial service will be held Wed., January 7, 10:00 a.m., Memorial Funeral Home.

**Rich Montgomery**, is now home recuperating from last week’s heart surgery.

TUBES have been rolling in (pun intended) for the kids art/craft room. Thanks to all collecting. We will always welcome them.

**Pam Hunsaker and Colleen Nilges** headed up the meal for the 40+ people who went Christmas caroling on December 21. Thanks for the warm food welcome!

A big THANK YOU to the **Mark & Janet Mills family** who took time to beautify our church for the Christmas Season! We all enjoyed your hard work and are thankful that you share your time & talents in this way :)

## Capital Campaign Update:

165 pledges have been received, totaling \$ 790,922.88. Thank you to all contributors!

## Your Special Birthday!

Millie  
Caringer

91 on Jan. 9

Louise Ward

90 on Jan. 13



## Happy Birthday



Jan. 04

Paige Freed

Dustin McGowen

Jan. 8

Bryan Garton

Sam Pine

Jan. 05

Lindsey Chandler

Hiliary Nichols

Jan. 10

Samantha Fullington

Ava Hoenes

Darren Pine

Jan. 6

Allison Hardesty

Cindy Rose

## Weekly Reports

**Dec. 21, 2014**

Received this week \$5,386

Received to Date \$211,049

Needed to Date \$224,394

Attendance - 235

(includes early service - 49

and visitors - 26)

**Dec. 28, 2014**

Received this week \$6,062

Received to Date \$217,111

Needed to Date \$237,559

Attendance - 137

(visitors - 10)

## Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Jan 4: No youth groups  
Jan 11: JYF, CYF  
(CR after church lunch and movie)  
Jan 18: MLK wknd – no youth groups  
Jan 25: CR, CYF  
Feb 1: JYF, CYF  
Feb 8: CR, CYF  
Feb 13-14: CYF to FCC Macon  
for Friday night lock-in.  
Feb 15: Presidents wknd – no youth groups  
Feb 22: JYF, CYF  
Mar 1: CR, CYF  
Mar 8: JYF, CYF  
Mar 15: CR, CYF  
Mar 22 & 29: Spring Brk – no youth groups  
Mar 29: Maybe some event TBA  
Apr 5: Easter – no youth groups  
Apr 12: JYF, CYF  
Apr 19: CR, CYF  
Apr 26: JYF, CYF  
Mar. 3: CR, CYF

Children's Choir dates will be announced in next week's Visitor.

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.



## Meeting at New Tables

Pictured below is the CWF-Disciples Women board. This group of leaders represents the FCC women's groups. Together they raise funds, lead fellowship groups, coordinate service groups and opportunities and help all around the church.



The group is pictured in the Keystone Room at a large table. This table (made up of 4 tables) is a new addition to this primary meeting space at FCC. The new tables are attractive, sturdy and multi-purposed and were much needed. The church library is another prime meeting space for small groups and conversations. Five new blue chairs have been added to the meeting table in the library which will keep the constant borrowing of chairs from other rooms to a minimum. These tables and chairs were purchased at a great sale price (through church member connections) and utilized funds from the Anna Katherine Yost Memorial Fund.

## Congratulations Graduates!

**Andrew Thomas Gieseke**, School of Journalism, Bachelor of Journalism, Minor in Religious Studies, Univ. of MO. Son of Dan and Holly Gieseke.

**Lindsey Ann Chandler**, School of Health Professions, Bachelor of Health Sciences, University of Missouri. Daughter of Russ and Linda Chandler.

**Jesse Taylor Barnes**, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Structural Emphasis), University of Missouri. Husband of Jordan Mills Barnes.

If there are others, please let the church office know. Thank you.



I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



## Annual Christmas Caroling

Over 40 youth, children and adults comprised the two groups Christmas Caroling on Dec. 21 to four Residential Care Centers and several homes. Pictured are the youth contingent singing at The Bluffs.



**Oasis**  
**Jan. 07**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Yonker Hall**

Pizza - \$5  
and Bingo Night

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



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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, Jan. 04

*Van Driver:* Perry Stemmons

*Office Receptionist:* Janelle Patterson

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Dan and Holly Gieseke

*Delivered by:* Dan and Holly Gieseke

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Alan and Connie Street

*Elder:* Mary Daugherty

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Amy Marrero, Chuck Scott,  
Jonathan LaHue

*Liturgist:* Wolf Schaefer

*Elders:* Julie Hickey, Jean Hall, John Hickey

*Deacons:* The Garton Team

*Greeters:* Alan Street (*N. Door*), Connie Street (*S. Door*)  
Dan Gieseke (*Atrium*), Holly Gieseke (*Portico*)

*Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team

*Banner Bearers:* Emma Hawkins and Elizabeth Martin

*Candlelighters:* Joseph McCormack and Lena Schaefer

*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (ldr.)

### This Week (Jan. 4 - 10)

- Sun.** - DOC Mission Trip to Clarksdale, MS all this week  
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.
- Mon.** - Mother's Day Out program resumes  
- Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Capital Campaign Management Team, 4:30 p.m.,  
Keystone Room  
- Adult Ed. Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Chancel Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall  
- Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

