



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship for January 11 Epiphany

This Sunday we continue our celebration of Epiphany. Hymns, choir selections, and the children's message all focus on Epiphany, the celebration of God's manifestation in our lives, symbolized by the Magi recognizing the Christ in their midst in the home of Mary and Joseph. Rev. Stagg's sermon focuses on the Epiphany of the Holy Spirit, entitled "The Holy Spirit" based on Genesis 1:1-5 and Acts 19:1-7.



Epiphany

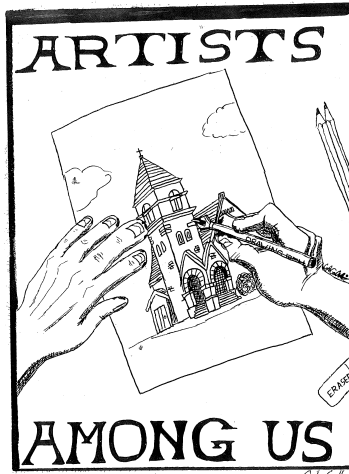
Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

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

Weekly Report Jan. 04, 2014

Received this week \$11,875
Received to Date \$227,486
Needed to Date \$246,091
Attendance - 144
(includes early service - 49
and visitors - 9)



Art Show

January 25-31
Bethany Hall

Open House:

Sunday, January 25 with light
brunch after each worship service

Closing Reception:

Saturday, January 31, 5-7 pm with music and food

"A showcase of art by members of the congregation - past, present, and future"

Calling artists of all ages! Entry forms are now available in the church office.



Winter Break Mission Trip - DOC College Group

Group of 18 in Clarksdale, MS January 3-9 building a sanctuary for Real Faith Christian Ch.

A Bit from Brad

CNN reminded me this week that *Back to the Future II*, Michael J. Fox's second episode of the runaway blockbuster trilogy filmed in the 1980's, took place in the far future... 2015. Well, here it is 2015 and we don't have hover skateboards or flying cars. But then again we do have 3-D movies as predicted; and as for fax machines which were everywhere in the movie, they've been nearly eclipsed by smartphones and apps. The future is here!

My 75 year old dad reminds me, "The older I get, the faster time passes. Sure it's 25 years from 25 to 50, but the time from 50 to 75 went by so much faster, even though it's the same amount of time." The future has arrived!

Truthfully, time moves more quickly as we run out of it. Time is simply the measurement of life; some say, "Time is life." How will you spend your time, your life this year? Sharing or accumulating? Loving or resenting? Enthused or shamed? Believing or doubting? Building or criticizing?

In Mark's gospel, Jesus' first statement is "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand." Immediately we sense Jesus' urgency. Time/life is precious and precarious. How we spend it matters! Will your life matter in 2015? Of course your life matters. But more exactly, will you live your life this year as if it matters? The future is now!

Happy New Year!
Blessings, Brad

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving for the Capital Campaign!

Capital Campaign offerings can now be made electronically (at this time, we 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!



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.

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 Marja Mills' *The Mockingbird Next Door*, 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, Jan. 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

The 2015 MU Alumni calendar features a picture taken by our own **Chris Creasy**.

Congratulations to **Molly Elizabeth Read** and **Derrick Richard Ring** on their upcoming wedding planned for May 30, 2015.

Dr. Larry Clark's memorial service is Wed., Jan. 7 at 10:00 at Memorial Funeral Home. Our sympathy to: his wife, Yvonne Clark; son, Marc Murray; and nephew, David Fox & wife, Patty.

Tom Hughey returned to church after his knee replacement surgery.

Rich Montgomery is home again after returning to the hospital with blood clots in the lung and congestive heart failure following his triple-bypass surgery.

Norma Ault, Mary Daugherty's mother, will have neurosurgery Wed., Jan. 7 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

DOC Mission Trip - 18 students and leaders including **Rev. Jimmy Spear** are in Clarksdale, MS working on a predominately African-American Disciples of Christ church in need of repair.

Capital Campaign Update:

166 pledges have been received,
totaling \$794,717.00.

Thank you to all contributors!

Wishing You a
**Happy
Birthday!**

Jan. 13

Jeff Alexander
Anastasia Palmer
Louise Ward

Jan. 15

Susan Ballard
Charles Brown
Janet Mountjoy

Jan. 14

Jesse Barnes
Bradley Daugherty
Nannie Lou Mallett

Jan. 17

Carolyn Savoy
Mason Stevens

Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Jan 11: CR, Noon-2:00ish ?
JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
CYF, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

May 3: CR, CYF

Children's Choir dates:

Jan 11 4:00-4:30 (JYF Sunday)
Jan 18 no CC (Holiday)
Jan 25 4:30-5:30 (Chi Rho Sunday)

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.



Room at the Inn Winter Shelter Update

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the Room at the Inn Winter Shelter this year by providing supplies and/or cash donations! It is not too late to help with this ministry. Temperatures are dropping; the Shelter is at or near maximum capacity each night, and the need continues. A list of tax-deductible donations is posted on the Church Bulletin Board as well as the Church-In-Society Bulletin Board. If you have any questions regarding how you can help in the ministry, contact Sarah Storm @ 573-289-0072.

A Word Picture: Ministry of Clothes (and Love)

We wish you could have been with us on December 12 as ten volunteers served at the Wardrobe. Be careful! Volunteering there is addictive, and we'd love to share the joy with any of you who want to join us.

Mix ten willing helpers with countless grateful shoppers and you'll hear "This is the best department store in town," "Why, this would have cost over a hundred dollars at any other store," and "I couldn't clothe my children if the Wardrobe were not here." We ooh and aah over their finds and applaud them on their smart shopping. There's happy bantering as they pay (never more than a dollar on most articles of clothing), and we stuff each bag full of their purchases.

Two volunteers work at the counter where the clothes are sacked and shoppers pay. Another volunteer acts as our banker and makes change for us. Hence we have three workers per hour. If we have a lull in selling, we all pitch in to unpack clothes and hang them on the racks. Each aisle is well labeled in the spacious room in which everyone shops.

Bursts of laughter are a vital part of our exchange with the shoppers. We share their pleasure in finding what they need. They wave good-bye and tell us that the Wardrobe is their favorite place to go. "See you again soon."

We hope this picture of what goes on at the Wardrobe will show you why many of us volunteer once a month. Mondays and Tuesdays are good days to help as well. On Monday, workers replenish the clothes for the week ahead. Tuesday is a "referral day" for shoppers who are exempt from paying. The Wardrobe is closed to the public on these two special days. First Christian Church volunteers staff the second Friday of each month. We mark our calendars so we can plan to leave that day open.

If any of you would like to join us, even if it's just to see how things operate, please contact me at 446-0062 or <ednelms7@gmail.com> We are always in need of workers and would love to share the joy with you. Let me know your interest, and I'll schedule you to join us at any hour/s between 11:00 am-4:00 pm. ~Beth Nelms

Room at the Inn (RATI) Warming Station Update

We just completed our 4th week of hosting the RATI warming station and it is going well! We started with 9 guests the first week, increased to 15 each of the next two weeks, and, with the colder temperatures this past Sunday, we topped out at 26! THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to staff the warming station these past 4 weeks! We still *have openings available for volunteers* for coming weeks (the warming station will be open through March 8).

RATI Warming Station Details:

WHAT/WHY: The RATI warming station hosts guests from the RATI overnight shelter for a 2-hour period after they leave the overnight shelter (at 7 a.m.) and before they attend Sunday breakfast at Wilkes Blvd. Methodist Church (at 9 a.m.).

WHERE: FCC Higbee Center

WHEN: 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. every Sunday morning from December 14, 2014 through March 8, 2015. (Volunteers are needed to staff the warming station from approximately 6:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Detailed instructions will be provided!)

If you have questions **OR** wish to sign up to help with the warming station, please contact Janelle Patterson @ 573-445-9893 (home); 573-864-1151 (cell), or kcat3@aol.com.

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Dr. John J. Yonker

Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 11

Van Driver: Kim Leon

Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Kim and Abigail Reardon

Delivered by: Steve and Jessica Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Carol Hughey, Will and Donna Houston

Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Richard and Allie Schomaker,
Deborah Scott

Liturgist: David Read

Elders: Paula Hoenes, Jennifer Alexander, C.K. Hoenes

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters: Russ Palmer(*N. Door*), Ken Watson (*S. Door*)

Beth Nelms (*Atrium*), Ben Nelms (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Ella Rogers and Max Gregory

Candlelighters: Maddie Micek and Liam Rose

Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.)

This Week (Jan. 11 - 17)

- Sun.** - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.
- Mon.** - Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Elders Dinner Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Capital Campaign Management Team Mtg., 12:00 p.m.,
Keystone Room
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Thr.** - STARS planning meeting, 11:30 a.m., Columbia Sr. Ctr.

