



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship for January 18 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany. Rev. Stagg's sermon based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and John 1:43-51 examines the calling of God in our lives with his sermon simply entitled "Calling."

In the winter months the wind and cold have us yearning for light and warmth. Coincidentally, we serve up large quantities of both on Sunday mornings at FCC.

What would it look like in our pews if guests were invited to join you for a time in the light of Christ and in the warmth of disciples gathered?



## Oasis Jan. 21 5:30 pm Yonker Hall

Meal - \$5: Ham and Bean Soup, Greens and Cornbread

Program: Rev. Jimmy Spear will lead a conversation and prayer experience around the writings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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

### Weekly Report Jan. 11, 2014

Received this week \$8,841  
Received to Date \$236,326  
Needed to Date \$252,770  
Attendance - 221  
(includes early service - 50 and visitors - 9)

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Candle Light Walk & Memorial Celebration Monday, January 19, 2015

### Candle Light Walk

6:30 p.m.

Douglass High School  
300 N. Providence Rd.



### Memorial Celebration

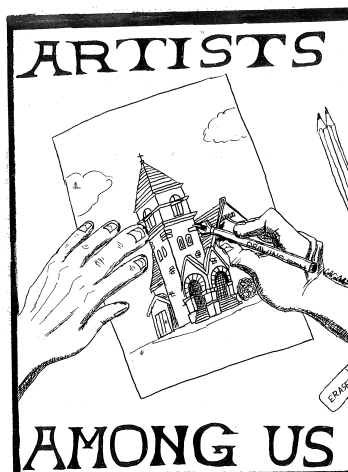
7:00 p.m.

St. Luke UMC  
204 East Ash

Celebrating Dr. King, his message, and his legacy.

Sponsored by: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Association  
For more information: call 874-6379 or email [BLT@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:BLT@gocolumbiamo.com)

## Corrected Information for the



## Art Show

Jan. 24 - Feb. 1  
Bethany Hall

### Opening Reception:

Sat., Jan. 24

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Music, art, food and good company!

Sunday, January 25, Open House:  
after each worship service

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

## Capital Campaign Draws to Conclusion

Sunday, February 1, marks the official conclusion for the congregational portion of our Capital Campaign. While FCC will gladly receive more gifts and pledges after that date, the total received up to that point in time will be the total amount presented to potential outside contributors. Darryl Prater of Church Development wisely reminds us that outside donors always ask, "How much are the congregation members putting forth?" when determining if and how much they might contribute to a church. The more commitment shown by congregants, the more likely outside donors will contribute. In other words, the more we give to our cause, the more likely others will join in our cause. So, the window of opportunity to boost our Total Congregational Giving for the Capital Campaign will soon close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to do so.

### Capital Campaign Update:

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

Thank you to all contributors!

## Attention: Middle and High School Girls

The Drennan Singers will be singing for the 8:30 and 10:30 services on May 17, 2015. We would love for you to sing with us! We will practice Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 on April 27th, May 4th and May 11th. Please call Brenda Mosby at 573-881-8385 if you can sing with us.

## Youth Class Sundays

The Youth Sunday School Class will be taking on discussions about the ancient 7 Deadly Sins in the coming weeks prior to Easter. While these sins in direct correlation to death won't be the primary goal, the class will be looking at the 7 as they relate to modern life and ancient biblical witness. What are the 7? Sloth, gluttony, pride, avarice, lust, wrath, and envy.

The youth class is for middle and high school youth. It meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the room across from the elevator at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

## RATI Warming Station

Cold temperatures on Sunday, January 11, resulted in approximately 30 guests visiting the Higbee Center (RATI Warming Center) from 7 – 9 a.m. to share in coffee/cocoa, conversation and heat!! THANK YOU, everyone who has volunteered so far to make this warming station happen. The warming station will be open each Sunday from 7 – 9 a.m. through March 8 and we still need some volunteers (**must be 18 years old**) for most of the remaining Sundays. Please contact Janelle Patterson if you have questions OR wish to sign up to help: 573-445-9893 (home); 573-864-1151 (cell); or [kcat3@aol.com](mailto:kcat3@aol.com).



My thanks and appreciation for all the cards, flowers, visits and good wishes; but mostly, your prayers. I'm sure that when I was in the depths, your prayers lifted me up into the arms of God and carried me through that time. Thanks to Brad and Jimmy for their support. Brad was there from the very beginning. ~Rich Montgomery

The family of Daniel Niday wants to thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement brought to him at his home, your prayers and Jimmy's many visits. Also, it meant so much to Dad to still be able to take communion at home. He always remained strong in his faith in God. ~Sharon, Dan and Steve Ronchetto



## News of Our People

**Jerry Vaught** (94) died last Wednesday; services were Monday, Jan. 12 at FCC.

**Bill Moon, Betty Moon's** husband is undergoing tests to determine his condition.

**Rich Montgomery** – After his 3<sup>rd</sup> hospital stay following his triple-bypass, Rich has been transferred to The Neighborhood to recover.

**Eva Bright's son John Beffa** is on life-support in MICU at University Hospital as they work to balance out his medications. Praying for no brain damage as John stopped breathing for some time.

**Norma Ault – Mary Daugherty's** mother had neurosurgery Jan.7 at Barnes Hosp. in St. Louis; Doctor fused 2-3-4-5-6-7 and T-1 all the way down to the thoracic spine; she's been discharged to a KC nursing home.

**DOC Mission Trip to Clarksdale, MS:** the 18 participants returned safely Friday evening.

**Jeff & Willie Wheeland** – celebrate the birth of their newest granddaughter, Shaya Nia Clark, Jan. 5, daughter of Loretta Mitchell.

**For the Terrorist Attack in Paris last week,** we pray for comfort for those mourning, healing/strength for the injured, for peace among the nations, and that conflicts between peoples would be solved with civility, respect, and discourse rather than terror or violence.

## Happy Birthday!



Jan. 18

Mike Korman  
Greg Mooney  
Mike Mountjoy

Jan. 23

Teresa Foster  
Matthew Hoepfner  
Jennifer Micek  
Ella Rose Rogers

Jan. 20

Kay Ahrens

Jan. 24

Jan. 21  
John Crane  
Susan Klockow

Jim Silvey  
Marion Storm

## Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

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

### Children's Choir dates:

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



(Chi-Rho groupers after lunch last Sun.)

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.



## 100k Ministry Miles

The 1997 Ford Church Van recently hit a big milestone. Somewhere in northern Arkansas, while on the trip back from the DOC Winter Break Mission Trip in Mississippi, the old van hit 100,000 miles. While the 100k mile mark these days is perhaps just breaking in a car, for a church van that is high mileage. When one considers the majority of the van's life has been spent sitting in the parking lot waiting to be taken out, it really is a lot of miles!

Mission trips, historical tours, church camp, youth outings, senior fellowship trips, Sunday morning pickups are just a few of the many ways we as a church in 17 years racked up 100,000 miles crisscrossing the state and country (Noting since the bus purchase in 2010 30k have been put on the bus as a primary for trips.) The old van still runs pretty good and is venerable in so many ways. We just thought the church might want to know the story of how we have been good stewards of a vital piece of ministry over the years.



## Students serve over Winter Break

The DOC - Disciples on Campus group (pictured above with long term Volunteers in Mission leaders Mike & Julie Robinson) served in Clarksdale MS. Pictured below in the new and old building of Real Faith Christian Church. Look them up on the web [www.realfaithcc.org](http://www.realfaithcc.org) to see their story!



The students helped do finishing projects to the interior of the sanctuary. A tall 40 ft wall needed plywood and dry-wall, the chancel steps were constructed, tile floors were laid and grouted, and an interior ramp was started. Four days of work got the place further to completion. Volunteer groups will be doing more work throughout the winter and spring. The church has a vibrant ministry in that community that will be enhanced by a sanctuary and gym space.





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Keith Picker, Custodian

### 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. 18

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* Carol Slusher  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Nancy Watson  
*Delivered by:* Deb Batterson

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Tommy Gay Evans and Donna Houston  
*Elder:* Donna Houston

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Ben and Jen Micek, Helen Stemmons  
*Liturgist:* Nancy Watson  
*Elders:* Rich Hoepfner, Eric Arnett, Pamela Hoepfner  
*Deacons:* The Nichols Team  
*Greeters:* Linda Ridgeway (*N. Door*), Fred Mottaz (*S. Door*)  
Diana Provenzano (*Atrium*), Roy Rogers (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Rose Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Jack Bower and Carleigh Snow  
*Candlelighters:* Olivia Johnson and Ava Hoenes  
*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (ldr.)

## This Week (Jan. 18 - 24)

- Sun.** - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center  
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.  
- Church Women United Annual Mtg., 2:30 p.m.,  
First Baptist Church  
- No youth groups
- Mon.** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed  
- Newsletter deadline  
- MDO not in session
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- DWM/CWF Board Meeting, 4:00 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
- Sat.** - Art Show set up, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- Art Show Opening Reception, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall