



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## 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!

### Open House:

Sunday, Jan. 25  
after each worship service

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

### Welcome New Members

**John and Linda Hamilton** were welcomed into the church family last Sunday, January 18 in the 8:30 worship service. The church has become familiar with their spirit and story in recent months as the Hamiltons have been attending the 8:30 service as well as the Tuesday Bible Study. They come by transfer of membership from First Christian Church in Fulton, MO.

John and Linda are lifelong coaches of many sports having retired from public education in 2011. They both taught P.E. at Jefferson Junior High School and coached swimming for Hickman & Rockbridge. Now they enjoy reading, exercise/weights, and volunteering.



John and Linda Hamilton with Rev. Stagg

### Worship for January 25 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

The third week of Epiphany brings familiar texts as the basis of worship. Jesus calling the first disciples from their fishing boats to be fishers of people as told from Mark 1 will be joined with a text from Jonah 3. Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message entitled *"But I'm Not A Fisherman!"*

Calling and following are themes that will be highlighted in the day's hymns: *I Love Your Church*, *O God* set to the hymntune ST. THOMAS; the moving *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* could not be a better hymn match for the day; and at the table we will sing the short yet powerful repetitive hymn *Eat this Bread*.

### Capital Campaign Update:

168 pledges have been received, totaling \$794,768.00.

Thank you to all contributors!

### Weekly Report

**Jan. 18, 2015**

Received this week \$7,065

Received to Date \$244,892

Needed to Date \$260,404

Attendance - 178

(includes early service - 43

and visitors - 8)



## Oasis

Jan. 28

5:30 pm

Yonker Hall

Meal: Potluck

Program: for Jan. 28 to be announced on Sunday

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

## Capital Campaign

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. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please do so by Feb. 1. Thank you.



## Chancel Flowers

Did you miss the sign-up dates for flower donation in church? Not to worry - if you would like to honor or remember someone special we have 3 dates available for you. The dates are February 22, April 26, and May 17, and the nominal cost is \$30. Call Fred at the church office to sign up.

~Mary Daugherty

## News of People & Place

Prayers with those in the hospital:  
**Carolyn Savoy** - University Hospital  
**Tom Shrout** - Boone Hospital  
**John Beffa** - Eva Bright's son, MICU, Univ.

Those recently out of the hospital:  
**Nelson Tricky**, recuperates at Lenoir Healthcare Center.  
**Pat Wright** is home after recent surgery.

The Chancel Choir is preparing a Cantata to be presented in Worship on Palm Sunday, March 29. Singers are welcome to join the effort! Talk with director Adriene Price to find out when Cantata practice will take place.

The DOC (Disciples on Campus) college student ministry is back for the semester meeting on Wednesday nights in Bethany Hall from 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Construction is now on-going at the church with the HVAC in Yonker Hall and the offices being installed.

Rev. Brad Stagg is in Chicago at Garrett Theological Seminary from January 18-31 attending classes for his Doctor of Ministry degree. This is the first round of class time that will span over a three year period.

## STARS 2015 Calendar

A planning team of STARS participants has met and worked on the following schedule of events from February through August of this year. Details will come as the events approach.



STARS is the fellowship group for FCC folks and friends 55+. It is for men and women with a willing spirit of adventure and fellowship. There is often travel and food involved in a STARS event and the church mini-bus offers a great ride. 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

**March 19 St. James, Missouri**  
 Vacuum Museum, Lunch, Winery Tour

**April 16-17 St. Louis, Missouri**  
 George Caleb Bingham Exhibit,  
 St. Louis Art Museum  
 Lunch at The Women's Exchange

**May 20-21 St. Joseph, Missouri**  
 Walt Disney home, Marceline  
 Walter Cronkite Memorial  
 Touring with local friend Molly Read  
 Other places to visit TBA

**June 18 At FCC, Columbia**  
 Lunch and program in the new A/C!

**July 23 Stages in Kirkwood, MO**  
 The musical "Anything Goes"

**August 27 Lyceum in Arrow Rock**  
 The play "Driving Miss Daisy"

## Ladies' Book Club



On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the Ladies' Book Club will gather at noon in Bethany Hall to discuss the mystery *The Weight of Blood* by local author, Laura McHugh. Set in the Ozarks, several critics label it a haunting novel one can't put down. Come join us and let us know if you agree!



I want to thank everyone that helped with Jerry Vaught's reception. Sara Klockow, Kathy Barreto, Joyce Stanley, Cindy Smith, Susan and Tom Gray, Sarah Storm, Opal Stites, Sue Wright, Deb Batterson, Moray Kiehl, Carol Slusher, Jane Ann Hackett, and Anne Campbell for the delicious desserts that were brought in, helping to prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards. ~Janelle Patterson

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* ~Helen Keller

## Your Special Birthday!

Jim Ross  
 92 on Jan. 28



On a very cold wintery day Donna and Will Houston visited us bringing good food and conversation. It put a smile on Nat's face! We are very thankful to our FCC family.

~Bette and Nat Scavone

The beautiful bouquet of flowers and Jessica Humble's cheerful visit made our day. It's nice to be on the receiving end of the wonderful Ministry of Flowers.

~Bill and Betty Moon

## Birthdays to Celebrate



Jan. 26  
 Glenda Clark  
 Jan Keithley  
 Kara Zimmer

Jan. 29  
 Anita Dresser  
 Bryan Freed  
 Cole Galbraith

Jan. 28  
 Jim Baumgartner  
 Jim Ross

Jan. 30  
 Ron Sheppard

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.



**Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:**

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 25 4:30-5:30 (Chi Rho Sunday)  
 Feb 1 4:00-4:30  
 Feb 8 sing in the 10:30 service  
 Feb 15 no CC due to holiday

**Hayley & the Boys**

How different the preschool Sunday School class is from a few years ago when we had 1 boy in amongst a group of girls! Any given Sunday, I get to spend an hour with at least 3 and up to 6 little boys and find that the boy dynamic has profound effects on our class time, to say the least.

This past week because some toy “friends” from home joined us for class, the boys and I took a turn from the traditional teachings and began discussing Jesus as a Superhero. I asked the boys what makes a Superhero so super—and then we tried to match qualities of Jesus. Here were our discoveries:

- A Superhero helps people. So does Jesus!
- A Superhero is always there when someone needs them. So is Jesus!
- As Superhero isn't always seen, but he is always there waiting to help. So is Jesus!
- A Superhero stops the bad guy. Jesus stops Satan, but also bullies, monsters and other bad things!
- A Superhero can fly/has special powers. Jesus performs miracles—we bet he can fly if he wants to (not to mention the ascension)!
- Superheroes seem like normal “guys” until they need to help someone. So did Jesus!
- A Superhero defies death. So did Jesus!
- A Superhero always wins at the end. So will Jesus!
- Can you think of others to add??

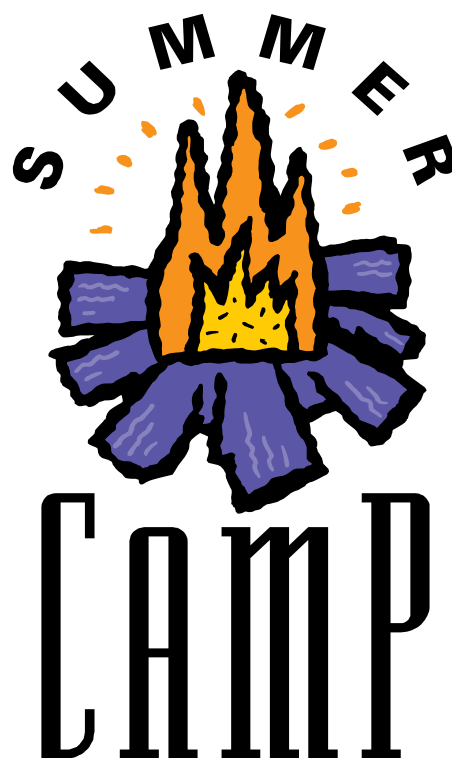
I know our class felt so much better that we have a real, true Superhero on our side! I've said it before and I'll say it again—I am so very blessed to spend this time with the little minds and hearts of our children and experience the Bible and faith thru their sweet eyes.

The Holy Spirit is at work even during play, and it's a beautiful thing to experience! Thank you for sharing these little ones with me! ~ Hayley Batterson, teacher, pre-school class

**Summer Church Camp 2015**

(Hosted by Northeast & Ozark Lakes Areas - NEOLA)

<u>Camps by Age Group at Rickman</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grade Completed</u>
<b>Mid-America Young Adult Retreat</b>	May 22-25	
<b>CYF Conference</b> (Sun. 3 p.m.-Fri. 2 p.m.)	June 7-12	9-12
<b>Elementary 1 Camp</b>	June 16-18	2-3
<b>Try-It Camp</b> (a taste of camp for parents or grandparents & younger children)	June 19-21	
<b>Junior 1 Camp</b>	June 23-27	4-5
<b>MAD</b> (Music, Art & Drama)	July 6-11	6-9
<b>Chi-Rho Camp</b> (Jimmy directs)	July 13-18	6-7
<b>Elementary 2</b>	July 20-22	2-3
<b>Junior 2 Camp</b>	July 20-24	4-5
<b>That Camp About God and Sex</b>	July 27-Aug. 1	8



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## Return Service Requested

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

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 25

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* TBA  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Sarah Storm  
*Delivered by:* Sarah Storm

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Steve and Sharon Smith, Eli Gaffney  
*Elder:* Will Houston

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Joe and Kim Reardon, Chuck Scott  
*Liturgist:* Gene Kirkham  
*Elders:* Ken Watson, Dan Backues, Nancy Watson  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeters:* Chris Stormer (*N. Door*), Candace Stormer (*S. Door*)  
Carol Slusher (*Atrium*), Abigail Reardon (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Andrew Stormer and Mia Gregory  
*Candlelighters:* Luke Stagg and Emma Hawkins  
*Children's Worship:* Julie Nichols (ldr.)

### This Week (Jan. 25 - 31)

- Sun.** - Rev. Spear will be preaching at both services  
- RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center  
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.  
- Artists Among Us Art Show Open House, 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
and 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
- Children's Choir, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
- Chi-Rho Youth Group (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.  
- Serving at Loaves & Fishes  
- Nominating Committee Meeting, 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  
- Brummett Harrah, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Jane Ann Hackett's home  
- 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