



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Cranes to the heavens

Or at least to get the old HVAC units off the roof! Each week new projects toward getting the building dry and hvac friendly are under way. Allow time to deal with parking issues if you are coming to the church during the week.

## Capital Campaign Update:

173 pledges have been received, totaling \$807,617.88.

Thank you to all contributors!

### Weekly Report Jan. 25, 2015

Received this week \$6,700  
Received to Date \$251,592  
Needed to Date \$266,129  
Attendance - 226  
(includes early service - 38  
and visitors - 10)

**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday, Feb. 06,**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

## Ken Watson to Teach

*"Columbia and the Faithful Founders"*

Three of the most important historical figures in the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) came through Columbia and preached in (or near) the Christian Church, drawing large crowds from the surrounding area. What they found was a young but strong and growing congregation of Christians settled in a very small frontier town with prominence in education and politics. Ken Watson will present two programs at OASIS, Feb. 4 & 11, about the visits of these men and what they might have seen both in the congregation and town. There will also be discussion about the strange fate that befell two of the preachers who gave their last sermons on earth among the folks of Columbia.

**Wed., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.:** Stone's 1844 visit to the Bear Creek Church and John Smith's 1858 visit; **Wed., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.:** Two trips of Alexander Campbell of 1845 and 1852.

## Watsons Move East

It is great of Ken Watson to offer one more round of classes on Disciples history before moving later this spring. Ken and Nancy will be moving in March to North Carolina in an area close to older daughter Heather. The Watson's have made FCC Columbia a church home for many years providing leadership not only during Ken's time on staff as Associate Minister but also in recent years as active teachers and elders in many areas of church life. We wish them well and look forward to hearing Ken teach our history in February.

## Worship for February 1

*What is this?!*

A question in the tone of exclamation is the theme of this week's sermon by Rev. Jimmy Spear. He will continue our look at Mark Chapter 1 concentrating on verses 21-28. Jesus teaching and healing with authority has the locals asking this question with great alarm. Hymns of the day will include the majestic *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; Wonderful Words of Life*; and at the time of communion, *These I Lay Down*. Four scouts will be honored in the 10:30 worship service having completed their God and Family merit badge/award.



## Oasis

**Feb. 04**  
**5:30 pm**

**Yonker Hall**

**Meal:** Creative Casseroles - \$5

**Program:** "Columbia and The Faithful Founders, part 1", Dr. Ken Watson

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

### Oasis Schedule

- Feb 11** Dinner Menu: Baked Potato Bar  
Program: Dr. Ken Watson  
"Columbia and The Faithful Founders - part 2"
- Feb 18** Dinner Menu: POTLUCK  
Ash Wednesday Service-6:30 pm
- Feb 25** TBA
- Mar 4** Dinner Menu: Pizza  
Program: BINGO!
- Mar 11** Dinner Menu: Ham and Beans,  
Cornbread  
Program: Dr. Larry Veatch  
presentation on prayer
- Mar 18** Dinner Menu: POTLUCK  
Program: Barb Rothenberger  
presents a travelogue on India
- Mar 25** - Spring Break. Oasis TBA

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:**

Feb 1: JYF- regular time  
 CYF - meet at LaHue's house for  
**Super Bowl Party** - game starts at  
 5:30. Food and fun provided.

Feb 8: CR, CYF

Feb 13: **Chi-Rho Mission Day**  
 With no school, the Chi-Rho youth group  
 will serve with friends at Lenoir Healthcare  
 Center. Meet at Church at 11:00 a.m./  
 pickup at 5:00 p.m. Lunch provided.

Feb 13-14: **CYF to FCC Macon**  
 for Friday night lock-in.  
 RSVP to Jimmy by Feb 8.

Feb 15: Presidents wknd – no youth groups

**Children's Choir dates:**

Feb 8 sing in the 10:30 service  
 Feb 15 no CC due to holiday

**STARS 2015 Calendar**

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 in-  
 volved 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  
 Depart from church at 8 a.m., return 6 p.m.  
 Cost: \$37 (entry fees & travel)  
 Lunch on your own  
 Ride needed: indicate so when signing up or  
 call Carol Slusher at 874-4902

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

**April 16 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"  
 Registration needed by Feb. 16 for tickets  
 Tickets are \$31.50 (to be paid in June)

**News of People & Place**

**Olivia Johnson** had the leading role as Mrs.  
 Isabelle Goodman, a widowed, Broadway  
 theater owner, in Grant School's production  
 of "The Best Little Theater in Town" on  
 Thursday, January 22nd. The play was writ-  
 ten for middle school aged actors/actresses,  
 but the 4th and 5th grade cast put on a great  
 show!


**Perry & Helen Stemmons** request prayers  
 this week as their 20 yr. old grandson **Kevin  
 Mercer** has complex surgery on part of his  
 brain in Atlanta on Friday, Jan.30.

**Tom Shrout** continues to be under hospice  
 care at Lenoir HCC. Cards are most welcome,  
 no visitors please.

**Wilkie Wilkerson** having had surgery to  
 repair a broken leg, is undergoing rehabilita-  
 tion while at Lenoir HCC.

**Marcus Borg**, the scholar and theologian so  
 familiar to our church — having been the  
 Rogers lecturer twice and having been one  
 who wrote in a way that we understood.  
 Borg died this week at the age of 72 of an  
 extended illness. We will remember fondly  
 every seat in the sanctuary filled to hear him  
 speak in 2011.

**Brad Stagg** completes his Doctor of Minis-  
 try class time in Chicago and returns to Co-  
 lumbia on Saturday, January 31.



Thanks for all the prayers  
 and support during my  
 recent hospitalization.  
 Thanks, Millie, for my nice  
 warming shawl. A pie always makes you  
 feel better. Thanks, Nannie Lou. Bud &  
 Debbie and their granddaughters deliv-  
 ered flowers to our house which bright-  
 ened our day. Thank you Jimmy for your  
 visit and your prayers. And, thanks to  
 Brad for being there when I wasn't very  
 good company. Also, thanks to my very  
 special nurse, Sue. ~Pat Wright

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Thank you to Gene and Micki Kirkham  
 for delivering the beautiful flowers for  
 my 92nd birthday. ~Jim Ross

**Coffman Watson to Meet**

Coffman Watson Group will meet on Mon-  
 day, February 2, 7:00 p.m. at the home of  
 Moray Kiehl (603 Edgewood Rd.).


**Ladies' Book Club**

Don't forget to stop in Bethany  
 Hall at noon on Wed., Feb. 11,  
 for the discussion of the mur-  
 der mystery, *The Weight of  
 Blood*, by Columbia author  
 Laura McHugh. Bring your lunch. Our dis-  
 cussion lasts about an hour.




**Your Special Birthday!**

Millie  
 Bolman  
 96 on Feb. 2



**Happy Birthday**



<u>Feb. 1</u> Amy Marrero	<u>Feb. 4</u> Susan Palmer
<u>Feb. 2</u> Millie Bolman	<u>Feb. 7</u> Lorene Trickey

## Artists Among Us Art Show

Bethany Hall was teeming with guests at the opening of the "Artists Among Us" show last Saturday evening. 25 artists were represented in fabric, pencil, paint, pottery, wood, and thread. The reception featured food and drink, the live music of Keith Picker, and a chance to meet the artists who are truly among us.

The Arts Committee worked hard to prepare the space and show. Thanks to Sarah Read, Kim Leon, Jay and Chris Creasy, Diana Provenzano, and Tommy Gay Evans.



## The Visitor

### First Christian Church

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### Return Service Requested

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

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 01

*Van Driver:* Kim Leon  
*Office Receptionist:* Ken Watson  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Deb Garton  
*Delivered by:* Roy Rogers

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Will and Donna Houston, Carol Hughey  
*Elder:* Susan Gray

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Bryan, Debbie and Logan Garton  
*Liturgist:* Dan Gieseke  
*Elders:* Steve Lightner, Debbie Batterson, Cheryl Lightner  
*Deacons:* The Garton Team  
*Greeters:* Ron Longaker (*N. Door*), Judy Longaker (*S. Door*)  
Steve Humble (*Atrium*), Jessica Humble (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Maddie Micek and Kameron Freed  
*Candlelighters:* Ella Rogers and Olivia Johnson  
*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (ldr.)

### This Week (Feb. 01-07)

**Sun.** - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center  
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Edu. Bldg.  
- Children's Choir, 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 5:30 p.m., LaHue's home

**Mon.** - Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Coffman Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Moray Kiehl's home

**Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Cabinet Mtg., 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

**Thr.** - Youth Dept. Mtg., Noon, Flat Branch  
- Children's Education Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

**Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant



**Groundhog Day**