



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship Sunday, July 12

Come listen to our wonderful choir before they depart for their summer break! Rev. Stagg's sermon based on Psalm 24 and Mark 6:14-29 is entitled "Herod's Folly."

Hymns for the day include: *The Church's One Foundation*; *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*; *For the Bread, Which You Have Broken* and *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*.

## Worship Sunday, July 19

This week's service is based upon Ephesians 2:11-22 and Mark 6:30-44. Rev. Stagg's sermon is "Compassion for Them."

Hymns for the day include: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*; *Open My Eyes, That I may See*; *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*; and *I Come with Joy*.

## Special Recognition Award Recipients

Pictured to the right are some of those recognized for service on the Administrative Board and Cabinet as well as service to the programs of the church.



Pictured to the left are many of those recognized for their leadership during the Capital Campaign.



**Kate and Ann Volmert** played duets in worship on June 28th. The congregation was most taken by their powerful rendition of "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

## CYF Mission Trip



CYF Mission Team departed early Sunday morning for Rockford IL to repair homes with Rockford Work Camps.

## ISRAEL - May 2016

*Holy Land Trip being planned.*

**Exploration meeting: On Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m., Morris Parlor.**

Rev. Brad Stagg and Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain, the C.S. Lewis Professor of Religious Studies and Department Chair at Westminster College, will lead an exploration meeting to see who might be interested in traveling to Israel in May, 2016.

Dr. Cliff Cain will lead the FCC/Westminster group in study, history and culture perspective. Cliff has led over 13 study tours of the Holy Land. Rev. Jimmy Spear will lead the devotions and worship moments. Please contact Jimmy or Brad if you are interested and unable to make the July 12 meeting. Time is of the essence to get the trip planned for May 2016! We will move quickly if a group commits.

## Welcome New Members

After being with us for nearly 8 years, Brice & Mary Moeller “officially” joined our church at the 8:30 service this past Sunday, July 5. Both come by transfer of membership. Brice from a Reformed Latter Day Saint Church in Omaha, NE and Mary from a Disciples congregation in Tecumseh, NE. How good it is to have them “officially” a part of the whole church! Be sure to welcome Mary & Brice next time you see them. They are regulars at the 8:30 Service.



## News of People & Place

**Mary Swanson** died June 28. Our prayers of sympathy go to her daughter, **Jan Davis**, and all of Mary’s family. Her memorial service will be held here at FCC on Saturday, July 11 at 1:00; Rev. Brad Stagg officiating. A reception will follow in Morris Parlor.

Congratulations to **Bud and Deb Batterson** on their 51st wedding anniversary, July 18th.

**Barb Rothenberger** won 2nd for “Soft Shoe” arrangement at local Lily Show.



**Mary Cockerleas** has been a regular visitor at FCC since moving to the Terrace Retirement Apts. last year from Mexico, MO. We wish her a very happy 100th birthday on July 21.

## STARS

### Lantern Festival in STL Trip

Plans are being made to attend the Lantern Festival at Botanical Gardens in St. Louis, August 6, 2015. This will be a one day trip leaving Columbia around 3:30 p.m. and returning by 12:30 a.m. Tickets will be ordered after the registration fee has been received in the church office. The fee covers a ticket and transportation for \$35. Dinner will be on your own. Sign up sheet is in church office with a deadline of July 26, 2015.

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

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am

KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am



## Church Calendar

### July 12 - July 25

#### Sun., July 12

- Holy Land Trip Exploration Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

#### Mon., July 13

- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- No newsletter this week

#### Tue., July 14

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

#### Thr., July 16

- Trustees’ Mtg., Noon, Bleu Restaurant

#### Sat., July 18

- General Assembly, Columbus, Ohio

#### Sun., July 19

- General Assembly



#### Mon., July 20

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
- General Assembly

#### Tue., July 21

- General Assembly  
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

#### Wed., July 22

- General Assembly



**Genie Rogers** was awarded the Howard B. Lang Award on Monday, July 6 at City Council Meeting by Mayor Bob McDavid for her decades of volunteer service to the City of Columbia. Congratulations, Genie. We’re so proud of you!

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study is back!**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Morris Parlor**

#### Weekly Offering Report:

**June 28, 2015**

Offerings Received this week \$7,987

Offerings Received to Date \$424,849

Offerings Needed to Date \$446,387

**June 28 Attendance:** 145

(includes early service - 38, visitors - 15)

#### Weekly Offering Report:

**July 5, 2015**

Offerings Received this week \$12,656

Offerings Received to Date \$12,656

Offerings Needed to Date \$8,125

**July 5 Attendance:** 130

(includes early service - 66, visitors - 7)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

We had another amazing week of vacation bible school learning how to conquer challenges with God's mighty power! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that donated money, supplies, food, time, and talents. We couldn't have done it without you!

Brown Bag Fillers  
Christian Women's Fellowship  
All the cookie bakers  
Eric & Tammy Arnett  
Jordan Barnes  
Bud & Deb Batterson  
Hayley Batterson  
Sonya Carney  
Chris & Jack Creasy  
Laura & Alexandra Estes  
Tracy & Derrick Evers  
Susan Gray  
Jason & Trish Gregory  
Harlan Hackett  
Paula Hoenes  
Jessica, Steve & Taylor Humble  
Pam & Heather Hunsaker  
Vicki Johnson  
Kim Leon



Amy & Maddie Marrero  
Ben Micek  
Brenda Mosby  
Elizabeth & Elayna Mottaz  
Colleen Nilges  
Janelle Patterson  
Tori Pine  
Lloyd Pooler  
Deb, Megan & Kim Potthast  
Josh Provenzano  
Kim & Hartley Rogers  
Brianna Shepard  
Carolyn Snow  
Brad & Trish Stagg  
Joyce Stanley  
Sue Underwood  
Brad & Khons Volmert  
Holly Wheatley  
Jeff Wheeland

And a very special thank you to Jimmy Spear for always doing whatever is needed, whenever it is needed! I look forward to next year!

~Jen Micek

*See VBS Pictures on Reverse Side*

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## Jimmy's July Off Site

If you haven't noticed, I have been in town/on site around church most all of June. As a result, July 2015 I will be away. The weeks of mission, camp and General Assembly this summer have stacked themselves all into one month. Our ministry with youth includes me being with the kids when they are involved in summer mission and church camp programs.

July 5-11: Leading the CYF Mission Team in Rockford IL repairing homes with Rockford Work Camps.

July 12-18: Directing our regional Chi-Rho Camp at Rickman Center in Jefferson City.

July 18-22: General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) in Columbus, OH.

July 23-25: Driving back and the two days of July I am off work.

July 26-Aug. 1: Counseling at 8<sup>th</sup> grade "That Camp about God and Sex" at Rickman Center

This also means that I will not be in worship three of the Sundays within the above weeks. It comes with the territory—but don't worry I will be with you in spirit and on the clock. I will look forward to being with you again on July 26, August 2 and preaching Aug. 9 & 16. As I have not had any vacation yet in 2015 (a week in May was postponed due to Brad's surgery) I will be adding that week to the previous two already scheduled for the end of August. There is something I learned on sabbatical last year: I need two weeks in a row at the end of the summer to recoup from the summer and prepare mind and spirit for the fall season. The July schedule really gets crazy right on the heels of VBS, but it needed to be. Thus, August time off will be most welcomed. I look forward to those weeks being dedicated to time in Louisiana, MO and on the river. I will take advantage of the end-of-summer quiet as school gets started and we prepare to begin our weekly programs at FCC at the usual week after Labor Day.

Thanks for your support throughout the year that leads to the events of summer. With our 42 participants in the camp program and 26 doing mission work away from Columbia this summer we are indeed being an active and witnessing church. It says a lot about our mission as a church to commit one of your clergy to such leadership and involvement.

Traveling mercies, Jimmy Spear





VBS 2015



## Week of Work in August

The church building is in need of a yearly cleaning, reorganization, and general maintenance — beyond what we pay others to do. In the course of the year things have been left out, gotten dirty, broken, or just need to be pitched. It is more than Jimmy and a few regular volunteers can tackle. So, we will invite the WHOLE church to participate!

**August 10-13: Monday – Thursday**  
**Days: 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m.**

**If an evening works for you, it too can be scheduled!**

A list of chores and needs will be generated the first week of August. Then with your help we will get the building ready for the year of ministry and mission.

There are projects for every age and ability! It will ALL be inside the cool of air-conditioning! Sign up in the office or email Jimmy with your interest and ability. We will publish the list of jobs in the August 7 *Visitor*.

### Church Cleanup



Thank you all for your:

**Visits** - Brad, Jimmy, Pat and Lorene.

**Cards** - Carol, Liz, Lorene, Bettie & Charlie, Ron & Judy, Laura, Sharon, the Drennan Group, Larry & Peggy, Dinner for 6 Group (Steve & Sharon, Harlan), Sunday Senior Center Group (Millie, Marge, Carol, Audrey, Donna, Ron & Judy, Royce & Susie, Lorene, Laura, Pat & Linda)

**Phone calls** - Lorene, Brad, Doris, Pat, Sharon

**Delicious Food** brought to my house- Lorene, Sharon, Pat

**Flowers** - Gene & Micki

And especially all your many heart felt prayers. Wow, what a great church!

*James 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead.*

This church is ALIVE!

Thank you, Marsha

## At Church Camp this Month

### Chi-Rho Camp (July 13-18):

Michael Bledsoe  
 Will Bower  
 Emma Hawkins  
 Ava Hoenes  
 Julia LaHue  
 Maddie Marrero  
 Elayna Mottaz  
 Lexie Ruffolo, counselor  
 Jimmy Spear, director

### Elementary 2 (July 20-22):

Jeremy Anderson  
 Izzy Arnett  
 Paige Freed  
 Kira Hoenes  
 Laura Micek  
 Cullen Snow  
 Kaeden Wheatley  
 Eric Arnett, counselor  
 Josh Wheatley, counselor

### Junior 2 (July 20-24):

Marcus Bledsoe  
 Jack Bower  
 Kameron Freed  
 Haley Kettle  
 Maddie Micek  
 Ella Rogers  
 Lena Schaefer  
 Carleigh Snow  
 Luke Stagg  
 Valerie Freed, counselor

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (July 27-Aug 1):

Coleman Rogers  
 Hunter Rogers  
 Wyatt Rogers  
 Wolf Schaefer  
 Jimmy Spear, counselor



## The CWF Honored

A donation was made to the Woodhaven “Building on Our Strengths Capital Campaign” to honor the CWF by purchasing a commemorative brick that will pave the Remembrance Garden walkway. It will be engraved, “CWF First Christian Church Columbia.”

Your Special Birthday!



Tommie Ross- 91  
 on July 15



## Loaves & Fishes

On June 22 we served 132 plates and 13 carry-out meals, but ran out of casserole by that time. There was enough chicken to make bbq sandwiches for the last few going through the line. It was a wonderful experience and Drennan group really appreciates all the wonderful help. It's a great way to help people in need.

July 2

Mary Moeller

July 13

Eric Seaman  
 Bragg Stanley  
 Christopher Stormer  
 Richard Underwood

July 14

Anne Campbell

July 15

Tammy Arnett  
 Kathy Miller  
 Tommie Ross

July 16

Micki Kirkham  
 Connie Street

July 17

Cullen Snow

July 18

Kimberly Boger  
 Ellyn Brothers  
 Judy Cunningham  
 Tom Sisson



July 19

Dave Beem  
 Sonya Carney  
 David Ross

July 20

Tom Hughey

July 21

Bryant White

July 22

Gerald Ramsey

July 23

Judy Longaker

July 24

Audrey Snyder

July 25

Larry Dietzel  
 Jennifer Hallam  
 Julia LaHue

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### First Christian Church

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#### Ministerial Staff:

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

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 12

*Van Driver:* Steve McCormack  
*Office Receptionist:* Janelle Patterson  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Joyce Stanley  
*Delivered by:* Beth Nelms

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts:* Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey  
*Elder:* Jerry Daugherty

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Richard and Allie Schomaker, and  
Makali Hawkins  
*Liturgist:* Fred Mottaz  
*Elders:* Steve Humble, Jessica Humble, Nora Dietzel  
*Deacons:* The Beary Team  
*Greeters:* Bud Batterson (*N. Door*), Deb Batterson (*S. Door*)  
Jane Ann Hackett (*Atrium*), Greg Mooney (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Joseph McCormack and Jack Bower  
*Candlelighters:* Ava Hoenes and Emma Hawkins  
*Children's Worship:* Holly Geiseke (ldr.); Erin Bower (hlpr.)

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 19

*Van Driver:* Russ Palmer  
*Office Receptionist:* Pat Rybolt  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tommy Gay Evans  
*Delivered by:* Roy Rogers and Harlan Hackett

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty, Elias Gaffney  
*Elder:* Larry Burnam

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Vicki Johnson, TBA  
*Liturgist:* Roy Rogers  
*Elders:* Rich Hoepfner, Pamela Hoepfner, Steve Lightner  
*Deacons:* The Micek Team  
*Greeters:* Chris Stormer (*N. Door*), Candace Stormer (*S. Door*)  
Laura Crane (*Atrium*), TBA (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Rose Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Lena Schaefer and Ella Rogers  
*Candlelighters:* Max Gregory and Liam Rose  
*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)