



Worship Sunday, June 28

Come join us for worship this Sunday as FCC presents its recognition awards to those who delivered exceptional service this past year. Also our newest Deacons and Elders will be commissioned this Sunday. Rev. Stagg's sermon based on Psalm 130 and Mark 5:21-43 is entitled "Not Dead but Sleeping." Also, please prepare to stay after worship for our Annual Congregational Meeting to ratify the 2015-16 Budget.

This Sunday - June 28

Congregational Meeting

after each service

Worship Sunday, July 5

For Fourth of July Sunday, Rev. Stagg is preaching from Psalm 48 and Mark 6:1-13; his sermon is titled "Faith's Authority." Hymns for the day are: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee; I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me; We Place Upon Your Table, Lord; Lead On, O Cloud of Presence.* The CYF Mission Team will be commissioned in the 8:30 worship service.

Garden Tour



We had a delightful day for the CWF Garden Tour on June 13. Eighteen women toured 3 lovely gardens hosted by Mary & Jerry Daugherty, Janet & Mike Mountjoy, and Barbara Rothenberger. A beautiful salad lunch in Bethany Hall followed the tour with Installation of CWF Officers for 2015-2016. Ten Fairy Gardens donated by Diana Provenzano were given away.

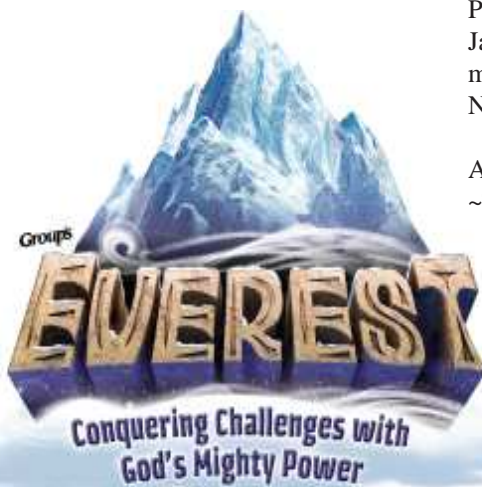
A big thank you to Carol Hughey for table decorations, and Colleen Nilges & Janelle Patterson for planning the luncheon and tour. Janelle was our bus driver for the day which made the tour even more enjoyable! Colleen Nilges was installed as the CWF President.

A big thank you to our Garden Hosts!
~Tommy Gay Evans, CWF Pres. 2014-2015

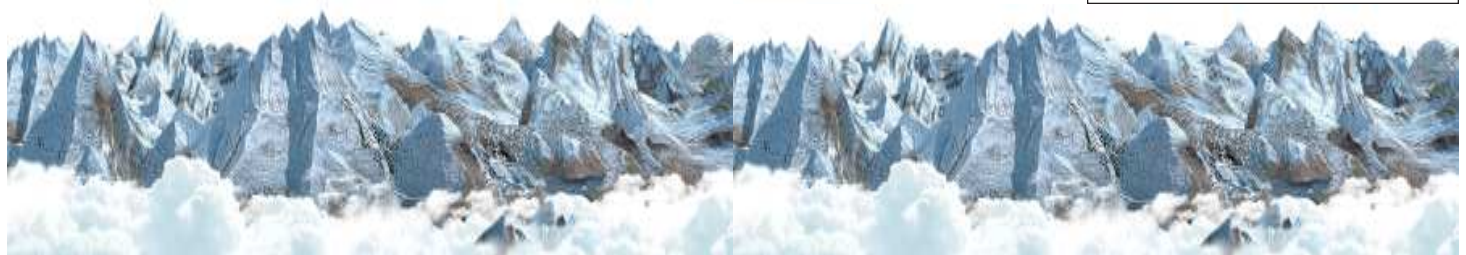
Vacation Bible School Begins Sunday Night!

June 28 - July 2
Evenings 5:30-8 p.m.
Pre K - 5th/6th grade

REGISTER ONLINE:
Register children online via
the church website
www.firstchristian.org
and look for the VBS link.



Children's Worship
2nd Adults Needed
June 28
July 5, 19
Aug. 2, 16, 23
Talk to Jimmy.



News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Will & Donna Houston** who celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on July 4th.

Tuesday Bible Study (10:30 a.m. in Morris Parlor) will resume its weekly meeting over the Sunday texts on July 7.

Join In the Joy of the Bride and Bridegroom!

The Reads invite you to come by Bethany Hall on July 5 in between services (9:30 hour) to greet the newlyweds, **Molly and Derrick Ring**. The Rings were married in St. Joseph, MO on May 31. There will be light refreshments and pictures of the wedding. No presents, just your presence requested!

Visitor Schedule

Watch for issues: **July 10, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21 and Sept. 4**

Weekly issues resume on September 18.



Thank You,

Our Grandson Kevin Mercer has been discharged from Shepherd Rehab in Atlanta. He and his parents arrived home in Chapel Hill North Carolina on June 19th. His progress has been amazing and we now expect a full recovery. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and your concern.

~Perry and Helen Stemmons

Roy and I want to thank you: Pam Hunsaker, Brenda Mosby, Julie Hickey, Diana Provenzano, Tracy Evers, Mary Daugherty, and Susan & Tom Gray so much for all the delicious food that you delivered to us after my shoulder surgery and during my recovery. We have some great cooks in our congregation! Thank you, Hayley Batterson, for coordinating these deliveries. Brad was right! These meals really did help us out and were a special treat. Thank you, Cherry Hinderberger, for delivering the beautiful flowers from the church. We appreciated all the calls, cards and visits. We also had the pleasure of meeting church members we did not know before. Thank you!

~Joy Overacre

STARS

Notes for Aug. Lyceum Folks:

Registrations are due now for the trip to Lyceum Theater at Arrow Rock, Thursday, August 27, 2015. The tickets have been purchased for those who signed up the past six weeks. It is a sold out day so no more tickets can be ordered. The price of the registration is \$35 per person which includes the ticket and transportation fee. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and leave in church office. Tentative plans are to leave the church at 12:30 p.m.

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.



Mystery Trip Fun

Pictured above are the ladies (picking their favorite ice cream at Jeff City's Central Dairy) that ventured out for the STARS Mystery Tour, June 18. The group of 13 lit out into the rain via church bus -- the destination turned out to be the Lake of the Ozarks. Touring the beautiful Lake Ozark Christian Church, lunch at Baxter's Lakeside Grille - with BIG view of the lake, and Central Dairy on the way home. It was fun to be together on an adventure!

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

Church Calendar

June 28 - July 11

Sun., June 28

- Commissioning of Elders and Deacons for 2015-16
- Congregational Meeting after both worship services
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Mon., June 29

- Church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Tue., June 30

- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Wed., July 1

- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Thr., July 2

- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Fri., July 3

- Office closed for holiday

Sat., July 4

- Independence Day



Sun., July 5

- CYF Summer Mission Trip: Rockford IL
- Reception for Molly & Derrick Ring, 9:30-10:25 a.m., Bethany Hall

Mon., July 6

- CYF Summer Mission Trip: Rockford IL
- Newsletter deadline & church staff mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tue., July 7

- CYF Summer Mission Trip: Rockford IL
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** Resumes, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., July 8

- CYF Summer Mission Trip: Rockford IL
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sant.

Thr., July 9 - Sat., July 11

- CYF Summer Mission Trip: Rockford IL

A Bit from Brad

Board Actions: Tuesday, June 16, FCC's Admin. Board met and voted on numerous items. For a full accounting, please wait for the approved minutes of that meeting, but in the meantime here are the highlights of the Board Actions:

Two new departments were officially created: 1) Evangelism Department and 2) Advent Department. Approximately 8 years ago, Evangelism was a stand-alone department and for various reasons merged into the already very active Membership Department. As time went on, the Membership Department simply could not accommodate all of its programming as well as the responsibilities of Evangelism; as such Evangelism suffered tremendously. To remedy that situation, the Board created a department to handle this most vital ministry needed for FCC. I will be the staff leader for Evangelism. The Advent Department would be responsible for planning, recruiting, coordinating, and implementing all programmatic ministries particular to the Advent and Christmas seasons. Programs, included but not limited to, are: Hanging of the Greens, Weekly Advent Wreath & Candles, Living Nativity & Refreshments, Christmas Pageant & Tasting Party, Christmas Lights Driving Tour, Caroling, & Christmas Eve Services. Jimmy Spear will staff this department.

Bragg Stanley was authorized as a voting delegate to General Assembly in Columbus, OH. Our prayers go with you, Bragg!

The Property Department's two motions passed. 1) The first motion was to authorize Boone County to contract with Engineering Surveys & Services to complete plans for a parking lot where the current park is situated, not to exceed \$20,000. 2) The second motion was to contract with Missouri Builders Services, Inc. to furnish Chimney Caps for the Education Building as part of the building weatherization at the cost of \$1,818, funds coming from the Repair Account.

Stewardship & Finances' four motions passed. 1) The first motion was that the Katherine Yost Memorial Fund be used to cover the expenses of the Website. 2) Second, the Alex "Bud" Smith gift was officially renamed, the Alex "Bud" and Fern Smith Fund so as to honor Bud's wife, Fern, a loyal active member of FCC all her life. 3) The third motion approved for funding of the Tier One Capital Campaign over-and-above the pledges secured for the projects needed. Some funding came from memorial accounts, including the Bud & Fern Smith Fund. The Line of Credit was approved to be drawn from for expenditures over-and-above those pledges and funds. 4) The 2015-16 Budget was submitted and approved. More details are found in the insert of this edition of *The Visitor*.

Board Officers and Department Chairs were approved. Bragg Stanley & CK Hoenes return to their respective offices as Moderator and Vice-Moderator; Dan Gieseke will be the Treasurer for next year.
~Blessings, Brad

Congregational Meeting: Voting on the 2015-16 Operating Budget

This Sunday, June 28, the Congregation will vote on the annual Operating Budget, as required by FCC's Bylaws. A compressed budget is on the next page of this insert of *The Visitor*; the longer line-by-line detailed budget is available for those interested. One can be easily emailed to you if you contact the church office or you may find a printed copy on the bulletin board outside the church office. Limited number of line-by-line budgets will be available on Sunday morning.

Highlights of the Budget: The Good News is that between the Operating Budget and the Capital Campaign, FCC members and friends are giving more funds in total than ever before, which we celebrate and give thanks to God. The Bad News is that this year's Operating Budget is approximately 5% less than last year's budget. Knowing supporters of FCC are giving at record level, the Stewardship & Finance Dept., Cabinet, and the Board agree leadership should not ask for more additional funding.

As such, the Departments and Committees were asked to cut 5% of their requested budgets. This does not apply to CAOAM, the Preschool, World Outreach, or Church in Society. World Outreach and Church in Society continue to receive 4% and 2% of actual offerings and rental income. The largest cut was to the Administrative Committee/Human Relations Department; our staff will not be receiving raises as requested and our clergy will not have their educational or travel benefits, though they will have the freedom to find benefactors or patrons who would like to sponsor their educational opportunities.

Additions to the Budget include funds for a new Evangelism Department and increase to the Communications Department as they increase FCC's web presence. All of these are important as this year our staff will put significant effort into Evangelism.

Exploration Meeting: Who's Interested in Israel?

On Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m., 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. Even if you can't travel, come see Dr. Cain's PowerPoint slides of the Holy Land! As Rev. Stagg says, "The Holy Land truly is the Fifth Gospel!" All are welcome!

Weekly Offering Report: June 14, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$5,885
Offerings Received to Date \$407,797
Offerings Needed to Date \$429,400

June 14 Attendance: 150
(includes early service - 42, visitors - 13)

Weekly Offering Report: June 21, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$9,066
Offerings Received to Date \$416,862
Offerings Needed to Date \$437,893

June 21 Attendance: 161
(includes early service - 49, visitors - 13)

Chi-Rho Mission Trip

The Chi-Rho Youth Group was in mission to St. Louis June 14-16. Pictured here they served at Isaiah 58 food pantry at Compton Heights CC, and did odd jobs/played with resident seniors at Little Sisters of the Poor Catholic nursing home. Watching the kids interact well with folks was only affirmed when we departed and after explaining one of the paintings on the wall (the halo around apostles heads) Sister Joseph said our kids had halos about their heads.



Monday afternoon Ted Drewes was a must and two hours at the ZOO too. A great group to share with in mission and fun. Holly Gieseke & Jimmy Spear are the leaders.



Your Special
Birthday!



Dorothy Porter- 91
on July 9

Happy Birthday!

June 30
Bill Moon

July 6
Haley Evers

July 1
Mary Jane
Anderson

July 7
Jack Estes

Cole Freed
Bette Scavone
Emily Unterschutz

July 8
J.D. Estes
Roy Rogers
Barb Rothenberger
David Weber

July 2
Gina Henry
Mary Moeller

July 9
Erin Bower
Dorothy Porter
Adriene Price

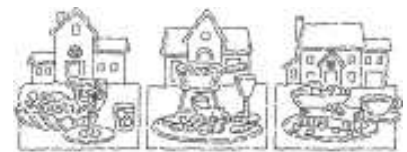
July 3
Jadie Arnett

July 10
Judith Creasy
Shawn Von Talge

July 4
Drew Nichols

July 5
Kimberly Leon
Stacia Schaefer

July 11
Ava Martin
Teddy Nichols



Dinner for Six

Join us in this great opportunity for church folks to become friends! New groups will be formed for the next *Dinner for Six* season of July, August, September.

6 people having
3 meals together over the course of
3 months --- dinner for six is back!

Sign up by contacting the church office:
449-7265 or fcc@firstchristian.org
or Betty Montgomery: 443-7817 or
bettymontgomery@charter.net.

Sign Up by June 28

The Visitor

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Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 28

Van Driver: Perry Stemmons
Office Receptionist: Betty Moon
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Kim and Abigail Reardon
Delivered by: Chris Creasy

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Asst.: Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey
Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bragg Stanley, Debbie Taylor and
Laura Crane
Liturgist: Cole Galbraith
Elders: Eric Arnett, C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeters: Charles Koelling (*N. Door*), Bettie Koelling (*S. Door*)
Nannie Lou Mallett (*Atrium*), Doris Neidhardt (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Elizabeth Martin and Maddie Micek
Candlelighters: Mia Gregory and Andrew Stormer
Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); TBA (hlprs.)

Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 5

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Barb Rothenberger
Delivered by: Genie Rogers

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Elias Gaffney, Susan and Tom Gray
Elder: Will Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mike Mountjoy, Royce & Suzy Palmer
Liturgist: Brenda Mosby
Elders: Jacki Davidson, Larry Veatch, Fred Mottaz
Deacons: The Garton Team
Greeters: Chuck Scott (*N. Door*), Colleen Nilges (*S. Door*)
Richard Barnard (*Atrium*), Russ Palmer (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: Carleigh Snow & Kameron Freed
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