



Worship Sunday, Sept. 27

Rev. Stagg's Sunday's sermon based on James 5:13-20 and Mark 9:38-50 is entitled "The Universal Church," focusing particularly on Jesus' periscope, "Whoever is not against us is for us." Also, this Sunday is Reconciliation Offering Sunday, where FCC receives the annual special offering supporting our denomination's efforts to thwart racism and work for reconciliation between all people.



Hymns for the day include: *O Worship the King; Living for Jesus; Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* and *I Come with Joy*. There will be piano duets by Jean Hall and Mary Bancroft.

STARS (55+ Group)

Activities for the fall season:



Mystery Trip: Thursday, October 1. \$10, 9am departure, sights, lunch, return by 5pm. (Note: The KC Benton exhibit did not pan out and is now scheduled for November 19.)

Fall Color Tour: Thursday, October 22, \$15. Hop on the bus for the annual driving tour of hills and colorful trees. We always find beauty in this annual trip along with a good lunch and other sights.

Thomas Hart Benton Exhibit at the Nelson - Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City: Thursday, Nov. 19, \$15. "American Epics: TH Benton and Hollywood"

T-Giving Meal at Broadway Christian Church: Monday, Nov. 23, (lunchtime)

December will bring the **Christmas Light Tour** along with the **Soup Luncheon**

Church Picnic

Sunday, October 4

12:00 Noon!

Bethel Park

(Located on Bethel Street between Nifong Blvd. and Southhampton Dr.)

All-Church Picnic Details...

All the food (hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, beans, watermelon) and table setups are provided. Bring a lawn chair. The picnic is sponsored by the Membership & Evangelism Departments. They are in need of some helpers for the picnic! If you can help set up, clean up, bring tomatoes and onions, or yard games please email Natalie Barnard at natbow@yahoo.com or call after 3 pm to 314-479-3882.



New FCC History Book Complete - Books Arrive! Book tells the story of FCC Associate Ministers

The last project of the 175th birthday year of First Christian Church is now complete. We had undertaken a very ambitious year of projects in 2007. One such endeavor was to write a book on the Associate Ministers of our congregation. Information was gathered from the living and retired associate ministers to put together a chronology and short biography of the associate ministers of our church and the vital role they have played through the years. Ken Watson was to write the book but it was not finished that year. When he announced his move to NC, I threatened to hold him hostage if he didn't finish the book! After "intense" negotiation, I let him go and he had the draft in my hands only a few months after settling into his new house. It is now finished and ready to be presented to the congregation which Ken is making a drive back to Missouri to do at church on **October 4**. Be there to welcome Ken for the service and to purchase this piece of First Christian Church history for only \$3. Ken will be in the Narthex to sign the book after church.

~Genie Rogers, chair of 175th birthday celebration, 2007

Bit from Brad

I love seeing folks wearing their name tags! Thank you for putting aside your pride and letting others see and read your name! Keep up the good work and thank you for getting dirty for Jesus in this small yet significant way!

Last issue I promised an update on the September Board Meeting, particularly pertaining to the Capital Campaign. For a full update be sure to read the Board's minutes which will be approved at the November 17 meeting. Here's a condensed version:

The Board unanimously approved the Property Department's motions to contract with Missouri Builders Services to reroof the Sanctuary Building for a cost of \$186,000; also passed unanimously was for the same company to install metal flashing over all the rooftop capstones at the cost \$25,000. The capstones have become porous and now leak into the walls of the building and need covering. Consideration was given to removing all 518 feet of capstones, placing flashing down, and then resetting the capstones on top of the flashing, but the lowest bid was at the cost of \$225,000. The Board thought it more prudent to simply cover the capstones at a tenth of the cost. Construction on both projects is slated to begin in October and expected to be completed before Christmas. If this occurs, then FCC will have had both major buildings reroofed in less than 12 months!

The Board also received from the Property Department a timeline regarding the County's proposal to investigate removing the Park at 9th and Walnut to create additional parking. The County requires more time to complete its process. So, if the project is agreed upon to take place, still subject to cost analysis, then the construction should it happen will not take place until the Spring or Summer of 2016. This being the case, the Property Department recognizes the temporary fencing surrounding the park area will need improvements. They said they would look into that matter once the Sanctuary Roof project is underway.

The Board also received two nice reports from our General Assembly delegates, Bragg Stanley and Frances Brown. Bragg reported on an endeavor being called forth from the General Minister and President Sharon Watkins called "Mission First!" and Frances reported on Racial Reconciliation endeavors. In coming issues of *The Visitor*, we'll share more extensively their reports.

In the meantime, keep wearing those name tags!
Blessings, Brad

The Faithful Struggle to Forgive



Saturday, October 17
9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Broadway Christian Church, Columbia

Forgiveness is part of the journey of faith for many Christians. It is, on the one hand, something that compels us toward right relationships and justice. On the other hand, forgiveness is hard work that requires energy, spiritual integrity and honesty.

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Book Study: Jimmy Spear will lead a study in connection with this lecture and based on Joretta Marshall's book "**How Can I Forgive?**" The books are \$10. Order yourself or let Jimmy know asap if you would like him to order one for you. *The 7 session study will be offered on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Keystone Rm., October 7 through November 18.* Please RSVP interest to Jimmy.

Capital Campaign Progress Report



The two men in the lift bucket from Specialized Mechanical are installing the new gas line which will provide natural gas to the Education Building's rooftop HVAC units. This line will enable those units to provide forced heat in addition to forced air-conditioning to all the floors in the Education Building, allowing the radiators in that building to be retired this winter! Progress is happening!

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.



Sept. 27 CR & CYF
Sept. 27 CYF to Room at the Inn
 (mission overnight experience)
Oct. 4 JYF & CYF
Oct. 11 CR & CYF
 (CYF to Schaefer Farm)
Oct. 18 JYF & CYF
Oct. 25 CR & CYF
Oct. 31 (Sat.) Trunk 'n Treat



FCC Third Annual Christmas Bazaar

Last year was a lot of fun! The different art and craft designs at each booth were of great interest to those looking for Christmas gifts. We heard one person say "Now this is what a bazaar should be." If you don't have an outlet for selling your specialty, but would like to do so, maybe this is your opportunity. The booths are \$25 and the profit at your booth goes to you. There is no charge for booths that fill a mission for the Church. Money from the selling of the food, the "cookie and candy bar" and the cookbooks will all go toward the new drapes for the Yonker Fellowship Hall stage.

This is not the Silent Bazaar where the money received each year goes to fund the outreach ministries for the Christian Women's Ministries. The Silent Bazaar is a very vital part of our mission statement. At the Christmas Bazaar, people will be buying gifts for themselves.

The Bazaar is just another way for us to be more visible in our community, work together as friends and fund Church projects. Booths for selling your quality art and handmade crafts and a "cookie and candy bar" will be set up in Yonker Fellowship Hall. Our *children* will be serving a light breakfast of coffee and breads and a lunch of soup, sandwich and dessert. It will be held in Yonker Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a display table in the Narthex Sunday with a sample of some of the art and crafts that will be sold. If you are interested in having a booth, please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.

News of People & Place

Our sympathy is extended to the **Martz family** on the passing of their niece, **Kathy Frech**, last week.

Many thanks to **Eric Arnett** who with **Fred Mottaz** spent several hours Saturday using a special lift to take down the dead tree outside of Bethany Hall. Cars are now safe!

Our prayers this week are extended on behalf of **Laura Crane** as she had an outpatient procedure Sept. 23, **Sharon Ronchetto** who is home from the Bluffs, and **Elizabeth Mottaz** who anticipates surgery Oct. 1. Prayers also extended for **Carol Hughey**, **Muriel Leach**, and **Audrey Shock**.

Festival of Sharing packs -- plastic sacks to be filled with products for students and women in prison will be again available on Sunday in the Narthex. Returns are welcome also - all returned by Oct. 4.

Trunk 'n Treat
Sat., October 31
3-5 p.m.

Bible Study Opportunity X 3


Join Rev. Brad Stagg in study over the bible texts that guide the church's worship each week. Three occasions will be offered weekly to provide folks opportunity to engage scripture and study.


Sunday, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor - **NEW!** (starts Sept. 20)

Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., 12:05 - 12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall. - **NEW!** (starts Sept.23)

Weekly Offering Report:
Sept. 20, 2015
 Offerings Received this week \$7,284
 Offerings Received to Date \$96,257
 Offerings Needed to Date \$97,014
Sept. 20 Attendance: 200
 (includes early service - 50, visitors - 8)

Your Special Birthday! 
Moray Kiehl-96
 on September 29
Emmy Croll-94
 on September 30

Happy Birthday!


<p><u>Sept. 27</u> Becky Beary</p> <p><u>Sept. 29</u> Moray Kiehl Keller Martin</p>	<p><u>Sept. 30</u> Emmy Croll Azure Stevens</p> <p><u>Oct. 1</u> Aaron Brown Jake Nichols</p>
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SERVING SCHEDULE - Sun., Sept. 27

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Cliff and Mary Tompson

Delivered by: Cliff and Mary Tompson

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Bob Hutton and Linda Hutton

Elder: Larry Burnam

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Richard and Allie Schomaker, and
Brianna Shepard

Liturgist: Tommy Tomlin

Elders: Brenda Martin, Roy Rogers, Sarah Read

Deacons: The Hunsaker Team

Greeters: Susan Klockow (*N. Door*), Larry Veatch (*S. Door*),

Linda Ridgeway (*Atrium*), Roy Rogers (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Ella Rogers, Kameron Freed

Candlelighters: Chase Hofmann, Luke Stagg

Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (ldr.); Allie Schomaker (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR - Sept. 27-Oct. 3

Sun., Sept. 27

- CYF Mission Trip (overnight)
- Reconciliation Sunday
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Children's Choir Practice, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 28

- CYF Mission Trip (overnight)
- Newsletter Deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Elders Dinner Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall

Tues., Sept. 29

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

Wed., Sept. 30

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thr., Oct. 1

- STARS Mystery Trip, departure from Church parking lot
9:00 a.m., return by 5:00 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 2

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

Sat., Oct. 3

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6:15-10:15 a.m., Yonker Hall