



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Sunday Worship - Feb. 7

The last Sunday of the church year brings us to the Transfiguration. This unique story of Jesus is offered as the scripture of the day - Luke 9:28-36 and the basis for Rev. Stagg's sermon "Transfigured."

Congregational singing will open with the powerful *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* and move to the prayerful *Surely the Presence of the Lord* and conclude at the table with an old favorite *More About Jesus Would I Know* and *Shalom to You Now*. A little something for everyone? It is all possible this Sunday. Join us!

## This Sunday the Schedule Changes:

**Bible Study  
& JYF**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**CYF 5:30 p.m.-?  
(superbowl party w/food etc  
at LaHue home)**



A shopping basket will be in the narthex on Sunday morning **Feb. 7** - *Superbowl Sunday* turned into a *Souper Bowl Sunday* as we are reminded of the hunger needs in our community. Bring canned food and let's fill the basket! Monetary donations will also be accepted in the offering plates and given to the Central Missouri Food Pantry.

## Lent Begins - Soup, Ashes and Care of Soul

Please join us on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, for our simple "Soup for the Soul" dinner followed by the Ash Wednesday service. Dinner begins at 5:30 (RSVP via pew pad or call church office so we can have enough soup and bread) and the service follows at 6:30 pm.

This is truly one of our church's "best kept secrets"! My family and I have attended this service for many years and have found it to be a meaningful start to the Lenten season. Each year I wonder what to do with Lent? Some years I add something to my normal routine (usually the daily devotional book provided by our church), some years I give something up (Chocolate? Coffee? Something of equal challenge for you?), and some years I do both! While neither are required, it's just something to think about as we remember Jesus' walk and suffering during this time.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the Lenten season (and it's not just for Catholics!). Lent is 46 days long including 40 days of "fasting" and 6 Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert while enduring temptations by Satan. Lent mirrors this time by fasting for 40 days as preparation for Easter. Hence our giving something up. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of "blessing ashes" made from palm branches placed on the head or hand of participants.

Will you join your church family this Lent? I know I am starting with Wednesday's quaint and quiet service. All are welcome!

~Chris Creasy

**February  
10th**  **ASH  
Wednesday**

## Soup for the Soul

"A simple meal of soup and bread with friends"

**Yonker Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

RSVP to church office or put "SOUP" on the Sunday pew pad.



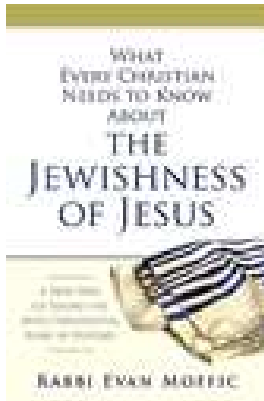
## Worship Service

"A service for repentance & receiving of ashes"

**Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.**

This service to begin the Lenten season will include hymns, prayers, a brief meditation and the imposition of ashes.

## Sunday Adult Class News



The Adult Class on Sunday mornings will begin reading and study over *The Jewishness of Jesus*. Books have been ordered for regular participants. Others are most welcome. Please let Jimmy Spear know if you would like a book ordered (\$10). The group will begin the study on Feb. 14. The study will be a helpful look at faith and the Jesus story as Lent comes and Holy Week approaches. The class meets in Bethany Hall from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

## Nominations and Service Recognition Awards

The 2016 Nominating Committee requests nominations to the Service Boards for Elders, Deacons, and Junior Deacons as well as nominations for Outstanding Service to the Church awards. To do so, simply complete a 2016 Nomination Form found in the Church Office or in the narthex/greeting area of the Sanctuary and return it to the Church Office by Sunday, February 28. The Nominating Committee will review all submissions at its Feb. 29th meeting.

## The Cinema is OPEN!

Through the generous gift of a member family wishing to remain anonymous to underwrite the entire cost for a new video projector, the hard work of Jimmy Spear, and the technical expertise of D&M Sound, the FCC Cinema is once again open and operational for viewing movies! Stop by and check it out! Or, better yet, arrange for your church group — fellowship group, service board, class, or just a group of friends — to reserve the Cinema and watch a show! It's a great resource available to you for furthering our mission: "To Know God and follow Jesus Christ!"



## Volunteer at RATI

Room at the Inn (RATI) is the overnight winter shelter in Columbia. Volunteering happens online. If you are not online, call Sarah Storm for assistance (573.289.0072).

Log into [www.roomattheinncomo.org](http://www.roomattheinncomo.org) for RATI information and to sign up to be a volunteer. Click on the "Get Involved" tab and select *Volunteer Signups*, *Laundry Signups*, and *Donation List* as applicable. An overview of each shift's duties is listed on the *Volunteer Signup* page.



**Sundays  
9:20-10:20 am  
& after Worship  
in Yonker Hall**



My family and I thank you for your prayers, cards, and special kindness given to us following the sudden passing of my Dad. Even though I was so far away with my newly born granddaughter, I could feel your love and prayers from that great distance! Spiritual blessings come with times of trial. This has indeed been a trial for us yet our family has been blessed over and over again. God is good. ~Jay, Chris, Laurel and Jack Creasy

Thank you for the lovely flowers. They brightened my day! Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. God's blessings to you all. ~Millie Caringer

Thank you for your prayers for my wife, Willie Wheeland. She's home now again. ~Jeff

## News of People & Place

**Roy Rogers** died Monday, Feb. 1 after complications from a severe stroke. Sympathy is extended to his wife Karen and daughters. A memorial service will be held at FCC on Friday, Feb 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow interment. Roy was an active Elder and life-long member of the congregation.

Prayers in this week are focused toward the concerns shared with **Willie Mae Wheeland**, **Jan Davis** (Feb. 3), and **Royce Palmer** (Feb. 10) each with tests and procedures to be done in this and next week. **Shirley Park** is at Boone Hospital (no visitors please, but cards are welcome). **Nat Scavone** is now a resident of the VA Home in Mexico, MO — prayers for his adjustment and ease of living in a new place.

## Get Your Talent Ready!

**All Church  
Green Potluck  
& Talent Show**

**Sunday, March 13**

— solo & group acts welcomed —  
Sponsored by the Membership Department



*Happy  
Birthday*

Feb. 10  
Jennifer Alexander  
David Chrisman  
Steve Humble  
Nancy Sandford  
Steven Smith

Feb. 7  
Lorene Trickey

Feb. 8  
Kimberly Foster  
Ruth Ann Martin

Feb. 13  
David Fox  
Olivia Johnson

## Disciples Men Ozarks Retreat Shannondale, MO

April 29 - May 1, 2016

SHANNONDALE Tree Farm & Retreat  
Center Shannon County, Missouri  
(Adjacent to the Current River)

### PURPOSE:

- 1) Spiritual growth
- 2) Fellowship
- 3) Recreation & fun
- 4) Great eating
- 5) Service to the Shannondale community
- 6) Opportunity to recharge

**COST:** \$60 per person – Includes Lodging & Food.

### LODGING:

Dormitory-style air-conditioned bedrooms. Please bring your own bedding & pillow. Camp sites and camp sites with electrical hook ups are available.

### MEALS:

Meals will be family style at Timber Lodge.

### WORK PROJECTS:

Work projects will depend on the number of men and the skills of the men attending. Please let Paul know what specific skills you can provide.

### ABOUT SHANNONDALE:

Shannondale Community Center is a mission project serving the spiritual educational & economic needs of Shannon & the surrounding counties through its many functions. Shannondale also encompasses the Bucher Memorial Tree Farm, the oldest continuing tree farm in the state of Missouri. The tree farm illustrates our continuing commitment to God's land & its resources.

Shannondale is about 48 miles south of Rolla, MO, 21 miles south of Salem, MO on highway 19, adjacent to Ozark National Scenic Riverways (NPS) (Current River - Akers Ferry / Pulltite / Round Spring)

Contact Jonathan Jones at (314) 608-0783 or [jonathan@jonathanjonesconsulting.com](mailto:jonathan@jonathanjonesconsulting.com)  
RSVP & \$20 deposit requested by Apr 25<sup>th</sup>.

Jonathan Jones Consulting  
165 N. Meramec - Suite 200  
Clayton, MO 63103

(Brochures available in the Narthex)

## STARS.....the 55+ Fellowship Group

of First Christian Church

February 18, Thursday  
{LeBourgeois for Lunch}

Lunch at LeBourgeois Winery in  
Rocheport, MO.

Depart from the Mall parking lot  
(Target side) at 11:00 a.m.

RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Put "Winery" on the pew pad  
\$5 travel fee.

Renowned for its spectacular blufftop view of the Missouri River Valley, Les Bourgeois Vineyards and Winery offers a great lunch with a view. We will also tour the shops of Rocheport.



### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Feb 7 – JYF 4-5 pm. - note change!

CYF Sprbwl Prty, 5:30 @ LaHues

Feb 12 -- Chi-Rho Service Day:

help host Valentine Party

@ Lenoir. Meet at 12:00

for lunch, done by 4 p.m.

Feb 14 – no mtgs., Pres. Weekend

Feb 21 – Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb 28 – JYF - regular time

\*CYF - noon lunch plus till 2pm

Mar 6 – Chi-Rho & CYF

### ON SUNDAY NIGHTS:

4:30-6 p.m. JYF (grds 3-5) **OR**

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

6:00-7:30 p.m. CYF (grds 9-12)

YOUTH GROUPS

## Capital Campaign Progress Report



In this picture, construction workers for Missouri Builders remove shingles and lay "tar paper" sheeting over the Sanctuary. So far they have re-shingled the north roof of the sanctuary, nearing completion on the "witch's hat" near the atrium, and completed most of the westerly facing sanctuary roof. Approximately 1/3 of the south-facing Sanctuary roof has been stripped of old shingles and sheeting installed. Weather permitting, the remaining old shingles, sheeting installation, and new shingles laid should be completed. Pray for good weather and worker safety!

### Weekly Offering Report:

**Jan. 31, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$6,610

Offerings Received to Date \$236,805

Offerings Needed to Date \$260,500

**Jan. 31 Attendance: 211**

(includes early service - 40, visitors - 14)

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

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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**Minister Emeritus:** Dr. John J. Yonker

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb. 7

*Van Driver:* Steve McCormack

*Office Receptionist:* Gene Taylor

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Betty Moon

*Delivered by:* Tommy Gay Evans

*Welcome Station:* Tommy Tomlin

### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assts:* Natalie and Richard Barnard, Tommy Gay Evans

*Elder:* Jerry Daugherty

### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Bryan, Debbie and Logan Garton

*Liturgist:* Adriene Price

*Elders:* Deb Batterson, Brenda Martin, Dan Backues

*Deacons:* The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team

*Greeters:* Steve Humble (*N. Door*), Jessica Humble (*S. Door*),

Bill Carney (*Atrium*), Sonya Carney (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Kameron Freed, Liam Rose

*Candlelighters:* Luke Stagg, Ava Martin

*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 7 - Feb. 13

### Sun., Feb. 7

- Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 9:30-10:20 a.m., Keystone
- Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 5:30 p.m., at the LaHue's

### Mon., Feb. 8

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.

### Tues., Feb. 9

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., Feb. 10

- Ladies' Book Club, Noon, Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- "Soup for the Soul", 5:30-6:30 p.m., supper in Yonker Hall
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Fri., Feb. 12

- Chi-Rho Service Day - 12-4 p.m.