



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship Third Sunday in Lent, February 28

As we **come, together** for worship this Sunday, we find the lenten focus for our day to be “repentance.” The heart of repentance means coming back together with God. Repentance literally means doing a U-turn back to God. This week Rev. Stagg offers his sermon, “Last Chance” based on Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9. We will also continue to celebrate the the stewardship of Week of Compassion and offer another chance for giving to this cause (see below). Hymns for the day will include *The Voice of God is Calling, Restless Weaver, and We Come as Guest Invited.*

As we **come, together** as the people of God this Sunday, let’s come together with God and one another! Let’s **come together** and worship God with heart, mind, and spirit!

# Come, Together

## Welcome New Member



She said it was because the sermon was on “Courage” that the invitation to membership Sunday got her to stand and come forward. And we are glad she did!

Welcome, **Lexy Bell!** Lexy and her 2 year old son **Brock** have lived in Columbia for a short while and in looking for a church home FCC was the right fit. Brock is already at home in our nursery and Lexy has become familiar with the Sunday morning Adult Class. Lexy is a business intelligence developer and originally from Mexico, MO. She transfers her membership from FCC in Mexico, MO. Let’s together make Lexy and Brock welcome in the days ahead...

**Nominations & Service  
Recognition Award  
Forms Due This Sunday**

**All Church  
Green Potluck Lunch  
& Talent Show  
Sunday, March 13**

– solo & group acts welcomed –  
– sign up in the Narthex Sunday! –  
Sponsored by the Membership Department



**Week of  
Compassion  
Special  
Offering**

**February  
21-28, 2016**

Click Here For the  
2016 Planning &  
Resource Guide

## WOC – OUR yearly compassion offering

As this week has flown by, we have observed a “week of compassion.” Our celebration of the ways our money is helpful to disaster and relief of those in need around the world comes together in the ministry of Week of Compassion. Members of the Chi-Rho Youth group will share this Sunday’s minute for mission and encourage us in the second opportunity of donating to this most effective ministry of stewardship and care for neighbor.

Check out their website [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org) for the whole story – or to give online.



## Bit from Brad



FCC's Tier One capital campaign and repair construction is progressing nicely! To date, the Education Building has received a new roof and air-conditioning in Yonker Fellowship Hall. New rooftop heating and air-conditioning units have been installed as well as a natural gas line run to the rooftop units so that the entire Education Building has forced heat in addition to previous forced air-conditioning. By installing the forced heat system, the rusted outdated boiler pipes running throughout the Education Building have been disconnected and no longer leak water between walls, floors, and ceilings.

Besides the Education Building, the Sanctuary roof nears total completion! Already the north-facing roof, the "witch's hat," and atrium connections to both the Sanctuary and Education Building are completed. Most of the west-facing roofline is completed. And this week, the south-facing roof should be complete. As I write, the last of the old shingles are being removed and sheathing installed. New shingles should be finished by the end of this week. By next week or the week after, the Bell Tower should have a new roof also. Once all that is completed, then FCC's entire facility will have a brand new roof since fund raising and construction began 15 months ago. Praise the Lord!

But, that doesn't mean we're done! Once the roofing is completed, more masonry work is required. Professional grade pointing between stones is required for resealing the stonework around the entire building. Also, the very big project to repair the major drain-

age problem around the Drennan Room and Higbee Entrance, facing Walnut St., needs tackling. That project is scheduled for this spring and summer. Also, officials at Boone County continue collecting bids for the converting of Village Park into parking spaces. So, much has been done, but we still have significant work to be completed!

Thankfully, the members & friends of FCC generously and enthusiastically support this endeavor. As of 12/31/15, one year after beginning the Capital Campaign, 61% of the funds were received. The average American Protestant church conducting a 3-year campaign usually receives 40% in the same period. Thank you FCC for supporting your church so well! However, please don't think we can rest on our laurels and slow down giving! Please remember we still are depending on a \$300,000 line of credit that we've yet to use. If our funds continue to come in at the rate they've been coming in, then we'll continue to avoid taking on any more debt for as long as possible.

Thank you so much for rising to the challenge of Protecting the Heritage of First Christian Church! Our work and sacrifices today make the ministry for generations to come possible at Tenth and Walnut!

~Blessings, Brad

## Capital Campaign Progress Report



Pictured: A Missouri Builder worker hangs suspended from a wire to remove shingles from the Bell Tower! Weather permitting, the Sanctuary Roof just might be completed this week. Pray for good weather! Termite damage repair continues in the back hallway.

## News of People & Place

**Bryant Savidan** is home from the hospital. **Royce Palmer** is home from the hospital and will begin treatment for malignant lymphoma. **Will Houston** will have surgery on March 2. **Wilkie Wilkerson** continues to be a patient at Boone Hospital. Sympathy is extended to **Betsy Hofmann** and family in the death of her grandmother and **Cole Galbraith** in the death of a special aunt.

## Opportunity to Serve

**The Wardrobe** needs help sorting and hanging donated clothing between 9:00-noon each Monday. All those who donate their time at the Wardrobe are volunteers. Therefore, our help is needed even more. No need to sign up, just join others for good fellowship as we ready clothes for our shoppers. Donate as much time as you can any work day. For more information: Beth Nelms, 446-0062 or [ednelms7@gmail.com](mailto:ednelms7@gmail.com).

Your Special Birthday!



Elizabeth Hensley-

95 on Feb. 27

Larry Caringer-

94 on Feb. 27



Feb. 28  
Jack Creasy

Mar. 3  
Sally Estes  
Sue Haynes

Feb. 29  
Eliana Snyder

Mar. 4  
Sharon Ronchetto

Mar. 2  
Marceline  
Shamberger

Mar. 5  
John Hamilton  
Brice Moeller  
Khons Volmert



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Feb 28 – JYF & CYF ROLLER SKATE  
- see information below.  
\*No evening meetings.

Mar 6 – Chi-Rho & CYF  
Mar 13 -- Potluck & Talent Show  
\*No evening meetings

Mar 20 -- 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

## ROLLER SKATE

at Empire Roller Rink

Feb 28 for  
JYF

CYF



### Details:

**JYF:** meet in fellowship hall at 12:00 to travel to pizza lunch together at Gumbys. Roller skating at Empire Roller Rink till 3:30 p.m. Pickup at Empire. \$10 total cost. Parent partners welcome.

**CYF:** 12:00 pizza lunch at church for youth and parents --- combined with summer mission trip meeting. Then roller skating at Empire until 3:30 p.m. \$10 total. (\$5 for pizza only)

Sponsored by the Student Ministry Dept.

### Weekly Offering Report:

**Feb. 21, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$6,960

Offerings Received to Date \$266,817

Offerings Needed to Date \$282,781

**Feb. 21 Attendance:** 157  
(includes early service - 37, visitors - 5)



## Shawl Ministry Lives!

It was a bright day last Wednesday when ladies (above) of the “Shawl Ministry” gathered at the home of Millie Bolman to knit and crochet prayer shawls that are given to those in need of the “congregation’s care and prayer.”

This ministry of care in recent years has shrunk in numbers but not in spirit. Thus, it invites others to join in! Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday morning, or what about an evening version...would you be interested in either? There are some that already are thinking about this evening opportunity. Talk to Pamela Hoepfner if interested on all things PRAYER SHAWL!



## Schiffman Ethics & Society Lecture

at Columbia College

**March 2, 6:30 p.m.**

Dr. Michio Kaku, speaker

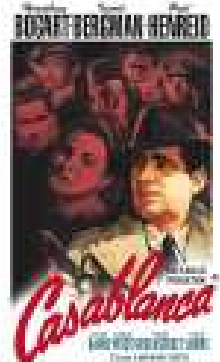
“Ethics of science  
in the next 20 years”

Let’s go as a group! If interested, put “KAKU” on the Sunday pew pad or call the church office.

## Friday Night Classics!

Four months of movie classics begin with  
**March 11**  
“Casablanca”

We’ll start at **7:30 p.m.** with a little intro to the movie - just a few interesting tidbits about the film and the stars to kick it off. Hosted by Dan and Holly Gieseke.



Popcorn provided. Drinks via Pepsi Machine in Fellowship Hall (.50) or bring your own. (Friday Night Classics - Four once a month movies shown in the FCC Cinema on the 3rd floor, all “classics” - musical, comedy, thriller, war -- hosted by the Giesekes.)

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

**March 17, Thursday**  
{STL Butterflies & Cemeteries}

St. Louis – touring *The Butterfly House* in Faust Park, lunch, and touring of historic and famous *Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries*.

Cost announced in future *Visitors*.

RSVP by Sunday, Mar.13.

Put “Butterfly” on the pew pad.



## Volunteer at RATI

Room at the Inn (RATI) is the overnight winter shelter in Columbia. Spots are open for late Feb and early March to volunteer at Room at the Inn. Log into [www.roomattheinn.com.org](http://www.roomattheinn.com.org) for RATI information and to sign up or if you are not online, call Sarah Storm for assistance (573.289.0072).

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb. 28

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher  
*Office Receptionist:* Janelle Patterson  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Jacki Davidson  
*Delivered by:* Jacki Davidson  
*Welcome Station:* Jan Davis and Steve Humble

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

*Worship Asssts:* Roy and Joy Overacre, Eli Gaffney  
*Elder:* Carol Hughey

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

*Communion Preparation:* Dan and Holly Gieseke, Chuck Scott  
*Liturgist:* Kim Reardon  
*Elders:* David Read, Jacki Davidson, Colleen Nilges  
*Deacons:* The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Greeters:* Mary Jane Anderson (*N. Door*), TBA (*S. Door*),  
Nannie Lou Mallett (*Atrium*), Doris Neidhardt (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Mia Gregory, Izzy Arnett  
*Candlelighters:* Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson  
*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (ldr.); Erin Bower (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

### Sun., Feb. 28

- Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship, 9:30-10:20 a.m., Keystone Room
- CYF (grades 9-12) and JYF (grades 3-5) 12:00-3:30 p.m.
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Mon., Feb. 29

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Nominating Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m.,

### Tues., Mar. 1

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Israel Trip Mtg., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- Bylaws Committee, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., Mar. 2

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Schiffman Lecture, 6:30 p.m., Columbia College
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Fri., Mar. 4

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
- Mid-America Disciples Women, 6:00 p.m., Community Christian Church, 409 Ellis Blvd., Jefferson City