



Worship the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6

Come, Together

In Jesus' classic, exclusive only to Luke, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, or better titled the Parable of the Two Lost Sons, a father and his younger son *come together* when confession and compassion are reunited. But the parable leaves us hanging whether or not the older son will *come together* with his father and brother. Let's come and reflect together on this timeless passage.

"...the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Rev. Stagg sermon, "Lost and Found" is based on Psalm 32 and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Hymns: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; Just As I Am Without One Plea*; and *God Is Here!* The choir will present a hymn for the congregation to learn "*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*"

Potluck - no RSVP - bring food.
 Talent Show - sign up in Narthex

Friday Night Classics!

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.

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 Dan and Holly Gieseke.

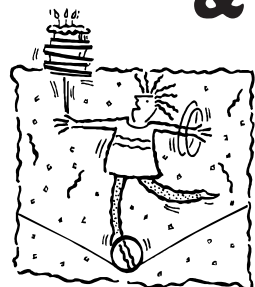


Ringers Needed

If you have been on the First Christian facebook page, chances are you've seen a video of the handbell ensemble ringing the special music on February 14th. What a joy it is to share God's music in this special way! You may have also noticed that one or two of our members have MANY bells in front of them; that is because we are in serious need of more bodies to hold those bells! The WONDERFUL thing about ringing is that you don't have to be a music reader to play in the ensemble. While reading is helpful, it is not necessary- and we have ringers in the group who will attest to that! Think about joining us, won't you? The group is open to all, without audition, and rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 on the third floor.
 ~Adriene Floyd

It's How You Walk the Path...

So often, when one of the choir members invites a new person to join us, we encounter one of these two phrases: "I'm just too busy" or "You don't want me!" Let me assure you: We want you! Now, we know that you are all very busy. We are busy too! We have choir members who are business owners, some who work multiple jobs, some with health concerns...but they all have something in common, and that thing is that they have made a commitment to helping their church in this special way. If you've considered singing in the choir, we ask you to join us in delivering the Word through music. It's fun; it's fulfilling, and YOU are invited! We practice on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the sanctuary, and on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Morris Parlor. ~Adriene Floyd



Green Potluck Lunch & Talent Show

Sunday Mar. 13

Noon, Yonker Hall
 (lunch 12 -1 p.m./talent 1-2 p.m.)

With a theme of **St. Patrick's Day** in the mix, we will welcome **green and lucky foods plus potatoes** to the potluck scene!

An All Church Fellowship Event
 Get your talent ready!
 - solo, group acts welcomed -
 - sign up in NARTHEX this week -

Sponsored by the Membership Department

Great Birthdays Celebrated with Great Church Friends

Several of our folks have had significant mid 90s birthdays on February 27. Some church friends could not help but celebrate with them and we share their news here.

Larry Caringer (seated at r) turned 94 and was honored by a luncheon hosted by Lorene Trickey at Lenoir Woods. Cliff and Mary Tompson, Gene and Micki Kirkham, Jimmy Spear joined Millie Caringer in Saturday's lunch and cake.

Elizabeth Hensley (pictured below) turned 95 recently and was visited with cake and greetings by Elder Jacki Davidson. Brad Stagg joined in and pictured with Elizabeth were her many cards including those from Elders who "card showered" her special day.

These two folks join the esteemed group of 90+ at First Christian Church -- an active group that looks forward to the years to come! Make note of another friend in the box below who turns 103 on March 2 -- we are sending cards of well wishes to **Marceline Shamberger**.



Evening Shawl Group

The Shawl Ministry expands to include an evening gathering. Interested? See below.

If you are interested in an evening prayer shawl ministry group please contact me at davisjan58@yahoo.com or by phone 573-864-2736. I would be



happy to host a group at my home or wherever is convenient for anyone interested.
~Jan Davis



Your Special Birthday!
Marceline Shamberger
103 - March 2

Call the church office for Marceline's address to send a card. She would love to hear from you.

News of People & Place

Royce Palmer has been diagnosed with malignant lymphoma and will begin chemotherapy.

Bryant Savidan continues his recovery at home.

Hardin (Wilkie) Wilkerson returned to The Neighborhoods after his stay at Boone Hospital.

Will Houston will have pacemaker surgery on Wednesday, March 2.

Bragg Stanley's brother, Thompson Stanley died; services will be March 11 in Florida. Our sympathy goes to Bragg and Joyce's family.

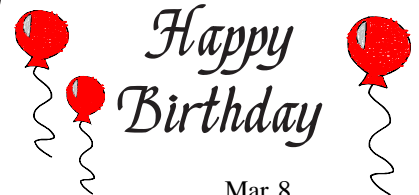
Brad Volmert's mother, Agnes Volmert, died Feb. 28. Service to be March 4 in Wardsville. Our sympathy to Brad and his family.



The lovely bouquet of chancel flowers, delivered by Eric Seaman, is being enjoyed during my birthday week. I thank you for your thoughts and your loving kindness.

~Elizabeth Hensley

Thank you so much for helping to coordinate the sponsorships from First Christian Church for VAC's Holiday Program. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. The generosity from your church is invaluable to our program. I look forward to working with you all again. Thank you again for your continued support.
~Jackie Wilmes,
VAC Holiday Program Coordinator



Mar. 6
Andy Janssen

Mar. 7
Michael Taylor

Mar. 8
Valerie Freed
David Keithley
Andrea Smith

Mar. 12
Liam Rose



Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will be ordered through the church's Ministry of Flowers. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form and return it to the church office with \$7.50 for each lily **no later than March 20.**

Total Easter Lilies given # _____ @ \$7.50 each

In Memory of:

AND/OR

In Honor of:

Please list my name as donor:

Loaves & Fishes

A meal of Turkey Divan or Chili; Salad or Applesauce; and Peach Dessert was served to 101 hungry people, plus 25 requests for seconds and then 25 carryout orders were provided. Thanks, to many from Tuesday Morning Bible Study for generous monetary gifts that made this possible.

Thanks to Will and Donna Houston, Helen and Perry Stemmons, Barb Rothenberger, Angela Nance, and Janelle Patterson for preparing the meal. Beth Nelms, Tommy Gay Evans, Janelle Patterson, Helen and Perry Stemmons, Chuck Scott, Joyce Stanley, a volunteer college student and I served the meals at Wilkes Blvd., Methodist Church. All are appreciated.
~Carol Slusher



Baptism and Discipleship Class

This year's Baptism and Discipleship Class has been working hard on the topic of Jesus and Baptism over many Sunday mornings. Pictured are (l-r) Ian Gaffney, Joseph McCormack, Eliana Snyder, Mia Gregory, Kameron Freed, Olivia Johnson, Luke Stagg, and Liam Rose. In the back row are adult mentors Brad Beary, Colleen Nilges, and Chris Creasy.



JYF Outing was Awesome!

The Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) of 3rd-5th graders is a fun group of kids that meets twice a month on Sunday afternoons. They recently had an outing for pizza, a ride in the mini bus, time at Stephens Park and a couple hours roller skating at Empire Roller Rink in Columbia. The group of 14 are pictured here in various stages of their afternoon. Thanks to parent partners who went along.

The Student Ministry Department guides and assists the overall planning of all four youth groups. At their winter meeting it was realized that the younger kids in JYF don't get out of church based activity often like the older groups who are always on the go. Sunday's event was in response to this need and is already on the calendar for next February!



Garage Sale Dates Set April 29-May 1

The Student Ministry Department has met and made plans for the 2016 Garage Sale to benefit student mission trips this year. The schedule is as follows:

**Set Up & Dropping off Donations
Sunday, April 24, 12-5 p.m.**

Set Up and Pricing:
Monday-Wednesday, April 25-27
Rest Day: Thursday

The SALE!
April 29, Friday afternoon
April 30, Saturday morning
May 1, Sunday morning

Make plans now for Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday is Unique Worship:

- 8:30 Chancel Choir presents cantata "Sanctuary" for early service.
- 10:20 Palm walk to downtown churches gathering at 9th and Broadway.
- 10:30 Hymn Sing, sanctuary (for those not at Palm gathering on Broadway).
- 10:45 Late service begins. Chancel Choir presents cantata "Sanctuary" for the day's message.

Congregational Meeting:

Following both services to approve the Nominating Committee slate of officers.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Mar 6 – Chi-Rho & CYF
 Mar 13 -- Potluck & Talent Show
 See front page.
 *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

Food for Thought

We feed hearts and spirits in many ways here at FCC—from Brad’s words at the pulpit to adopting families at Christmas to gathering weekly at the communion table. We feed our community thru programs such as Loaves and Fishes and Breakfast for the Brethren. And we literally feed our congregation at times with special events like the church picnic, potluck dinners and the Election Day luncheon.

From time to time, members of our congregation find themselves “down” due to illness, injury, surgery or other unforeseen events. If a week or two (or more) of meals would be helpful, we have a pastoral care ministry to connect these folks with other church members who are willing to prepare a meal. By making this connection, we feed the body and spirit of our brother or sister in need AND the spirit of those willing to give of their time to prepare a nourishing meal.

ALL church members are invited and encouraged to sign up with an email address to receive notification (if you don’t already receive notification) when someone is in need of a meal to be prepared and delivered to their home. Sign up by contacting Hayley Batterson at hccb78@aol.com.

If you or someone you know would be interested in receiving meals, please contact your Elder chair, Jacki Davidson at jackid63.jd@gmail.com or the church office at (573)449-7265. Minimal information is needed to provide this uplifting ministry to someone in need in our own congregation.

We want to feed you—body and spirit!
 ~Hayley Batterson

Library Books



Dear Friends,

We are working to locate missing church library books and we would appreciate it if you would look through your bookshelves. If you find a book checked out from the church, would you please return it? By all means, keep the book if you are still reading it.

Thanks so much,
 Frances Brown and Joyce Stanley

Weekly Offering Report: Feb. 28, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$4,804
 Offerings Received to Date \$271,617
 Offerings Needed to Date \$289,870

Feb. 28 Attendance: 246
 (includes early service - 49, visitors - 14)

Capital Campaign Progress Report

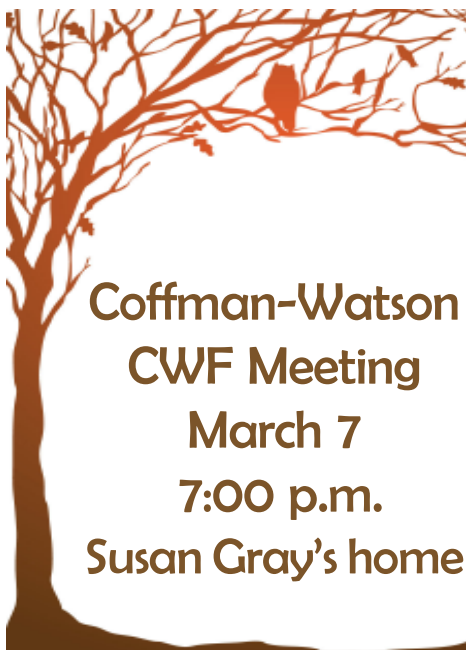
Pictured: A worker for Missouri Builder surveys the nearly completed Sanctuary roof. Hopefully, next week’s update will picture a finished roof!



Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am
 KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am



**Coffman-Watson
 CWF Meeting**

March 7

7:00 p.m.

Susan Gray’s home



**COFFEE
 HOUR**

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

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*.

Fee to be paid when loading the bus - \$15 per person.

Depart from the home of Genie Rogers at 8:00 a.m. Return by 5 p.m. If you need a ride to the departing destination, contact Carol Slusher 825-1141.

RSVP by Sunday, Mar.13.

Put “Butterfly” on the pew pad.



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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 6

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Gene Taylor
Delivered by: Gene Taylor
Welcome Station: Tommy Tomlin and Pat Rybolt

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tommy Gay Evans, Jerry and Mary Daugherty
Elder: Susan Gray

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David, Debbie and Kimberly Potthast
Liturgist: Sonya Carney
Elders: Jessica Humble, Julie Hickey, John Hickey
Deacons: The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team
Greeters: Janelle Patterson (*N. Door*), Carol Slusher (*S. Door*),
Doug Smith (*Atrium*), Cindy Smith (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack, Kira Hoenes
Candlelighters: Ella Rogers, Kameron Freed
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 6 - Mar. 12

Sun., Mar. 6

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship, 9:30-10:20 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 7

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Coffman-Watson CWF, 7:00 p.m., Susan Gray's home

Tues., Mar. 8

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

Wed., Mar. 9

- 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
- Church in Society, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Fri., Mar. 11

- Movie Night, 7:30 p.m., Cinema (3rd floor, Education Bldg.)