



**Stewardship Campaign  
 2016-2017**



**Worship: The Seventh  
 Sunday of Easter, May 8  
 and Mother's Day**

Jesus instructs us to "Go and Do the Same" following his parable of the Good Samaritan. These words guide us this year for our annual Stewardship Campaign. In the first week we considered how we too might mercifully help others "Get Up" through generously sharing our talents with others. Last week we reflected on how we might go and share the gospel to all people since there is "No Distinction" between any of God's children. Now this week, we ponder sharing Christ's delivering power as we listen to Rev. Stagg's sermon "Go and Do the Same: Prison Release" based on Revelation 22:12-17 and Acts 16:16-34. Paul and Silas' chains are let loose and the prison cell doors opened when the Holy Spirit reveals its liberating force. Come share the liberating power of the Holy Spirit at First Christian Church!

Also we celebrate Mothers on Mother's Day during the Pastoral Prayer and recognize our Graduating Seniors! A fun celebration planned for all!

**Go and Do the Same, Member Stories:  
 Janelle Patterson**

First Christian Church has been part of my life for 60 years. I took a "leave" for several years and then my parents, Howard and Elmira Hoffman, moved back to Columbia. Mother passed shortly after that and I suggested to Dad Lets go to Church. Both of us loved renewing friendships and making new ones. He passed less than 6 months after Mom, but I knew I was part of the Church family.



Being a family member keeps me very active. I help in the office, organize bereavement receptions and help with most things that involve food. I am on the CWF board, Church In Society committee, Administrative Board and a Deacon. Also being a member of Stars and Tuesday Bible Study are wonderful social events. I love giving my time, everyone is so helpful and friendly, team work is the backbone of our Church.

So, along with your pledge of tithes, your time and talents are very important also. On the Stewardship Update of Interest and Information please commit yourself and family members to help keep our Church the best Church in Columbia.

*Member stories provided by the Stewardship Campaign Committee member Gene Taylor.*

**Church in Society - Breakfast for Brethren in May**

Breakfast for Our Brethren starts Saturday at FCC, and we need your help!!! You can donate food/money, volunteer on Saturday May 7, 14, 21, and 28 to help serve breakfast. Sign up sheets are available in the office for food donations or volunteering. This is a wonderful service that we provide the people in need around Columbia and we need your help to make it possible!!!



**DOC Served at L & F**

The DOC - college group served a dinner of breakfast - egg casseroles, biscuits and gravy, and chili mac to the good folks who come for the meal at Loaves and Fishes.

The Monday, April 25 meal was cooked by Michael Tatum, Nick Larson, and Jimmy Spear. Serving the meal and pictured added in Ryan Hunsaker, Laura Shirey, and Taylor Emery.

The venerable Chuck Scott was present and helpful in getting the meal out.

## Bit from Brad

An old adage says, “‘Ch\_ \_ ch’ what’s missing? ‘UR!’”

Hokey, gimmicky? Yes and yes. True? Absolutely! The church is not a building; it’s not the preacher; it’s not its budget; it’s not its history. The church is the people of God, followers of Jesus Christ walking, following, communion with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, loving one another, strangers, and enemies.

There is a hymn that goes like this:  
“I am the church! You are the church!  
We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world!  
Yes, we’re the church together!”

During my time with you, FCC, time and time again I’ve witnessed your loving care for one another. When I visit those in the hospital, at their bedside, or at the graveside, invariably folks mention your love for one another. By name they’ll mention those who brought love, mercy, compassion, and thoughtfulness to them at their time of need. Indeed, you are the church!

Once again, this week you are Christ’s church to a suffering, grieving family. Peyton White, an 18 year old MU freshman and member of FCC, took his own life after a long struggle with schizophrenia. Your outpouring of love, presence, sympathy, and condolences through cards, letters, reception desserts, and the Bereavement Ministry testify to God’s love in action. Thank you to all who minister to this family and others in the name of Jesus Christ! You are the church!

This week as you go about your daily lives open your hearts, minds, and imaginations to the opportunities God presents you to offer compassion, mercy, kindness, encouragement, joy, hope, and love to those you encounter. For, you are the church!

See you in church this Sunday!  
~Blessings, Brad

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• **Church Dine-Out** •  
• **Friday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.** •  
• **Bob Evans Restaurant** •  
• **Everyone Welcome!** •  
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## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

### May 12, Thursday {Marceline & Disney}

Marceline Missouri and the Walt Disney Home

**Deadline** for signup for this trip is **Sunday, May 8**. We will be traveling by car so need to know how to plan. So far we do not have enough to make the trip. If questions contact Carol Slusher at 825-1141.

Depart from CHURCH at 8:30 a.m.  
Fee: \$20 (includes museum admission fee)  
RSVP to office or pew pad “DISNEY”



### June 1-2, Wed-Thurs. {2 Day Overnight Trip}

Touring of Ironton Mo. area, the Elephant Rocks and Johnson Shut-Ins. Good food and staying at the Hotel Fort Davidson. Wednesday morning departure, home by Thursday 5ish.

Prices for the hotel are as follows: \$80 could be split by two people, or \$76 for a single. Nominal gas/touring fee. Meals on your own.

We need to get an idea of how many plan to attend **by May 15**. Hotel reservations need to be made.

**Mall parking:** *It makes parking easier than at church. We often park in the wide open spots of the Columbia Mall – at the north end of the Target lot. Look for the church bus.*

**RSVP** – STARS can RSVP via the Sunday morning pew pad – using key words given in the bulletin OR call the church office/ stop in and use the “Sign Up” notebook.

### STARS Planning Meeting, May 26

A planning meeting for additional gatherings will be May 26 at Columbia Sr. Center for lunch at 11:30. Please sign up for this in the church office or contact Carol Slusher

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

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

## News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Don and Brenda Mosby** on their 53rd wedding anniversary May 12.

Mary Daugherty lets us know that anyone who would like to “harvest” some iris from the south side of the church yard is encouraged to do so. Construction will decimate the remaining iris. As they are starting to bloom, you can see the colors!

**This week our prayers are mindful of:**

**Tommy Tomlin** who is now home recuperating from last week’s knee surgery.

**Prayers of comfort and sympathy are extended to Bryant, Susan, and Erik White** in the recent death of younger son **Peyton**. Peyton was a freshman at MU, beloved by friends and family, a member of the FCC youth group in his younger days, and baptized at FCC in 2010. He dealt with mental illness which contributed to his taking of his life on April 28.

A service to celebrate his life was held in the sanctuary on May 3, where many friends were welcomed and offered care for the White family. Indeed we were church that day.



### Weekly Offering Report May 1, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$6,449  
Offerings Received to Date \$336,714  
Offerings Needed to Date \$361,065

### Attendance Report

**April 24, 2016:** 180  
(includes early service - 39, visitors - 22)  
**May 1, 2016:** 148  
(includes early service - 46, visitors - 8)

## Garage Sale 2016!

The grand total from three days of selling our stuff was **\$5,175**. This is down from recent years. After expenses we will be under \$5,000. These funds pay for the entirety of youth and college mission trips in 2016-17 summer and winter.

Thanks, thanks, thanks, to all who showed up throughout the week to make the sale happen. Far too many to name! Special thanks to the Arnetts, Humbles, Gieseke, Stemmons, Potthasts, Jason Gregory, Brianna Shepherd, Rogers boys, and Jimmy Spear who cleaned it all up. Future Garage Sales: The team has made several notes for changes if there is a garage sale in future.



Pictured are folks ready to load the car of one of our great buyers! Below: The pile of clothes that was refolded three times.



### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

No Youth Groups Meet in May. Emails share news of special events.

Chi-Rho Mission Trip: June 5-7  
Springfield MO

CYF Mission Trip: June 26-July 2  
Lexington KY

## YOUTH GROUPS

### Summer Camp Registration

Most of our kids are now signed up, thanks parents! The early bird deadline is past but kids are still welcome to register.

See Jimmy Spear.

### Vacation Bible School July 10 - 14

Sunday - Thursday  
Evenings. Dinner included.  
Helpers, Leaders, Cooks all needed.  
Jessica Humble is back as director!



I would like to thank everyone at First Christian Church for the beautiful flowers delivered to me to celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! I especially appreciate Frances Brown who delivered them and spent some time visiting with me. I would also like to express how much I appreciate the choir and Mary Bancroft's music. Music has always been such an important part of my life. Thank you all for making my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so special.  
~Doris Neidhardt

## Happy Birthday!

May 9

Tori Pine  
Ann Rogers



May 10

Harlan Hackett  
Laura Hutton  
Wayne Meyer  
Sharon Winner

May 12

Jacy Alexander  
Ben Nelms

May 13

Abigail Pine

May 11

Mary Bancroft  
Makali Hawkins

May 14

Linda Hutton

## Annual Stewardship Campaign 2016

First Christian Church *Shares the Gospel* throughout the year:

**Breakfast for Brethren** - Sats. in May/Oct.

**Room at the Inn** - winter homeless shelter

**Week of Compassion**

**Mission Projects: local and away**

**The Wardrobe** - clothing ministry

**Loaves & Fishes** - soup kitchen

**Welcoming ALL** to worship, study, and fellowship

Will you *Share the Gospel* with FCC this coming year?

## Friday Night Classics

*North by Northwest*

Friday, May 6

7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Cinema at FCC

Popcorn provided. Join us and bring a friend. Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.



# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, May 8

*Van Driver:* TBA

*Office Receptionist:* Janelle Patterson

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Carol Slusher

*Delivered by:* Carol Slusher

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy and Ryan Hunsaker

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

*Worship Assts:* Will and Donna Houston and Tommy Gay Evans

*Elder:* Susan Gray

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

*Communion Preparation:* Bill and Sonya Carney, Cole Galbraith

*Liturgist:* Jennifer Alexander

*Elders:* Steve Lightner, C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes

*Deacons:* The Beary Team *Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Greeters:* Moray Kiehl (*N. Door*), Laura Crane (*S. Door*),

Jerry Miller (*Atrium*), Kathy Miller (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Luke Stagg, Ava Martin

*Candlelighters:* Olivia Johnson, Izzy Arnett

*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR May 8-14

### Sun., May 8

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Recognition for Seniors at 10:30 worship service
- No Bible Study this day

### Mon., May 9

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Elders Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Tues., May 10

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

### Wed., May 11

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Mother's Day Out Art Show, 1:00-1:30 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thur., May 12

- Holy Land Trip begins (11 days thru May 22)
- STARS Marceline & Disney trip, 8:30 a.m. from Church
- Mother's Day Out Art Show, 1:00-1:30 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30 p.m., Yonker Hall