



Whole Church Makes VBS Priority for July: Vacation Bible School to be held July 10-14

Mark your calendars now and get ready to “Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love” at our Surf Shack Vacation Bible School set for July 10 – 14 from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

As you know, VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers to make it a great week for the kids. Please call me at 808-6394 or email me at humblejess@aol.com to volunteer or register online at 2016.cokesburyvbs.com/FCCColumbia. The following positions are needed:

- Preschool Rotation Teachers –
 Crafts, Story, Recreation, Science
- Preschool Crew Leaders
- Elementary Rotation Teachers –
 Story, Recreation, Science
- Elementary Crew Leaders
- Kitchen Helpers
- Dessert Bakers
- Registration Helpers
- Decoration Helpers



We also would like to borrow any cool beach supplies you have available. Items might include: Boogie Boards, Beach Towels, Beach Umbrellas, Surf Boards, etc. Please place your items on the Fellowship Hall stage with your name clearly marked on the items so we can get everything returned at the end of VBS. Contact Holly Gieseke at 864-4845 if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your participation!
 ~Jessica Humble, VBS Director

Kitchen Help and Cookies for Vacation Bible School

If you have time to bake two dozen cookies for the kiddos at Vacation Bible School, that would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you would like to spend some “quality” time with friends in the kitchen preparing food for those same kiddos, we would love for you to join us. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex. Please stop by Sunday; we will be glad to help you.
 ~Amy Marrero and Brenda Mosby

Weekly Offering Report

June 19, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$2,736
 Offerings Received to Date \$388,156
 Offerings Needed to Date \$412,085

Attendance Report

June 19, 2016: 157

(includes early service - 42, visitors - 9)

Weekly Offering Report

June 26, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$9,780
 Offerings Received to Date \$401,940
 Offerings Needed to Date \$419,516

Attendance Report

June 26, 2016: 185

(includes early service - 64, visitors - 11)

Worship for July 03 7th Sun. after Pentecost

Come join us for church this Sunday! Rev. Stagg’s sermon is “Harvest” from 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Luke 10:1-12, based on Jesus’ sending of the Seventy because the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Hymns for the day include: *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand; O Beautiful for Spacious Skies; A Hymn of Joy We Sing and Go in Peace.*

Worship for July 10 8th Sun. after Pentecost

Amos the prophet from Tekoa still has a word for us today! Come and hear about locusts, fire, and a plumb line in Rev. Stagg’s sermon “Plumb” based on Colossians 1:3-14 and Amos 7:1-7. What in the world can an ancient sheep-herder who doesn’t consider himself a prophet say to us? Come and see!

Join us this Sunday to sing *Lift High the Cross; Come and Find the Quiet Center and According to Thy Gracious Word.*



Chancel Flower Sign up Continues

There are still dates not spoken for from which to choose to donate chancel flowers. Please call the church to choose your date. It is a bargain \$30! ~Mary Daugherty

Auto-Pay

For your convenience FCC offers, upon your authorization, the option to process donations automatically from your checking or savings account. Contact Fred in the church office at 449-7265 or fred@firstchristian.org for further information.

Bit from Brad

Sunday's Congregational Meeting passed the 2016-17 Budget as presented and recommended by the Administrative Board. This includes increasing the Church in Society total expense from 2% to 3% of actual income from pledges, offerings, and rent; making for a 50% increase. Hallelujah! The Evangelism Team will receive its' full request to aid our church share the gospel and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! And on behalf of all staff, I want to express our deepest gratitude for approving a 3% raise for all staff. Thank you and Hallelujah!

It was pointed out that the congregation failed to receive advanced copies of the proposed budget prior to the meeting. That was an unfortunate oversight. Since I've been here, we've always sent a condensed version of budget to the congregation ahead of time with the expanded version available upon request. I should not have allowed my doctoral studies in Chicago to distract me from making sure that task took place, but I did. Please accept my deepest apology!

Another motion was made and approved for quarterly reports to be given to the congregation on the creation and resulting updates for coordinating plans between Evangelism, Communications, and other necessary groups to address declining attendance. An important need indeed!

Have a safe, fun Fourth of July Weekend and remember our true freedom is in Jesus Christ!

~Blessings, Brad



Ride the Church Van to Musical Event

Everyone is invited to attend a musical event at the VA Home in Mexico, MO. The "Memories" band will be entertaining our Vets & their families on Sunday, July 31st at 1:30 p.m. Sign up to ride the church van on the sheet in the church office. We will leave from our church parking lot at noon. Call Bette Scavone @ 443-8456, if you would like more details.

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Check out the future plans of this fun fellowship group. Please note many coming events have RSVP dates soon!



July 7 – Thursday, departure time 12:00 Noon (no meal)

Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock for show "1776"

Bus **Filled** to Capacity

July 17 – Sunday

Lunch at Claysville General Store

"Homemade fried chicken served family style -- with all the good fixins"

Deadline for reservations - July 12

August 3 – Wednesday

Maples Theater in Macon for show "Joseph and Amaz. Tech. Dreamcoat"

Lunch at AJs, Ben Franklin after show

Cost \$32 (includes ticket & transportation)
Departure 10 a.m.

RSVP deadline past

September 8 – Thursday

Tour of Bothwell Lodge, Sedalia

Lunch in Sedalia, afternoon Daum Museum

September 15 – Thursday

Lyceum Theater in Arrow Rock for show "Million Dollar Quartet"

Cost \$40 (includes ticket & transportation)
RSVP deadline past

October 20 – Thursday

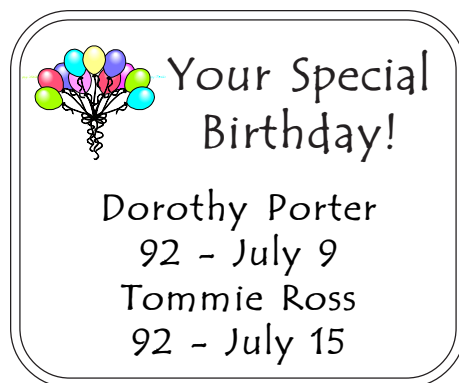
Color Tour to Rosebud, MO

November 15-16, 2016 – Tues. & Wed.

Branson, Missouri to see Daniel O'Donnell at Welk's Theatre

Shopping and other options possible
RSVP by August 15

Cost TBA (tickets, hotel, travel fee)



News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Will and Donna Houston** on their 62nd wedding anniversary July 4th and to **Larry and Peggy Veatch** who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on June 26th.

We received word that **Norma Miles** passed away June 17. Services will be held in Shelbina, MO at a later date. Norma and her husband Carl were members here until moving to Florida.

Richard Underwood is a patient at Boone Hospital. **Wilkie Wilkerson** has returned back home after a stay in the hospital last week.



Our thanks to Bud & Debbie Batterson and granddaughters for the lovely bouquet in honor of our 66th wedding anniversary. This visit made our day.

~Jim and Tommie Ross

Birthdays to Celebrate

<p><u>July 3</u> Jadie Arnett</p> <p><u>July 4</u> Drew Nichols</p> <p><u>July 5</u> Kim Leon Stacia Schaefer</p> <p><u>July 6</u> Haley Evers</p> <p><u>July 7</u> Jack Estes</p> <p><u>July 8</u> J.D. Estes Barb Rothenberger David Weber</p> <p><u>July 9</u> Erin Bower Adriene Floyd Dorothy Porter</p>	<p><u>July 10</u> Judy Creasy Shawn Von Talge</p> <p><u>July 11</u> Ava Martin Teddy Nichols</p> <p><u>July 13</u> Eric Seaman Bragg Stanley Christopher Stormer Richard Underwood</p> <p><u>July 14</u> Anne Campbell</p> <p><u>July 15</u> Tammy Arnett Kathy Miller Tommie Ross</p> <p><u>July 16</u> Micki Kirkham Connie Street</p>
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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 03

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Gene Taylor
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Brenda Martin
Delivered by: Lorene Trickey
Welcome Station: Lexy Bell and Trish Stagg

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Joe and Kim Reardon
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger
Offering Counter: Sarah Storm and Bob Hutton

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tammy and Jadie Arnett and Susan Klockow
Liturgist: Bragg Stanley
Elders: Brenda Mosby, Steve Lightner, Don Mosby
Deacons: The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team
Greeters: Joyce Stanley (*N. Door*), Frances Brown (*S. Door*), Susan Klockow (*Atrium*), Chuck Scott (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack, Kira Hoenes
Candlelighters: Ella Rogers, Kameron Freed
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)
Offering Counter: Brenda Martin and Deb Batterson

CHURCH CALENDAR July 03 - 09

Sun., July 03
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall

Mon., July 04
- Office Closed for holiday

Tues., July 05
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Evangelism Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Wed., July 06
- Elementary Camp (grades 2 & 3), Covenant Point, Holt Summit (Wed. - Thur.)
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir on Break

Fri., July 08
- Try It Camp, Covenant Point - Holt Summit (Fri. - Sun.)

Sat., July 09
- Racism, Faith and Justice Worship, 8:00-4:00, Columbia College, Dulany Hall



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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 10

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Susan and Gerald Ramsey
Delivered by: Susan and Gerald Ramsey
Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Ryan Hunsaker

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey
Elder: Susan Gray
Offering Counter: Kim Reardon and Moeller

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Becky Baumgartner and Susan Klockow
Liturgist: Tommy Tomlin
Elders: Sharon Winner, Larry Veatch, Marilyn Schappert
Deacons: The Beary Team *Ushers:* The Burnam Team
Greeters: Bud Batterson (*N. Door*), Deb Batterson (*S. Door*), Ed Bright (*Atrium*), Eva Bright (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Chase Hofmann, Luke Stagg
Candlelighters: Ava Martin, Olivia Johnson
Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)
Offering Counter: Janelle Patterson and Jerry Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR July 10 - 16

Sun., July 10
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m., FCC (Sun. - Thur.)

Mon., July 11
- Music Art Drama Camp (grades 6-12) - Covenant Point, Holt Summit (Mon. - Fri.)
- Newsletter deadline and church staff mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Tues., July 12
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Wed., July 13
- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir on Break
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Thr., July 14
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

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FCC kids and leaders at Chi-Rho camp last week include: (back row) Ryan Boger, Valerie Freed, Kimberly Potthast, Jimmy Spear; (front row) Luke Stagg, Liam Rose, Kameron Freed, Max Gregory, Emma Hawkins, Ava Hoenes and Joe McCormack.



CYF Mission Team 2016 departs to serve and learn in Lexington, Kentucky.