



VISITOR

Major Changes to the Landscape at 9th & Walnut

The parking lot is in! The pocket park has been removed. A new parking lot is now in and striped. Landscaping and finishing touches are being done. The new parking area provides 16 or so new spaces. The majority of this parking area will be connected to the other leased out portions of the lot for use by Boone County office staff. The church uses the entirety of the lot in the evening after 5 p.m. and all weekend. There are two handicapped spots, and some church staff parking remains. See a related article inside this issue for more on this part of the capital campaign progress.



Worship for July 17

Come join us for church this Sunday! Rev. Stagg's sermon is "The Better Part" from Colossians 1:15-20 and Luke 10:38-42, based on Jesus' conversation with Mary and Martha when Martha complains about Mary's lack of attention to kitchen work. What boundary lines are you willing to cross for Jesus? Come and learn!

Hymns for the day are reminiscent of times gone by and seem perfect for summer *O, How I Love Jesus*; *Seek Ye First*; and at the table the moving *In Remembrance of Me*. Kate Volmert will bring the special music.

Worship for July 24

As life's pace increases, as violence escalates, as our priorities blur, Jesus' teachings on prayer are as relevant as ever! Come join disciples across the ages, requesting "Lord, teach us to pray." Rev. Stagg's sermon "When You Pray" based on Psalm 85 and Luke 11:1-13 delves into the important, personal, life-changing, world-impacting spiritual discipline of prayer. Come and pray!

The congregation will join in singing *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*; *More About Jesus Would I Know*; and *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*.

A member shared the following which sums up the feelings many had from worship on Sunday, July 3:



What a JOY it has been to experience our choir this Summer! Your numbers are expanding and your voices are more cheerful and energetic than ever. It is clear that great care is taken to select each piece. The musical accompaniment complements the voices beautifully.

Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us as it is truly a meaningful and powerful part of every service.

In the Next Issue of the Visitor:

- CYF Mission Trip Pictures
- Vacation Bible School Pictures & Story
- Announcement of the Church Picnic details set for August 28

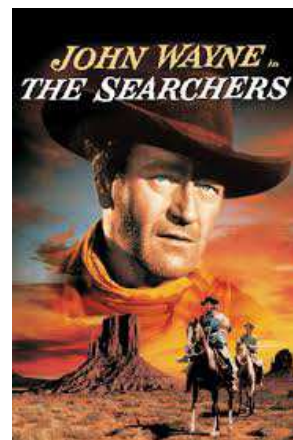
Friday Night Classics

"The Searchers" -- a western!

Friday, July 15 7:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

- June's *Adam's Rib* had the biggest crowd yet with 20 or so folks! Popcorn provided. Join us and bring a friend.
- Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.



Bit from Brad

On December 6, 2015, FCC's Admin Board approved the Financial Operating Policy (FOP) for our congregation. This policy culminates 2 ½ years of dedicated work by the Financial Operating Policy Task Force: Sarah Storm (Chair), Kim Boger, John Hickey, Kim Reardon, CK Hoenes, and me. Also, invaluable input and review of the draft policy(s) were provided by Julie Hickey, Fred Mottaz, Jimmy Spear and members of the Stewardship & Finance Dept.: Dan Gieseke, David Read, Bragg Stanley, Mike Randerson, and Hayley Batterson. All of whom we are deeply indebted to for their long hours and diligent service. Thank you one and all!

The importance of the FOP cannot be overstated. When I arrived, we discovered prudent "checks and balances" systems were missing. Thanks be to God for FRED MOTTAZ whose integrity and honesty kept and continues keeping this congregation safe and sound while shouldering undue risk!!! Had anyone made a false accusation against Fred, FCC would not have had the protocols or procedures to protect his reputation. Thankfully, no one did. Also in no way does this policy imply any wrong doing on Fred's part; rather it serves to protect him and all those engaged with FCC's finances. Thank you, Fred, for being such an outstanding steward of this congregation!!

The new FOP also provides protection not only of funds and reputations, but of lives. Prior to the FOP's implementation, each Sunday's offerings were transported in the public three separate times. First, Dan Backues drove the offering each Sunday after church to the bank's night depository; then Monday morning Fred picked up the offering from the bank and walked it back to the church so he and a volunteer could count the collection. Finally Fred walked the offering back to the bank where the weekly deposit was made. All that risk is no more! With the new policy, Callaway Bank provides a courier service to pick-up cash and our newly trained volunteer counters electronically deposit checks to the bank from our new check-deposit machine. Utilizing this technology and service protects Dan and Fred who literally placed themselves at risk each and every week for our church! Once again, thank you Fred and Dan for your faithful service! God bless you both!!!!

In addition to protecting people and fi-

nances, having a policy allows the whole church to be of "one mind" regarding the handling of our funds. The nice thing about a policy is if we want to change some procedure which no longer works, as inevitably happens, we can do so but it is a way which allows everyone to be on the same page when changes occur. Policy serves as corporate memory, a very important thing to have when handling other people's money.

After nearly half a year of preparation (January – May), the Financial Operating Policy became effective on June 1, 2016. The implementation of this policy is definitely a "process" with a steep learning curve! Many thanks go to Fred, Kay, and Keith, who serve on the 'front line' to implement this new process. Please be patient with them as they're learning the process too!

Also, many thanks in advance to all staff and Church members as together we embrace the changes and new ways of "doing things" resulting from the new policy.

A series of articles addressing the various changes resulting from the new policy will come out over the next several editions of *The Visitor*. Copies of the complete Financial Operating Policy are available at the Church office. Feel free to contact the Church office or Sarah Storm with any questions.

And a very big thanks to Sarah Storm who for 2½ years worked days and nights as leader, author, editor, implementer, and chief-change-agent with this major milestone and achievement for our congregation. Thank you SARAH STORM!!!

~Blessings, Brad

With Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to my Eagle Project. Not only does it mean a lot to me and my family, the new shed will also help serve the church for decades to come! A special thanks to Sentinel Lumber in Ashland for reducing the cost of the shed as well as B&B Bagels and Hy Vee for donating food for my fundraisers. Your support for the youth of the church is incredible, I am very lucky to be part of this community!

~Max Schaefer

News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Bud & Deb Batterson** on their 52nd wedding anniversary July 18.

Among our prayer concerns this week:

Doris Neidhardt who will have hip replacement surgery on July 18.

The **Shane and Erin Bower family** in the death of his father, Don Bower, on Friday, June 8 in Tampa, Florida.

Local Disciple Ministers Celebrated:

Millersburg Christian Church (DOC) invites you to join them in celebrating the occasion of **Reverend Barbara Gulick's** retirement on July 30 & 31, beginning on Sat. at 5 p.m. with a concert. See the church bulletin board for more information.

Olivet Christian Church welcomes as their new called pastor, **Rev. Wesley Knight**. Welcome, Wesley.



July 17

Cullen Snow

July 24

Audrey Snyder

July 18

Kim Boger

Ellyn Brothers

Judy Cunningham

Tom Sisson

July 25

Larry Dietzel

Jennifer Hallam

Julia LaHue

July 19

David Beem

Sonya Carney

David Ross

July 27

Derrick Evers

Bradley Volmert

July 20

Tom Hughey

July 28

Mark Martin

July 21

Bryant White

July 29

Shane Bower

Betty Turner

July 22

Gerald Ramsey

July 30

Nancy Davis

Donna Heinen

July 23

Lexy Bell

Judy Longaker

July 31

Hayley Batterson

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

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



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 is now past -talk to Jimmy Spear if you would still like to be added.)

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)

Important Information Concerning FOP!

Over the next several editions of *The Visitor*, the Financial Operating Policy (FOP) Task Force will offer instructional articles as an aid to help members transition to our new process. If you have **any** questions, please contact the Church Office or Sarah Storm, FOP Task Force Chair. Today’s *Visitor* offers instructions for three key areas: 1) the **Payment Drop Box** located in the Church Office; 2) **Reimbursement Procedures** for Church employees/members; and 3) use of **Church Credit Card** which may be checked out by Church employees/members for Church expenses.

#1 — PAYMENT DROP BOX:

- (1) The **Payment Drop Box** is located on the south end of the counter in the Church Office.
- (2) The **Payment Drop Box** will be used for any payment/collection (not requiring a receipt) which is received in the Church Office on a weekday, on a Sunday, or after hours (i.e., following an Administrative Board Meeting).
- (3) Identification of the payment/collection (i.e., pledge, food bank, STARS trip) should be noted in the memo of the check.
- (4) Envelopes are available with the **Payment Drop Box** and can also be used to identify the purpose of the payment/collection.
- (5) **NOTE:** If a payment/collection is received with **NO** identification, it is automatically processed as a pledge.

#2 — REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES: As outlined in *Section Four:*

Disbursement Procedures of the FOP:

- (1) Church employee/member needing reimbursement will complete and sign/date a “Purchase Requisition Form” (available at the Church Office) and submit to the Business Manager (Fred) with **all** applicable receipts (i.e., invoices, packing slips, etc.).
- (2) All checks will be approved (by Senior Minister or Treasurer in Senior Minister’s absence) and signed by two check signers* on the **10th and 25th of each month** (if these days fall on a weekend or a holiday, checks will be approved and signed on the following business day).
- (3) An alternative to using this reimbursement method would be the use of the Church credit card (refer to FOP Article #3).

***Thanks to Hayley Batterson, Kim Boger, Jessica Humble, Mark Mills and Bragg Stanley for serving as check signers this year! (Check signers are approved annually by the Administrative Board.)**

#3 — CHURCH CREDIT CARD: As outlined in *Section Six: Credit Card Policy of the FOP:*

- (1) A Church credit card will be secured in the Church Office and may be available to be signed out by Church employees/members for Church business **only**.
- (2) Any Church employee/member needing to use this card must sign the “Credit Card Check Out/In Log” on the day the card is checked out. The same Church employee/member will personally check the card back in.
- (3) A “Credit Card Expense Form” will be provided to the Church employee/member at the time the card is checked out and **must** be completed and signed/dated and returned (with the card) to the Church office with applicable receipts attached.
- (4) The Church credit card will be returned promptly to the Church Office so it will be available for check out by other Church employees/members as needed.
- (5) **Before coming to the Church Office to check out the Church credit card, it is recommended that the respective Church employee/member contacts the Church Office (573-449-7265) to ensure that the card is available.**



Weekly Offering Report

July 03, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$5,979
Offerings Received to Date \$5,979
Offerings Needed to Date \$8,161

Attendance Report

July 03, 2016: 163

(includes early service - 47, visitors - 12)

Weekly Offering Report

July 10, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$10,740
Offerings Received to Date \$16,468
Offerings Needed to Date \$16,322

Attendance Report

July 10, 2016: 169

(includes early service - 34, visitors - 9)

Food Outreach Ministry News

160 Meals Feed the Hungry

Many thanks to the following individuals for helping with dinner for Loaves and Fishes on June 27th. One hundred and sixty meals were prepared and enjoyed by our guests at Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church prepared by Coffman Watson Circle of First Christian Church.

Janelle Patterson, Colleen Nilges, Anne Campbell, Susan Gray, Sarah Read, Sally Robinson, Joyce Stanley and special friends Terry and Rhonda Robb.

Breakfast for 130 Brethren

Apologies to all for being so tardy in saying THANK YOU to the regular crew and to some new crew members: Jeff Wheeland, Opal Stites, and Betty Montgomery. Our numbers seemed down a bit but we still were able to provide a hot breakfast, to go snack foods, water, and personal items for 130 people. One gentleman was so grateful-he was able to get a whole set of clothing, including shoes and was so excited and thankful! I believe we received more blessings than we provided-i.e.: 'thank you for the wonderful food, a place to rest for a couple of hours, letting us have food and clothes that we can take with us, giving us your blessings, and just knowing that you care about us' are the words we heard. Thanks be to God that He gives us the ability to serve in this way. Blessings to all who helped in any way! In gratefulness and with humility, Colleen Nilges



Capital Campaign Update

The Boone County-managed Parking Lot Project made great strides last week as the asphalt was poured and striping painted. We await the County and contractors to inform us when the project is complete. The picture above shows the contractors applying the asphalt last Tuesday, July 5.

As to the masonry restoration and Southside wall waterproofing: at the June Meeting of Administrative Board, Mid-Continental Restoration was awarded the contract as they submitted the lowest bid at \$349,105; they plan to begin work mid-July and project a completion date of November 30.



Campers Small and Tall

It seems like just a few years ago the four young women pictured at right (Maddie, Julia, Elayna, Audrey) were just starting to go to church camp. They are now entering high school and have loved summer camp for many years, making it be a priority for each summer. This year they attended the unique camp for 8th graders "That Camp About God and Sex."

The three little boys at left (Detriech, Noah, Cullen) and their parents attended "Try It Camp" over the weekend. Together they are starting the tradition of being together at church camp in the summer. The report was that they had a great time and were most tired!

All-Church Ice Cream Social & Mission Trip Stories



Sunday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.

Yonker Fellowship Hall

Desserts Welcome

Ice Cream & Toppings provided

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 17

Van Driver: Steve McCormack
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Nannie Lou Mallett
Delivered by: The Stagg Family
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Brice and Mary Moeller, Mary Daugherty
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger
Offering Counters: Barnard and Sarah Storm

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David and Julie Nichols,
Hunter Rogers
Liturgist: Jacki Davidson
Elders: Genie Rogers, Harlan Hackett, Joyce Stanley
Deacons: The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team
Greeters: Ron Longaker (*N. Door*), Judy Longaker (*S. Door*),
Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Paul Ritchie (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin
Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow, Kate Volmert
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Diana Provenzano

CHURCH CALENDAR July 17-23

Sun., July 17

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- STARS Lunch at Claysville General Store

Mon., July 18

- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tues., July 19

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., July 20

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's home
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Keystone Room

**Calendar Change:
July 31 Musical Event at
the VA in Mexico
Postponed**

The event will be rescheduled for late
summer or early fall.

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 24

Van Driver: Don Mosby
Office Receptionist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Colleen Nilges
Delivered by: Eric Seaman and Gene Taylor
Welcome Station: Jan Davis and Steven Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tommy Gay Evans and Eli Gaffney
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans
Offering Counters: Carol Hughey and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Joe and Kim Reardon,
Brianna Shepard
Liturgist: Joyce Stanley
Elders: Eric Arnett, Nora Dietzel, Colleen Nilges
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team
Greeters: Trish Stagg (*N. Door*), Amy LaHue (*S. Door*),
Dan Gieseke (*Atrium*), Paul Ritchie (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Lena Schaefer, Liam Rose
Candlelighters: Mia Gregory, Izzy Arnett
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Deb Batterson and Gene Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR July 24-30

Sun., July 24

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.

Mon., July 25

- Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Tues., July 26

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

Wed., July 27

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Capital Campaign Team Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Thr., July 28

- CAOAM Advisory Board Mtg., 5:30-7:00 p.m.,
Yonker Fellowship Hall
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
Bethany Hall

The Visitor

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Celebrating a Birthday!



Tuesday Bible Study helped **Bryant Savidan**, celebrate his "41st" birthday. The cake was delicious, as you can tell since half of it is gone. Thank you, Bryant, for including us in your early birthday celebration.

You are Invited to Women's Day July 17th

Fifth Street Christian Church
401 N. 5th Street, Columbia MO

11:00 a.m. Worship
Speaker: Rev. Penny Weston,
SCC Jefferson City, MO

3:00 p.m. Worship
Speaker: Rev. Haley Davis, SBC Vandalia, MO

SBC Praise Dance Ministry and SBC Praise &
Worship Team