



We Have Amazing TEACHERS!

I want to thank all of the amazing Sunday School teachers that took their time to teach our little ones about God, Jesus and being a Christian this last year! I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this important part of church. They are:

Hayley Batterson: Pre-K
 Mary Daugherty: K-2
 Brenda Mosby/ Carol Hughey: 3-5
 Sara Read: 6-12

Then there are all of the people who were willing to substitute and fill in when needed! You are also a key part to this service for the church!

Thank you for creating these moments and memories for our children!

If you are interested in being a part of this special group of people, please contact me or Jimmy.

~Cindy Rose, Children's Education Chair

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 28
12:00 Noon! Bethel Park
 (Located on Bethel Street between Nifong Blvd. & Southhampton)

- Wear picnic clothes to church this day!
- Have you invited friends to worship & the following picnic? Those in your pew?
- All food, drinks, table service provided. Bring a chair if you like/there are picnic tables available.
- Want to assist in setup? (10 a.m.-12) talk to Natalie Barnard or Jimmy Spear

Scholarship Time

First Christian Church Scholarship Funds will be awarded to those seeking degrees in programs of higher education - undergraduate degrees and in graduate seminary. The funds are made possible through the scholarship funds set up by members over the years to endow scholarships to members in college. The Scholarship Committee will meet in early September to review applications. Applications can be picked up in the church office or received via email from Jimmy Spear (jimmy@firstchristian.org). He will email out applications to those students/parents he has contact information on.

The application deadline for scholarships is **August 25**

Worship for August 14

“Running with Faith in Hand-part two” will be the second installment of a two week look at the lectionary readings found in the 11th chapter of Hebrews – a great chance to work out a talk on faith in two parts.

Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message and focus this part on Jesus, the cloud of witnesses and the endurance factor.

Hymns for the day will include: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above; Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom; My Hope Is Built and Go My Children*. The Drennan Singers will provide service music at both services.

Worship for August 21

Singers and Preachers return!

Rev. Brad Stagg will be back in the pulpit and the Chancel Choir will be back in the loft all on Sunday August 21. As we hear a message from these rested disciples we will gather with song and prayers for a good Lord's day.

Hymns for the day include the powerful *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, the melodic *Wonderful Words of Life*, and the moving *Let Us Break Bread Together*. The closer for the coming weeks will be *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*.

Memories Band Concert

The Memories Band Concert has been re-scheduled at the VA Home in Mexico, Mo. for Sunday, August 28th at 1:30 p.m. This is our chance to visit with FCC members: Floyd Marcum, Kent Kurtz and Nat Scavone, as well as tour the facility.

Those interested in going please sign up in the Church office. We need to car pool. Name and phone # are needed.



I would like to thank the members of First Christian Church for all of the kindness you showed me during my recent hip surgery. I appreciate all of the visits, cards, phone calls, and gifts! I would like to give a special thanks to Jeff Underwood who helped me so much before my surgery. I am doing very well and plan to be back at church soon!

~Doris Neidhardt

Thank you, church family, for the flowers and cards during my recent recuperation and Lenoir stay. Your kindness and visits have been most appreciated.

~Millie Caringer

Weekly Offering Report July 31, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$12,263
Offerings Received to Date \$37,139
Offerings Needed to Date \$35,364

Attendance Report July 31, 2016: 168

(includes early service - 43, visitors - 12)

Weekly Offering Report Aug. 07, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$9,135
Offerings Received to Date \$46,899
Offerings Needed to Date \$48,674

Attendance Report Aug. 07, 2016: 145

(includes early service - 42, visitors - 15)



Librarians Unite

The Fleming Library on the 2nd floor of the education building has been for many months under going a much needed cleaning, cleaning out, and organization. Since the venerable Mary Richardson retired her librarian hat some years ago, the library has been neglected. Two members have taken up the task: Frances Brown and Joyce Stanley pictured here spending a day a week among the books making the space renewed and fresh. All are welcome to spend time, check out a book and enjoy the unique collection of books found in the church library.

Rev. Sally Robinson is on Sabbatical

Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry Chaplain, Rev. Sally Robinson, has recently begun a three month sabbatical. With 35 years in ministry and 11 years as CAOAM Chaplain, this is her *first* and well deserved. Sally will spend time in rest, reflection, study, and renewal. Other local clergy and lay people will be covering for Sally in the many places she does ministry around Columbia during this time.

IRA QCD 4 FCC

Avoid income tax! Talk to your IRA trustee about the advantages of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) made directly to FCC. Call the church office for more information.

News of People & Place

Congratulations to two couples celebrating wedding anniversaries: **Cliff & Mary Tompson**, their 65th on Aug. 21st and **Kent & Paula Kurtz**, their 60th on Aug. 24th.

Anne Tomlin and **Jeff Wheeland** had recent stays in the hospital, but are home recovering well.



Your Special
Birthday!

Robert Sisson
103 - Aug. 16

Happy Birthday!



Aug. 14

Courtney Martin
Janet Mills
Zeke Mottaz

Aug. 20

Gene Kirkham

Aug. 21

Susan Gray

Aug. 15

Kim Korman
Elayna Mottaz

Aug. 22

Taylor Humble

Aug. 16

Louis Janssen
Jacob Mooney
Robert Sisson
Joyce Stanley

Aug. 23

Janelle Patterson
Marsha Sisson

Aug. 24

Denice Adkins
Paula Slusher

Aug. 17

Elizabeth Mottaz
JoAnn Spaur

Ann Teel

Aug. 25

Aug. 18

Brock Booska
Nora Dietzel
Michelle Lindner
Sharon Smith

Amelia Leon-Rudy
Roy Overacre
Susan White

Aug. 26

Mary Daugherty

Aug. 19

Quinn Fullington
Carol Hughey

Aug. 27

Steven McCormack

Important Information Concerning FOP! (part 2)

#4.—Offering Counting Teams: As outlined in *Section Two: Collecting, Counting, and Depositing Procedures for Sunday Offerings* of the Financial Operating Policy (FOP)

An integral part of FCC's new FOP is the collecting, counting, and depositing of the Sunday morning offerings (as well as special offerings and fundraising collections) by designated offering counters. As outlined in the FOP:

- Separate counting teams have been assigned to each worship service (8:30 AM and 10:30 AM).
- Two counters from each counting team serve as counting partners for the respective service on each Sunday.
- Immediately following each service, the respective counting partners collect the offering from the sanctuary, count cash and create deposit, and electronically deposit checks using the eDeposit machine.

Since the policy was implemented on June 1, these offering counters have arrived at the Church office counting room on their respective Sunday with smiles on their faces, dedication to their job, AND patience! In these past two months we have, not only done some slight "tweaking" of the original counting policy on which the counters were trained in May, BUT just two weeks ago, new (and different!) eDeposit (electronic check deposit) software was installed! A learning curve indeed!

THANK YOU to the following individuals for agreeing to serve on counting teams for this year. (Counting teams are approved annually by the Administrative Board.)

8:30 AM Counting Team: Natalie/Richard Barnard, Mary Daugherty, Carol Hughey, Bob Hutton, Mary/Brice Moeller, Kim Reardon, Doug Smith, and Sarah Storm

10:30 AM Counting Team: Deb Batterson, Harlan Hackett, Brenda Martin, Jerry Miller, Janelle Patterson, Diana Provenzano, Susan Ramsey, Cindy Smith, and Gene Taylor.

Substitute Counters: Carole and Mike Randerson, Dan Backues, CK Hoenes, and Sarah Storm

Additional information on counting team requirements and duties can be found in *Section Two: Collecting, Counting, and Depositing Procedures for Sunday Offerings* of the FOP. (Copies of the complete FOP are available at the Church office.)



If you have *any* questions, please contact the Church Office @ 573-449-7265 or Sarah Storm (FOP Task Force Chair) @ 573-289-0072.

FCC WANT ADS – ministries looking for leaders/helpers!

Picnic Leadership Successor: Shadow Natalie and Richard Barnard as they lead the charge of preparation and implementation of the church picnic on August 28. The Barnards, after several successful years of church picnic leadership are ready to hand it off to new leaders, as it was handed off to them by the Snows – will you (and/or your family-group-friend) take on this leadership role for 2017? Talk to Natalie or to Jimmy Spear with interest.

Teacher K-2: Sunday mornings 9:30-10:20 a.m. a dynamic group of children learn the stories of the bible while having creative play and conversation. A teacher, a team of teachers, is needed to lead this group this school year. Interested? Talk to Cindy Rose (Chairperson of Children's Education Dept.) or to Jimmy Spear.

Childcare Providers: The nursery is in need of quality childcare providers. Our childcare team works from 8:15 to 11:45 on Sunday mornings. It is a paid position (\$10/hr). Applicants must be 18 years old and first aid/cpr certification is helpful. Application and interview along with references are required. A rotating schedule exists. Talk to Brad Stagg, Jimmy Spear or Cindy Rose for more information or to recommend someone - does not have to be a church member.

Children's Worship Second Adult: The Children's Education Department seeks helpful adults who can be the second - present in the room-help with kids-assist the CW Leader on Sundays during the 10:30 service. A rotation of adults exists. Able? Talk to Cindy Rose or Jimmy Spear.

Youth Groups to have Pool Day

All three youth groups will end summer/start their year together poolside! (Youth will attend the group with which they will relate in the new school year.) Here are the details:

ONE pool ONE day THREE groups
Home-pool of Josh and Holly Wheatley.

CYF (grades 9-12): 12:00-3:30 p.m.

Lunch provided. Meet at church at 11:50 a.m. to ride bus to and from Wheatley home. Parents pick up at church.

JYF (grades 3-5): 4:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner provided.

Meet the church bus at FCC at 4:00 to ride to pool. Parents pick up at Wheatley home at 6 p.m.

CHI-RHO (grades 6-8): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Dinner provided.
Parents drop off at Wheatley home at 6 p.m.
Church bus will bring kids back to church for 8 p.m. pick up.

Families will receive a mailing with these details and address. Email Jimmy with questions.

Sponsored by the Student Ministry Department.

YOUTH GROUPS



Mission Possible Holly

- ✓ Able to drive a church bus.
- ✓ Navigate teenage angst.
- ✓ Laugh at some really funny silliness.
- ✓ Like popular music and the classics.
- ✓ Have iphone at the ready to take pictures.
- ✓ Know exactly what Jimmy is thinking and not have to ask.
- ✓ Love the very thought of 24/7 time with a dozen kids who have great spirit.
- ✓ Be ready to sleep on an air-mattress.
- ✓ Be able to make sense of a group's desires when they all talk at once.
- ✓ Be gifted by God to be flexible yet direct yet lovely yet firm yet friendly.

These are the characteristics of two FCC women named Holly. Pictured here Holly Gieseke (l) and Holly Wheatley (r) were youth mission team partners this summer HG for Chi-Rho and HW for CYF. Indeed we are blessed for their saying yes...



The Ice Cream Social

The Student Ministry department hosted a successful Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 7. With over 80 in attendance the ice cream and toppings hit the spot on a summer evening. It was a great chance for the two youth mission teams to share their summer travel stories. Thanks to all who attended. Thanks also to Don Mosby for taking the bus out to Lenoir and bringing a happy crew of members in for the event.



(The CYF enjoys ice cream before their presentation)

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Please note many coming events have RSVP dates soon!



September 8 – Thursday - Cost \$15
Tour of Bothwell Lodge, Sedalia
 Lunch in Sedalia, afternoon Daum Museum
 Departing at 9:00 am

September 15 – Thursday
Lyceum Theater in Arrow Rock for show "Million Dollar Quartet"
 Cost \$40 (includes ticket & transportation) (RSVP deadline past)
 Departing 12:30 pm from Target parking lot

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 21
 Cost: Tickets-\$54
 Transportation-\$20
 Lodging-\$50 (double occupancy)
 -\$90 (single occupancy)

Special invitation from Broadway CC:
 Branson Overnight Trip, Nov. 8-9.
 Includes 3 shows, shopping and IMAX.
 See bulletin board for details.
 DEADLINE - Aug. 14.
 Contact: Carol Slusher for information and to reserve a spot.

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Aug. 14

Van Driver: Eric Seaman

Office Receptionist: Kim Rogers

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Barb Rothenberger

Delivered by: Kim Leon

Welcome Station: Chris Creasy

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom and Carol Hughey, Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Will Houston

Offering Counters: Bob Hutton and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Dan and Holly Gieseke, Deborah Scott

Liturgist: Gene Taylor

Elders: Pat Rybolt, Genie Rogers, Pamela Hoepfner

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

Greeters: TBD (*N. Door*), TBD (*S. Door*),

Janelle Patterson (*Atrium*), Nannie Lou Mallett (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Ava Martin, Olivia Johnson

Candlelighters: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

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

Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Susan Ramsey

CHURCH CALENDAR Aug. 14 - 20**Sun., August 14**

- Drennan Singers, both services
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall

Mon., Aug. 15

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

Tues., Aug. 16

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

Wed., Aug. 17

- 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., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Evangelism Department Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Thr., Aug. 18

- Trustees Mtg., 12:00 Noon, Glenn's Cafe

The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ**SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Aug. 21**

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Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Gene Taylor

Delivered by: Gene Taylor

Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Mary and Jerry Daugherty, Eli Gaffney

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Carol Hughey

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Kim Rogers, Trish Stagg, Pat Wright

Liturgist: Joyce Stanley

Elders: Eric Seaman, Erin Bower, Hayley Batterson

Deacons: The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team

Greeters: Ed Bright (*N. Door*), Eva Bright (*S. Door*),

Laura Crane (*Atrium*), Larry Burnam (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Amelia Leon-Rudy, Izzy Arnett

Candlelighters: Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson

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- Chi-Rho Pool Party, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Josh & Holly Wheatley's

Mon., Aug. 22

- Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Loaves & Fishes, Coffman-Watson Group

Tues., Aug. 23

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

Wed., Aug. 24

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thr., Aug. 25

- **Scholarship Deadline**
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

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Friday Night Movie Classics

"To Kill A Mockingbird"

Friday, August 12

7:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

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

Dine Out with Church Friends

Last Friday was the latest installment of the "First Friday Dine Out" of FCC folks. The group gathers at the Bob Evans Restaurant for a meal at 5:30 p.m. and shares fellowship over good food. The number of attendees varies but lately has shown great popularity. Tommy Tomlin will even call and remind you on the Thursday, day before. The dinner is just another regular chance for fellowship among church friends new and old. All are most welcome!



The FALL Starts

YOUTH GROUPS START Sun. Sept 11

Sunday School STARTS Sun. Sept 11