

Worship: Sunday, Jan. 8

This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday, the day we celebrate the light of Christ coming to the whole world, Jews and Gentiles, represented by the Three Wise Men. Rev. Stagg's sermon, "The Light of Star" is based on Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12. Come find the light of the Star rising in the East, who is Christ Jesus!

Hymns for this day include: *The First Noel*; *As With Gladness*; *Sing of God Made Manifest* and *We Thee Kings*.



Loaves & Fishes

Folks at Loaves and Fishes were fed on Monday night, December 26. Thanks to Paula and CK Hoenes for organizing and to others pictured here for your help and good cheer!



Youth Calendar for 2017

JYF (grds 3-5) &
Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)
4:30-6:00 p.m.
CYF (grds 9-12)
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Group Mtg. Schedule:

- Jan 8 CR & CYF
- Jan 15 NO youth – MLK wknd
- Jan 22 CR & CYF
- Jan 29 JYF & CYF
- Feb 5 CR & CYF
- Feb 12 JYF & CYF
- Feb 19 (Pres Wknd – movie outing, an overnight, something like that)??
- Feb 26 JYF & CYF
- Mar 5 CR & CYF
- Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck
- Mar 12 JYF & CYF – G. Sale Set Up
- Mar 17-18 Garage Sale
- Mar 19 CR & CYF
- Mar 26 NO youth – Spg Brk

See inside for Summer Camp Dates

**Volunteer Opportunity:
Warming Station OPENINGS**

<u>Jan. 22</u>	<u>Jan. 29</u>	<u>Feb. 5</u>	<u>Feb. 12</u>	<u>Feb. 19</u>
2 hosts	1 host	1 host	2 hosts	2 hosts
1 bus driver		1 bus driver	1 bus driver	1 bus driver

Sunday mornings: hosts arrive at 6:15 a.m., guests present 6:45-9:00 a.m. Hosts get hot drink supplies to Higbee area and prepare. Drivers transport guests via church mini-bus to Wilkes Blvd. Church at 8:50 a.m.

Call the church office to volunteer or contact warming station organizer Janelle Patterson: kcat3@aol.com, cell #573-864-1151.

Thank You from the Church Staff

We, the staff of First Christian Church, want to convey our deepest thanks for your generosity expressed through the Christmas Bonuses! You are a blessing! How wonderful it is to work together through the year for Christ's gospel with such amazing people! We believe we work in partnership with you and with each other for the mission of the church, "To know God and follow Jesus Christ." What a joy it is to do so with people with such large capacities for love and compassion! From our families to your family, thank you so very much! ~Sincerely, Brad, Jimmy, Fred, Kay, Keith, Mary, Adriene, and the nursery staff.

Bit from Brad

Can you believe the first day of 2017 began last Sunday? A whole New Year lies before us! That means during the next 12 months we have 8,760 hours at our disposal. Working 40 hours a week and sleeping 8 hours a day leaves us 3,760 hours to do something else. That's a lot of time! What will you do with all those hours?

Will you make any New Year's resolutions for 2017? I hope so. Life goals, priorities, mission, and purpose are important factors to living lives of significance, depth, and calling. God calls each of us to live out God's intended purpose and mission for our lives. Some purposes and missions are general, in that everyone is called to live them. Examples are: Loving God, neighbor, & enemy as we love ourselves; Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God; Abiding with Christ as he abides with us. All people are called to fulfill these and other life purposes found in Scripture. To know more about these purposes requires us to spend time reading, studying, and reflecting on Scripture. I hope you make time throughout each week to read the Bible this year with the many hours before you.

We also have specific callings. Some are called to be doctors, teachers, artisans and craftsmen; some are called to be engineers, accountants, nurses, and government workers; some are called to be clergy, veterinarians, software programmers, and communication experts. And the list goes on and on! Each of us has our vocation, literally our calling. To know what God calls each of us in particular to do (and remain or change) requires hours and hours of prayer, with as much time devoted to listening as it is to speaking or having an inner dialogue with God. Listening and meditating with the Holy Spirit opens channels for God's healing, guidance, and restoration to take place in our soul.

God also calls us to spend time in community with others in our collective worship of God. So make time to go to church each week for weekly communion and worship, for it is in relationship with others that we learn to put our faith into practice.

As you make 2017's resolutions, be sure to include some spiritual resolutions too; perhaps more time for prayer, Bible reading, or attending worship regularly. Your faith, hope, and love in Christ will grow and you'll find 2017 to be a year of grace, joy, and peace!

~Blessings, Brad

DOC Serving in Tulsa OK



The DOC-Disciples on Campus group has spent the week in Tulsa Oklahoma learning and serving. They left Monday, Jan. 2 and will return Saturday, Jan. 7.

Students from First, Broadway, Olivet, and First Jeff City Christian make up this year's team. Jack Creasy, Megan Potthast, and Jimmy Spear are from FCC.

Christmas Weekend

What great services we shared over the Christmas weekend. One service on Christmas Eve highlighted the hard work of the Chancel Choir. Thanks, Choir and director Adriene Floyd for the music emphasis. The sanctuary felt full and the balcony was used. Several folks took advantage of the 5 p.m. meditation in the sanctuary. Christmas Day brought a crowd back as we proclaimed Jesus' birth in the light of day. There was a joy in the air!

~Jimmy Spear

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Let's plan for 2017!

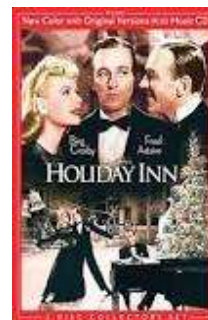
The STARS group will make plans for the coming seasons at an upcoming planning lunch.

Thursday, January 12, 11:30 a.m.
at the **Columbia Area Senior Center**

Lunch and brainstorming/planning.
Bring ideas and calendars.



Friday Night Movie Classics



"Holiday Inn"
Friday, January 13th
7:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

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

News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Will and Donna Houston** on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Nora Claire Nichols**. She was born Dec. 21 and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz, 21 inches long.

Helen Polly (97), a longtime member of First Christian died December 22; her services were December 27, 2016. Helen and her husband, Paul, were members for 50+ years.

David Davis is home recovering from back surgery.

Our sympathy goes to **Steven Smith** on the loss of his father, Albert Smith, on January 2, 2017.

Muriel Leach fell late New Year's Eve, broke her hip, and had hip replacement surgery in Florida on January 2. We pray for her full recovery and rehabilitation as well as strength for her daughter **Kirsten Leach** who is taking care of Muriel.



Thank you so much for awarding me not only the 175th scholarship but the Thomas and Mildred Shrout

Memorial Scholarship as well. It means so much to me to receive this aid while getting a higher education. These scholarships will help me to achieve a degree in civil engineering. Thank you so much for your support.
~Logan Garton

A heartfelt thanks to the David and Amy Gaffney family for volunteering to water the poinsettias for me when we got stuck out of town due to weather.
~Mary Daugherty

Kindness is one of the great blessings of life; it finds ways to heal, reaches out to touch, to help, and support. Thanks for the prayers, cards, and expressions of caring—my family greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness in the loss of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother.

~Blessings, Colleen Lafferty Nilges

The Caringers received flowers from their church family a couple of weeks ago. They were beautiful and mom and Larry enjoyed them very much. It was thoughtful of your church members to visit and bring the flowers. ~Ann Weber for Millie and Larry

Dear Choir,
The Christmas Eve Cantata was absolutely wonderful. The music, solos and entire choir brought such joy to the evening. (Even the "spitting" camels couldn't stop the celebration of Christ's birth.) Thank you so much for your gifts and talents you bring to FCC.
~Joyce Stanley

Featured Department: Membership

The ministry and mission of First Christian Church are carried out through the organizational structure of an Administrative Board, Cabinet, and Departments. This week we feature a description of the Membership Dept. so that the congregation would take greater ownership and knowledge.

MEMBERSHIP:

(Rich & Betty Montgomery, chairpersons)
The department shall enhance the experience of Christian community among members and guests of the Church through programs of care, education, service, and fellowship.

Enhance Christian Community among members and guests:

Schedule all- Church Fellowship Events:

- o Church Picnic
- o Fellowship Coffee Hour
- o Ice Cream Social
- o Pot Luck Dinners
- o Receptions/Special Events

Actively support service and fellowship activities for various interest-groups:

- o Arts Ministry
- o Bereavement Meals
- o Book Club (second Wednesday)
- o Dinner-for-6
- o Halloween "Trunk or Treat"
- o Pictorial Directory
- o Shawl Ministry (Third Wednesday)
- o Sport Teams Task group by sport
- o STARS (55+ Fellowship Group)
- o YA@FIRST (Young Adult Group)

Your Special
Birthday!



Millie Caringer
93 - Jan. 9
Louise Ward
92 - Jan. 13

Happy
Birthday!



Jan. 8
Bryan Garton
Sam Pine

Jan. 10
Samantha Fullington
Ava Hoenes
Darren Pine
Cindy Rose

Jan. 13
Jeff Alexander
Anastasia Palmer
Louise Ward

Jan. 14
Jesse Barnes
Nannie Mallett

Report for Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2016

Offering - \$952
Attendance - 375

Report for Sun., Dec. 25, 2016

Offering - \$2,242
Attendance - 102 (includes: visitors- 11)

Report for Sun., Jan. 1, 2017

Offering - \$10,774
Attendance - 154 (includes: visitors- 7)

Summer Camp 2017 Dates Announced:

CYF – grades 9-12: June 4-9 at
Jo-Ota in Clarence MO

All other NEOLA camps are at Covenant
Point in Holts Summit:

Elementary – grades 2-3:
June 20-22

Junior – grades 4-5: June 20-24
That Camp About God & Sex –
grade 8: June 25-July 1

Try-It – little kids and parents:
July 14-16

Chi Rho – grades 6-8: July 16-21

The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Jan. 8

Van Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Kim Rogers
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Eric Seaman
Delivered by: Eric Seaman
Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tommy Gay Evans, Carole and Mike Randerson
Elder: Susan Gray
Offering Counters: Bob Hutton and Barnard

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Candace, Chris and Conner Stormer
Liturgist: Pat Rybolt
Elders: Bragg Stanley, Joyce Stanley, Sharon Winner
Deacons: The Beary Team *Ushers:* The Burnam Team
Greeters: Diana Provenzano (*N. Door*), Wyatt Rogers (*S. Door*),
Hunter Rogers (*Atrium*), Hartley Rogers (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers
Candlelighters: Paige Freed, Gabe Palmer
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)
Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Brenda Martin

CHURCH CALENDAR Jan. 8 - 14

Sun., Jan. 8

- Warming Station, 6:00-9:00 a.m., FCC Higbee Center
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Chi-Rho Youth Group (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 9

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Tues., Jan. 10

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

Wed., Jan. 11

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Church in Society Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall

Thr., Jan. 12

- Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Expo Center
- STARS Planning Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Columbia Senior Center
- CAOAM Advisory Board, 5:30- 6:45 p.m., Yonker Hall

Fri., Jan. 13

- College Town Hillbillies, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Friday Night Movie Classic, 7:00 p.m., FCC Cinema (3rd fl.), showing "Holiday Inn"