



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 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 –
 CR movie outing
 CYF overnight retreat
 Feb 26 JYF & CYF
 Mar 5 CR & CYF
 Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck
 Mar 12 JYF & CYF - G. Sale Set Up
 Mar 17-18 The Garage Sale
 Mar 19 CR & CYF
 Mar 26 NO youth – Spg Brk

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

Summer Mission trip dates will be sent
 via email to parents.

Let Your Light Shine

The Sundays after Epiphany

January 15

Come worship this Sunday as we continue celebrating the season of Epiphany! This is the second of a nine-week sermon series on “Light!” Come let your light shine as we study Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42 and hear Rev. Stagg’s sermon, “The Light of the Lamb.” Let God’s light illuminate your life this week!

January 22

Continuing his nine-part sermon series on “Light!”, Rev. Stagg preaches his sermon, “Light Has Dawned” based on Isaiah 9:1-7 and Matthew 4:12-23. Come discover for yourself how God continues revealing the glory of His love and mercy for all people! Let God’s light transform the darkness in your life!

Sunday, Jan. 22 is a **Communion Connection Sunday**. Visits by elders and deacons will be made to those who can no longer attend worship and communion will be shared.

DOC - Disciples on Campus Serve in Tulsa OK

Nine DOC students and leaders traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma to serve, learn and see what God is doing! The students were connected with the weekly DOC group or a member of First, Broadway, and Olivet Christian Churches.

These passionate young adults served and learned about various social services, ministries and organizations that work through the Tulsa area including Iron Gate Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, Emergency Infant Services, the Day Center of Tulsa, The John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park, the Greenwood Cultural Center, Oklahomans for Equality, Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, and First Christian Church of Tulsa. The group served and learned from these organizations as they each respond in different ways, working together to serve the disenfranchised people throughout Tulsa. Harvard Avenue Christian Church served as home for the week and shared much hospitality.



Throughout the group’s time they were busy packaging diapers, sorting clothes, building love-in kits for the newly housed, serving and distributing food, being exposed to the horrific story of Tulsa’s racial problems of the past (1921 Race Riot - massacre of over 300 black citizens), yet seeing all through the lens of God’s Spirit of reconciliation and care.

The DOC group travels each winter break to a city a day’s drive away to learn and serve. Rev. Jimmy Spear is on the leader team. **Jack Creasy and Megan Potthast** are pictured.

Bit from Brad

Capital Campaign Update: With the ending of 2016, so too did FCC complete its 2nd year of our 3-year capital campaign. To date, 87% of all pledges have been received, leaving a balance of only 13% to receive for the final 12 months!!! This is cause for great celebration as most mainline Protestant congregations across the USA only reach 75% of their goal with a full 25% remaining for their final 12 months!!! To this mile-stone achieved, I say, "Thank you; Thank you; Thank you!!!" Your commitment and passion are evident by keeping your promise to your pledge!! So, thank you again!

Next steps: so what more progress is needed for Tier One Capital Campaign Projects? Three more projects remain, all of which are indoors; they are: 1) installing a safer balcony railing; 2) installing various ADA safety railings throughout the buildings; and 3) updating our current smoke alarm system. Together these three project costs should total between \$50,000-\$60,000. Bob Hutton, our Capital Campaign Project Manager, is looking into these matters and we hope to have progress this Spring. Thank you Bob!!!

Nominating Committee: The 2017 Nominating Committee requests your help in nominating new individuals to serve on our two Service Boards: the Deacons and Elders. An insert in this edition of *The Visitor* lists the qualifications and requirements for these positions. Please read over this insert and prayerfully consider whom the Holy Spirit is prompting you to nominate. Once you and the Holy Spirit have conferred, please complete the form and submit it to the church office, who will in turn pass it along to the Nominating Committee for consideration and more prayer.

This year's Nominating Committee members are: Elders - Jessica Humble (Chair), Jacki Davidson, Cheryl Lightner, Eric Seaman; Deacons - Linda Hutton, Amy La Hue, Amy Marrero; Members-at-Large - J.D. Estes, Jeff Karr, Jr. Deacons - Madi Marrero, Julia La Hue; Deacon Chair: Susan Klockow; Moderator: C.K. Hoenes; and Senior Minister: Brad Stagg.

Notice to all current Elders and Deacons: Nom Com members will make the required "3-year Confirmation Calls" to verify if those respective Elders and Deacons wish to continue serving in their current capacities. This year, those Elders and Deacons who began in the following years will be called to con-

firm their continued service: 2014, 2011, 2008, 2005, 2002, 1999, 1996, 1993, 1990, 1987, 1984, 1981.

Thank you all for serving FCC-COMO so faithfully all these years!!!~Blessings, Brad

The Garage Sale March 17-18

Volunteer Opportunity: Warming Station OPENINGS

| <u>Jan. 22</u> | <u>Feb. 5</u> | <u>Feb. 12</u> | <u>Feb. 19</u> |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 host | 1 host | 2 hosts | 2 hosts |
| | | 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.



Can you help a night or two or early morning at **Room at the Inn (RATI)**? This community-wide ministry welcomes many helpers. Currently hosted at Broadway CC, you can go to the sign up website: www.roomattheinn.com



Max Schaefer was awarded his Boy Scout Eagle on Saturday, January 7. Max is a senior at Rockbridge HS, in Scout Troop 707, a member of our CYF group and the son of Kurt and Stacia Schaefer. Max's Eagle project was to the benefit of FCC, as he managed the fundraising and installation of a new tool shed on the church property. He is pictured here with his family and Rev. Jimmy Spear whom he presented the "mentor pin" at Saturday's ceremony.

Week of Compassion

Make plans to attend a luncheon (Baked Potato Bar) hosted by the World Outreach Dept. Sun., Feb. 12. The lunch will raise funds and awareness of the important work of our church's benevolent arm, "Week of Compassion."



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2017 NOMINATION FORM
ELDERS, DEACONS, and JUNIOR DEACONS

The 2017 Nominating Committee solicits your suggestions for congregational members to fill the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Junior Deacon on the Service Boards, as well as your nominees for "Honorary" Elders or Deacons (if any). *Please indicate your nominee/s below, and return this form to any member of the committee or to the Church Office by Sunday, February 26, 2017.* Your suggestions and your prayerful concern will be greatly appreciated. According to our Church BYLAWS, qualifications and duties include:

ELDERS and DEACONS

Qualifications: Faithfulness in worship and study, leadership and service, good stewardship in proportion to income, Christian character and moral and spiritual example, and a willingness to fulfill the duties of the office. An Elder shall be at least thirty years of age and shall have been a member of the congregation for at least two years. A Deacon shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall have been a member of the congregation for at least one year."

Duties: Both Elders and Deacons are to promote the work of the Church through service as a member of Functional Departments as needed; assist in evangelistic visitation; be an example in Christian character and faithfulness; and perform such other duties as shall promote the growth and welfare of the Church. In addition, Elders preside at the Lord's Table; provide for the spiritual oversight and development of individual members of the congregation; assist in the conduct of worship, the ordinance of baptism and in the serving of communion to the homebound. Deacons prepare and serve Communion and assist the Elders in the development and care of individual members of the congregation.

JUNIOR DEACONS

Qualifications: Same as for Deacons EXCEPT members must be in grades 9-12 as of July 1, 2017.

Duties: The duties will correspond with those of the Deacons.

HONORARY ELDERS or DEACONS: "A member of the congregation whose exemplary life and service, in this or other congregations, merits special recognition...."

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

OFFICE: *Please check the position for which your nomination is being made:*

(FOR THE SERVICE BOARD): ELDER ____ DEACON ____ JR. DEACON ____

(FOR HONORARY): ELDER ____ DEACON ____

Why are you nominating this person? (*Attach a letter of support*): _____

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AWARDS

The Nominating Committee also requests nominations for Outstanding Service Awards.

PERSON YOU WISH TO RECOGNIZE: _____

Why are you recognizing this person? (*Attach a letter of support*): _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return this form to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Church Office by February 26, 2017.

News of People & Place

Muriel Leach continues in rehabilitation after recent successful hip replacement surgery. She is now at a rehabilitation facility. Cards can be sent to:

Muriel Leach c/o Destin Healthcare,
195 Mattie M Kelly Blvd., Destin, FL 32541.

David Polach continues to be a patient at University Hospital. Prayers for healing and peace as he regains strength and hope in light of illness.

Kelley Holman is in University Hospital in treatment for lung cancer. She has had her right lung removed including a cancerous mass. Doctors are optimistic that the cancer has been removed.

Dawn Bruce, sister of Trish Stagg's niece, who was hospitalized at University Hospital since Dec. 20 for brain-swelling, was discharged Friday to a Rehab Facility in Rolla where she lives.

Katie (Stanley) Prestesater, daughter of Bragg & Joyce Stanley, asks for our prayers during her pregnancy, especially for her unborn daughter, Cora Lee, who is diagnosed with Turner's Syndrome, a chromosomal disorder. Bragg and Joyce are in Florida where Katie is currently receiving genetic counseling and tests. Then she and her husband will return to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Our sympathy is extended to **Jenny Hallam**, who's father-in-law, Dr. Charles Cheek, died Friday, Jan. 6; services were held at Columbia Cemetery on Jan. 10.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2:00 p.m. in the FCC sanctuary for **Robert Douglas**. Robert was the brother of Mary Bancroft and longtime resident of Columbia prior to living in Springfield, MO.

Weather Closings

Remember in the winter months – if Columbia Schools are closed, so are the programs of First Christian Church. The church office will be open as able. On Sundays when bad weather presents itself watch the local TV stations and facebook page for cancellations and adjustments in our worship schedule.

Featured Department: Evangelism

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 Evangelism Dept. so that the congregation would take greater ownership and knowledge.

EVANGELISM:

(Pat Rybolt, chairperson)

The department's responsibility is to plan and implement ministries that enable the congregation to fulfill its mission to "Know God and Follow Jesus Christ" by empowering the congregation to share the Good News with those outside the church, to trigger a movement of new members, and to invigorate the community of God. New Members are welcomed into the congregation, and are introduced to the history and faith of the church.

Specific Duties but are not limited to:

- *Welcome and follow-up with guests, including correspondence and visitation;*
- *Manage the Visitor Pads through timely follow-up contacts;*
- *Develop programs and activities for prospective members, such as "VIP Orientations;"*
- *Assimilate new members with materials and activities such as: New member materials, Periodic get togethers for new members during their first year of membership;*
- *Assisting new members in integrating into current programs as appropriate (CWF, music, youth, etc.);*
- *Educate and equip members for evangelism, including church wide programs and activities involving the entire congregation in evangelism activities such as "bring a friend to Church;"*
- *Facilitate Discipleship classes for youth and adults, including Pastor's Class and Baptism Sundays;*
- *Provide leadership in increasing the diversity of church membership;*
- *In collaboration with other church departments, develop new activities and provide evangelistic support for current community-wide outreach and membership activities.*

- *Educate the congregation in the roles and responsibilities of evangelism, identify and recruit congregational members with the spiritual gift of evangelism, evaluate the effectiveness of Evangelism efforts.*



I am honored to have received the 175th scholarship and the Thomas and Mildred Shrou Memorial Scholarship. First Christian Church has brought me blessings my whole life that I continue to cherish dearly. Your support has been and continues to be invaluable. Thanks. ~Megan Potthast

Thank you for awarding me the Marvin and Marceline Shamberger Education Scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support. Thank you again for your generosity. I promise I will work hard and eventually give back to others. ~Heather Hunsaker

I would like to thank the Drennan Singers and all of the families who donated to the Norma Miller/Drennan Singers' Scholarship. I appreciate receiving this amazing scholarship and I would like to especially thank Mr. Craig Miller for taking the time to come and do the presentation. This gift will help me further my education. I remember the first time I had the opportunity to play on Mrs. Miller's piano in the church and it is an honor and privilege to receive this scholarship honoring Mrs. Norma Miller, a person who loved and cherished music so much. When I was growing up, the Drennan Singers and all of the musicians in the church nurtured my love of music and I would like to thank everyone who was a part of this scholarship process. Thank you. ~Matthew Hoepfner

**Report for
Sun., Jan. 8, 2017**

**Offering - \$16,703
Attendance - 185
(includes: early service-38; visitors-6)**

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Jan. 15

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Colleen Nilges
Delivered by: Harlan Hackett
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Brice and Mary Moeller, Eli Gaffney
Elder: Carol Hughey
Offering Counters: Mary Daugherty and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Hartley, Coleman and Wyatt Rogers
Liturgist: Bill Carney
Elders: Genie Rogers, Harlan Hackett, C.K. Hoenes
Deacons: The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team
Greeters: Coleman Rogers (*N. Door*), Ella Rogers (*S. Door*),
 Kim Rogers (*Atrium*), Chuck Scott (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Annie Stagg, Ava Martin
Candlelighters: Kaedon Wheatley, Izzy Arnett
Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Harlan Hackett

CHURCH CALENDAR Jan. 15 - 21**Sun., Jan. 15**

- 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
- NO Youth Groups (MLK weekend)

Mon., Jan. 16

- Martin Luther King Holiday - Office Closed
- NO Mother's Day Out
- NO newsletter this week

Tues., Jan. 17

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

Wed., Jan. 18

- 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., Morris Parlor
- Capital Campaign Team Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

*Rev. Jimmy Spear will be taking vacation days Jan. 13-21.

The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ**SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Jan. 22**

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Richard Barnard
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Gene Taylor
Delivered by: Gene Taylor
Welcome Station: Jan Davis & Steven Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom and Carol Hughey, Larry Burnam
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans
Offering Counters: Moeller and TBD

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Judy and Ron Longaker, Liz Restrepo
Liturgist: Sonya Carney
Elders: Eric Arnett, Nora Dietzel, Colleen Nilges
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team
Greeters: Carol Slusher (*N. Door*), Brad Volmert (*S. Door*),
 Perry Stemmons (*Atrium*), Helen Stemmons (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin
Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow, Chase Hofmann
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)
Offering Counters: Diana Provenzano and Gene Taylor

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- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- 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. 23

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 24

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

Wed., Jan. 25

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Brummett Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Donna Houston's home,
 Helen Stemmons (program)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Thr., Jan. 26

- College Town Hillbillies Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

Fri., Jan. 27

- Columbia College Board of Trustees Mtg., 8:30 a.m.

The Visitor

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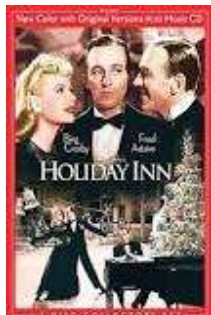
Return Service Requested

STARS ...the 55+ Fellowship Group

The winter & spring schedule of trips and events will be in the next Visitor.



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.

**This is a double issue of *The Visitor*!
Save this for next week.**



Jan. 15
Susan Ballard
Charles Bown
Janet Mountjoy

Jan. 17
Carolyn Savoy
Mason Stevens

Jan. 18
Mike Korman
Greg Mooney
Mike Mountjoy

Jan. 20
Kay Ahrens

Jan. 21
John Crane
Susan Klockow

Jan. 23
Teresa Foster
Matthew Hoepfner
Ella Rose Rogers

Jan. 24
James Silvey
Marion Storm

Jan. 25
Susan Allen

Jan. 26
Glenda Clark
Jan Keithley
Kara Zimmer

Jan. 28
Jim Baumgartner
James Ross