


March 1st



Soup for the Soul

“A simple meal of soup and bread with friends”
Yonker Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 RSVP to church office or put “SOUP” on the Sunday pew pad.

Worship Service

“A service for repentance & receiving of ashes”
Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

This service to begin the Lenten season will include hymns, prayers, a brief meditation and the imposition of ashes.

Let Your Light Shine

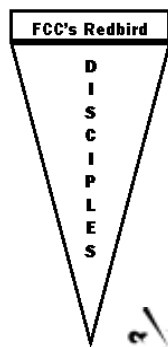
Transfiguration Sunday February 26th

Rev. Stagg’s nine-week sermon series *Let Your Light Shine* draws to a close as we leave the Sermon on the Mount, moving to the Mount of Transfiguration. This week’s sermon entitled “The Light of the Transfiguration” is based on Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9. This Sunday also begins the *Visitor Campaign: Spring Training ’17*; so wear your royal blue or redbird red, come to church, and bring a friend! Come ready to have some fun!

We begin Sunday’s singing with the powerful *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*; continuing at the Invitation with the soulful *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*; and gather at the table with the quiet simplicity of *Eat This Bread*.

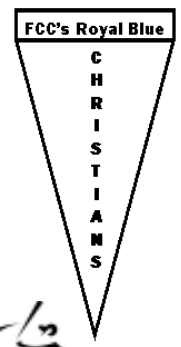
Ash Wednesday

With the start of the season of Lent beginning next Wednesday, March 1, please make note of the meal and worship offering on this week’s front page. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of liturgical – and spiritual – season of Lent leading to Holy Week and Easter. Lent mirrors the practice of fasting so common in the bible and in the gospel witness of Jesus in the desert. On Ash Wednesday we spend time in worship – offering a service of reflection, confession and repentance. The service will be around 45 minutes long beginning at **6:30 p.m., March 1**, in the sanctuary. As you make plans to attend the service, think about joining church friends for a simple “Soup for the Soul” meal prior to the Ash Wednesday service. All are welcome! **Soup is served at 5:30** (please RSVP via pew pad “soup” or call church office). Join us Ash Wednesday as we take time for soup and soul.



Visitor Campaign: Spring Training '17

Continuing the momentum of the recent Capital Campaign, we now turn towards people in the pews! The Evangelism Team announces a visitor campaign to coincide with the Spring Training of the Baseball Major Leagues. How will we “play ball”? Come to worship and invite guests!



Over the course of four Sundays (Feb. 26-Mar. 19) the congregation will be added up on Sunday mornings in both worship services. Based upon your signing the weekly pew pad, each member will count as 1 run batted in and each visitor will count as 2 runs batted in.

The sides of the sanctuary will serve as “teams” - the lectern side will be the Redbird Disciples and the pulpit side the Royal Blue Christians. Team captains are: Dave and Amy Gaffney (8:30); Steve Evers and Steve Humble (10:30).

Follow the great commission of Jesus to go and make disciples and let your light shine. Wear team colors, pick your side, and invite guests! Play ball!

Bit from Brad

This Sunday, Transfiguration Sunday, marks the last Sunday of the season of Epiphany. In many ways, it marks the closing of the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany seasons. Advent prepares us for the coming God's in-flesh/incarnation in Christ Jesus; Christmas celebrates Christ's birth, God's very presence in our midst; and Epiphany celebrates God's light and love made manifest through his followers. In Advent we await the light; at Christmas we celebrate the light's arrival; and during Epiphany we allow Christ's light to shine through us! That culminates with the dazzling brilliance of Christ upon the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus' full, true nature is revealed to the present disciples.

Equipped now with God's light, since we are "the light of the world" as Jesus proclaims, we are now prepared for the long, hard road of Lent, making our way to the cross. Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me." And so now we begin our spiritual pilgrimage, our soul journey. For Lent this year I will preach a series called Cross Encounters, highlighting those whom Jesus encountered along the way to the cross. We will encounter the Serpent, tackling sin and repentance; we'll encounter Nicodemus, discussing how seeing is believing; then we'll meet the Woman at the Well, reflecting on how baptismal waters symbolize Jesus' living water; next we'll encounter The Blind Man healed by Jesus, testifying to Jesus' restoring and forgiving powers, and finally we'll encounter Lazarus, a precursor to eternal, abundant life and the life filled with the Holy Spirit.

Each of these Cross Encounters correlates with the Disciples of Christ founder, Walter Scott and his Five-finger Exercise – 1) Repent, 2) Believe, 3) Baptism, 4) Forgiveness, and 5) the Holy Spirit. Scott taught that we believers are responsible for the first three and God fulfills the last two. So on this last Sunday of Epiphany, Transformation Sunday, absorb all the light from Christ as you can, my friend, so you'll be fortified for the heavy, dark, pensive journey of Lent. But fear not, the resurrection and Holy Spirit await us on the other side of Lent! Until then, remember, Let Your Light Shine!!!

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine... let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!!"

~Blessings, Brad

Potluck - no RSVP - bring food.
Talent Show - sign up in Narthex

Green Potluck Lunch & Talent Show



Sunday Mar. 12

Noon, Yonker Hall
(lunch 12 p.m./talent 12:30 p.m.)

**With a theme of St. Patrick's Day
in the mix, we will welcome green
and lucky foods plus potatoes to
the potluck scene!**

An All Church Fellowship Event
Get your talent ready!
– solo, group acts welcomed –
– sign up in NARTHEX this week –

Sponsored by the Membership Department

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

The planning committee has met, bringing many great ideas, and landed on the following schedule of events for the first half of 2017.

March 23 – Thursday
a full day in Kansas City

\$10 travel fee

8:15 a.m. meet - Target parking lot

–Nelson-Atkins Art Museum for the newly opened "Bloch Galleries" exhibit of 29 masterworks by leading Impressionists of the 19th century.

--lunch at the Rozelle Court in the Nelson-A.

--touring two DOC churches: The life-sized Lord's Supper at Country Club C.C. and the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Community Christian Church on the Plaza.

--our friend Molly Read Ring joins us.

RSVP in office or pew pad "KC"



Featured Department: Stewardship and Finance

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

Stewardship and Finance:

Kim Boger, Chairperson

The department works in cooperation with the Treasurer of the Administrative Board to oversee all financial operations of the Church. The Department also educates all members of the congregation in the principles of Christian Stewardship, and implements an annual Stewardship Campaign so that the Church may fulfill its mission. Specifically, the department will:

- *oversee the Financial Operations of the Church, in cooperation with the Treasurer of the Administrative Bd.;*
- *draft a proposed annual Church Budget to be submitted for Cabinet approval and subsequent Administrative Board approval;*
- *provide Education on Christian stewardship;*
- *organize and implement an annual stewardship campaign;*
- *explore additional revenue opportunities beyond the Stewardship Campaign;*
- *periodically provide Estate-Planning Seminars;*
- *periodically review bequest policies and recommend needed changes;*
- *establish policies in regard to the use of memorial and non-restricted gifts*

Garage Sale Mar. 17-18

The Student Ministry Department has met and made plans for the 2017 Garage Sale to benefit student mission trips this year. The schedule is as follows:

Set Up & Dropping off Donations:

Sunday, March 12 after 2pm

Set Up and Pricing:

Monday-Wednesday, March 13-15

Rest Day: Thursday

Note the new plan for SALE days:

March 17, Friday afternoon

March 18, Saturday am to mid-afternoon

News of People & Place

Mary Jane Rogers was the winner of the annual world-wide competition for the Graeme Clark award and scholarship for hearing impaired students who have achieved in academics and leadership roles in the college or university they attend. She receives this award in Orlando FL this week and speaks at the Graeme Clark seminar about her experiences at the University of MO. Mary Jane is a magna cum laude graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism and is currently enrolled in the Masters program of Strategic Communications in the Journalism School here in Columbia. She is the daughter of **John Rogers** and granddaughter of **Genie Rogers**.

Larry Burnam has been busy volunteering his plumbing and electrical services about the church. He has installed new plumbing fixtures in the main kitchen, fixed the flickering "Red Cross" mosaic light in the sanctuary and installed a new garbage disposal in Bethany Hall. Thank you, Larry, for all that you do for FCC!

Thank you, **Will Houston**, for fixing our favorite green chair that we use so much around the church office. We feel much safer now!

Jeff Wheeland will have a biopsy on his lung tumor; date to be determined.

Linda Hamilton received an "all clear" report on her cancer for which she gives thanks to God!

The **2017 Baptism Class** candidates are: **Jack Bower, Elizabeth Martin, Ella Rogers, Lena Schaefer, Carleigh Snow, & Annie Stagg**; Mentors: **Hayley Batterson, Chris Creasy, & Tracy Evers**.

Week of Compassion offerings for this year's observance totaled \$2,608.



Save the Date!
April 29, 2017
*Serving Columbia,
side by side*

"Old Law & New Order" - A Biblical Storytelling Concert

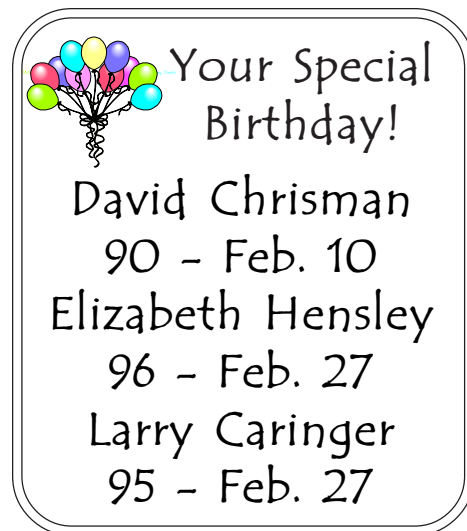
Larry Brown will present excerpts from the Gospel of Mark.

Sunday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.
the Moss building
Waters-Moss Conservation Area
1905 Hillcrest Drive, Columbia
(off Old 63, just south of Stadium Blvd.)

The stories will emphasize the controversy and opposition to Jesus' interpretation of God's Realm.

To be presented as the concluding concert for partial completion of the Certificate in Biblical Storytelling from the Academy for Biblical Storytelling.

All are welcome, although the concert is intended for older youth and adults; no admittance fee or reservation required.



Happy Birthday!

Feb. 26
Ryan Boger
Kim Rogers
Doug Smith

Feb. 27
Larry Caringer
Elizabeth Hensley

Feb. 28
Jack Creasy

Feb. 29
Eliana Snyder

Mar. 3
Sally Estes
Sue Haynes
Angela Nance

Mar. 4
Sharon Ronchetto

Youth Gatherings 2017

- Feb 26 JYF & CYF
CYF: will sit together in 10:30 worship and then go out for lunch together (bring \$5).
- Mar 5 CR & CYF
- Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck
JYF sit together at Talent Show
CYF: G. Sale Set Up 2-7 p.m.
- Mar 17-18 Garage Sale
- Mar 19 CR & CYF
- Mar 26 NO youth - Spg Brk

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.



Summer Camp 2017 SIGN UP WILL BEGIN SOON

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



2017 General Assembly

July 8-12, 2017
Indianapolis, Indiana

Report for Sun., Feb. 19, 2017

Offering - \$4,669
Attendance - 179
(includes: early service - 46; visitors - 3)

The Visitor

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb. 26

Van Driver: Eric Seaman

Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Dan Backues & Lisa Zimmer

Delivered by: Dan Backues & Lisa Zimmer

Welcome Station: Jan Davis & Steve Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assists: Richard and Natalie Barnard

Elder: Larry Burnam

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Barnard

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Sharon and Steve Smith, Larry Dietzel

Liturgist: Dan Gieseke

Elders: Jennifer Alexander, Pat Rybolt, Fred Mottaz

Deacons: The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team

Greeters: Gerald Ramsey (*N. Door*), Susan Ramsey (*S. Door*)

Joyce Stanley (*Atrium*), Bette Scavone (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Carleigh Snow, Chase Hofmann

Candlelighters: Kate Volmert, Lena Schaefer

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (*ldr.*) Kim Leon (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Diana Provenzano and Brenda Martin

CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 26 - Mar. 04

Sun., Feb. 26 Visitor Campaign Begins

- 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
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Disciple U, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- JYF Youth Group (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 27

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Children's Education Dept., 6:30 p.m., 3r floor Ed. Bldg.
- Nominating Committee, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Tues., Feb. 28

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Lenoir Woods

Wed., Mar. 1

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Ash Wednesday Soup for the Soul, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
(Baptism and Discipleship Class will attend)

Fri., Mar. 3

- CWU World Day of Prayer
- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!