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**First Sunday  
of Lent  
March 5**

The Sundays in Lent will find the morning message to focus around "Cross Encounters." This Sunday we begin with "CE: The Serpent" based upon texts from Genesis 2 and 3, and Matthew 4:1-11. Hymns for the day will include *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty; Bless Now, O God the Journey; and Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread.*

Join us this Sunday as we together begin a spiritual journey of reflection and repentance. Don't forget we will have week 2 of the Spring Training Visitor Campaign.

**Green Potluck Lunch  
& Talent Show**



**Sunday, March 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 –

Potluck - no RSVP - bring food.

Sponsored by the Membership Department

**All-Church Garage Sale**

(whole church project - donate, set-up, volunteer)

**Set Up & Drop Off**

Sun. March 12 - Table set up  
& drop off of donations:  
2-5 pm

(Youth will unload cars)

or any other time we are  
open Mon. - Wed. for set up

Not accepted this year:

Computers

Monitors

Televisions

Please donate clean items.

Please no donations after Wed.

**March**

**17 - 18**

**Sale Times**

**Friday 3 - 6 pm**

**Sat. 8 am - 2 pm**

*\*The Garage Sale fully funds all summer/  
winter student mission trips. This sale is a  
serving opportunity for the whole church  
family and is sponsored by the  
Student Ministry Department*

**Volunteer Sign Up**

Volunteers Welcome at any  
of the following times:

Mon. 13th - Wed. 15th:

Day Workers 8-5 pm

Evening Workers 6-8 pm

Wednesday 15th Night:

6 - 10 pm

(Thursday is a rest day)

Sign up in the Narthex this  
Sunday or see Jimmy Spear

## G Sale's New Duds

The annual Garage Sale to support student mission trips will be underway in just two weeks! This event sponsored by the Student Ministry Department raises approx. \$6,000 each year that fully fund three mission trips for middle school, high school, and college ministry groups at FCC. The Stu. Min. Dept. has this year taken on some streamlining of the Garage Sale after careful consideration of the crowds, timing, details, and volunteer energy of recent years. Here is what they have come up with for this year:

The Sale will be two days: Friday afternoon as before, Saturday morning till noon, Saturday early afternoon for the half-price sale. The Sale will be concluded by 2:00 p.m. on Sat., cleaned up and put away by 4:00 p.m.

What to do with what is left: Each year we have 4-6 truckloads of items left over and a church van of clothes floor to ceiling. Last year we could not give the clothes away anywhere in the town. Agencies and donation centers were overflowing. We hope that this year with our sale being a month before the major sales in Columbia we can have better luck. We also found that many items unsold needed to be thrown away. There was nowhere else for it to go. We donate forward what is good and discard that which is not. Your understanding is appreciated.

Please donate items that are sellable and clean. If any items are dirty they will be thrown away.

Now, with all that understood **let's get this amazing Sale underway!** We welcome your items AND your help. The G-Sale takes dozens of volunteers to sort, price, sell, and clean up. Note the times and information on the front page of this Visitor.

Many thanks.

~Jimmy Spear and The Student Ministry Department, (Amy LaHue, Chair)

### Report for Sun., Feb. 26, 2017

Offering - \$7,998

Attendance - 213

(includes: early service - 51; visitors - 17)

## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

### 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”.

### April 6 – Thursday

**Theater in KC** - “Boeing, Boeing” at the New Theater, Overland Park

Tickets need to be ordered. RSVP now “Boeing” on the pew pad or office by Mar. 5.

### DATE CHANGE: Springfield, IL

A two day overnight trip to Springfield, IL for all things Lincoln!

#### New date: April 19-20

Sign up in the office or pew pad “Lincoln”.

The STARS recently enjoyed the day just a county west. Antiquing at Midway, lunch at Abigail's in Rocheport, and touring of the new Mitchell Car Museum in Boonville. What a fantastic tour! A dozen or so automobiles made by the short lived Mitchell Car Company of Racine, Wisconsin. An A+ tour and pictured below is the group sitting in a 1906 Mitchell. Period hats included.



## Featured Department: Administrative

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Steve Lightner, chairperson

The department will foster effective personnel relations among the Church staff and serve in an advisory capacity to the Senior Minister in personnel issues. The chair (or a committee member) will be available to the Senior Minister when unexpected personnel issues arise. Tasks will include, but are not limited to:

- *Providing guidance to the Senior Minister in the development of personnel policies and procedures for the Church, and when needed, in the updating of those policies and procedures;*
- *Supervising/evaluating the Senior Minister;*
- *Receiving formative assessments/evaluations of the staff from the Senior Minister;*
- *Recommending percentages for annual increases in salaries;*
- *Assuming authority in the employment and/or release of personnel (except the Ministers) when delegated to do so by the Administrative Board;*
- *Providing written/oral reports to the Cabinet and the Administrative Board at scheduled meetings;*
- *Planning and implementing staff recognition and milestone celebrations for the staff/church;*
- *Organizing and administering a Christmas bonus for all paid staff including nursery workers.*

## Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 11, 2017 7 am - 12 pm noon Memorial Baptist Church

(1634 Paris Road)

Adults: \$5 ~ Kids 3-12: \$3 ~ Under 3: Free  
Proceeds benefit Summer Recreation Fund

## News of People & Place

**Frances Brown** is home after a brief hospital stay this past week. **Ed and Eva Bright** were back in worship last Sunday and shared publicly their great thanks for all the prayers, cards, and meals brought out.

**Yvonne Clark** was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the MU College of Arts and Sciences. She is pictured here with Interim Dean, Patricia Okker, MU Arts & Sciences.



**Notes on Spring Training** – a visitor campaign: Visitors last Sunday were most welcomed! What a good spirit around the place as we spent time “concentrating on this idea of inviting someone to church – or honoring those who just show up as guests.” One member thought it looked political – let us say publicly the RED and BLUE are about St. Louis and Kansas City baseball and not politics. Other members took on the challenge and sat on a different side of the church for the first time ever - and they lived to tell about it! Still other members found a reason to be unified around two themes that are at the core of First Christian – claiming ones’ life as a “Christian” and a “Disciple.” Three weeks to go on this theme – will you invite a guest?

# Happy Birthday!



March 5

John Hamilton  
Brice Moeller  
Khons Volmert

March 7

Michael Taylor

March 8

Valerie Freed  
Andrea Smith

March 6

Andrew Janssen

# Thank You!

A very special thank you for the scholarship I received, but it’s not just the financial gift it’s the gift of friendship, prayer, kind words and love that I receive from so many members all the time. I will be starting the ABSN program at CMU (Columbia campus) in June.

~Brianna Shepard

Thanks to all for your thoughtfulness and your condolences on the death of Steve’s mother and father, Zelma & Albert Smith.

~Steve & Sharon Smith and family

I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing concern, prayers, cards, flowers and meals during my recent illness. I also give thanks for Brad’s and Jimmy’s visits and prayers during my hospital stay. I am so grateful and appreciative of this church family. Much love to all of you,

~Debbie Potthast and family

## Youth Gatherings 2017

- Mar 5 CR & CYF
- Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck  
JYF families invited to sit together at lunch/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.

youth  
@ fcc



The **2017 Baptism and Discipleship Class** is pictured above. L to R: mentor Hayley Batterson, mentor Chris Creasy, Ella Rogers, Carleigh Snow, Annie Stagg, Jimmy Spear, Jack Bower, Lena Schaefer, Elizabeth Martin and mentor Tracy Evers.

## Feed the Community

The March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday meal called Feed the Community put on by Fifth Street Christian Church will be on March 11.

Deli Sandwiches - Sweet Treat - Chips (Deli meat, cheese slices, lettuce leaf, sweet treat, chips) Expecting to serve 100 people. Contact Angela Williams at: [feedmysheepministree@yahoo.com](mailto:feedmysheepministree@yahoo.com)

## Kay’s Retirement

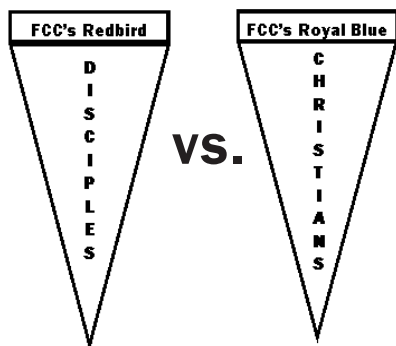
FCC’s Administrative Assistant, Kay Beissenherz will be honored on Sunday, March 26 in the 10:30 worship service and with a reception following in Yonker Hall.

pts so far:

113

89

## Spring Training '17 Visitor Campaign



In worship - every member worth a run, a visitor worth two.  
Wear team colors, pick your side, and invite guests!  
Play ball!

Sundays - 8:30 & 10:30  
Feb. 26 - Mar. 19

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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**Minister Emeritus:** Dr. John J. Yonker

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 5

*Van Driver:* Russ Palmer  
*Office Receptionist:* Richard Barnard  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Barb Rothenberger  
*Delivered by:* Kim Leon  
*Welcome Station:* Lexy Bell & Trish Stagg

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty  
*Elder:* Cherry Hinderberger  
*Offering Counters:* Sarah Storm and Mary Daugherty

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Betsy, Lauren and Lexi Hofmann  
*Liturgist:* Frances Brown  
*Elders:* Tommy Tomlin, Bragg Stanley, Sarah Storm  
*Deacons:* The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Greeters:* Cliff Tompson (*N. Door*), Mary Tompson (*S. Door*)  
Janelle Patterson (*Atrium*), Laura Crane (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Amelia Leon-Rudy, Izzy Arnett  
*Candlelighters:* Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson  
*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (*ldr.*) Trish Gregory (*hlpr.*)  
*Offering Counters:* Deb Batterson and Janelle Patterson

## CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 5 - 11

### Sun., March 5 Visitor Campaign Continues

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 9:30-10:20 a.m.
- Disciple U, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- 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., March 6

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Coffman-Watson Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Susan Gray's home

### Tues., March 7

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

### Wed., Mar. 8

- 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 Hall
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Property Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Thr., Mar., 9

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