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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REVIEW

After the four week emphasis on Stewardship "Journey to Generosity" we can report the following numbers to the congregation. Members and friends were given the chance to offer estimates of giving (small card) and to indicate the areas of ministry and mission they would like to serve

June 2017 - July 2018.



Spring 2017

**JOURNEY to
GENEROSITY**
The Way of Jesus

Stewardship Campaign Indicators as of Monday, May 15

So far, the early results suggest favorably strong results. To date, 76 pledges totaling \$264,146 have been received compared to last year's 128 donors pledging \$376,268. Given that typically only 50% of donors provide their pledge cards by Commitment Sunday, that's a 10% increase at this stage of the campaign. Most encouraging is that 29 donors increased their pledge over last year; 43 remain the same; and only 4 decreased their pledge!! Bear in mind these are only early indicators, but they are favorable! However, we still await the remaining 40% of last year's donors to respond to meet or exceed last year's total. To those who returned an Estimate of Giving card, thank you!!

If you have not turned in these estimates of giving and interest surveys please do so soon. If you would like to do so electronically, please email robert@firstchristian.org for the information/interest survey and fred@firstchristian.org for the estimate of giving card. A pdf of each can be emailed. Thanks.



Vacation Bible School June 25-29

Join us for our Hero Central VBS at FCC!

We can't wait for you to join us for Vacation Bible School this year! It's where we will "Discover Your Strength In God"! See you soon!



Blessing and Dedication of a Child

Scott and Shannon Schaefer brought their first born daughter, Lillian Adele, to be dedicated and blessed on Sunday, May 14. With her grandparents, great-grandparents, neighbors and church friends present Lillian was welcomed "officially" into the fold of God at First Christian Church.

FCC to HOST CONCERT EVENT in JUNE

Make plans to join us the evening of Friday, June 23 as First Christian Church hosts 5th Street Christian Church's annual Concert & Silent Auction to benefit their outreach ministries.

This event will take place in FCC's Yonker Hall and Sanctuary. Silent auction, community fair and refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the concert of community groups to follow.

WHO AM I?

Due to the quarterly membership/financial report, 'Who am I?' will return in next week's VISITOR! Last week's "Who Am I?" was... **Doris Neidhardt!**

NEWS OF THE PEOPLE

- We celebrate with **Trey Quinlan and his partner Madison** in the birth of a son, **Griffin Riker**, born May 15. Proud big brother is **Landon**.
- Thanks to the men of the Chancel Choir who brought good music to both services last Sunday. It was a Mother's Day treat for all.
- The Elders met Monday, May 16 with 32 in attendance sharing a meal and talking spiritual leadership. They honored, with thanks, **Jacki Davidson** who ends her time as Co-Chair of the Elders. The group continued conversation around the cares of the congregation and made plans for a group book study on the topic of race.
- Thanks to **Mary Bancroft and Jimmy Spear** who said 'yes' to leading an extra Sunday of afternoon worship at Lenoir Healthcare Center on May 14.
- It was noted at this week's Rock Bridge High School Awards Night that three of our FCC seniors, **Julia Bower, Eli Gaffney, and Max Schaefer** all received Presidential excellence and scholar athlete awards for high GPAs.
- **Wilke Wilkerson** is back at Lenoir after a brief stay in Boone Hospital.
- **John and Sarah Yonker** have recently moved to St. Charles County outside St. Louis. We wish them well in their new home and community.
- We have registered **31** youth for summer church camp. Several adults/college students will be counselors.

Tuesday, June 6 Salad Luncheon

11:45 a.m.

A Summer Salad Luncheon
A potluck — bring to share.
After lunch we will offer a
movie in the cinema on the 3rd Floor. Jimmy is taking suggestions now. RSVP by June 4 on the pew pad/office: "SALAD"



...the 55+ Fellowship Group

A Thursday in August — Fish Fry at Barb's Lake House
More information coming soon.

WORSHIP FOR MAY 21

Join us this Sunday for worship as we step out of an emphasis on stewardship and move back to the season of Easter. This Sunday, the 6th Sunday of Easter will find Rev. Stagg preaching from 1 Peter 3:13-22 and John 14:15-21; his sermon is entitled "The Advocate and Love."

Our Sunday School Teachers will be honored in the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Come help us say thank you to a most dedicated group of people.

Sunday School Semester to end May 28

VISITOR NEWSLETTER SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Visitor will be produced bi-weekly June-August. There will not be one the week of Memorial Day. Deadlines will be the following dates: May 22; June 5 & 19; July 3, 17 & 31; August 14 & 28. Regular publication will resume in September.

Youth Ministry Info

Youth activities will now be in summer mode. Each group will have gatherings including camps, mission trips, and local events throughout the summer.

Mission Trips Locations Secured!

Chi-Rho will serve in Kansas City, June 15-17
CYF will serve in Denver, CO, July 23-29



The older Elementary Sunday School Class this past Sunday is pictured here as "early church members who shared everything they had with those who needed it." Do you know the story? If not, we will see you come September in Sunday School.

May 21 Jim Estes, Amy Green, Billie Silvey, and Andrew Stormer

May 22 Linda Hamilton

May 25 Evan Holliday, Vicki Johnson

May 26 Genny Brown

Birthdays

Report for Sunday, May 14, 2017
Offering - \$7378, YTD- \$370,689 Attendance - 201
(includes: early service - 54; visitors - 14)

At the July 2016 Congregational Meeting the following was asked to be reported: "a quarterly report, for the upcoming year, addressing membership trends, actual numbers vs. budget numbers and a membership plan."

Quarterly Membership Report: 3rd Quarter (January-March 2017)

First Christian Church, Columbia, Mo

Baseline Numbers: Totals as reported, and to be reported, in the 2016 and 2017 Yearbook and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for First Christian Church in Columbia, MO (Dec. 31, 2016):

	7-1-16	9-30-16	12-31-16	3-31-17
Total membership:	928	940	935	911
Participating membership:	443	458	454	447
Avg. Worship Attendance:	189	180	182	189
<u>Additions:</u>				
By confession of faith/baptism:	9	0	0	0
By transfer:	7	0	2	3
By birth:	2	2	0	0
<u>Removals:</u>				
By death:	8	5	4	1
By transfer/lost/other:	1	0	2	26*

*note- during the office transition, an evaluation of the database system revealed that 12 of the original count were organizations listed as families, 3 dismissals, and 11 previous members who were lost due to no forwarding addresses given, no further contact received, etc.

Actual Numbers vs. Budget Numbers

See the table below for FCC's current financial status; it is a compressed Income and expense sheet with budget and actuals. Expanded financial statements are available upon request.

First Christian Church General Fund Profit & Loss Budget Performance July 2016 through March 2017					
	Jul '16 - Mar 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
OFFERINGS	317,936.44	325,210.00	-7,281.56	97.76%	424,360.00
PERMANENT FUND	125,932.18	124,077.45	1,854.73	101.5%	162,870.00
PROGRAMS	160,973.88	182,500.00	-21,526.12	88.21%	232,548.00
RENTAL	24,093.45	22,244.19	1,849.26	108.31%	29,450.03
SOURCES - OTHER	10,163.17	2,775.00	7,388.17	368.24%	11,316.00
TRANSFERRED MEMORIAL FUNDS	18,500.00	13,875.00	4,625.00	133.33%	18,500.00
UNBUDGETED INCOME	71.33	0.00	71.33	100.0%	0.00
	<u>657,670.45</u>	<u>670,689.64</u>	<u>-13,019.19</u>	<u>98.06%</u>	<u>879,052.03</u>
	657,670.45	670,689.64	-13,019.19	98.06%	879,052.03
ADMINISTRATIVE	334,967.64	333,584.89	1,382.75	100.42%	435,907.00
ADULT EDUCATION	439.67	1,087.50	-647.83	40.43%	1,450.00
ADVENT	333.27	450.00	-116.73	74.06%	450.00
CHILDREN EDUCATION	1,815.03	2,425.00	-609.37	74.87%	3,400.00
CHURCH IN SOCIETY	7,791.04	10,086.14	-2,294.50	77.25%	13,615.00
COL. AREA OLDER ADULT MINISTRY	47,479.75	57,448.94	-9,969.19	82.85%	74,700.00
COMMUNICATION	10,466.69	10,764.98	-298.29	97.23%	14,386.00
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	1,512.81	412.50	1,100.31	366.74%	550.00
EVANGELISM	239.95	2,715.00	-2,475.05	8.84%	3,820.00
MEMBERSHIP	4,313.90	2,817.50	1,496.40	153.11%	3,150.00
MOTHERS DAY OUT	101,784.41	102,229.04	-444.63	99.57%	137,070.00
OFFICE	14,168.02	12,505.15	1,662.87	113.3%	16,850.00
PROPERTY	91,221.37	99,031.00	-8,709.63	91.28%	130,231.00
SCHOLARSHIP	8,200.00	8,450.00	-250.00	97.04%	8,450.00
SERVICE BOARD OF DEACONS/ELDERS	500.00				
STEWARDSHIP	104.16	225.00	-120.84	46.29%	350.00
STUDENT MINISTRY	3,406.48	7,303.50	-3,897.02	46.64%	13,966.00
WORLD OUTREACH	13,675.15	13,612.34	62.81	100.46%	18,153.00
WORSHIP	5,781.32	8,725.00	-2,943.68	66.26%	11,245.00
Z UNBUDGETED	27,004.60	2,225.20	24,779.40	1,213.58%	3,182.65
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	1,045.00				
	<u>678,251.46</u>	<u>676,998.68</u>	<u>-747.22</u>	<u>99.89%</u>	<u>890,725.65</u>
	-18,581.01	-6,309.04	-12,271.97	294.51%	-11,673.62

Evangelism - the department reports that their Spring Training "guests in worship" program was most successful in numbers and spirit.

Baptism and Discipleship - the class was held in the spring with six candidates being baptized on Easter Sunday.

Worship - the Lenten season, Palm and Easter Sundays were well attended and greatly enhanced by powerful music.

Church Staff - changes to the church staff in April reflect the retirement of Administrative Asst. Kay Biessenherz and the hiring of Robert Floyd as Office Manager.

Membership - was highlighted in the fellowship events of the spring. The Green Potluck and Talent Show were held in March and the Cinco de Mayo Potluck in May. Both events had great spirit and those who attended spoke well of them. They were, however, not attended at the rate expected. For an entire church they had under 60 and under 40 respectively in attendance.

Student Ministry - reports that the DOC group is undergoing change. The regular meetings have ceased with monthly events being the replacement. The future of this group meeting regularly will depend on the number of interested students.

Children's Education - was responsible for the successful Easter Egg Hunt that included many people who rarely participate in other church events.

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, May 21

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Sue Wright
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Ministry
Arranged & Delivered by: Jacki Davidson

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom & Carol Hughey
and Cherry Hinderberger
Elder: Carol Hughey
Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Barnard

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David & Julie Nichols
and Bud Batterson
Liturgist: Brenda Mosby
Elders: Mark Mills, Sally Robinson, Jacki Davidson
Deacons: The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team
Greeters:
TBD (*N. Door*), Richard Barnard (*S. Door*),
Ron Longaker (*Atrium*), Judy Longaker (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin
Candle Lighters: Carleigh Snow, Chase Hoffman
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (*ldr.*) Amy Marrero (*hlpr.*)
Offering Counters: Deb Batterson and Jerry Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR May 21-May 28

Sunday, May 21

TEACHER RECOGNITION (10:30 worship service)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45-10:20am, Morris Parlor

Monday, May 22

- MDO Pre-K graduation, 8:00am-1:45pm
- Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00pm
- Stewardship and Finance Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
- Scholarship Committee Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Keystone

Tuesday, May 23

- MDO Pre-K graduation, 8:00am-1:45pm
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, May 24

- Brummett-Harrah Group luncheon, 11:30am, Opal Stites' place
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6:30-10:00am, Yonker Hall