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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for April 15 The 3rd Sunday of Easter

The powerful hymn of faith *Lift High the Cross* will begin our singing as we continue the Celebration of the Resurrection this Sunday. With the Psalm 4 encouraging us "Oh that we might see some good" we will be ready for the challenge of Acts 3:12-19 and Rev. Brad Stagg's sermon "Church: Witnessing."

Don't forget to wear your name tag!

<i>Spring Training</i>		1	2	3	4	R
royal blue christians	29					
redbird disciples	10					

How is Your Team Doing? Scoring Update!

Come to worship and invite guests! That's how you score for your team! We are through the first of four exciting weeks and the score is listed above. 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. 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!



**Memorial Day Weekend thru
Labor Day Weekend**

A single worship service will be offered at 9:30am this summer! Not only did we receive an overwhelmingly positive response from you in months of discussions, but also the support of the Administrative Board with a unanimous vote of 'Yes' for a single summer service. Mark your calendars for these dates: May 27; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26; and September 2. We will return to two services on September 9. Be sure to tell your friends and family!

Friday Night Classics- *The Maltese Falcon* April 20, 7:00pm 3rd Floor Cinema

A private detective takes on a case that involves him with three eccentric criminals, a gorgeous liar and their quest for a priceless statuette. Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor star in this exciting triple Academy Award nominated movie. Join the Gieseke's for all the fun on Friday night, April 20 at 7:00pm in the 3rd floor cinema.



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Food Donations Needed for Upcoming Fifth Street Concert and Silent Auction!

On April 27, FCC will again host Fifth Street Christian Church's annual Concert & Silent Auction (proceeds benefit their outreach ministries, including their Feed the Community Ministry). As with last year's event, FCC will furnish appetizers/'finger foods' (cheese, crackers, fruit, veggies, etc.). Anyone who is able to donate can (1) sign up using the sign-up sheet in the church narthex, (2) call the church office at 449-7265, or (3) contact Sarah Storm; call/text 573-289-0072 or email marions@centurytel.net.

Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase food items! Place your cash/check donation in an envelope and notate on envelope "Fifth Street Reception" (also notate on check if applicable). Drop the envelope in (1) the offering plate or (2) payment drop box in the church office, or (3) mail it to the church.



Concert & Silent Auction

An outreach ministry of Fifth Street Christian Church

Friday, April 27
6:00pm

at First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th Street

A variety of musical acts, dancers, a group sing and much more!

Report for Sunday, April 8, 2018

Attendance 182 (includes early service- 44) (visitors- 39)

Total offerings: \$10,882.09

Note- there was an unavoidable error in the count of April 1/Easter visitors. Additional pew pad sheets were turned into the office on Monday, April 9 after The Visitor had been printed and sent.

The visitor count for April 1 is now 69. Thank you.

April 15 Kate Volmert
April 16 Brock Mottaz, Emily Scott
April 17 William Green, Jr.,
Joshua Humble, Deborah Scott
April 18 Betty Montgomery
April 19 Elizabeth Flanders



Stewardship Campaign Starts Soon

Our annual stewardship campaign kicks off Sunday, April 22nd. This year we have selected "Live Generously" for our theme. Each week during the campaign we will share a question on which to reflect. The first question is "How is God calling me to do good, be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share?".

The campaign will last three weeks, ending on Commitment Sunday, May 13th. Each Sunday during this time there will be a speaker that will share a message with the congregation concerning the campaign.

In the coming days members will receive a letter that will include a commitment card and a talent interest form. These will ask you to consider your stewardship of time, talents and money. Please take time to pray and consider how you can use your time and talents to grow God's kingdom through our church.

Good Morning. Welcome!

Those are three words that set the tone for the morning of worship every Sunday. These words combined with a smile/handshake/wave are the big job of the day for anyone signed up to be "Greeter" at First Christian. The greeter does not hand out bulletins. They don't linger long in conversation (missing others coming by). A greeter welcomes all and directs folks toward the worship area. Maybe a greeter will even help when the exterior doors get unwieldy.

It is about hospitality. It is about welcome. It is about the big red doors or large fellowship hall not being so intimidating to go through for a newcomer, long-time member or both. It is about starting the worship of God with friendship and welcome long before the preacher speaks or the organ sounds. We have four exterior door areas to cover each Sunday - bell tower, north narthex, lower atrium/office, and the fellowship hall portico.



Will you be a part of our hospitality team this next year July 2018-June 2019?

In a few weeks you will be encouraged to indicate your interest in participating in the hospitality ministry. We welcome you to the ministry of welcome!

Next week: "Bulletins in a world of doors and pews"



News of People and Places

Mary Daugherty gives her special thanks to **Susan Gray, Barbara Rothenberger, Peggy Veatch, Fred Mottaz, and Keith Picker** for arranging the Easter lilies in her absence. Good job! Thanks also to those who have committed to adopt-a-spot in the church grounds for this year. There is still room for more adoptions! Contact Mary Daugherty.

Congratulations to **Rob Martin and Bridget Butkiewicz** who were married on Saturday, April 7 in Columbia. Rob is the son of **Mark and Brenda Martin**.

Eva Bright has returned home after a week's hospital stay.

Thanks to **Jean Hall and Schuyler Wheeler** for another season of accompaniment as **Mary Bancroft** was out on medical leave. Mary returns to the organ April 15.

Next week we begin the annual church scholarship season. Jimmy Spear will send applications to any college student members that he has contact information. Students are encouraged to initiate contact after April 15.

Fly me to the moon

Columbia Handbell Ensemble

Saturday, May 5, 2018 7:00pm
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
101 NORTH 10TH STREET, COLUMBIA, MO

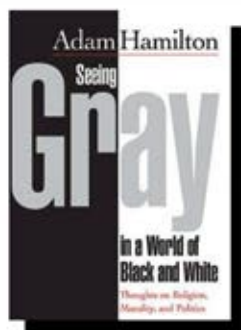
Sunday, May 6, 2018 2:00pm
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-Fellowship Hall
1112 EAST BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MO

TICKETS AND INFORMATION
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Adult Study Continues

Five Week Study
The Adult Class
Sunday Mornings
9:30-10:20 a.m.
The Keystone Room
Through May 6



Apr. 15	JYF/CYF
Apr. 22	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 29	JYF/CYF

JYF - CHI-RHO - CYF

YOUTH

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Columbia, MO

Youth Group Times

JYF (grd 3-4-5)
Chi-Rho (grd 6-7-8)
(on alternating weeks)
4:30-6:00pm

CYF (grd 9-12)
6:00-7:30pm

VBS June 10-14 (Sun.-Thurs.)



Isn't This Tweet?

Spring is here and Joyce Stanley has made a wonderful display on the second floor of the education building featuring some of God's sweet-singing creatures; birds! Get familiar with the different types, grab some binoculars and enjoy the beauty of our great Missouri birds. Thanks, Joyce!

Breakfast for Our Brethren in May

There are a variety of ways that FCC supports the people in need in Columbia throughout the year. Sometimes we donate gifts so that kids can have a wonderful Christmas, sometimes it is financial support to worthy causes, and other times it providing people with a healthy meal. Breakfast for Our Brethren is an opportunity for churches around Columbia to provide breakfast for people in need every Saturday. During the month of May, FCC will be opening its doors to provide this service and we need your help!

There are three different ways to help make Breakfast for Our Brethren a success: 1) you can provide food items; 2) you can provide financial support that food can be bought for breakfast; and 3) you can help serve breakfast. We will start serving at 7:00 am on May 5, May 12, May 19, and May 26. If you want to donate food, check out what items are needed and sign up in the church office. Breakfast for Our Brethren is a wonderful resource for people in our community! Thank you for your faithful support.

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 15-APRIL 21

Sunday, April 15

- Evangelism Spring Training, week 2
- Handbell Choir rehearsal, 8:30am, Bell Room
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Sun. School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3rd Flr; Adlts, 2nd Flr
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45am, Morris Parlor
- ALICE Training, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Yonker Hall
- Youth Groups: JYF, 4:30pm, Yonker Hall; CYF, 6:00pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, April 16

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Elders Diversity Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall

Tuesday, April 17

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Acoustic Jammers, 6:30-8:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 6:30pm, Keystone

Wednesday, April 18

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's house
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05pm, Bethany Hall
- CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- DOC (Disciples On Campus), 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall

Friday, April 20

- Mid-America Regional Assembly, Hannibal, MO
- Cassie Rohe/Ashton Long rehearsal, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- Fri. Nt. Classics, *The Maltese Falcon*, 7:00pm, 3rd Flr. Cinema

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Don Mosby
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Ministry Arranged by: TBD
Delivered by: Marilyn Schappert

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tommy Gay Evans,
Jerry & Mary Daugherty

Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep: Hartley Rogers, Jan Davis and
Hunter Rogers (JR)

Greeters: Brenda Mosby (N. Door) Russ Palmer (S. Door)
Diana Provenzano (Atrium) Chuck Scott (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Ava Martin and Kaedon Wheatley

Candle Lighters: Cullen Snow and Kenzie Von Talge

Liturgist: Amy Green

Elders: Sonya & Bill Carney

Deacons: The Rogers Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team

Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)

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