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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for April 29 The 5th Sunday of Easter

Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ...and this is just half of the story. Join us Sunday as we hear in fullness a story of transformation found in Acts 8:26 and Rev. Stagg's sermon "Church: Transforming."

For this coming spring Sunday the hymn *For the Beauty of Meadows* will be our opener sung to the tune ST. DENIO (shared with the familiar *Immortal, Invisible...*) bringing to us new words and images of the creation. A new hymn to us will be featured at the Invitation— *Strong, Gentle Children*. To bring us back to the familiar, *Just As I Am* will be the hymn of communion.

Breakfast for Our Brethren in May

Breakfast for Our Brethren is an opportunity for churches around Columbia to offer breakfast for people in need every Saturday.

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!



Stewardship Campaign Week 2

Followers of Jesus do not give money to a church or to missionaries, ministry organizations or denominational entities. We give to God out of the gratitude for all that God has done for us through the congregation's ministries (primarily) and sometimes through these other groups as well.

As you worship this Sunday and throughout the week, consider how God loves you and has been generous to you. How is God calling you to become an instrument of grace, with a singing heart and a joyful, generous life?



Live Generously

THE ROAD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY COUNTS

Welcome New Member, Todd Moritz



With a great smile and an eager spirit, Todd Moritz joined the FCC family April 22nd. Todd comes to us via transfer from The Church of Jesus Christ (LDS). We are so happy to have Todd as an active part of FCC!

Redbird Disciples Score BIG, Lead 53-47!

The Redbird Disciples have made a big charge and took the lead going into the final inning! Can the Royal Blue Christians come up with enough visitors for the win? We will see!



Spring Training	1	2	3	4	R
royal blue christians	29	12	6		
redbird disciples	10	10	33		

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Scholarship Time

First Christian Church scholarship funds will be awarded to those seeking degrees in programs of higher education - undergraduate degrees and in graduate seminary. The funds are made possible through the scholarship funds set up by members over the years to endow scholarships to members in college.



Applications can be picked up in the church office or received via email from Rev. Jimmy Spear (jimmy@firstchristian.org). The scholarship application deadline will be May 15. Scholarships will be distributed during the 10:30 worship service on June 3.



Congrats, Cassie & Ashton!

Saturday, April 21, FCC's own Cassie Rohe & Ashton Long exchanged vows with Rev. Brad Stagg officiating. They had a beautiful service and we wish them all the best as they start their lives together.

Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. Long!



STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Claysville for Lunch May 6

(ALL are invited - - not just STARS/55+)

Sunday, May 6 we will depart for the Claysville General Store from church at noon. Lunch includes family style served fresh fried chicken, all the fixings, and home-made pie. Put "CLAYSVILLE" on the Sunday pew pad or sign up in the church office.

Overnighter to Lamar & Carthage May 16-17

Historic & scenic tour of Lamar & Carthage, Missouri; featuring the **Harry Truman Birthplace**, the **Precious Moments Chapel and Gardens**, antiques, great food, travel stops and adventures await on this two day trip. We will stay the one night at The Quality Inn in Carthage — rooms rate from 67 –king to 72 for double queen. Travel fee will be \$25. Most of the tours are free or a nominal fee. Departure 8am Wednesday return before dark Thursday. Put "LAMAR" on the pew pad or sign up in the church office. Please RSVP BY MAY 6.

Summer One Worship Service

9:30am
May 27-Sept. 2

Deacon Training

Sunday, May 6, 11:45am - 12:15pm

All new and returning Deacons: Deacon leaders will offer a quick refresher on how to serve AND how to prepare communion. Some minor changes have been made over recent years. Let's all spend 30 minutes together and make sure we are ready for the next year of streamlined serving in worship. Thanks.

FINAL week of youth meetings!

Apr. 29: JYF (4:30) & CYF (6:00)

**Camp Registration should be
now complete—online and with
payment to FCC via Jimmy.**



Concert & Silent Auction

An outreach ministry of Fifth Street Christian Church

Friday, April 27
6:00pm

at First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th Street



News of People and Places

The flowers in the alcove last Sunday were from the **Nat Scavone** memorial service held April 20. Thanks **Bette Scavone** for sharing their witness and beauty.

In our prayers of healing and comfort this week: **Paula Slusher** has returned home from recent colon surgery and recuperates well.

Sympathy is extended to the **Steve Evers** family in the recent death of Steve's father, Norbert Evers, of Columbia. Services were held at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Sympathy is also extended to the Ault and Daugherty families in the passing of **Mary Daugherty's** mother, Norma Ault, April 24. Services are pending.

The Cinema is now perfectly dark for afternoon and early evening summer movies. Thanks to **Brenda and Don Mosby** for providing the blackout curtains for the west windows!

May 7 & 8 the church parking lot will be closed and repaved. Please plan accordingly.

Historical Trip Sign-Ups Now

Would you like to go to **Greece** and follow **Paul's steps to Ephesus**? A trip is being offered by Lexington Theological Seminary for January 16-25, 2019. Fred Mottaz and a few others are thinking of joining the seminary professor, students and church folks for this tour. Cost is \$3100. You can find out more by e-mailing Fred at fred@firstchristian.org. Deadline is June 1.



MDO Art Gallery Showing at FCC

Michelangelo.. Picasso... MDO... all the great ones were represented in the Keystone room recently. Our MDO kids created their own art gallery and featured pieces in the style of the masters. Check them out!



FCC Members Represent at Hannibal Meeting



It was a great few days to share worship, fellowship, and learning with others who are a part of our regional church — The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America. **Frances Brown, Laura Crane, Sally Robinson, Barb Rothenberger, Carol Slusher and Jimmy Spear** all attended representing FCC Columbia. A highlight was hearing the new General Minister and President of the denomination, Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens speak — a dynamic and effective preacher and leader. It was good to see other regional church friends, share great meals and even see a little of historic Hannibal. **Rev. Jimmy Spear** was installed as the new Moderator of Christian Church in Mid-America Board of Directors.



Your Special Birthday

Doris Neidhardt, 92

May 2



April 29 Sherry Dobbs, Roy Fullington, Jade Mooney and Susan Ramsey

May 1 Jane Ann Hackett

May 2 Doris Neidhardt

May 3 Nathaniel Leon-Rudy

May 4 Illa Hickey, Aubrey Schomaker, Deidre Tevis and Drake Tevis

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 29-MAY 6

Today, Sunday, April 29

- Evangelism Spring Training, FINAL WEEK!
- Stewardship Campaign, 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
- Youth: JYF, 4:30pm, Yonker Hall; CYF, 6:00pm, Beth. Hall

Monday, April 30

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Elders Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm, Yonker Hall

Tuesday, May 1

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, May 2

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05pm, Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Meeting, 5:00pm, Keystone
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 3

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, May 4

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans Restaurant

Saturday, May 5

- Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 6

- FCC Deacon Training, 11:45am-12:15pm, Sanctuary

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Jennifer Alexander
Flower Ministry Arranged & Delivered by:
Bob & Linda Hutton

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants:

Eric Seaman and Steve & Sharon Smith

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Brice & Mary Moeller and Susan Klockow

Greeters:

Perry Stemmons (N. Door) Helen Stemmons (S. Door)
Pat Wright (Atrium) Sue Wright (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Amelia Leon-Rudy and Ryley Batterson

Candle Lighters: Izzy Arnett and Delaney Batterson

Liturgist: Dan Gieseke

Elders: Sarah Read and Nora Dietzel

Deacons: The Garton Team **Ushers:** The Mountjoy Team

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Brenda Martin and Debbie Taylor