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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 20

Candidates for Baptism

All in the 6th grade, these nine young disciples have shared in Baptism and Discipleship Class with Rev. Spear and Elders Debbie Batterson and CK Hoenes.

- Izzy Arnett
- Delaney Batterson
- Kira Hoenes
- Chase Hofmann
- Brett Kuhn
- Ava Martin
- Cullen Snow
- Kate Volmert
- Kayla Von Talge

The arrival of the Holy Spirit, in flames and tongues, understanding languages, finding a common voice and ear to the works of God being proclaimed — the day of Pentecost. Come this Sunday and worship, celebrate as the body of Christ the inclusion of the Holy Spirit to the power of God found in worship, shared faith community, the waters of baptism, and the walk of discipleship.

The baptismal waters will flow this Sunday in the 10:30 service as nine youth make their confession of faith and are baptized into Christ's church. It is a day of celebration and renewal for all present.

Hymns of the day include *Spirit, Come*, *Dispel Our Sadness*, the baptismal hymn *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* and at communion, *Surely the Presence of the Lord*.



THE
 HOLY
 SPIRIT
 FELL ON ALL
 WHO HEARD
 THE WORD.

ACTS 10:44, ESV

- NOTICE - There will be a **CALLED ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING**, Sunday, May 20 after the 10:30am Worship Service in Morris Parlor for the purpose of approving the bid for balcony repair

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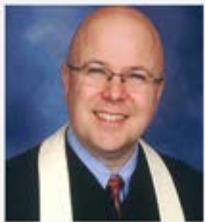
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Bit from Brad

3rd-to-Last Column before Departing for Sabbatical or... 20 Days Remaining!

It won't be much longer now until my first day of Sabbatical, Monday, June 4. Until now Sabbatical seemed far away, but now I'm just days from departure which means limited time and space to share important information before that date.

This summer while I'm away working on my doctoral project and dissertation, I ask that you take up this time for serious reflection and consideration, in particular to answer the question, Are you and your family ready for a second Capital Campaign? The Property Department, Master Planning Committee, and Stewardship & Finance Department are clear, FCC needs to continue to repair the extensive deferred maintenance projects remaining: adequate water supply in the Education building, safe and adequate electrical wiring and panels, ADA accessible restrooms, new flooring and subflooring in Yonker Hall, Air-conditioning in the Kitchen, remodeled Morris Parlor, and patch & repair work in the Sanctuary. All this work is estimated to be \$460,000. There is no doubt this work needs to be completed.

The question is: can we afford it? Fortunately, \$460,000 is roughly half the \$825,000 that you raised last time. And yet, we still need to determine if we can continue to shoulder the cost at this time. To do so, Stewardship & Finance has enlisted the services of Church Development (the company who led us through our last capital campaign) to carry out a modified Feasibility Study this summer while I'm away. Using an independent, unbiased professional consulting firm with whom we have a successful past will help us to ascertain our capacity to engage in another capital campaign.

Church Development will send Darryl Prater, whom we worked with last time, to send an electronic congregation-wide survey, 10 interviews, and 2 focus groups to determine whether we should or should not proceed with a capital campaign this fall.

I ask that you give Darryl Prater and Church Development your FULLEST cooperation. If you can support a campaign – Great; if you cannot support a campaign – Great! What's MOST important is that we know the truth which will guide us on how to proceed this fall. So please, please share your thoughts, opinions, and concerns with Darryl Prater who will receive your input confidentially.

Like last time, I will offer tours of the needed areas of repair these last three Sundays prior to my Sabbatical: May 20 – after both services and on May 27 and June 3rd after the one service. Also I will do midweek tours by special arrangement; just call the church office to make arrangements.

Let us utilize this Sabbatical time to listen to God's calling for the next chapter in First Christian Church's mission in helping others to "Know God and Follow Jesus Christ!"

Blessings, Brad

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

May 22 Linda Hamilton

May 25 Evan Holliday and Vicki Johnson



News of People and Places

Highlights of Upcoming Sundays:

- Sunday School classes will end on May 20
- Single Worship Service, 9:30am, May 27
- Church Scholarship Sunday, June 3

Thanks to our Sunday School teachers for a great year. **Carol Hughey and Brenda Mosby** (3rd-5th grade); **Hayley Batterson, Christy Von Talge and Jessica Humble** (K-2nd grade); **Mark Mills, Jordan Barnes, and Jimmy Spear** (6-12th grade). Sunday School will return September 9.

Ben Nelms had successful cardiac TAVAR surgery on Monday, May 14 and is recuperating. **Eva Bright** continues to welcome prayers for health.

Rev. Spear will be away the week of May 21 attending The Festival of Homiletics (preaching) in Washington DC.



Beauty Abundant

Tulips salvaged from the little corner park are blooming in the bed outside of Bethany Hall. Laura Crane and Valerie Freed, thank you for keeping this beautiful space watered and weeded!

Vacation Bible School Needs You!

The Rolling River Rampage VBS is scheduled for June 10 – 14 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. each evening. Dinner is included starting at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for teachers, crew leaders, kitchen helpers and dessert bakers and we need your help! **Please register children from age 3 – 7th grade at <http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/FCCColumbia>**

Please register NOW. We are less than one month out and need your RSVP on registration of kids and leaders/helpers. Leader/helper training will be on June 3 at 10:45 (a 30 min. meeting after worship.) We can't wait to see you there!

BROWN BAG SUNDAY, MAY 20th!! Brown bags will be all over the Narthex on Sunday. Get involved and help support our VBS by taking a brown bag, purchasing the items needed and returning the bag by Sunday, June 3rd. Please contact Jessica Humble at 573-808-6394 or humblejess@aol.com with any questions.

Summer Schedule

One Worship Service

9:30 a.m.
May 27-Sept. 2

- 8:00am- Custodian arrives and has building open
- 8:30am- Office receptionist arrives to arrange bus transportation with bus driver
- 8:30am- Communion prep team prepares communion
- 9:00am- Coffee is ready/Coffee Fellowship begins
- 9:00am- Church nursery worker ready/nursery available and open
- 9:00am- Greeters in place/Ushers in place/ Welcome station hosts in place/ Candle lighters/banner bearers in place
- 9:30am- Worship service begins**
- 10:45am (approx.)- Worship service concludes
- 10:45-11:00 (approx.)- 'After Worship Coffee Fellowship' continues and concludes

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Don't forget to send in your **Estimate of Giving Cards and Surveys** of Interest and Information. If you did not receive these, please let the church office know. If you have already sent yours...thank you for Living Generously!


HISTORY COMES ALIVE

A MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL EVENT AT THE HISTORIC COLUMBIA CEMETERY

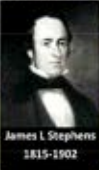
Monday, May 28th, 2018 1:00-4:00 pm

30 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri
Admission is free. Off-site parking available

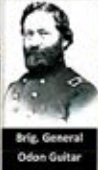
Brief monologues by talented actors will be repeated throughout the afternoon.




R. B. Price
1832-1924




James L. Stephens
1815-1902




Brig. General Odon Guitler
1825-1908




Richard Jesse
1853-1921



Mary Paxton Keeley
1886-1986



Victor Barth
1850-1909



John Lange, Sr.
1807-1879

To find out more about this incredible presentation, contact Genie Rogers or the church office.

New CAOAM Intern



Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry has their first intern this summer. **Breck Campbell** will be a senior at Columbia College in the fall. She is wanting to be a minister so she is working with Rev. Sally Robinson and Rev. Beth Simpson from CAOAM and Rev. Jerry Riggert at Lenoir Woods this summer exploring chaplaincy and pastoral ministry. She was raised in the Boonville Lutheran Church with Rev. Riggert as her pastor. She now has ties to the Disciples of Christ having received the John and Sarah Yonker Scholarship for the past three years. Breck is completely blind due to a condition called Septo-Optic dysplasia; this means her optic nerve did not develop in her eyes. Breck will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in May, June and July. Welcome, Breck!

Report for Sunday, May 13, 2018
Attendance 209 (includes early service- 49) (visitors- 14)
Total offerings: \$9976.75



Three Months of Favorites

During the June, July and August summer worship months, the choir will focus on "Favorites of Yours and Mine". If you have a favorite anthem that has been presented by the choir in recent years, we invite you to let us know by calling or emailing Adriene Floyd (Adriene@firstchristian.org) or the church office. The songs that get mentioned most often will be the ones you'll hear each week from the choir. We look forward to sharing our favorites with all of you!

Thanks to all of the FCC members who donated \$1,228 to help former church Admin. Asst., Kay Beissenherz' s son, Russell Hargis. Russell is fighting cancer and unable to work. His family consists of a wife and 3 girls, so all assistance and prayers are most welcome. It is a blessing to be part of a loving and supportive church family.

~Fred Mottaz

Thank you!

Thank you dear friends of Coffman Watson CWF for the beautiful glass plaque. I treasure your friendships, your fellowship and the faith journey we've shared over the many years past. Until our paths cross again, peace and happiness to all.

~Brenda Martin

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Dr. John J. Yonker

Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 20-MAY 28

Sunday, May 20

- Sacrament of Baptism, 10:30am worship service
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Sun. School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3rd Flr; Adults, 2nd Flr
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45am, Morris Parlor
- CALLED ADMIN. BOARD MTG, 11:45am, Morris Parlor

Monday, May 21

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone

Tuesday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 23

- Brummett-Harrah Group, 11:30am, Sofia's restaurant
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05pm, Bethany
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 24

- THE VISITOR NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, May 25

- MDO last day

Saturday, May 26

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00am, Yonker Hall
- Emmy Croll Memorial, 10:00am-2:00pm, Bethany Hall;
Larry Veatch officiating

Sunday, May 27

- SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS,
9:30am
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm, FCC Elders

Monday, May 28

- MEMORIAL DAY- OFFICE CLOSED

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 20

Bus Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack

Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Ministry Arranged & Delivered by:
Sue Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants:

Mary Daugherty, Susan Gray and Eric Seaman

Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Pat Wright, Kim Leon and Jeff Underwood

Greeters:

Frances Brown (N. Door) Richard Barnard (S. Door)
Ron Longaker (Atrium) Judy Longaker (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow and Kenzie Von Talge

Candle Lighters: Kate Volmert and Kayla Von Talge

Liturgist: Erin Bower

Elders: Fred Mottaz and Genie Rogers

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

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

Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Diana Provenzano