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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for May 6 The 6th Sunday of Easter

Worship this Sunday will include several highlights: The musical women of the Drennan Singers will offer special music throughout both worship services this Sunday. We will recognize five graduating high school seniors (**Jadie Arnett, Lauren Hofmann, Jonathan LaHue, Kim Potthast, Conner Stormer**) this Sunday in 10:30am worship.

Classic hymns of the day will include, *I Love to Tell the Story* and *Standing on the Promises*. In honor of the graduates (10:30), the moving *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* and at the table, *One Bread, One Body* will be sung.

Rev. Stagg will continue his series of sermons based upon Acts. This week, "Church: Including."



Redbirds Go Back-to-Back

The Redbird Disciples showed they could really get the visitors in the doors of FCC. Their victory means the trophy stays with the red team for 2018-2019. Congratulations, also, to the Royal Blue Christians for an incredible evangelism effort! Keep inviting. Keep welcoming. Keep others informed of the joy of following Jesus Christ!



Stewardship Campaign Week 3

To desire more than we possess is a timeless human struggle. Whether a desire to possess someone else's good looks, a house in the best neighborhood or even the neighbor's spouse, humans swing with the pendulum from desire to contentment. We know this about ourselves. And yet, here we find ourselves in the twenty-first century with the same old longings and leanings. As you worship today and throughout this week, be mindful about celebrating the gifts of the moment. How is God calling you to let go of your worries and modify your desires so that you can become more generous?



Live Generously
THE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE

NOTE! Tuesday Bible Study Change

Be sure to join the Tuesday Bible Study group next Tuesday, May 8, at Will & Donna Houston's home; 2013 Martinshire in Columbia. Directions? Phone-573-234-1921

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.

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| redbird disciples | 10 | 10 | 33 | 21 | 74 |

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Bit from Brad

We never know when one thing will lead to another.

Every Thursday I enter Cumulus Radio off Old Hwy. 63 to record the coming week's radio messages in the BXR studio with Mo Louis. Radio isn't like it used to be; a single story house with a teletype machine and large antenna outside. Instead it's a commercial building where one wing with a hallway contains four doors on each side; each door leads to a small 10x10 "studio" decorated with that station's logos and artists. Down one 30 foot hall way exists 8 "radio stations" with its DJ hosting music, talk shows, and programming.

Mo Louis and I have become fast friends over my five years of recording. Between Mo and Mark Mills (FCC church member and Cumulus Advertising Director), they've introduced me to almost all the employees at their place. Somewhere along the line, Mo introduced me to David Gaines, "the news guy" at Cumulus. David weaves between the various studios offering the daily news. As such, David frequently pops in on Mo and me and the three of us banter for several minutes each week, but we never really see each other beyond those informal yet professional exchanges.

That changed Sunday.

David Gaines and his father, William, unexpectedly arrived Sunday morning for our 8:30 Worship Service. I first met William who said, "We're visitors, but I think you know my son, David Gaines." I whirled around only to discover David's face grinning ear-to-ear! Introductions gave way to connections: turns out David's father (William) is a licensed Disciples of Christ minister who just weeks ago stepped away from a church he'd served for 18 years, and David was raised and baptized a Disciple, something he'd never mentioned before. They stayed for worship, connected with our people, stayed for coffee fellowship and met lots of folks. Good moments!

Then Monday morning I get a call from John Hamilton, an 8:30 Worship attender. "Hey Brad, guess what?" John asked. "What?" I replied. "Remember David Gaines and his father who attended yesterday?" "Sure; of course!" "He's on the radio right now, talking on KFRU; he's talking about how much they enjoyed coming to our church yesterday! They liked your preaching and liked how warm, welcoming and sincerely open the church people were to them. He went on for a couple of minutes about how great First Christian is! Isn't that awesome? That's the best kind of advertising, isn't it?"

It sure is! Funny how one thing can lead to another!
Well done, FCC, well done!!!
Blessings, Brad



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 this Sunday, MAY 6.



The STARS recently were seen at the St. Louis Zoo riding the classic Zoo Train several times around seeing animals and waving to kids. This adventure was part of a full day that included the impressive exhibit of Sunken Cities at the St. Louis Art Museum and lunch at the Three Kings Tavern in the UCity Loop.





News of People and Places

New Pavement Postponed: May 7 & 8 the church parking lot was to be closed and repaved. The County has postponed the paving to a yet-to-be-determined date. Continue to enjoy your church parking as usual.

Graduating? If you or a family member are graduating from high school or earning a degree in higher education, please email Jimmy Spear to be listed in the coming weeks here in the *Visitor*.

Highlights of Upcoming Sundays:

- Recognition of Sunday School Teachers, May 13
- Stewardship Campaign "Commitments," May 13
- Pentecost Sunday and Baptisms, May 20
- Summer One Worship Service at 9:30am, May 27
- Church Scholarship Sunday, June 3

A great number of FCC folks came out last Friday night as we hosted 5th Street Christian Church's **Feed the Community Concert and Silent Auction**. Over \$2,000 was raised in the multi-church event. Thanks to Sarah Storm and Jimmy Spear for representing us on the planning committee and Sarah for spearheading the food reception. Thanks to the CWF for offering several gift baskets to the silent auction. Thanks to our Chancel Choir for participating with music and joining the mass choir.

We will hold **Ben and Beth Nelms** in our hearts and prayers in the coming weeks as Ben will be having aortic valve replacement surgery (TAVR) on Monday, May 14.

Prayers of Sympathy are extended to **Danene Brooks** on the death of her grandmother, Rosa Easton. Services will be Friday, May 4, in Mexico Mo.

Also held in prayer this week: **Cheryl Stevens** who has had some back difficulty, **Cora Riley** who was hospitalized on Sunday, April 29.

Scholarship Applications Due

First Christian Church scholarship applications are now being completed and are due May 15. Applications can be picked up in the church office or received via email from Jimmy Spear (jimmy@firstchristian.org). **The scholarship application deadline is May 15.** Scholarships will be distributed on Sunday, June 3.

May 6 Etta Bazzell, Delaney Tevis, Sue Underwood

May 9 Tori Pine, Ann Rogers

May 10 Harlan Hackett, Laura Hutton, Wayne Meyer,
Sharon Winner

May 11 Mary Bancroft,
Makali Hawkins

May 12 Jacy Alexander, Ben Nelms



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 attendees for this tour. Cost is \$3100. Find out more by e-mailing Fred at fred@firstchristian.org. Deadline is June 1.



To our wonderful church family:

I have been overwhelmed by the love and care demonstrated during my recent surgery and recovery; thank you! From the pastoral visits to the cards, prayers and meals shared, you have shown me once again why I'm so richly blessed to call FCC my church home.

Much love, Adriene

FIFTH STREET CONCERT RECEPTION THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Fifth Street Concert reception a success:

1. To our FCC members who provided yummy appetizers and/or made financial donations: Trish Gregory, Donna Houston, Janelle Patterson, Brenda Mosby, Sue Wright, Diana Provenzano, Susan Gray, Sally Robinson, Mary Moeller, Jean Juba, Trish Stagg, Valerie Freed, Kim Leon, Sarah Read, Pat Rybolt, Carol Slusher, Peggy Veatch, Barb Rothenberger, Lorene Trickey, Mary Ann Atteberry, Laura Crane, Betty Moon, Cindy Smith, and Tommy Tomlin! If I missed anyone, please accept my apology.
2. To the great 'bakers' from Broadway Christian, Fifth Street Christian and Rockbridge Christian who supplied all the delicious cookies!
3. To Sally Robinson and Debby Graham (from Broadway Christian Church) for all their help in prepping the food and 'getting it on the table'!
4. To Janelle Patterson, my co-coordinator extraordinaire, who was there from prep-to-serve-to-cleanup!

In continuing the "Feeding the Community" ministry, leftovers from the reception were accepted with gratitude by St. Francois House and Salvation Army's Harbor House!

~Sarah Storm

Report for Sunday, April 29, 2018

Attendance 167 (includes early service- 53) (visitors- 32)

Total offerings: \$4,399.50

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 6-MAY 13

Today, Sunday, May 6

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00am, Yonker Hall
- Drennan Singers in both services
- Honoring 2018 Seniors in worship
- Stewardship Campaign, week 3
- 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
- Handbell Choir plays in 10:30am worship
- STARS Claysville Lunch, 12:00pm

Monday, May 7

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Coffman-Watson Restaurant Night, 6:00pm, Babbo's

Tuesday, May 8

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am, Will & Donna Houston's home
- CABINET MEETING, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, May 9

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 10

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- CAOAM Advisory Board Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Yonker Hall

Saturday, May 12

- Baptism Class, 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday, May 13

- Mother's Day
- Commitment Sunday
- Teacher Recognition Day

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 6

Bus Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Don Mosby

Welcome Station: Debbie Garton

Flower Ministry Arranged & Delivered by:
Mary Daugherty

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants:

Steve & Sharon Smith and Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Will Houston

Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Sarah Storm

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Amy La Hue, Robert Floyd and Jonathan La Hue (JR)

Greeters:

David Potthast (N. Door) Debbie Potthast (S. Door)
Bill Carney (Atrium) Sonya Carney (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Lillian McCormack and Kira Hoenes

Candle Lighters: Paige Freed and Sam Pine

Liturgist: Kim Leon

Elders: Vicki Johnson and Brenda Mosby

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

Children's Worship:

Eric Arnett (ldr.) Bobbi McCormack (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Diana Provenzano