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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



This Sunday, August 26 at Noon

All Food is Potluck! Bring Plenty to Share!
Twin Lakes Park & Shelter (2500 Chapel Hill Road)

Wear picnic clothes to church this day
Invite friends to worship then join us for the picnic fun
Bring your own chair if you like. There are picnic tables.

Mid-Week Bible Study Begins September 4 & 5

The return of Rev. Stagg from his sabbatical means that Bible Study sessions are back. Join the discussion during Tuesday Bible Study at **10:30am in Morris Parlor, beginning September 4.**

Wednesday Bible Study Classes resume at **12:05pm in Bethany Hall on September 5** (except the 2nd Wednesdays of the month—then the study is in Morris Parlor).

Sunday School Begins Sept. 9

It's time again- Sunday School Classes return on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:30am.

Children and Youth will be in various rooms by age on the third floor of the Education Building.

An Adult class will be held in the Keystone Room on the second floor of the Education Building.

Worship for Sundays Aug. 26 & Sept. 2, Concluding Single Summer Service

Get ready for the Word like you've never heard before! This Sunday, August 26, **Rev. Kris Tenny-Brittian** takes to the pulpit in our Summer Preaching Series to deliver life-changing ways of thinking about God's great blessings for all of us! Bring a friend and be uplifted!

On Sunday, September 2, **Rev. Dr. Paul Koch** will return to wrap up the Summer Preaching Series with a sermon on the not-often-preached *Song of Songs*. Join us for one last Sunday of the Summer ONE Worship service.

Summer Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary



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News of People and Places

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing continue for **Tommy Gay Evans** who continues weekly chemo treatments. She has requested no calls at this time—check in with the church office or Jimmy Spear for updates. Send her mail!

Ed & Eva Bright continue to rebuild life after a house fire, **Jan Davis** recuperates from shoulder surgery, **Robert Floyd's mom, Jean**, recovers from a successful surgery. **Millie Caringer** is recovering from a recent fall.

Our prayers are with **Ashley Guy Patton** and family as she fights A-L-L Leukemia. She is a patient at Boone Hospital. Ashley has two young children (a Mother's Day Out Family), the granddaughter of Jerry and Connie Guy, niece of Kathy Barreto and Patti Freeman. She and her family were the Holy Family a few years back at the Christmas Pageant.

Celebrating New Life: Lindsey (Chandler) & Matt Ingebritson have had a son, Beau Thomas, on August 12. Grandparents are **Russ & Linda Chandler**.

Sharon Winner has a new great-grandchild. Harrison Shane Sharp was born June 28 in Springfield to Warren and Ryan Salmon Sharp. Sharon also requests prayer for Warren Sharp, who works for the MO Conservation Department, and has reported to help with the Carr forest fire near Redding, CA, on August 10th. He can be gone for a maximum of 20 days.

Ladies' Book Club Announces Schedule



The Ladies' Book Club will begin for the 2018-19 year on September 12th. Below is the list of the books for this year:

<u>Sept. 12</u>	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon (Grann)</i>	Gray
<u>Oct. 10</u>	<i>The Girl with 7 Names (Hyeons)</i>	Montgomery
<u>Nov. 14</u>	<i>The Woman in Cabin 10 (Ware)</i>	Hall
<u>Dec. 12</u>	Lunch	
<u>Jan. 8</u>	<i>The Day the World Came to Town (Defender)</i>	Hutton
<u>Feb. 13</u>	<i>Us Against You (Backman)</i>	Daugherty
<u>Mar. 13</u>	<i>The All Girls Filling Station Reunion</i>	Rothenberger
<u>Apr. 10</u>	<i>Eleanor Oliphant is Perfectly Fine (Honeyman)</i>	LaHue
<u>May 8</u>	<i>The Great Alone (Hannah)</i>	Veatch

Discussion will be led by the person who submitted the book choice for that month. Meetings are held in Bethany Hall from noon to 1:00pm. Many people bring a sack lunch to eat while we enjoy the book discussion.

Come join us! Conversations are always lively and the books selected are ones that we usually enjoy and if we don't, then we still have plenty to say!

Fall Touring Season



September 27: Kansas City
Hallmark & Bonner Springs, KS

October 8: TBA
mixer with Broadway, Olivet, Rockbridge & 5th St.

October 25: Fall Color Drive
Hwy 94 to Hermann, MO and the Living Farm Tour

November 15: St. Louis
The new grounds/museum at the Arch and
Jefferson Barracks Cemetery

November 19: Thanksgiving Meal
Broadway Christian Church

December 13: A Christmas Carol
The Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock, 2pm show.
RSVP to Carol Slusher by September 16.

December 17: Christmas Light Tour

December TBA: Soup Lunch and Pre-school Singers



Over 80 youth and parents shared a fun dinner and kick-off to the youth ministry season last Sunday night. Youth from all three groups and parents got to share meal time with their peers. It was a raucous time once the Family Feud™ and Scattergories™ got going. The Student Ministry Department hosted the event that included a great spaghetti supper with all the fixings. Thanks to **Amy LaHue, Erin Bower, Holly Gieseke and Stacia Schaefer** for cooking it up!



Readin', Writin' & 'Rithmetic



The creative Joyce Stanley has outdone herself with the display on the 2nd Floor landing in the Education Building. Before iPads... before computers... before cell phones... it was a different way of doing things. Drop by and check out some of the vintage school items of days gone by. Don't forget to dust the erasers or you might get paddled.

Thank You

We want to thank the FCC flower ministry and Eric Seaman for delivering the beautiful bouquet of flowers from Sunday's service. They were very much appreciated. We are so often reminded of the history and traditions of this wonderful church and in particular today of Jim and Grace Smith who started this flower ministry so many years ago. What inspirational people they were. Their traditions live on.

~Mary and Cliff Tompson

A special thank you to First Christian folk for the birthday flowers and to Linda and Bob Hutton for delivering them. They are mighty pretty! (Doesn't seem like 91 years!)

~Tommy Tomlin



A Brand New Pathway

Look what has happened on the west side of the church by the newly-renovated playground. Our Adopt-a-Spot volunteers have been quite busy!

Brenda Mosby, Mike and Carole Harris-Randerson, with the help of Fred Mottaz and Brady Marerro have laid a stone path and planted Sedum and Succulents near the playground fence. This will be another bright spot gracing the landscape of our church. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to making another beautiful space.

~Peggy Veatch

CWF Women's Dinner

September 17 at 6pm, Yonker Hall
Please RSVP or sign-up in the church office by Wednesday, September 12



Youth Groups Begin Sunday, September 9

JYF - (grades 3, 4, 5) and Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)

Meet twice a month on Sundays 4:30-6:00pm

CYF (grades 9-12)

Meets every Sunday 6-7:30pm

*All youth will get a mailing.
All parents will get an email
with final dates.*



CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 8

Sunday, August 26

- Coffee Fellowship, 9:00am
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:00am, Music Room, 3rd Floor
- SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30am
Rev. Kris Tenny-Brittian, Guest Preacher
- ALL-CHURCH PICNIC, 12:00pm, Twin Lakes Shelter**
All food is POTLUCK.
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm, Rev. Spear leading

Monday, August 27

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room
- Loaves and Fishes, Coffman-Watson, 6:00pm, Wilkes Blvd

Tuesday, August 28

- OAET Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Keystone Room

Wednesday, August 29

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 2

- Coffee Fellowship, 9:00am
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:00am, Music Room, 3rd Floor
- SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30am
Dr. Paul Koch, Regional Minister, Mid-America
Disciples of Christ, Guest Preacher

Monday, September 3

- LABOR DAY, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4

- Rev. Stagg Returns From Sabbatical
- MDO Begins
- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, September 5

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Dept. Mtg., 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

- CCMA Board Meeting, 10:00am-2:00pm, Keystone Room

August 26 Mary Daugherty

August 27 Steven McCormack

August 28 Beth Nelms

August 29 Ryan Hunsaker, David Polach

August 31 Jessica Humble

September 1 Mary Ann Atteberry

September 4 Noah Stagg, Mary Tompson

September 6 Marsha Rawlings, Perry Stemmons

September 7 Larry Burnam, Richard Martin

September 8 Jeffrey LaHue, Joseph McCormack



Your Special Anniversary



Perry & Helen Stemmons 66 years, September 7

Report for Sundays August 12 & 19, 2018

Attendance 173/149 (visitors- 33/18)

Total offerings: \$17,807.00

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Kim Leon
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:
Perry & Helen Stemmons

Communion Prep:
Pat Wright and Natalie & Richard Barnard
Greeters: Bud Batterson (N. Door) Doug Smith (S. Door)
Cindy Smith (Atrium) Janelle Patterson (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Paige Freed and Ava Martin
Candle Lighters: Gabe Palmer and Kaedon Wheatley

Liturgist: Pat Rybolt **Elders:** Jay & Chris Creasy
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team **Ushers:** The Scott Team

Children's Worship:
Jessica Humble (ldr.) Amy Marrero (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Sarah Storm

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Bus Driver: Kim Leon
Office Receptionist: Don Mosby
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:
Chris Creasy

Communion Prep:
Jordan Barnes and Bryan & Debbie Garton
Greeters: Steve Humble (N. Door) Jessica Humble (S. Door)
Pat Ritchie (Atrium) Paul Ritchie (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Alex Johnson and Sam Pine
Candle Lighters: Lillian McCormack and Jodie Silverwood

Liturgist: Jennifer Alexander
Elders: Fred Mottaz and Colleen Nilges
Deacons: The Garton Team **Ushers:** The Wright Team

Children's Worship:
Kim Boger (ldr.) Ruth Ann Obrecht (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor and Jerry Miller

**Don't forget! 2 worship services return Sunday, Sept. 9
8:30 & 10:30am**