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# VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ**

## Worship for Sunday, Sept. 16

*What is this place where we are meeting?*

*Only a house, the earth its floor, walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.*

*Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.*

(Vs. 1 *What Is This Place*)

Faith-based service and the purpose of the church in the world are the bases for the hymn themes of the day. The standard bearer *The Church's One Foundation, Called as Partners in Christ's Service* and- at communion- *What is This Place*. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring a sermon based upon James 3:1-12.

## CWF Women's Fall Dinner

September 17 at 6:00pm, Yonker Hall

A delicious fall meal is planned.

The program includes Joe and Abby Reardon sharing their experience of a recent mission trip to Peru.

All women of the church are welcome.



## Playground Ribbon Cutting Sept. 25

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, September 25, as we celebrate the departure of sand and the introduction of the wonderful rubber mat surface and playground equipment! Local dignitaries will be present as will a representative of the Department of Natural Resources, who helped fund the project with grant monies. It all starts at 1:45pm in Yonker Hall with a brief presentation and then we will go outside to cut the ribbon. Let's have a big crowd! Questions? Contact the church office.

**Report for Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Attendance 174 (guests- 22)

Total offerings: \$38,127.55

## Columbia CROP Hunger Walk Sunday Sept. 23 Stephens Lake Park



Christian Outreach In Columbia...and Beyond

This walk supports Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel CME Church Community Food Pantry, Fifth Street Christian Church Feed the Community Program, Latter House Kingdom Ministries Community Food Pantry, and the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. **Registration begins at 1:30 and the walk starts at 2:00.**

Interested in supporting by registering for the walk or making a donation? Go to the website [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo).

If you have any questions you can contact Elizabeth Mottaz, chairperson, Ch. In Society Department.



## Welcome New Member Nathen Pulliam!

We welcomed new member Nathen Pulliam on Sunday, Sept. 9. Nathen comes to us by transfer of membership from Firm Foundation Church in Boonville. He has been attending as a guest of Vicki, Olivia and Alex Johnson and we are proud to have him join FCC. Welcome, Nathen, to First Christian Church! He is pictured above with Rev. Stagg.



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## Bit from Brad

### 9/11 Remembrance

September 11, 2001. It was 17 years ago on a bright, clear Tuesday morning. Trish and I were at home in Houston getting ready to go to work that day. I had the TV on upstairs as news reporters were covering how an airliner

“accidentally” crashed into one of the Towers of World Trade Center. Trish was headed downstairs for the garage, when suddenly, right there on TV, the second airliner flew into the second Tower. Clearly yet shockingly, this was no accident. I ran downstairs to tell Trish what I had just witnessed. Reports about the Pentagon crash and another crash in a Pennsylvania field followed as we watched the news. The world changed in that moment, a moment none of us will ever forget. We opened our church sanctuary that night for prayer. That Sunday and the next several Sundays to follow, our church like most across the nation, swelled to capacity. In our time of need, God is a very present help! Where were you on 9/11? How are you different? How do you experience God in times of trouble? My gratitude for First Responders rose in those days; my empathy for the families of those who miss their dear loved ones deepened; my appreciation for those who sacrificed so much for others, often complete strangers, increased my hope in humanity. Whether at peace or war, may each of us always turn to the Lord in our times of trouble. May God have mercy on those who lost their lives on 9/11, those left behind in grief, and the world!

### Sabbatical Reflections

I attended eight (8) churches while on Sabbatical; my home church in Spring, Texas and seven (7) here in Columbia. The seven Columbia Churches were: 1) The Crossing, 2) Woodcrest, 3) Forum Christian Church (an independent Christian church); 4) Alive in Christ Lutheran (Missouri Synod); 5) Christ Chapel (aka C2.com Church); 6) St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church; and 7) Compass Evangelical-Free Church. Whenever possible, I attended the earliest and/or most “traditional” worship service.

Some general observations:

Those offering “traditional” services were always the earliest services, interestingly.

I’m proud to say that our congregation, FCC, was by far the friendliest church, although Forum Christian gives us a run for our money. Ten different people greeted me before I found my seat in the sanctuary. Shockingly, The Crossing was the least friendly, as no one greeted me before or after the service, and I was only marginally acknowledged by a man handing me a brochure/bulletin who never looked me in the eye, offered his hand, or said “hello” - just a “Here’s your bulletin”.

Given that even the most “traditional” was still very contemporary, I realize that “traditional worship” is no longer tradition. As we continue to worship in a “traditional” format, we will need to find a way to explain to guests and younger generations “why we do what we do”...

I’d love to hear your thoughts!... (cont’d at right)

## Jammin’ at FCC!

Acoustic Jammers meet for a fun session! We had 10 folks at our last jam. We had a guest from Arizona who



visits from time to time, as well as some guests from other churches who regularly join us. Anyone is welcome to come to our jams which usually meet from 6:30-8:30 on the first and third Tuesdays in Bethany Hall. If you just want to sing, if you are accomplished, or just beginning to play an acoustic instrument, you are welcome to join us! We play gospel, traditional bluegrass, old country, and folk songs, but are open to about anything. Our focus is on fun! Our next session is scheduled for September 18th.

If you can't make it to the next session, but would like to be included on the mailing list, just e-mail Bragg Stanley at [jbstanley\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jbstanley_2000@yahoo.com). We will be glad to add you to the list with no pressure to attend .

DATE	Youth GROUP
Sept. 16	JYF, CYF
Sept. 23	CR, CYF
Sept. 30	NO MEETINGS
Oct. 7	JYF, CYF
Oct. 14	CR (hayride), CYF
Oct. 21	JYF, CYF
Oct. 28	Trunk ‘N’ Treat
Nov. 4	NO MEETINGS
Nov. 11	CR, CYF
Nov. 18	JYF, CYF
Nov. 25	Xmas Decorate



### ← Weekly Calendar

**JYF in Yonker Hall.  
Chi-Rho & CYF in Bethany Hall**

**JYF (grades 3, 4, 5)  
and Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)**  
will meet twice a month on  
Sundays 4:30-6:00pm.

**CYF (grades 9-12) meets  
weekly, Sunday 6–7:30pm.**

(Bit from Brad cont’d)

More people were at Walmart, Lowe’s, or Hy-Vee than at any worship I attended on Sunday mornings, which I discovered when I stopped by the store around 9:30-10:30 each week.

I will continue to share more Sabbatical observations in coming columns and sermons.

May you draw closer to God this week!  
See you in church on Sunday!!

~Blessings, Brad



*Thank You!*

Thank you to Larry Burnam for supplying the part and labor to repair the soda machine in Yonker Hall. We appreciate all you do at FCC!

Joy Overacre is happy to report that Roy Overacre is out of Boone Hospital recovering at home from hip replacement surgery. Thanks for your prayers.

Daniel Martin (son of Mark and Brenda Martin) and family live in Raleigh, North Carolina. They are packing to evacuate the area due to the hurricane. Please add them to your prayer list for their safety during this journey.

**2018 FCC FISCAL YEAR GENEROSITY STORY:**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Budget Items:	FCC	DWM-CWF	Grand Tot.
<b>Church in Society (3% of Offerings and Rental Income):</b>			
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	\$5,063		\$5,063
Columbia Interfaith - Room at the Inn	\$506		\$506
Discretionary	\$1,995		\$1,995
Loaves and Fishes	\$740		\$740
Saturday Brethren Breakfast	\$30	\$100	\$130
Voluntary Action Center	\$1,012		\$1,012
Welcome Home	\$506		\$506
Woodhaven Learning Center	\$1,012	\$150	\$1,162
Woodhaven Capital Campaign	\$1,000		\$1,000
<b>Total Church in Society Budget Items</b>	<b>\$11,864</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$12,114</b>
<b>World Outreach (4% of Offerings and Rental Income):</b>			
Disciples Mission Fund	\$10,594	\$1,000	\$11,594
Christian Church of Mid-America	\$5,712		\$5,712
Global Mission Lephol Mission Child Sponsorship	\$467		\$467
Reconciliation	\$259		\$259
Week of Compassion	\$313		\$313
Woodhaven Learning Center - Capital Campaign	\$1,000		\$1,000
<b>Total World Outreach Budget Items</b>	<b>\$18,345</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$19,345</b>
<b>Total of All Budget Items</b>	<b>\$30,209</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>\$31,459</b>
<b>Disciples Ministries Special Offerings:</b>			
Disciples Christmas Offering	\$1,056		\$1,056
Disciples Easter Offering	\$1,364		\$1,364
Disciples Pentecost Offering	\$587		\$587
Disciples Reconciliation Offering	\$590		\$590
Disciples Thanksgiving Offering	\$996		\$996
Week of Compassion Offerings	\$2,246		\$2,246
Week of Compassion - Hurricane Relief	\$4,922		\$4,922
<b>Total Disciples Special Offerings:</b>	<b>\$11,761</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,761</b>
<b>Other Special Offerings:</b>			
Assistance League	\$350		\$350
Brethren's Breakfast	\$845		\$845
Church Women United	\$125		\$125
Crop Walk	\$90		\$90
Day Dreams Foundation	\$300		\$300
Digdeep [Wine 2 Water]	\$2,124		\$2,124
Festival of Sharing	\$50		\$50
Food Bank of Central & NE Missouri	\$589		\$589
Heifer International	\$1,345		\$1,345
Loaves and Fishes	\$240	\$400	\$640
Love, Inc.	\$300		\$300
McCambridge Center	\$300		\$300
P.A.T.C.H.	\$300		\$300
Pet Project	\$240		\$240
Room at the Inn	\$230		\$230
Turning Point		\$250	\$250
VAC - Christmas	\$1,833		\$1,833
Wardrobe		\$350	\$350
FCC Youth Mission Trips	\$7,428	\$500	\$7,928
5th St. Christian Church	\$215	\$215	\$430
<b>Total Other Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$15,229</b>	<b>\$3,390</b>	<b>\$18,619</b>
<b>Total of All Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$26,990</b>	<b>\$3,390</b>	<b>\$30,380</b>
<b>Total Ministries Generosity Giving</b>	<b>\$57,199</b>	<b>\$4,640</b>	<b>\$61,839</b>

I was so pleased to receive the flowers from the August 26th service through the Ministry of Flowers. It was very nice to see Perry and Helen Stemmons who so kindly delivered them to me while recovering from eye surgery. All the years I delivered flowers, I never fully realized how important the ministry is for those on the receiving end in terms of both beauty and support.

I would also like to thank the people who signed up to take two meals a week to my mother, Mary Richardson, during this time when she has needs help and I cannot do all my usual caregiving for her. You are all treasured.

~Anne Campbell

I just wanted to say thank you to the church as you completed your pledge recently for Woodhaven's Building on Our Strengths Capital Campaign. The partnership and we receive from First Christian means so much and we are so appreciative. Thank you!!

~C. Mark Palmer, Chief Executive Officer, Woodhaven

Don Mosby was inadvertently left off the thanks list for laying stone and planting near the playground fence. Thanks, Don!

**Fall Touring Season**



September 27: Kansas City

Hallmark Museum and interact with a writer, Bonner Springs, KS - tour the Moon Marble Co, tour the National Agriculture Museum & Hall of Fame

8:00am departure from Target parking lot. \$10 travel fee. RSVP by Sept. 23. Four spots in bus left!

*Singers Wanted*

**We Need You!**



Sunday, the choir is struck by the power of the congregational singing aimed toward the chancel. You are GLORIOUS! Ephesians 5 declares, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord".

I would like to invite you to consider joining the choir or bell ensemble this fall. What's stopping you? Both groups are accepting new members, and no audition is necessary. Prior band or choir experience is helpful. Help us to grow as we learn and fellowship together.

Choir rehearses in the sanctuary at 5:30 on Wednesdays... stop by on your way home from work! (enter through the 10<sup>th</sup> Street door) Bell Ensemble meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 8:30 Sunday morning. Bring your coffee with you and give us a try! Let's make a joyful noise...together!

~Adriene Floyd, Director

- September 15** Jeff Wheeland
- September 16** Donaleigh Richardson
- September 17** Bryan Hickey, Madeline Marrero
- September 19** Brad Stagg
- September 20** Kyle Boger, Carleigh Snow
- September 21** Bob Hutton, Justin Sheppard, Lisa Zimmer



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**Return Service Requested**

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Bus Driver:** Russ Palmer  
**Office Receptionist:** Richard Barnard

**Welcome Station:** Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood  
**Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:** Gerald & Susan Ramsey

**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**  
**Worship Assistants:**  
Tom & Carol Hughey and Mary Moeller  
**Elder:** TBD  
**Offering Counters:** Mary Moeller and Doug Smith

**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**  
**Communion Prep:** Olivia & Vicki Johnson and TBD  
**Greeters:** Susan Klockow (N. Door) Amy LaHue (S. Door)  
Jerry Miller (Atrium) Kathy Miller (Portico)

**Banner Bearers:** Ava Martin and Gabe Palmer  
**Candle Lighters:** Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker

**Liturgist:** Harlan Hackett **Elders:** Mark Mills and Eric Arnett  
**Deacons:** The Underwood Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team

**Children's Worship:** Eric Arnett (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)  
**Offering Counters:** Janelle Patterson and Cindy Smith

**CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 16-22**

**Sunday, September 16**

- Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 8:30am, 3rd Floor Bell Room
- Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am
- Sunday School Begins, 9:30am
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45am, Music Room, 3rd Floor
- New Member Dinner, 11:45am, Yonker Hall
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
- DOC (Disciples on Campus), College Group, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

**Monday, September 17**

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room
- Women's Fall Dinner, 5:00-8:00pm, Yonker Hall
- Coffman-Watson, 7:00pm, Anne Campbell's House

**Tuesday, September 18**

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

**Wednesday, September 19**

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Donna Houston's House
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary