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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN THIS SUNDAY, SEPT 9 8:30am & 10:30am

Worship for Sunday, September 9

As the fall season gets into swing we have concluded the one summer worship service and return to 8:30 and 10:30 worship times and liturgies. Rev. Brad Stagg has returned from sabbatical and will be in the pulpit bringing a sermon based upon texts from James 2:1-17.

Sing Praise Who Reigns Above
Heal Me, Hands of Jesus
Become to Us the Living Bread
Let There be Peace on Earth

...it is all covered in the singing of this week's hymns.

Special music for the 8:30 service will be *Spirit Song* offered by Brenda Mosby. The Chancel Choir and pastors will be back in their robes for the 10:30 service. It was a great summer with much variety, good worship and lots of community spirit. Join us this Sunday as we expand our morning and options for Sunday morning worship in two services. Coffee fellowship will take place 9:20-10:20am in Yonker Hall. Sunday School is held at 9:30am.

CWF - Women's Fall Dinner

September 17 at 6:00pm, Yonker Hall
Please RSVP or sign-up in the church office
by Wednesday, September 12

A great meal and program are planned.
All women of the church are welcome.



We are Back on September 9!

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

"God's Playlist - Beyond Spotify and Pandora"

Adult and Youth Classes

"Holy Moly" - a new curriculum starting

Fall learning Old Testament stories.

Children grades K-5

Children and Youth will be in various rooms by age on the third floor of the Education Building. Children start in the Children's Worship Room at the east end. A class for **adults** will be held in the Keystone Room on the second floor of the Education Building.

Youth Groups Start Sunday Evening

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) will meet every Sunday 6-7:30pm.

A full calendar is found in this issue of The Visitor.

D.O.C. (Disciples on Campus) Starts

Our ministry to college students gathers undergrads for serving opportunities, the exploration of faith, and social gatherings to enhance the Christian experience of community. For details, see Rev. Jimmy Spear.

DOC meets Sunday Nights at 8:30pm in Bethany Hall.

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Bit from Brad

Dear friends and members of First Christian Church, Thank you so much for providing such a rich, wonderful and restful Sabbatical for the past three months!!! This time of rest, family-time, and study recharged my physical, mental and spiritual batteries making me ready to lead a new chapter in life and ministry of FCC.

Being able to step away from the day-to-day responsibilities allowed me to gain perspective, to be able to see the forest from the trees so to speak. My time was spent reconnecting with Trish and the kids, spending time in Houston with our extended families, lots of reading and writing for my Doctor of Ministry degree, and worshipping with a variety of churches in Columbia on Sunday mornings. You'll hear more about all these experiences, insights and new perspectives in the coming months via newsletter, sermons, etc.

But for now, I want to thank many of the folks who made my extended time away possible. First of all I want to thank the staff for taking up much of slack while I was gone. Big thanks goes to Jimmy Spear for providing extra pastoral care, hospital visits, and memorial services and generally watching over the flock while managing camps, VBS, and mission trips!) during my time away God bless Jimmy Spear! Also a big thanks goes to our office staff: Fred Mottaz and Robert Floyd for keeping the office, business, and church space flowing smoothly! Thank you Fred and Robert!! Thank you to Mary Bancroft and Adriene Floyd for providing, planning, and coordinating a wonderful, worshipful music experience this summer!! Thank you Mary and Adriene!! And thank you, Keith Picker for watching over our building and grounds so well!!!

I also want to thank the church officers and various leaders who stepped up to watch over the church: out-going Moderator C.K. Hoenes, in-coming Moderator Eric Arnett, in-coming Vice-Moderator Colleen Nilges, Treasurer Dan Gieseke, Secretary Jan Davis, and all the members of the Cabinet and Board who oversaw the approval of the 2018-19 Budget process, handled the check-signing approval and so much more! Big thanks goes to our Elder Chairs Fred Mottaz and Jessica Humble and all the Elders for coordinating worship, pastoral care, Lenoir worship, hospital & nursing home visits, and many other details required for caring and overseeing the flock. Thank to Amy LaHue and all our Deacons for adjusting to the one-worship schedule, plus many other adjustments and details that I'm sure came up but about which I don't even know! Thank you Amy and our Deacons!! Thank you to Bob Hutton and the Property Department for successfully completing the updated playground; it looks fabulous!

Big thanks to all our programmatic ministry sponsors: VBS volunteers, Children's Church volunteers, youth group and mission trip chaperones and volunteers! Thank you one and all!!!

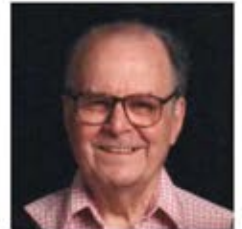
Also for everyone who participated with Darryl Prater of Church Development for your participation in the Feasibility Study for Tier 2 of our Capital Campaign, I thank each of you as well!! Darryl promises to share with me the preliminary results and findings from the study something this week. I can't wait to see what we shall learn!!

I'm sure I've inadvertently missed some folks and I'm sure some things happened about which I do not yet know. So if you know of some folks whom I should thank and recognize, please let me know so I can include them in future Bit from Brad columns.

Again thank you all for such a wonderful Sabbatical experience!!

Blessings, Brad

Celebrating Bob Leach Join us Sept. 15



Many of you have asked about the celebration of life after the passing of **Rev. Bob Leach**, who died on July 25 at the age of 88. Join Muriel, Kirsten and Cory in remembering and celebrating the wonderful man who affected so many in a positive way. Bob was a rural pastor with great heart and passion for the church, its people and worldwide mission. His friendliness and compassion for those in need were well known; he never met a stranger. **Saturday, September 15, we will join together in the Sanctuary at 11:00am**, with light refreshments and social time following in Yonker Hall.

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- September 9** Bonnie Fay, Shannon Schaefer
 - September 11** Tommy Gay Evans
 - September 12** Deb Batterson, Aiden Fullington
 - September 13** Colleen Nilges
 - September 14** Pricilla Henry, Bettie Koelling
 - September 15** Cindy Smith, Jeff Wheeland, Hardin Wilkerson



Report for Sunday, September 2, 2018

Attendance 155 (visitors- 11)

Total offerings: \$12,208.00

September 27: Kansas City

Hallmark & Bonner Springs, KS
8:00am departure from Target parking lot.

(October 8: *postponed to later date*

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

At Broadway Christian Church, noon

December 13: A Christmas Carol

The Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock, 2pm show.
RSVP to Carol Slusher by September 10. \$35 ticket price.

Beckett Karr (2), recently diagnosed with A L L Leukemia, is now home from two weeks at Children's Hospital having completed his second Chemotherapy treatment with more to come. Parents **Geoff and Lauren** are most hopeful and express their gratitude for the church's prayers, cards and good thoughts. They have many people caring for them and welcome our spiritual care. Call the church office for an address if you are sending a card.

Anne Campbell had eye surgery recently and is still in recovery. Our prayers are with Anne.



Dorothy Porter died last Sunday, Aug. 26 at the age of 94. She had been a resident of South Hampton Place in recent years. Dorothy was a long time member, a part of the third row "amen pew" in the 8:30 service. A service was held September 1.

Our friend **David Polach** died Friday afternoon, August 31, after a long illness.

David came to our church 11 years ago as a part of a new life in recovery he had begun in Columbia. He found his way to First Christian and into friendship and discipleship here. He was a part of the "Millie and Doris pew," a deacon, and a servant in many ways. He found family among us, which was evident as church members cared for him in friendship in these last months – true acts of love. David died peacefully having had a good weekend of family connection and peace in the days prior. A service or gathering will be planned at a later date.



Columbia CROP Hunger Walk will be Sept. 23 at Stephens Lake Park.

Registration begins at 1:30 and the walk starts at 2:00. If you are interested in supporting this wonderful ministry contact Elizabeth Mottaz (elmottaz@cpsk12.org) or talk to Jimmy.



Your Special Anniversary



Richard & Betty Montgomery 54 years, September 12

Your Special Birthday



Bettie Koelling

91 years on September 14

Hardin Wilkerson

100 years on September 15



Thank you to the Boonslick Chordbusters and their director, Lisa Woolridge, for providing some wonderful music during worship a few weeks back. It was enjoyed by all!

DATE	Youth GROUP
Sept. 9	CR, CYF
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**

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Sundays 4:30-6:00pm.

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weekly, Sunday 6-7:30pm.**

Many Thanks to the following members of Coffman-Watson Circle and special friends for preparing and serving dinner at Loaves and Fishes on Monday August 27th at Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church; Janelle Patterson, Colleen Nilges, Betty Montgomery, Sarah Storm, Joyce Stanley, Elizabeth Mottaz, Sally Robinson, and Mary Moeller. Also, special friends Rhonda and Terry Robb, Chuck Scott and Fred Mottaz.

~Anne Campbell and Susan Gray
Co-Chairs of Coffman-Watson Circle

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Kim Leon
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:
Nannie Lou Mallett and TBD

Communion Prep:
Becky Baumgartner, Brad Beary, Larry Burnam
Greeters: Don Mosby (N. Door) Dan Backues (S. Door)
Lisa Zimmer (Atrium) Linda Ridgeway (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Brady Marrero and Kenzie Von Talge
Candle Lighters: Ryley Batterson and Paige Freed
Liturgist: Amy La Hue
Elders: Carol Hughey (8:30)
Sarah and David Read (10:30)
Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team

Children's Worship:
Hayley Batterson (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)

Offering Counters:
Mary Daugherty and Sarah Storm (8:30)
Deb Batterson and Harlan Hackett (10:30)

CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday, September 9:

- Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 8:30am, Bell Room
- Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Sunday School Begins, 9:30am
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45am, Music Room
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
- DOC (Disciples on Campus), 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, September 10:

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Room
- Coffman-Watson 7:00-8:30pm, Anne Campbell's House

Tuesday, September 11:

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, September 12:

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Friday, September 14:

- Mid-America Region, CWF Fall Retreat

Sunday, September 9:

- Mid-America Region, CWF Fall Retreat
- Bob Leach Celebration of Life, 11:00am, Sanctuary