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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

ALL-CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Come to the Sale & Tell Others!



Friday, Mar. 15 4-8pm

Saturday, Mar. 16 8am-12pm

(fill a bag for a \$1 at 11am)

The Garage Sale fully funds all summer/winter student mission trips. Sponsored by the Student Ministry Department.

Donation Drop-Off: Mar. 10-11

Sun. Mar. 10 - Youth set up starts at 12:00pm

**ALL donations dropped off:
 Sunday, Mar. 10, 12:00-3:00 pm**

(Youth will unload cars)

Mon. March 11, 8:00am-8:00 pm

**Not accepted: computers, monitors, televisions.
 Please donate clean items. Dirty items will be refused.**



Volunteer for Setup & Pricing:

March 11-13

Volunteers are welcome *and needed* at any of the following times. Please sign up in the narthex, church office, or see Jimmy Spear.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Day & Evening Workers 8am -8pm

*Thursday is a rest day — we are done until the sale.



Worship this first Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 10

LENT

We begin with faith. For the first Sunday in the series of sermons "Preparing with Paul," Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message entitled: *"The hardest. The best."* The texts concerning affirmation of faith come from Romans 10:8b-13 with support from Deuteronomy 30.

Congregational singing will include the power hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*, the contemplative *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*. The communion hymn, *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, is more unknown to us and so the Chancel Choir will lead verse one for the congregation to gain the tune and then join the following verses. Lenten devotionals are available in the Narthex. Please pick one up this Sunday.

preparing with paul



Set clocks up one hour for this Sunday, March 10

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Bit From Brad

Lent is an intentionally introspective time, a time to look inward and honestly reflect on our current relationship with God. While everyone deeply appreciates Easter and its celebratory victory over sin, death, and evil, too often people want to circumvent the cross and Good Friday. In other words, temptation leads us to want the resurrection without the crucifixion. Dietrich Bonhoeffer and others wisely warn that to fall into that temptation is follow down the path of cheap grace rather than costly grace. Lent reclaims the path of costly grace; Lent asks the disciple to pay the cost of discipleship – sacrifice, repentance, submission. It's not intended to be easy or fun, but it does promise to be deep, transformative, and life-restoring. Though, this is more the "whoever loses their life for my sake will find their life" type of life-restoring power. Lent is a season when the Disciple learns new ways in which to "take up your cross and follow me;" knowing that the only way to the Resurrection is through the cross.

With that in mind, this Lenten season we will consider what Paul has to say about the cross, discipleship, and following Jesus. We will study in the 5 weeks leading up to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday: Romans 10:8b-13; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14. These five passages capture certain themes important to Paul's understanding of discipleship and following the path of Christ.

First we will explore faith and what is it to confess Jesus and believe in his resurrection. Faith is always the starting point of the Christian journey. Second, we examine resiliency of faith; what does it mean to stand firm in one's faith in Christ, especially in difficult times. Considering the passion of Christ, we should not expect that as his disciples that we will be exempt from trials, lamentations or testing. Rather like Christ, we should expect and prepare for those times which will surely come. Third, the importance of repentance is once again reinforced. Each stage of Christian maturity comes with new temptations, new failures, and new sins; and at each stage we will once again need to confess our sin (s) and recommit our resolve to turn away from sin and to turn towards the Lord. Fourth, disciples are called upon to receive and accept Christ's reconciling forgiveness. Recognizing our utter dependence upon Christ is humbling and yet freeing. Understanding God's forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice frees us from the chronic, neurotic myth of self-salvation. Here we discover the holy, freeing power of God's love and salvation. Finally, we consider how to let go of the past and seek out new horizons, new missions, and new levels of pressing forward through the Holy Spirit. Here we consider the power of hope, anticipating and preparing for the Risen Christ.

May your Lenten journey be deep,



News of People & Places



Thanks received...

Dave and Thelma Beem send great appreciation to Brad, Fred, the newsletter folding crew, the Stanleys and the church family for the prayers and care during Dave's recent trip to the hospital.

Other news... A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 24 to elect leaders for the 2019-20 church year. It will be briefly held following both worship services.

Rev. Brad and Trish Stagg are away this weekend in Dallas, TX attending the wedding of a dear friend.

Fifth Street Christian Church will install their new pastor, Bishop **Arnulfo Peat** on Sunday, March 10 at 12:00pm.

Visitor & New Member Question & Answer Event:

For those looking for a church and considering FCC or for those who have joined but still looking to be more involved we are offering a Visitor and New Member Question & Answer on **Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 9:35-10:20 in Bethany Hall** to meet with Brad and other church leaders. This Q&A is an opportunity for folks to share time over any question regarding FCC to better understand who we are and how to be further connected. All are welcome!!



Disciples 10

Christians 10

CALENDAR 2019

Mar. 10: Chi-Rho & CYF
Garage Sale Setup 12—3pm
*No evening groups
Mar. 15-16: Garage Sale Hours
Mar. 17: JYF & CYF
Mar. 24: NO Mtgs, Spring Break
Mar. 31: CYF only
Apr. 7: Chi-Rho & CYF

JYF (grades 3, 4, 5)
Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)
Sundays 4:30-6:00pm
CYF (grades 9-12)
every Sunday 6—7:30pm

Summer Camp Sign Up
coming soon! Watch email.



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Echoes of the Gospels: In Adult Class, Sunday mornings, 9:30am



Disney films are very popular among children but they also have lessons for adults too. In this four session course we will watch portions of selected Disney films and talk about the religious themes in them. Rev. Larry Veatch will facilitate the class time on Sunday mornings, 9:30am in the Keystone Room on the 2nd floor. The dates and films are:

March 17: Peter Pan

March 24: Pocahontas

March 31: Lilo & Stitch

April 7: Brother Bear

March 12 - Liam Rose

March 14 - Donna Houston,
Pat Rainey

March 16 - Jordan Barnes,
Ed Bright, Wilson Hickey



Tougaloo Now 1 of 15

Higher education has been a priority of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from the earliest days of the movement. Alexander Campbell once said, "Colleges and churches go hand in hand in the progress of Christian civilization." It is that idea and vision that has propelled Disciples across the generations to be committed to promoting education through the establishment of colleges, universities and theological institutions across the country. Disciples remain proud of this heritage and committed to keeping our institutions of higher education strong. One of the schools that is part of this legacy is Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

Having been founded in 1882 by the Home Missionary Society of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Southern Christian Institute of Edwards, MS, served black students during the Jim Crow era and trained several generations of African American educators, clergy and other leaders. In 1954, the Southern Christian Institute merged with Tougaloo College and continued its central mission of education, while also playing a critical role in advancing the cause of freedom and justice during the Civil Right Movement.

While Tougaloo was not an original signatory to the 1977 Covenant between the colleges and the Christian Church (DOC), Tougaloo has continued to appreciate its affiliation with the Christian Church (DOC) and has stated such in its mission statement over the years. At a recent Tougaloo College Board of Trustees Meeting in October 2018, the Board voted to affirm its commitment to the current Covenant between Colleges and Universities and the Christian Church (DOC), and officially requested to join in full affiliation with the other fourteen affiliated colleges and universities of the denomination. At a time when many private colleges and universities are giving up their affiliations with churches and religious organizations, it is rare that a school would seek to strengthen its relationship with the church. We give thanks for the deepening of the relationship between the Disciples and Tougaloo College as we continue to strive to make Campbell's words a reality.

Calendar of 2019 Plans

A good planning session was held recently to calendar fellowship trips and opportunities for 2019. The calendar below offers some highlights to get on the calendar. Details will be offered in the weeks prior to the event. The schedule offers city and countryside, touring and theater, always lunch! The STARS group welcomes new folks to help us fill the 13 spots in the mini-bus. Join us for our next adventure. We always have a good time together!



You can reserve your spot by signing up in the church office or on the Sunday pew pad as indicated prior to a trip. Note some theater RSVP's are needed soon. We strive to keep STARS trips economical while also getting out of Columbia to see things of quality.

March 21 - Missouri Governor's Mansion & Central Dairy Ice Cream in Jefferson City
9:15am departure from Target parking lot.
RSVP by Mar. 19. \$5 travel fee.

April 25 - Excelsior Springs & Lawson Missouri

May 23 - St. Louis: Jefferson Barracks, Glass Blowing, Blueberry Hill for lunch

June 6 - Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock: Cinderella
RSVP by March 19 to Carol Slusher. \$40 ticket/fee.

July 11 - Movie Day with Lunch, FCC Cinema

August 15 - Midway Antique Mall with lunch at The Park

September - Over night trip for touring the sights of St. Joseph, Westin, and Marceline, Missouri

October 10 - Maples Theater, Macon:

"Church Basement Ladies"

October 24 - Color Tour to Clinton via Truman Lake Area

Report for March 3, 2019
Attendance: 56 (8:30 service- 15) (SNOWED)
Total offerings: \$10,783



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
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Flower Arranging/Delivery: Steve and Jessica Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Richard and Natalie Barnard, Mike Randerson
Elder: Pat Rybolt
Offering Counters: Mary Moeller and Sarah Storm

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Richard and Allie Schomaker, Tom Hughey
Greeters: Nannie Lou Mallett (N. Door) –Mary Ann Atteberry (S. Door)
 Ed Bright (Atrium)-Eva Bright (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Riley Batterson and Paige Freed
Candle Lighters: Ava Martin and Gabe Palmer
Liturgist: Wolfgang Schaefer
Elders: Bryan Garton, Fred Mottaz – Janelle Patterson, Balcony
Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team
Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Janelle Patterson

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 10 - MARCH 17

Sunday, March 10 -DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am Yonker Hall
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
 - Spring Training
 -Student Ministry Groups: Garage Sale Set Up—Yonker Hall
 -Chi-Rho & CYF, 12:00pm-3:00pm
 -DOC, 8:30pm

Monday, March 11
 -Garage Sale Setup , 8am-8pm – Yonker Hall
 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room
 -Property Department meeting, 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 12
 -Garage Sale Setup, 8am-8pm – Yonker Hall
 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
 -Cabinet Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, March 13
 -Garage Sale Setup, 8am-8pm – Yonker Hall
 -Ladies Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
 -Baptism & Discipleship Class, 6:30-8:00pm, Keystone Room

Friday, March 15
 -Garage Sale, 4:00-8:00pm, Yonker Hall
 -Piano Competition, 4:00-8:00pm

Saturday, March 16
 -Garage Sale, 8:00am-12:00pm, Yonker Hall
 -Piano Competition, 8:00am-5:00pm