



Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Sunday School Returns on Sep. 8th!

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

“The Heretic”

Adult Class lead by Sarah Read

Film based on Rob Bell and his book, *What Is The Bible?*, which was covered in the Spring session.

Keystone Room, 2nd Flr of Edu. Building

“EXODUS - The In and Out of Following God”

Youth Class lead by Rev. Jimmy Spear

Grades 6-12

“The Bible Story Basics”

Children’s Class lead by Christy Von Talge, Hayley Batterson, Jessica Humble (K-2) and Brenda Mosby (3-5)

A new curriculum learning Old Testament stories.

Children grades K-5

Children and Youth will be in various rooms by age on the 3rd Flr of the Edu. Building. Children start in the Children’s Worship Room at the East end.

Youth Groups Also Start Sunday, Sept. 8th!

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

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 can be found on page 3.

DOC. (Disciples on Campus)

Our ministry to college students gathers undergrads for serving opportunities, the exploration of faith and social gatherings to enhance the Christian experience of community.

See the ad inside for further details or contact Rev. Spear.

DOC meets Wednesday nights at 7pm in Bethany Hall.

Worship for September 1

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 & Luke 14:1, 7-14

For the last of our One Worship Services of the summer and since it is Labor Day weekend, this Sunday’s worship format will look more like our 8:30 Service (still with a Children’s Message). Dr. Stagg’s sermon continues his Luke series, Lessons on the Way to Jerusalem, preaching from Luke 14:1, 7-14. The sermon, “Table Manners” considers the importance of humility in one’s faith life. Come check out the new blue carpet with the last 9:30 Service for this summer!

Capital Campaign Progress: NEW CARPET



Out with the Old, In with the BLUE!

Bob Hutton, Head of Property, assembled a mighty group of 32 people, on Sunday, August 25, to completely pull up the old red carpet in our Sanctuary and Narthex in preparation for the new blue carpet being installed the next day! It was a daunting task, but the individuals below showed up and gave 110% to remove the carpet, pad and glue. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who helped!

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| Dan Backues | Ashton Long | Hunter Rogers |
| Larry Burnam | Cassie Long | John Rogers |
| Steve Evers | Brenda Mosby | Pat Rybolt |
| Robert Floyd | Fred Mottaz | Scott Schaefer |
| Dan Gieseke | Colleen Nilges | Mason Silverwood |
| Harlan Hackett | Karen Poe | Ryan Silverwood |
| Donna Houston | David Potthast | Perry Stemmons |
| Will Houston | Mike Randerson | Sue Underwood |
| Steve Humble | Joe Reardon | Larry Veatch |
| Bob Hutton | Genie Rogers | Pat Wright |
| Linda Hutton | Hartley Rogers | |





A Soiree Celebrating
ABILITY
Benefiting Woodhaven

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
6:00 PM AT PEACHTREE BANQUET CENTER

\$75/PERSON INCLUDES:
LIVE MUSIC, CRAFT COCKTAILS,
DECADENT FOOD & A FEW SURPRISES!

BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT WOODHAVENTEAM.ORG/SOIREE

September 20, 6:00 pm - \$75/person
Peachtree Banquet Center

Come join your friends in supporting **Woodhaven** at its annual fundraising event, the **Soiree Celebrating Ability!** Proceeds from this event help support people with developmental disabilities in our community. Have a great night with friends and help your neighbors in need. If you're interested in joining us on September 20th, please contact Jimmy Spear to reserve your seat. Admission price (\$75) includes food, live music, a drink ticket and a few surprises! Learn more about this event by going online to www.woodhaventeam.org/soiree or ask Jimmy! He served as the emcee for last year's spectacular event. We hope to see you there!



Chancel Bell Choir Ringers Needed

Practices on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
Beginning September 5

Interested in playing hand bells with the Chancel Bell Choir? We are trying to rebuild the Bell choir membership. Currently, we have 9 people - hoping for 10-12 people. We can use more players, especially men to ring the large bells. Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 in the bell room on the 3rd floor starting September 5th. If you are interested in joining the fun, contact **Becky Baumgartner** by email at bbaumgartner55@gmail.com or text/call my cell: 573-864-6975. Thank you! -- *Becky Baumgartner*



Children's Edu. Meeting

September 26, 6:30 pm
Bethany Hall

FCC's Children's Education Department will be having its first meeting of the season on Thursday, Sep. 26. We will be talking about how VBS went this summer and our plans for next year. Discussions of Trunk and Treat or a similar activity, Advent and Easter for next year will also take place. We would love to have anyone interested in helping out or people with ideas attend this meeting. Contact Cindy Rose at 573-514-2211 or by email RoseCA@health.missouri.edu with any questions. We hope to see you there! -- *Cindy Rose, Children's Edu. Chair*

News of the People

Extending Gratitude...

I am doing better now with my new pacemaker and all your encouraging words and best wishes. They mean a lot to both Pat and me. **Fred**, thanks for being there for both of us. Thank you to **Don + Brenda** for bringing the beautiful flowers from church. We had a nice visit. One other message to all. I enjoyed reaching the notes from the **scholarship winners**. They all have great days ahead of them and they write such gracious notes. -- *Sue Wright*



God is so good, who cares for one like me! Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that came from First Christian by way of **Deb & Bud Batterson** on Monday, August 19, 2019. My husband, **Gary**, passed away 8 years ago on August 21st. He loved his garden and the flowers he planted out in front. The gift of flowers was a perfect reminder of his love, the love of the church, and God's love. They are sitting at the front door of my store. Blessings to you all. -- *Pat Rybolt*

Many thanks to **Don and Brenda Mosby** for delivering, and to **my church family** for sending, the beautiful flowers in honor of my 92nd birthday. First Christian is, indeed, a great church family. -- *Tommy Tomlin*

Prayers of Comfort and Wellness...

Cheryl Lightner is home from the hospital recovering from an especially tough round of chemotherapy. **Jean Hall** had a successful retina surgery last week and is home recovering. **Don Mosby** is home recovering after a medical procedure.

Shannon Schaefer asks for prayers for her grandfather, Tom Crowe (91), who is in the hospital recovering from severe anemic symptoms. **Jeff Wheeland** is at the VA Hospital after breaking his foot and injuring both his knees after a fall last Thursday. Until he is moved to a rehab center, he is at the VA and welcomes any visitors!

Prayers of Sympathy...

For **Dave and Thelma Beem**, following the death of Thelma's mother, Felicitas Jaropillo on Aug. 20, in Iloilo City, Philippines. She was 99.

For the **family of Millie Caringer**, following her death on Friday, Aug. 23, in Marshall, Mo. She was 95. A Celebration of Life will take place at FCC in September.

Other News of the Church...

After 38 years at the keys of the mighty sanctuary organ, creating beautiful music for our congregation, **Mary Bancroft** is retiring. We will be recognizing the love, music and service of Mary's long and fruitful tenure on **Sunday, September 15**, in the 10:30am worship service. A reception in Yonker Hall will follow. Mary's health is in a good place and she wants to retire while she can still enjoy it. Keep an eye out for more details in next week's Visitor!

Mark your calendars! **Habitat for Humanity** work day will take place on **Saturday, October 26**. Look for more details in an upcoming issue of the Visitor. Contact Elizabeth Mottaz with any questions.

Due to the timeline on church improvements, the **CFW Fall Women's Dinner will NOT be held this year**.



The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, Sep. 2 in observance of Labor Day.





Notes of THANKS

Dear FCC Family,
I am honored to receive the John Ridgeway Scholarship. It is great that I was thought of by my home church to receive this scholarship to help fund my college career. -- *Jack Creasy*

Ms. Hoepfner and the Shawl Ministry,
Thank you so much for taking the time to knit the blanket for my graduation. The Church has always been a special place for me, so thank you for giving me something from the Church to take with me when I leave. -- *Derrick Evers*

Dear the Congregation of First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the Norman Miller Drennan Singers Scholarship, and the Thomas and Mildred Shroust Memorial Scholarship! This congregation has always been such a strong bastion of warmth and support throughout my childhood and adolescence, and I'm so grateful that you all are willing to support me into my early adulthood through my pursuit of higher education! I'm so grateful to know people as supportive as you. Sincerely, *Cole Galbraith*

FCC Congregation,
Sadly I was unable to attend the scholarship service, as I was working out of town this summer, but it never fails to strike me how fortunate I am to have such a supportive community behind me in all I do. The support of my college experience has been impactful throughout all my four years. Many thanks, *Megan Potthast*

To First Christian Church:
I'm so thankful to have received the John Ridgeway and Raymond + Helen Miller Scholarships. It makes me so happy to know that I'm taking this journey along with my church family. I can only hope I make everyone proud. -- *Kimberly Potthast*

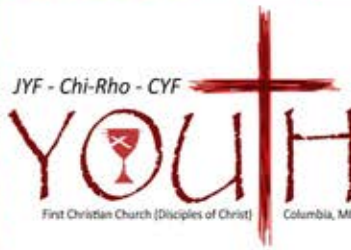


8:30/10:30 Worship
Service Schedule
Resumes Sunday,
September 8th!

Friday Night Classics!

3rd Flr Cinema
Friday, Aug. 30
7:00 pm

Fresh popcorn will be served, 50¢ soda available in Yonker.



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

Sept. 8: Chi-Rho, CYF
Sept. 15: JYF, CYF
Sept. 22: Chi-Rho, CYF
Sept. 29: JYF, CYF
Oct. 6: Chi-Rho, CYF
Oct. 13: JYF, CYF
Oct. 20: Chi-Rho, CYF
Oct. 27: JYF, CYF

Nov. 3: Chi-Rho, CYF
Nov. 10: No regular groups (Retreat Weekend)
Nov. 17: JYF or Chi-Rho events at altered times TBA, CYF
Nov. 24: All church advent decorating

*These are the dates these groups will meet. Please note: some times on those days may change if a planned activity requires a different time of day. Parents will always get an email ahead of time. Thanks! -- *Rev. Jimmy Spear*



DOC (Disciples on Campus) - Fall Semester Plans

Fellowship Group Mtg
[Social + Spiritual + Service]
- Wednesday Nights
- 7:00pm @ Bethany Hall (Brick Building Next to FCC)
- First Meeting: Aug. 28

Small Group Bible Study
- Wednesdays 8am OR 4pm
55min duration
Pick time that works for YOU!
- Location TBD
(On or Near Campus)



Perry and Helen Stemmons
September 7, 67 Years

A SPECIAL
Anniversary
Congratulations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 1 - Mary Ann Atteberry, Ortabels Stevens
Sept. 4 - Noah Stagg, Mary Tompson
Sept. 6 - Marsha Rawlings, Perry Stemmons
Sept. 7 - Larry Burnam, Richard Martin



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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 7
<p>Bus Driver: Kim Leon Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt Welcome Station: Debbie Garton Flower Arranging/Delivery: Chris Creasy</p> <p><u>Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship</u></p> <p>Communion Prep: Steve, Bobbi, Joseph McCormack Greeters: Susan Ramsey (N. Door) – Gerald Ramsey (S. Door) Diana Provenzano (Atrium) – Mary Jane Anderson (Portico) Banner Bearers: Alex Johnson and Sam Pine Candle Lighters: Abigail Pine and Jodie Silverwood Liturgist: Stacia Schaefer Elders: Sarah and David Read - Fred Mottaz, Balcony Deacons: The Potthast Team Ushers: The Wright Team Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr) Stacy Silverwood (Hlpr) Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Harlan Hackett</p>	<p><u>Saturday, August 31</u> -Church Work Day, 9:00am-12:00pm, Sanctuary & Narthex</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 1</u> -FINAL Summer One Worship Service, 9:30am</p> <p><u>Monday, September 2</u> Labor Day, OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 3</u> -MDO Commences for Fall -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Keystone</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 4</u> -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Bethany Hall -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 5</u> -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm</p> <p><u>Friday, September 6</u> -Church Dine-Out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans</p>

Report for August 18, 2019

Attendance: 144
Total offerings: \$4,748

Report for August 25, 2019

Attendance: 120
Total offerings: \$5,077

Have an article or photo you'd like to be included in a future Visitor? Submissions can be sent to fcc@firstchristian.org. Please make subject of email "Visitor Submission." Thanks!