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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Dinner for Six

Six people — Three dinners — Three months
Join the fellowship craze sweeping the nation: Dinner for Six.

Imagine six church people sharing a meal three times over the course of three months. Fellowship, new friendships and great food are all possible in this season's offering of Dinner for Six. Some meals are at home, others at restaurants — the group decides. Couples, singles welcome.

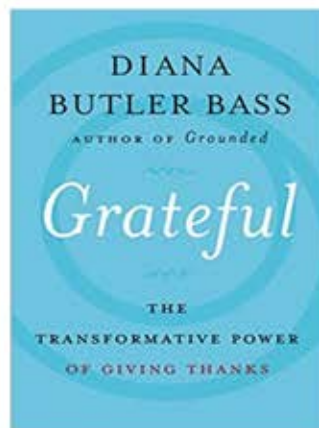
Interested? Email or sign up with the church office (fcc@firstchristian.org). Sign up before Oct 27. Groups will meet in November, December, and January.

Book Study: Grateful

Six Mondays in Oct-Nov
4pm & 7pm, Bethany Hall
Led by Rev. Jimmy Spear

If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. Bass is the award-winning author of textbooks on American religion. To find out more about her on the web, go to DianaButlerBass.com or to order your own copy.

Gatherings for discussion will cover five parts of the book at two separate time slots **4:00pm and 7:00pm on Mondays Oct. 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 11, 18, 25.** A meal of gratitude will be shared at the final gathering Nov. 25. Please RSVP for a book and let Jimmy know which session time you plan to attend. Join us!



The Open & Affirming Survey

Attention ALL Members - UNDER 65

*If we are missing YOUR survey,
You have until this Sunday!*



This is the last week—last call—final push in collecting the Congregational Survey regarding the church's exploration of becoming more open and affirming especially toward the LGBTQ community. The survey is now available for you to fill out.

The Survey is available in the Narthex and the church office. It can also be found on the church website in the blog area: <http://firstchristian.org/2019/open-affirming-survey/>. If you do the web version, be sure to save the completed version and turn it in by emailing it to fcc@firstchristian.org or print it out and turn it in by hand or by mail. **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 13**

Worship for October 13

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching "Worship"

Church is a time for gathering together as the family of God. Putting aside differences, supporting one another in prayer, breaking bread and drinking from the cup to remember Christ, sharing Scripture through reading, singing and preaching to hear the words of God. This Sunday, Travis MacFarlane will lead music in both services including the anthem moment at the 10:30 service. Dr. Stagg will preach on Psalm 66:1-12 and Luke 17:11-19, Jesus' healing account of the Ten Lepers where only one returns. This will offer us an example of true "Worship," which is also the Sunday's sermon title. See you in church!

FCC Work Day at Habitat Build

Saturday, October 26
8:30am - 4:00 pm

Please come out and support Habitat for



Humanity as FCC participates in a work day on October 26. There is a morning (8:30-12:30) and an afternoon (1:00-4:00) shift. The ideal group size is 10-16 people (must be 18 years or older). You can sign up to work one or both shifts. There will be a table set up every Sunday in the Narthex or you can call the church office.

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News of the People

Prayers of Health and Healing...

Last week, Khons Volmert's nephew, Bobby Mahasongkham, was admitted to Barnes Jewish and is in a coma and on a ventilator.

Mary Bowyer (mother of Natalie Barnard)

continues recovery at Rusk Rehab. We learned she fell last week and broke her tailbone. **Eva Bright** had neck surgery on Oct 10.

Cheryl Lightner continues to improve after recent procedures. She needs more strength and hopes to be home soon. Cheryl very much appreciates the cards and prayers of church friends.

A Note of Gratitude...

A special thanks to Pastor Stagg for his visits during my recent hospitalization and thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers. In Christ, **Dave Beem**

News of the People and Place...

Parking Lot Repaved: Monday, Oct. 14. This will mean a day of limited/no access to the entire church parking lot.

The Chancel Choir will be on break this Sunday as they practice two Wednesdays with a candidate for the director position. Thanks to pianist Travis McFarlane for assisting with special music in the 10:30 service in the meantime.

If you need more information about the **Habitat for Humanity Work Day Build**, contact Elizabeth Mottaz.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, October 20 - 9:00-10:15am
Yonker Hall

Church in Society and the Brotherhood of Men group are teaming up to host a Habitat for Humanity breakfast. You can enjoy a pancake breakfast on October 20 from 9-10:15am! Come and eat before Sunday School, after early service or before late service. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds from the breakfast will be given to Habitat for Humanity. Join us!



Reading to the 3's and 4's

Each week, Rev. Jimmy Spear shares a bible-faith related story to



Christy Von Talge's Pre-K class at Mother's Day Out. Last week, it was Joyce Meyer's children's book, "Wonderfully Made." Christy said the children loved listening to the story and are looking forward to the next! Thanks, Christy, for sharing this sweet photograph.



21st Annual Election Day Luncheon

Tues. Nov. 5, 11am-2pm
Yonker Hall

With less than a month to Election Day, the time for soup, sandwiches and homemade pie has come again! Have you put it on your calendar?

When we started our luncheon, we had three goals:

1. Be a presence in our community;
2. Work together to become closer as a Church family;
3. Raise money to use for the missions of Christian Women's Fellowship.

These goals are met each year with the consistent help and willing spirit of those who volunteer year after year!

There will be someone in the Narthex this Sunday before and after worship with a sign-up sheet. Ways **you** can help:

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| sanitize the kitchen | decorate the hall |
| prepare the food | serve the meal |
| sell tickets | spread the word/bring a friend |

There is room for anyone who would like to help. Don't forget -- women and men of all ages are welcome! Let's all help to make this a great day!

Call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 if you have questions.

-- Brenda Mosby

JARED BYAS

co-host of the podcast,
The Bible For Normal People

Ever wonder what is the Bible and what exactly do I do with it?

Popular podcast host and must-see speaker, Jared Byas, will be live at **First Baptist Church** on **October 19th and 20th.**

FREE EVENT

Child care provided with RSVP at fbc-columbia.org by October 14, 2019



Sat., Oct. 19, 10am-12pm

Sun., Oct. 20, 9:15am-10:15am OR 10:30am-12pm

First Baptist Church 1112 E. Broadway FREE!

YOUNGER FAMILY STOP OVER SUPPER OCT. 25, 5:45PM!

Join us after the downtown Columbia "Halloweenie" (trick-or-treating at local businesses in The District) for a grilled cheese and chili supper fellowship. All family and friends of



younger children PLUS our Mother's Day Out families are most welcome to land in Yonker Hall for restrooms, food and refreshments. Don't cook! We'll handle dinner on Oct. 25.

For those with older kids, we will show a movie in the cinema at 6:45pm. More info to come...

JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN!

Breakfast for Our Brethren

Every Saturday Morning in October
Yonker Fellowship Hall

Breakfast for Brethren provides breakfast to people in need every Saturday morning, and is so beneficial to our community. FCC hosts this breakfast all four Saturdays in October. There are many ways for you to help that will allow this event to be a success! You can choose a Saturday morning to come and serve (7:00-10:00am), provide food and drink, donate small



toiletry items and/or provide a monetary donation to have items purchased on your behalf. You can sign up at the table in the Narthex or call the church office. Thank you for helping to feed our community!

Let's Warm-Up Columbia!

Church In Society Fall Drive
Through Sunday, Oct. 20



Autumn is almost here! Watching football, raking leaves and enjoying the evening air with family and friends are all simple things we can take for granted during this season. However, with the change of cooler weather, people who are less fortunate have a new set of problems – how to keep themselves and their children warm during the upcoming winter season.

This is the 15th annual *Warm-Up Columbia* drive coordinated by **Voluntary Action Center** and churches in our community. FCC is once again participating in this valuable program to provide winter items for our neighbors in need. Last year, VAC distributed nearly 5,000 items to over 800 people thanks to our community's generosity.

Please bring your **gently-used clean coats, jackets, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves and socks** for this important collection. These items can be placed in the "Church in Society" donation tub outside the church office. Donations will be collected through Sunday, October 20. Thank you for helping to "Warm-Up Columbia!" Any questions, contact Elizabeth Mottaz - Church in Society Chair.

- Oct. 13** - Thelma Beem, Robert Floyd, Dorothy Golson (96!)
- Oct. 14** - Tracy Evers
- Oct. 15** - Megan Potthas
- Oct. 16** - Julie Hickey, Holly Wheatley
- Oct. 18** - Rebekah Hart, Lisa Snyder



CYF Painting it Forward

An opportunity has been given to us — the CYF have a day off and will take it on — church friends invited to assist. At FCC, we know too well the need for a church building repair and have been blessed with the ability to pay for it. Can we assist a church with less means to find that joy?

The Kingston Federated Church, a DOC church in the northwest part of Missouri, is a small congregation committed to worship, fellowship and keeping their spot on the scene of Kingston. They are, however, in need of a paint job on the exterior of their white frame church. A crew of volunteers from around the region will scrape and prime the building the weekend of Oct 25. We will take the lead in painting the building

the next weekend, **November 1-3**. Our CYF have a CPS day off from school Friday, Nov. 2 giving us a chance to use our time for good. A team will head to Kingston and start painting, stay at a nearby church, and finish up on Saturday. It is a big job. Will you come along to help?

Talk to Jimmy Spear ASAP. Thanks!



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

Fall Calendar:

Oct. 13: Hayride Day!

JYF & Chi-Rho to the Palmer's home for a hayride/campfire.

3-6pm. Meet at the church. CYF will meet at regular time.

Oct. 20: Chi-Rho, CYF

Oct. 25: Chi-Rho cook supper for the post-Halloweenie event

Oct. 27: JYF, CYF

YOUTH GROUP!



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson
Welcome Station: Valerie Freed
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Perry & Helen Stemmons
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Brice & Mary Moeller, Susan Gray
Elder: Susan Gray
Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Mary Moeller
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Jerry & Kathy Miller, Eli Gaffney
Greeters: Ron Longaker (N. Door) – Judy Longaker (S. Door)
 Linda Ridgeway (Atrium) – Diana Provenzano (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Alex Johnson and Sam Pine
Candle Lighters: Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker
Liturgist: Pat Rybolt
Elders: Nora Dietzel and Harlan Hackett - Larry Dietzel, Balcony
Deacons: The McCormack Team
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Deb Batterson

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 19

Sunday, October 13
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
 -Student Ministry Groups:
 -JYF & Chi-Rho, 3:00-6:00pm, Hayride @ Palmer's
 -CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
Monday, October 14
 -Parking Lot Repaving, Limited to No Access All Day
 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
 -"Grateful" Book Study, 4pm AND 7pm, Bethany Hall
Tuesday, October 15
 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
 -New Elder Orientation, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 16
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
 -CWF Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
 -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall
Thursday, October 17
 -Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House
 -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Bell Room
Saturday, October 19
 -Breakfast For Our Brethren, 7:00-10:00 am, Yonker Hall

Report for October 6, 2019

Attendance: 140
(8:30 service - 40)
Total offerings: \$10,623