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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

7th Sunday After Epiphany

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 & Matthew 17:1-9

"The Life of a Co-Worker" Part II

Rev. Jimmy Spear, preaching

The second of a two part series, Sunday will find our worship focus to continue around the key text from 1 Corinthians 3. It will be expanded with texts from Matthew 17.

This Sunday is the second of what we call "the Week of Compassion." We will share more of the Week of Compassion story and take up more offerings toward the vital ministry of our denomination's special relief offering in both services. Rev. Jimmy Spear will preach *Part II* of the week's messages entitled: "The Life of a Co-Worker."

Hymns of the day will include: *For the Healing of the Nations* as the opener, *For the Fruit of All Creation* at the Invitation, and *Now We Come Before God's Presence* at Communion.



Week of Compassion

***"For we are co-workers in
God's service;
you are God's field,
God's building"***

1 Corinthians 3:9

The Evangelism and Worship Departments have created a survey about worship that will be shared in the bulletin this coming Sunday. Please fill it out and place it in boxes in the Narthex and Office. If you would prefer to take the survey online, you may do so at: <http://firstchristian.org/2020/worship-survey/>. Thank you for your input!

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Spring Training Begins Sunday

Sundays, February 23-March 15

Spring Training is a fun way to exercise and engage an important discipleship and spiritual discipline. Evangelism, asking others to come to church, and learn about God and Christ, is foundational to Christian faith development. It's important that while we enjoy **wearing Red or Blue and supporting the Royal Blue Christians (lectern-side) and the Redbird Disciples (pulpit-side)** that we remember the real reason behind the fun – to invite others to church! The Evangelism Department intentionally chose the weeks of Lent for Spring Training as the days leading up to Easter. This is an opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to checkout FCC leading up to the Resurrection of Christ with the hope that they will return to join us for the wonderful celebration, which in turn has a higher probability that they will return again after Easter.



So please wear your red or blue, come join the fun! But more than ever, please begin praying to God, asking who should you invite to church? Who do you know that needs a church home? Who is God prompting to speak to about Christ? As one Evangelism Team member recently said, "I need Spring Training because it gives me 'a reason' to invite folks to church. If I don't have Spring Training, then I can let opportunity after opportunity slip by and never approach that person. Spring Training allows me to say, "My church is having this event and I'd love for you to be my guest!" We hope Spring Training inspires you to invite folks to church in a fun way!

See you in church with your guests!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*

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WEDNESDAY



February 26 6:30pm
Sanctuary

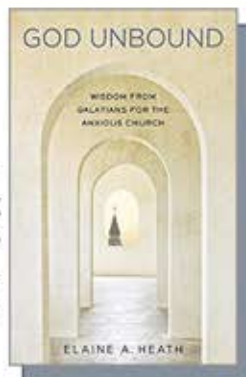
*A service of worship — acts of repentance
and the administering of ashes.*

Lenten Book Study

"God Unbound"

Coming this Lent, March 1-30

Interested? Speak to Jimmy Spear. Books will be ordered and meeting time(s) determined based on those interested. There will be a chance to be a part of an online study of this book. More information TBA.



Join TeamFCC-2020

Saturday, April 25 - Service Location TBD



ForColumbia was founded in 2015 with a simple mission: to bring Christians together to share God's love by serving our community side-by-side. We do this by organizing volunteers annually from Christian churches throughout Columbia to serve individuals and non-profit organizations in a city-wide day of service.

Now in its sixth year, 71 Christian churches have participated at least once in this effort (eight congregations of which have partnered with the program annually since 2015). This year, ForColumbia hopes again to bring more than 2,000 volunteers from these churches, and to deepen relationships with individuals in our city as we serve in more than 100 locations.

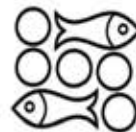
In a time of division and polarization, it is important for God's people to express a united love for others to serve their neighbors in the spirit of Jesus.

Sign-up will begin on Monday, March 9. For more info on our April 25 day of service, contact Rev. Jimmy Spear.

Serve at Loaves and Fishes

THIS MONDAY, Feb. 24, 4:45-6:45pm

Wilkes Blvd. Church



FCC will serve dinner at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, February 24 (4:45-6:45), at Wilkes Blvd. Church. There is still space to volunteer to serve. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Elizabeth Mottaz.

News of the People

Prayers of Sympathy...



Life-long member **Sharon Winner** died on Friday, February 14. Sharon's parents, George and Mildred Todd, were active in the church, which carried into Sharon's life and the raising of her three daughters, Jan, Jill and Lynn. Sharon served many years as an Elder and was active in the Drennan Circle. A visitation will be held on Sunday, **Feb. 23, 3:00-5:00pm**, at Parker-Millard Funeral Service (Ash St.) and a **memorial service will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 in the FCC Sanctuary.**



Other Prayers of the People...

Karen Hobson is now home after a surgical procedure last week. Prayers for continued healing are extended to Karen.

Marge Carter continues to improve at Columbia Post-Acute.

Exciting news from **Scott and Shannon Schaefer** as they are expecting their second child, making **Lillian** a big sister! We are already anticipating the return of this family as the Holy Family in the annual Christmas Pageant this December.

A Note of Gratitude...

Thanks and love to all who visited, sent cards and prayed during my recent medical trauma. I'm home and healing and hope to see you soon.

-- Deb Batterson

Help Wanted...

Weddings held at First Christian Church require a church staff/member present with keys, knowledge of the building and general assistance to using the space. We call the person a **"Wedding Liaison,"** and need them available for weddings that typically have a Friday rehearsal and Saturday ceremony. There is a \$100 payment for a Liaison per wedding. If you are interested in being on the Wedding Liaison team, please inquire in the church office with Fred Mottaz.

Do you have the time and interest—and talent—for selling things on **Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist?** With no garage sale being offered this spring, there are some items at church that need to be sold—excess older good condition furniture not usable after recent renovations. Items will need to be followed from picture-and-listing to out-the-door. Interested? Talk to Jimmy Spear.

Join the STARS for 2020 Events

*Sign up in the office or on the Sunday pew pad when prompted



March 12 (Thurs.) The Nelson Art Museum, Kansas City

Exhibit: *Queen Nefertari: Eternal Egypt*
 Srs Tickets for this exhibit (general museum is free): \$16

She was known as *The One for Whom the Sun Shines*. Discover the celebrated Queen Nefertari, the Great Royal Wife of Pharaoh Ramesses II. Experience the magnificence of royal palaces and tombs, including Nefertari's burial chamber, considered one of the greatest artistic achievements in the Valley of the Queens. Explore the daily life of the village where tomb builders and artisans lived, worked and worshipped more than 3,000 years ago. Drawn from the world-renowned Museo Egizio in Turin, Italy, the exhibition brings together works that present the richness of life in ancient Egypt, focusing on the role of women—goddesses, queens, and commoners. Experience the discovery of the tomb of one of the most famous figures of the time.

April 30 (Thurs.) Powell Gardens (outside Kansas City) Bloom Fest

New Member/Visitor Q&A Session

Sunday, March 8, 9:35-10:20am

Bethany Hall

Are you looking for a church home and considering FCC? Or have you recently joined FCC but are still looking for ways to get involved? Come to our Visitor and New Member Question & Answer on Sunday, March 8, 9:35-10:20am in Bethany Hall! You can meet with Dr. Brad and other church leaders and ask any questions you might have regarding our church to better understand who we are and how to be further connected. **All are welcome!** Please RSVP "Q&A" through the Sunday Pew Pads or through the Office by email or phone. We hope you will join us!



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

YOUTH GROUP!

Winter/Spring Calendar

Feb. 23—JYF/CYF

Mar. 1—**FAMILY NIGHT! dinner & fun, 6pm**

March 8—JYF/CYF March 15—Chi-Rho/CYF

March 22 - CYF TBD March 29 - CYF



Last Sunday night, the CYF group held a **Murder Mystery Dinner**. The 13 members (pictured above) had a persona/character to play in the evening mystery. With each person as a possible culprit, it was a wild and eventful night. Thanks to **Abigail Reardon** for creating/working out the many details; **Amy LaHue** for hosting the dinner; **Kim Rogers** for waiting at table, and other parents who sent food.

Student Ministry Event



~ Spaghetti Supper

~ Fun & Games

youth vs. parents,

family vs. family

~ Hear plans for summer mission fundraising

~ For all JYF/Chi-Rho/CYF youth & parents - play & get to know other families your kids youth group with every week!

Sunday, March 1 ~ 6:00-7:30pm

Yonker Hall — RSVP to Jimmy Spear

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK!

Feb. 23 - Jim Campbell, Jacki Davidson, Brooke Storm

Feb. 25 - Sarah Read

Feb. 26 - Ryan Boger, Kim Rogers, Doug Smith

Feb. 27 - Elizabeth Hensley (99!)

Feb. 28 - Jack Creasy

Feb. 29 - Eliana Snyder



A PRAYER: God, thank you for the many blessings that you have given us. Help us to give and receive blessings from each other, each person planting seeds of goodness, watering with compassion. Bless our offering to Week of Compassion. May it help others to also plant seeds and grow in goodness of life. Amen.



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Carol Slusher
Flower Arranging: Mary Jane Anderson
Flower Delivery: Fred Mottaz
Warming Station
Hosts: Jess & Amy LaHue
Bus: Jeff LaHue
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Will & Donna Houston, Karen Poe
Elder: Mary Daugherty
Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Kim Reardon
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Brian & Heather Mottaz, Christy Von Talge
Greeters: Jane Anne Hackett (N. Door) – Susan Klockow (S. Door)
 TBD (Atrium) – Pat Wright (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Alex Johnson and Sam Pine
Candle Lighters: Abigail Pine and Jodie Silverwood
Liturgist: Harlan Hackett
Elders: Larry Burnam and Mark Mills - Joyce Stanley, Balcony
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team **Ushers:** The Scott Team
Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor and Cindy Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 29

Sunday, February 23

- Spring Training begins!
- Warming Station, 6:00-9:00am, Higbee
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm
- Student Ministry Groups:
 - JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
 - CYF, 6:30-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, February 24

- Sharon Winner Memorial Service, 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Loaves & Fishes, 4:00-6:45pm, Wilkes Blvd Church
- Nominating Committee Mtg, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

Tuesday, February 25

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, February 26

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- DOC (Disciples on Campus) TBD

Thursday, February 27

- Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Flr Bell Room

Report for February 16, 2020

Total Attendance: 142 (8:30 service - 36)
Offerings: \$4,546