



Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Welcome, New Members!

Worship on Sunday, February 2, welcomed three new members into the fellowship of First Christian Church. Jim and Pam Biddle and Brian Dawson have been worshipping with us for some time and are already at home here at FCC.

Jim & Pam Biddle have lived in Columbia for close to four years. Pam is originally from Missouri, a 5th generation Boone Countian, while Jim is from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Biddles have lived in Columbus, Oh., Cornville, Az. and



western Missouri over their 40 years of marriage. Jim is a retired attorney with a wide range of work in various connected fields. Pam is a retired librarian with 42 years of service in the public school and public library systems. They have one daughter who is a teacher, and four grandchildren ages 6-15 all in Sante Fe, New Mexico. The Biddles spend time in New Mexico with family, are avid readers and card players, and also enjoy historical outings and research. We are glad to welcome Jim and Pam!

Brian Dawson is one of a few folks who walks to church, living just two blocks away from FCC! He is walker, hiker of mountains, reader and general student of the world. Professionally, having degrees in business and economics, he works for OATS Transit.



Brian grew up in Iowa (Clinton), Indianapolis, and Ohio (Streetsboro) coming to Columbia in 1988.

Brian is already a member of the Chancel Bell Choir and found a good group to sit with in the Sanctuary. Welcome, Brian!

5th Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12 & Matthew 5:13-20

Dr. Stagg, preaching

This week, Dr. Stagg continues his second of three sermons based upon Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This week's sermon, "Fulfilled Law" is based on Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 5:13-20. Hymns for the day include: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*; *Sweet Hour of Prayer*; and at the time of communion, *These I Lay Down*. We will depart with verse one of *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*.

We continue to celebrate the arrival of Dr. Rochelle Parker, our new organist, who again will bring her friend and trumpet player, Carlot Dorve. What a mighty duo they were last week and we look forward to hearing them again. See you in church this Sunday!

Champion Hymns Did you know there are champion hymns? *Holy, Holy, Holy!* was our opening hymn last Sunday and has recently been named a champion hymn! It emerged from a March Madness-style tournament as "the greatest hymn of all time." More than 800 people, mostly from the 1,200-member Hymn Society, voted during the competition, which featured brackets similar to those created for the NCAA basketball tournament. *Holy, Holy, Holy!* beat out *Amazing Grace*, 70 to 30 percent, in the second round. (RNS, July 19)

Spring Training to Begin Soon

Sundays, February 23-March 15

Our 4th annual Spring Training Visitor Campaign, which encourages members to invite friends and family to worship at FCC, **begins Sunday, Feb. 23rd**. The pulpit-side Redbird Disciples and lectern-side Royal Blue Christians compete for four weeks to see which side can bring the most guests! So, break out your red and blue, start thinking about who you can invite to the friendliest church in Columbia, and let's get ready to play ball!



News of the People

Prayers of Healing and Comfort...

Debbie Batterson fell and broke her hip last Friday, had hip replacement surgery on Saturday and is now at The Neighborhoods for rehabilitation.



News among us...

Will Bower, a senior at Rock Bridge High School, was named "Best in Boone County" by the Columbia Daily Tribune. According to the Tribune, "Will was part of the Rock Bridge Bruins' offensive line that gave up only 12 sacks and helped the team rush for 1,664 yards and 14 touchdowns." Congratulations, Will!

Attention Cabinet members: The next meeting will take place next Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Morris Parlor!



The **Week of Compassion** special offering will have its annual observance on two Sundays this month: **February 16 and 23**.


ForColumbia is an effort of the faith community in Columbia to serve together for the good of Columbia. In recent years, the event held on the last Saturday in April brought together several thousand hands and hearts with the common mission of improving Columbia — homes, agencies, nature, churches and places of need. There are jobs for all kinds of talents. FCC participated two years and then let it go. Could we get back to being active in this event in 2020? It's the last Saturday in April. Join others from FCC as we join our neighbors to do something good right here in our own community. Watch The Visitor for more information.

Each Sunday during the 9:30am hour, classes are held to learn the Bible, theology, church history and their present day connections. **Children in grades K-5** meet with leaders on the 3rd floor—blue and tan rooms. **Youth grades 6-12** meet in the youth room near the elevator. **Adults** (parents of the Sunday School kids/youth along with other church folk) meet in the Keystone room. Come and be a part of the FCC Christian Education story.

Lent is rapidly approaching!
An Ash Wednesday service will be held at **6:30pm on Wed., Feb 26th**.



Inclement Weather Policy

 Winter weather is unpredictable. How can you be sure if church events are cancelled? Look on the local TV stations for "First Christian Church, Columbia" to be listed. Without the city name it's not us! Also, when Columbia Public Schools are closed, that means programs at church are CANCELED. The church office adjusts as able. Church services will almost always be held.



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. 9—JYF/CYF

Feb. 14-15—Chi-Rho Retreat, Broadway CC

Feb. 15—CYF TBA (See text message)

Feb. 23—JYF/CYF March 1—Chi-Rho/CYF

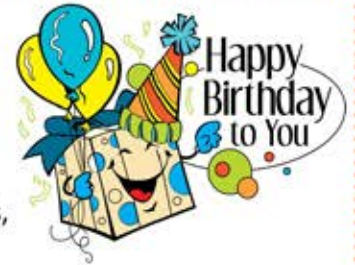
March 8—JYF/CYF

Feb. 10 - Jennifer Alexander, Steve Humble, Steve Smith

Feb. 13 - Olivia Johnson

Feb. 14 - Russ Chandler

Feb. 15 - Royce Palmer, Sally Robinson, Suellen Wells, Sarah Yonker



RATI Service Opportunities



WHAT: Room at the Inn (RATI) whose mission is to provide those in need with a warm and safe place to sleep. Open from 7pm – 7am daily from December 8, 2019 – March 15, 2020.

WHERE/WHEN:

Feb. 2 - Feb. 15 - Missouri United Methodist - 204 S. 9th St.

Feb. 16 - Feb. 22 - First Presbyterian Church - 16 Hitt St

Feb. 23 - March 7 - Unitarian Universalist – 2615 Shepard Blvd

March 8 - March 15 - Campus Lutheran - 304 S College Ave

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Volunteer:** Go to roomattheinncomo.org to see the available volunteer opportunities and sign up! Volunteer opportunities include five different shifts as well as transportation of laundry to/from University Hospital.
- **Donate supplies:** Needed supplies are listed at <https://roomattheinncomo.org/donate>; Note that 'perishable' items are especially needed.
- **Donate money:** Cash donations can be placed in Sunday offering trays or dropped off at the Church Office. Please note RATI on the cash envelope or memo portion of the check; make checks payable to FCC.

If you have any questions, need assistance with signing up for volunteer shifts or would like to leave supply donations at FCC for delivery to RATI, please call/text Sarah Storm at 573-289-0072 or email marions@centurytel.net. Thank you!



Notes of **THANKS**

The **Lightner family** would like to thank the congregation for your prayers and condolences these last few weeks.

We are touched by the outpouring of kindness during this time. We would like to formally thank Brad and Jimmy for a wonderful memorial service. We cherish Mary Bancroft for coming back to play organ and for all the choir members for singing two of Cheryl's favorite songs. We would also like to thank again all members who worked so diligently to provide the considerate reception. It is a great blessing to be a part of such a caring and attentive church family.

--Steve Lightner; Amy and William Green;
Paul, Lindsay, Kayli and Jillian Lightner

Dear First Christian Church Family,

On behalf of my son and daughter Erich and Emily, my brother-in-law Mark Unterschutz, my father-in-law Gary Unterschutz, Sr., my mother Martha Sue Haynes and myself, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your love and support during the most difficult time we've ever experienced.

From the minute my husband Gary was hospitalized until his funeral and beyond, members of the church have been by our side physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially and otherwise. We are so very grateful. We couldn't have made it through these first months after Gary's death without you. I'd like to express a special thanks to those who have made trips to visit my mom Martha Sue Haynes, and those who have called her and sent food. That has helped so very much!

We are truly blessed to be a part of the First Christian Church Family.
--Cheryl Unterschutz

Faith in Politics Class Begins

Sundays at 9:30am - Keystone Room

Lead by Sarah Read

The Adult Sunday Morning Class is starting a round of discussions on the intersection of faith and politics:

- Is there a place for faith in politics?*
- What about separation of church and state?*
- What faith values align with democratic values and where do they diverge?*
- How might faith inform the ways in which we interact with those with whom we disagree?*
- What does the Bible say about faith and politics?*

The group will be exploring these and many other questions in a civil way. All are welcome to join!



Next week's Visitor will offer a full slate of STARS plans for spring/summer 2020!



Healing Racial Divides - Dr. Terrell Carter Book Study

February 9 - 3:00-5:00pm (Potluck to follow)
Broadway Christian Church



Can the Church help America emerge from its racist shadows empowered to heal racial divides? We Say, Yes!

Join us on Feb. 9, to hear from Dr. Terrell Carter and sign up for groups that will form to study his 2019 book, "Healing Racial Divides". Churches are encouraged to partner with other churches focusing on mix of race groups. Some people may choose to study the book individually. For a richer experience, consider joining a group. Studies should be complete by May 3, when we hold the ending celebration with Dr. Carter.



Books are available for purchase (\$16). Questions and RSVP to Don Day: dday@centurytel.net or 573-474-5539.

Sponsored by Race Forward - a Columbia church collective striving toward Racial Reconciliation.

Austen Hartke transgender theologian

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Transgender theologian Austen Hartke shares his experience of coming out as a bisexual and transgender Christian.

FEB. 21

6:30 PM & 7:15 PM

FEB. 22

10:00 AM

ECUMENICAL EVENT @
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Jeff Wheeland
Welcome Station: Valerie Freed
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Perry & Helen Stemmons
Warming Station
Hosts: Eric Seaman and C.K. Hoenes
Bus: Eric Seaman
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Brice & Mary Moeller, Bob Hutton
Elder: Susan Gray
Offering Counters: Jean Juba and Mary Moeller
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Candace, Chris & Andrew Stormer
Greeters: Bud Batterson (N. Door) – Janelle Patterson (S. Door)
 Laura Crane (Atrium) – TBD (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Jodie Silverwood and Brady Marrero
Candle Lighters: Kenzie Von Talge and Ryley Batterson
Liturgist: Mary Jane Anderson
Elders: Pat Rybolt and Debbie Taylor - Rich Hoepfner, Balcony
Deacons: The McCormack Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Jerry Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 15

Sunday, February 9

- Warming Station, 6:00-9:00am, Higbee
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Student Ministry Groups:
 - JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
 - CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, February 10

- Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Keystone
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor
- DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

- No MDO

Report for February 2, 2020

Total Attendance: 165 (8:30 service - 36)
Offerings: \$4,911