

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

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Our Mission

*God calls us...
And the Holy Spirit
empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional
Service

Sermon for Sunday

“Jesus Goes To School”

1st Scripture Reading

Col. 3:12-17

Sermon Scripture

Luke 2:41-52



Board Positions Open

We have an opening for one Elder position. This is a two-year commitment. We also have two Deacons' positions open, and they are both one-year commitments. Please contact Joyce Speas at 660-747-8642 if you have a desire to serve.



BOARD MEETING

January 6, 7:30 p.m.

The January Board Meeting will be held in the Christian Education Building in the Faith Matters Classroom.



We continue now and look at how the laity works within the church.

An emerging lay element marched with the religious awakening through Protestantism during the late 18th and 19th centuries. Due to the separation of church and state, which brought dependence upon church membership for financial support, laypersons exerted new initiatives and more accorded increasingly significant roles in the life of the church. The laity became particularly active in the Sunday School movement, the development of Bible societies, and the creation of Christian associations. So strong did laity become that some theologians referred to the development as the age of “lay Christianity.” The principle of the “Priesthood of all believers” suddenly moved from abstract theological discussion to a practical reality.

Disciples’ Traditions:

The Stone-Campbell movement was born at the zenith of the awakening with its accompanying emancipation of laity. Disciples and Christians alike enshrined the principle of lay sovereignty in their congregations. Recognizing a less than slight distinction between laity and clergy, the early reformers empowered members of the congregations to administer the Lord’s Supper, to teach, to preach and to hold the primary office of elder in their congregational structure.

As national structures evolved from the search to help congregations cooperate with each other in broader purpose, Disciples laymen and laywomen were frequently chosen to lead and to administer. Local governing boards and the eldership of each congregation continue to be composed of and led by laity. The highest elective office in the DOC is the moderator, an office filled as often by laypersons as ministers, which is evidence that the “priesthood of all believers” is a serious matter with Disciples.

So, who composes the laity of the DOC in general, a reasonable cross section of the middle class? The church is “divine in intention and human in organization,” and each generation of the church becomes a contemporary incarnation. First, last, and always, Disciples affirm that the church is people.

Disciples’ Affirmations:

Within the whole family of God on earth, the church appears wherever believers in Jesus Christ are gathered in his name.

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

December 27 Attendance

Praise Service: 17
Sunday School: 16
10:40 Worship: 49
(Snowy, cold day)

Youth News!

6th -12th Grades

January Calendar

- 10-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting
17-5 p.m.-Dinner @ Shiloh Missionary Baptist
7p.m.-Ecumenical Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration/Worship Service @ Shiloh
Missionary Baptist Church
24-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting
31-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting



Movie Night

All Are Welcome, Come Enjoy!

January 15

6:00 p.m.

Free Admission

*Concession Stand will be available as a
fundraiser for youth*

Young Christians Weekend in Branson.



February 12, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Music

Tickets will be available mid-January!

\$7.50 per person or \$14 per couple

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CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago in December, 1999

Several events of a busy month included: The Chancel Choir , joined by students from CMSU and some members of the CMSU Concert Choir, presented the cantata *Canticle of Joy*, during a Sunday morning worship service. They were directed by **Gene Ewing**, and accompanied by **Anne Remlinger**. The children presented a Children's Christmas Musical, *Christmas Magic*, during Sunday morning worship service. . . . Campbellite Ministries offered for sale a variety of handmade crafts for gift giving. . . . Chi Rho had an ice skating party , with a meal at Winstead's and a tour of the Plaza Lights They were accompanied by the **David Handlys** and **Janelle Sellman**. The Adult Choir and Handbell Choir had a *Christmas Get-Together* at the home of **Jerry & Phyllis Evans**. . . . A Sunday afternoon All-Church Caroling event was held , followed by a return to church for refreshments .

Celebration of Rev. Dr. Alex Wales' Ministry

Rev. Wales' is ending his 22 plus years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Warrensburg. Please plan on attending the celebration in their church sanctuary on Sunday, January 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome New Member!

Karen Renfro

718 Burlington LN

Warrensburg MO 64093

*Karen joined First Christian Church on December 13
at the second service.*

We welcome Karen to our church family.



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Everyone is Welcome!

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Return Service Requested



Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Name

Reylene Harbit
 Family of J.C. Sutton
 Our Military who are deployed
 Our law enforcement and firefighters
 Those who have inadequate healthcare

Happy New Year!



Peace

January Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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| 1-Missy Whisenhunt | 12-Karla Seigfreid | 23-Robert Cochran |
| 2-Tori Hunter | 13-Bill Elliott | 23-Sterling Granger |
| 3-Clint Godfrey | 15-Shirley Fitterling | 25-D.D. Breckel |
| 5-Cindy Howard | 17-Mary Younce | 26-Towanda Lawler |
| 5-Kyle Ritchhart | 17-Nick Nichol | 27-Gary Grigsby |
| 8-Duane Sterling | 18-Milfred Hall | 29-Doris Buell |
| 10-Dorothy Simmons | 22-Pat Turner | 29-Jane Russell |
| 10-Olivia Ellgass | 22-Roy Milam | 31-Kerrisa Williams |

Happy Anniversary

- 8-Peggy & Richard Dudley
 14-Linda & Don Hoover