

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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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.*



Martin Luther King, Jr. Ecumenical Service

We encourage everyone to come to this worship service. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting the event. The evening will start at 5:00 p.m. with a free will offering dinner, and then at 7:00 p.m. the worship service will begin.

Ministers from several churches will be participating in this worship service.

Our youth are encouraged to come at five and sit with other youth from around Warrensburg at the dinner and at the service at 7:00 p.m. We will not be having youth at our church that evening. Last year we had 25 youth attend this service, and it was a very enjoyable experience.

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional
Service

Sermon for Sunday
"Wash Up!"

1st Scripture Reading
Acts 8:14-17

Sermon Scripture
Luke 3:15-17

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

The challenge has started. We are in competition with the other local churches and organizations to see who can collect the most soup. We desperately need to help out the Johnson County Food Center with this soup challenge. The soup drive will last until Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2010. On that Sunday we will take the soup to the Food Center. Please help us feed the hungry in Johnson County!



Last week we examined how the laity is a huge contributing factor in the life of any Disciples' church. This week we look at how our church is designed.

The Stone-Campbell movement was rooted in an aversion to ecclesiastical authority. Early attempts at cooperation among congregations were associational in character, which limited their effectiveness in creating programs of scale and range. In the free-church tradition Disciples addressed the questions of organization in pragmatic rather than theological terms. The first twentieth-century effort to improve the organizational effort to improve the organization efficiency of Disciples was the formation of the International Convention in 1917, an association that was complemented in its work by the United Christian Missionary Society, a consolidation of six independent church agencies.

Disciples made its most telling structural advance with an imaginative development of a covenantal "Design" rather than a formal constitution. Seeking fuller expression of the meaning of church, the theologically based "Design" provided a way for three manifestations: congregations, regions, and general units-to be voluntarily joined in a covenant binding them to each other and to God. The relationship of the three parts is one of mutual interdependence, mutual sustenance, and mutual responsibility, with the integrity of each part carefully protected. There is no pyramid of authority, no top or bottom. It is a design for one church, not three.

Next time we will look at how the three parts, the local congregation, the regional church and the wider general church all fit together.

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

Jan. 3, Attendance

Praise Service: 43
Sunday School: 31
10:40 Worship: 58

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

50 years ago in January, 1960

Nineteen members of Chi Rho, accompanied by **Mrs. Jay Eller**, **Mrs. Owen Wyatt** and **Mrs. Herbert Woodruff**, attended a District World Fellowship Meet in Marshall. Our group was in charge of the final consecration service under the direction of **Mike Delaney**, chairman of the worship committee. **Gary Baldwin** was president of our local Chi Rho, and **Mike Wyatt** was the vice-president of the District. . . . Nineteen members of CYF accompanied by **Mrs. Woodruff** and **Kermit Parks** attended the 5th District Rally at Slater. **Bruce Achauer**, **Richard McDowell** and **Susan Whitt** served for the last time as outgoing district officers. Those elected from our church to serve as district officers for the new year were **Caroline Petersen**, Secretary; **Ann Achauer**; Service Chairman; **Billye Ann Palmer**, Co-Song Leader. . . . Congratulations were extended to **Earl Uhler** on being selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the young man who made the most outstanding contribution of service to our community in 1959.

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 trip to

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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February is Food Center Month

We need 7 volunteers each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Call Phyllis Evans to volunteer at 747-8375.

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.

Thank You Notes!

Church Friends,

I wish to thank First Christian for the pretty birthday flower Pastor Jerry delivered. I enjoyed it and his visit very much.

Mary Catherine Handly

Church Friends,

Thank you all so very much for the birthday cards and well wishes. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Cindy Howard

December Financial Report

General Fund Income \$ 18,087.46

General Fund Expenditures 15,779.78

Outreach Income 1,087.02

2009 Financial Report

General Fund Income \$ 201,891.00

General Fund Expenditures 202,659.58

Outreach Income 13,775.10

Building Fund Income 88,461.17



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

Name

Reylene Harbit
 Our Military who are deployed
 Our law enforcement and firefighters
 Those who have inadequate healthcare



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 |
| | | 31-Kerrisa Williams |

Happy Anniversary

- 8-Peggy & Richard Dudley
 14-Linda & Don Hoover
 28-Margaret and Robert Neal