

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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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  
this Sunday at  
10:40 a.m.  
Invite friends and  
family.**

**June 3:  
"So Much We Don't  
Understand"**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Romans 5:1-5**

**Sermon Scripture:  
John 16:12-15**

Two weeks ago in the newsletter, the building history was summarized. Last week, the 2007 Building Fund Vision and Mission was outlined. Now.. the 2007 Building Fund Plan: **One that furthers the mission & funds the building!**

### 2007 Building Fund Plan

1. Individual financial pledges of \$150,000 over a two year period
2. Develop ministry teams that further the mission:

>Spread the good news

>Express a growing faith

>Equip believers for ministry

>Keep the Spirit moving in the community

- A. To spread the Good News to all ages and express a growing faith;

-Presentations on religious and pertinent topics

-Revival with short faith moments & music

Faith Music Festival (Praise, gospel, blue grass, quartets)

(Admission fees go to Building Fund)

- B. To Equip Believers for ministry and keep the spirit moving in the community;

-Auctions "Cash in Attic/Upstairs/Basement/Garage"

Art and Crafts

-Church Groups (Youth, SS Classes, etc) offer services

-Collect and sell recyclable items

-Others? (Funds raised will go to Building Fund)

**We can do both—Further the mission AND fund the building if  
we.. SEEK**

During June 2007, Visionary moments will be presented during Sunday morning worship. (Each week these will be printed in the newsletter for reflection and prayer.) Brochure outlining history, mission, and plan will be distributed. Letters will be sent out to members and friends asking for pledges and gifts. Pledges will be accepted by mail, in the office, or in worship on June 24, 2007.

**Over the summer, ministry teams will be formed and begin preparations to SEEK! Praise Be To God!**



Chapter six of the book “A Handbook for Today’s Disciples” is titled, “Disciples and Moral-Ethical Issues.”

#### Disciples Traditions:

From their origins as a rural people and their belief in the sovereignty of individual choice, Disciples were slow to develop a collective social consciousness.

The rapid industrialization of America during the final decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century spawned a wide range of social issues that awakened a new moral concern among disciples. Among those issues were violent disputes between labor and management, the quality of life in a rapidly urbanizing society, growing classes of economically and politically oppressed persons, and a broad array of questions in the area of human and civil rights. This caused questions in the area of human and civil rights. This caused the Disciples to re-examine and begin to delve into social issues on a broader scale.

Although 19<sup>th</sup> century Disciples rarely spoke with one voice on controversial social questions, there was one striking exception: the sale of liquor which Disciples universally opposed and against which they exerted political influence wherever possible. The sensational exploits of Carry Nation brought national attention to the Disciples and to their staunch support of prohibition.

Since then, Disciples have been speaking out and are involved with many social concerns. In its General Assemblies the church has spoken more than 220 times through formal resolutions. This allows the Disciples to use their collective voice to influence the social environment. However, these declarations never presume to speak for all Disciples. Resolutions on moral-ethical issues call the church to study and engagement, but do not impose universally held positions on its members. This is one aspect of Disciples’ tenacity in defending the freedom of individual opinion. Going back to the impetus of their own founding, Disciples are still a people quick to challenge any source of authority that does not begin with an act of individual choice.

The Disciples have clearly developed a social awareness and usually speak forthrightly on issues in the socioeconomic, political, and international arenas. On matters of personal morality, Disciples hold a deep confidence in the ability of individuals to form judgments for themselves. In other words, when it comes to individual decisions, Disciples will not provide

a systematic blueprint for your personal behavior. It will, however, insist that you carefully study the moral and ethical teachings of Christ and assume full moral responsibility for your own personal decisions.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Basye*

### **Attendance Sunday, May 27**

Sunday School: 35

Worship: 125

## **Spreading the Word**

The members of the Worship Committee would appreciate help in spreading the news regarding Court Yard Worship. Jackie Shumard has created a flyer to pass out in the community. Greg Turner will be canvassing our neighbors within a 5-6 block radius of the church. We will have fliers for anyone to pick up after the June 3 worship service. Again, the first Court Yard Worship service will be Thursday, June 7. We want the community to be aware of this opportunity for worship. We want to show the community that we are a vibrant and caring people. A simple thing like distributing fliers is another opportunity to live out the mission of our church. Remember our mission...

- 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

This mission occurs within and outside the walls of First Christian Church. If God calls you to this ministry, pick up some fliers on June 3 or contact Greg (747-0284).

### WHAT FUN! WHAT A SURPRISE!

*You never know what Bruce Howey and Don Hoover are up to! A birthday cake from heaven, or at least, from the balcony! Thanks, fellows. And thanks to all of you for the song and excitement! Many thanks for the cards, the calls, and the words of encouragement to help me celebrate these 91 years of blessings. Special thanks to Bruce and Mary Howey, who brought a lovely carnation from FCC. Actually, it's not bad to be ancient when you get all of this attention. Thanks! I am blessed with a wonderful church family.*

*The flowers on the lectern last Sunday, was my effort to show appreciation for the support of the church family.*

*Flo Mullis*

### ***Hey, Campers!! Sign up for camp!!***

**Mom, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa, Aunt or Uncle** - give the child or young person in your life the gift of sacred time, fun, fellowship, and new experiences at a session of church camp this summer. Call the church office, or the NEOLA Camp Registrar at (573)442-5815 for more information. You can also get forms and information at the Northeast Area website: [www.nearea.org](http://www.nearea.org).

**There is still space at camp, so don't miss out!**

**Special offer for Eighters:** You can still register at the discounted rate! This is a new camp in 2007 and we're excited about the response - youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade won't want to miss this camp experience.

### CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE 50 years ago in June, 1957

Members and friends of the congregation were invited to attend the wedding ceremony of **Marjorie DesCombes** and **Marcus Dyer**.

For the first time, ladies were formally elected to the Official Board as Deaconesses to serve 1, 2, 3, and 4 year terms respectively, then each year thereafter one lady was to be elected for a full four-year term: **Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. Jay Eller, Mrs. Hugh Gilkeson, Mrs. Ernest Mattingly..**

**Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rutherford** and their ten-year-old son, **Robert**, placed their membership, transferring from the First Christian Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Average attendance for the Vacation Bible School was 87 children in grades K-5. **Mrs. Ronald Watkins** served as Superintendent of the Kindergarten Department, assisted by **Mrs. Melvin Jenkins, Mrs. Mary Ruth Googe, Mrs. Wrayburn Carver, Mrs. Robert Tackett, and Mrs. Claude Bayless.** **Mrs. Charles Petersen** acted as superintended of the Primary Department, assisted by **Mrs. Kenneth Sartin, Mrs. Lou Comer, Mrs. Forrest Whitt, Mrs. E.T. Hutson, Jr., Mrs. George Whilhoite, Mrs. J.C. Sutton, and Mrs. Charles Bodenhamer.**



### **2007 Vacation Bible School June 25-28**

Vacation Bible School will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church this year from Monday, June 25, to Thursday, June 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Sun Treasure Island."

Jerry will be teaching the adult class on Monday evening, and our church needs to donate the desserts for Monday evening.



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**Come to Worship!**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

**Sunday**

**Sunday School (All Ages): 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship: 10:40 a.m.**

**Youth Ministries: 5:00 p.m.**

**Non-Profit Organization**  
**US Postage Paid**  
**Permit No. 138**  
**Warrensburg, MO**

Return Service Requested



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

**Name**

\*Family of Rex Hall

\*Prayers for those being deployed and family

**CWF Rummage Sale News!**

Starting June 4, the CWF will begin working on Monday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m.-12 noon on rummage sale items in the church basement.

# June Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Joey Wolf       | 16-Mike Burton      | 22-Russell Elsberry |
| 3-Joe Klein       | 16-Clayton Osborne  | 22-Gary Baldwin     |
| 5-Fred Wolff      | 17-Fran Mahon       | 23-Lorena Reynolds  |
| 6-Myla Laws       | 17-Peggy Baldwin    | 24-Margaret Neal    |
| 9-Emma Brockway   | 18-Paul Channels    | 25-Maurine Achauer  |
| 9-Donna Elliott   | 19-Vernon Elsberry  | 26-James Burrows    |
| 10-Steve Granger  | 20-Joni Turner      | 27-Ren DeShong      |
| 11-Greg Turner    | 20-Mason Good       | 28-Dylan Godfrey    |
| 12-Amanda Corbett | 21-Megan Maness     | 29-Joan Fitterling  |
| 13-Rosalie Elwell | 21-Brittany Gelbach | 30-Gabriella Starke |

**Happy Anniversary!**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-Anne & Brian Remlinger | 12-Wilella & Marion Baldwin |
| 6-Millie & Bill Burton   | 17-Judy & Larry Cammack     |
| 9-Ruth & Paul Channels   | 18-Cathy & Sam Jones        |
|                          | 23-Raylene & Charles Harbit |