

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.*



An Amazing Harvest!

Another great year for the Warrensburg Foods Resource Farm Project! First Christian, along with Sacred Heart Catholic Church, farmed 21 acres of soybeans in 2009. We produced 1,052 bushel and made \$9,478. We are grateful to Joe Dandurand for the donated land and to our farmers, David Tackett, Dale Slifer and Paul Osborne for their hard work farming, Clint Godfrey for combining, and we are also grateful to Roger Baldwin for the use of his truck. There are many others to whom we are grateful, but mostly to God for his blessings. We will send the profit from this sale to a country in Africa so that they might have the tools and seeds they need to make a living and feed their families and have clean water.

If you would like to get involved with this FRB project with your time or your donations, please call the church office.

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional
Service

Sermon Title

“Which is the Greatest?”

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

Sermon Scripture

Mark 12:28-34



The last two weeks we've looked at Baptism and Holy Communion. The next chapter is called "Disciples at Work."

Worship

The scriptures record that "Abraham moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre...and there he built an altar to the Lord." Those same scriptures record that Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom. The sharply contrasting decisions of Abraham and Lot reveal an ageless truth: to worship is a free choice.

The choice to worship has been exercised by all cultures in all ages, and the gods have been many. Throughout human history, religious bodies have found that careful attention to acts of worship can enrich the lives of a whole people.

The character of worship in New Testament times, as determined from limited evidence, was simple and unadorned. Offered in homes and on occasion in catacombs, early Christian worship consisted generally of fellowship, proclaiming the gospel, and breaking bread. As years passed, the style of worship took on the sophistication of ritual liturgy and was conducted in massive cathedrals by professional clergy. The character of worship among religious bodies today offers considerable variety, ranging from settings of elaborate high-church ritual to settings of simple and casual community gatherings, depending largely on local sociocultural presence.

Disciples' Traditions

Intent upon restoring the simplicity of New Testament worship, early leaders like Stone and Campbells wanted early Disciple churches to be Spartan in the design and construction of their church buildings and structure of their worship. The appearance of carpets, organs, crosses were not common until the late nineteenth century.

Worship services in early disciples churches generally included periods of praising God, reading the Bible, praying, taking an offering, sharing in the Lord's Supper, and hearing a sermon. These have remained the basic ingredients for worship for Disciples throughout our history.

More than all else, congregations are communities of worship. The moment of worship touches the core of our being where all issues are joined. It is a moment when we search for the deeper meaning of God, set our purpose in perspective, and sense a transformation of the self-centeredness that frustrates our best insights and highest resolves. It is a moment that expands our souls.

Disciples' Affirmations

In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose Kingdom has no end. Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever.

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

Attendance for October 25

Praise Service: 45
Sunday School: 45
10:40 Service: 105

Help a child or family have a bright, happy Christmas! *Project Shining Star* is the Christmas gift-giving program for current Catholic Charities' clients in Warrensburg. This gift-giving program invites groups, families, or individuals to sponsor a family for Christmas. A "wish list" is provided with gift-buying ideas in late fall. Gifts are delivered by case managers in early December. Suggested budget for each recipient is \$25-\$40. Contact Velina at 747-2241 or e-mail Project.Shining.Star@ccharities.com for more information or to receive wish lists.

Youth News!

6th -12th Grades

November Calendar

1-5 p.m.-Youth & Parent Meeting
8-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting
15-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting
20-7 p.m.-H.S. Play
22-5 p.m.-Youth Meeting
29-NO YOUTH

The youth thank all who donated candy for the Downtown Trick-or-Treat Event.

Salvation Army Needs Volunteers with Bell Ringing Campaign

Money raised in Johnson County through the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign is used year-round to provide help in emergencies to those in need. If anyone would be willing to help this holiday season by being a bell ringer, please call Oscar Robertson at 660-747-2576. Leave a message if no answer.

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE 50 years ago in November, 1959

Excitement was growing as the congregation grew closer to being able to begin building the planned Education Building. The first step, which involved the purchase of the adjacent property at a cost of \$30,000, had been completed for some time. In the second step, an architect's plan had been approved by the Board in June. The Building Fund Committee recommended that, in addition to the \$52,000 that was in the bank or invested, we needed approximately \$40,000 more to seek bids and begin the next step, construction. In order to reach that goal, all who previously made a three-year pledge were asked to extend that pledge for one more year; some members who had not yet completed their original pledges indicated their plan to do so, and new families who had not been solicited for pledges for the new building were asked to have a part by making pledges.

Please Donate Eyeglasses

Girl Scout troop 187 is collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses for Sight Night, a community service project sponsored by One Sight and Lions Club. The donated eyeglasses and sunglasses help people world-wide see, so that they can read and write. There will be a box in the church office where you can place your used eyeglasses and sunglasses. Girl Scout troop 187 will be by on November 1 to collect them. Thank you for your help and support.

Troop 187 Girl Scout Katelin Ritchhart

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank all who donated the Campbell and Best Choice barcodes. We collected 1,153 and sent them in. Thank you and please continue to bring in those barcodes.

Shirley Dougherty

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank the church for the beautiful flower I received for my birthday. I also want to thank Donna Elliott for nice visit.

Earl Uhler

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch before the service. Everything was delicious. Thank you, Jerry, for your visits, home communion, and the "Celebration of Life" service for Peggy. We appreciate the cards and donations to the Christian Church Building Fund and Johnson County Hospice. We are truly blessed to be a part of the First Christian Church.

The Family of Peggy Baldwin



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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

Janice Wolff
 Louise Kendrick
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed



Daylight Savings Time Is Ending Soon...
 Remember To Turn Your Clocks Back
 Saturday Night, October 31!!

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Jerry Miller | 14-Millie Burton | 19-Chloe Lemos |
| 1-Brenda Dooley | 15-Ruth Smith | 20-Rick Dooley |
| 1-Katie Smith | 15-Whitney Turner | 22-Travis Seigfreid |
| 2-Phil Shumard | 15-Marshall Good | 23-Michael Wakeman |
| 6-Austin Frandsen | 16-David Ritchhart | 23-Maggie Stuck |
| 7-Don Kendrick | 17-Faye Kimbley | 24-Toni Frandsen |
| 8-Teri Smith | 17-C.L. Holdren | 28-Marge Barry |
| 9-Cathy Jones | 18-Doris Schroeder | 29-Sanai Hayes |
| 12-Glenn Borum | 18-Brent Baldwin | 30-Hooley Lewis |

Happy Anniversary

- 1-Anita & Al Gosney
 22-Floyd & Ganna Walker
 3-Phyllis & Jerry Evans
 27-Connie & Roger Baldwin
 4-Carol & Scott Dunham
 5-Sharon & Robert Cochran