

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

Sunday's Sermon:

"C.P.R. for an Iguana"

1st Scripture Reading:

John 3:14-21

Sermon Scripture

Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Come to the Spring Safari CWF Annual Ham'n Bean Supper Sunday, March 22, 2009

5-7 p.m.

**First Christian Church
Christian Life Center
Adults: \$6, Children \$3**

Holy Week Events

Saturday, April 4, 6 p.m. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

6 p.m. - First Christian Church

6:30 p.m. - Episcopal Church

7:00 p.m. - Shiloh-Missionary Baptist Church

7:30 p.m. - Community of Christ

Palm Sunday-8:30 a.m. Praise &

10:40 a.m. Traditional Worship

5:00 p.m. Chi Rho/CYF Agape Meal in CLC

5:45 p.m. - Chi Rho/CYF Prayer Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday-Thursday 7 p.m.

Good Friday-6 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches in CLC

7 p.m. "Fire Proof" movie in CLC (*great for couples*)

Easter Sunday-7:30 a.m. Campbellite Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Praise Worship Led by Youth

**10:40 a.m. Traditional Easter Service &
Baptismal Service**



Let me lift up a couple of opportunities that are up coming in the life of First Christian. The first is the Elders’/Deacons’ retreat that will take place on Saturday, March 21. You still have time to sign up. This is a chance to get together with others from the other churches in our cluster. The cost is \$15 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. We will gather at a campground that is around Clinton from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have a nationally known Disciple pastor and author as our keynote speaker and will spend time in smaller groups. Please consider going to what I know will be a great day. Please let me or the office know very quickly.

We have also been invited to share in a work/worship event at the Rickman Center (our campground in the Ozark Lakes Area). The Rickman Center is in Jefferson City and hosts a variety of camps for all ages. This begins Friday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. and runs through Saturday, April 25, at 4:00 p.m. You can stay in the retreat center (motel-like rooms) for \$35 or in one of the cabins for \$15. Or, if you don’t want to stay Friday night, you can go down Saturday for the day. There will be a campfire Friday evening with worship and the general clean up/work around the camp on Saturday. Information is on the table outside the office. We need to have a count by April 5.

For meditation this week, please enjoy an email I got this week called “A Christian.”

A Christian

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, “You’d better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.” Then he thought, “Oh forget it; it’s only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a ‘gift from God’ and keep quiet.”

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, “Here, you gave me too much change.”

The driver, with a smile, replied, “Aren’t you the new preacher in town?”

“Yes” he replied.

“Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I’ll see you at church on Sunday.”

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, “Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.”

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test!

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Attendance for March 15, 2009

Praise Service: 51

Sunday School: 45

10:40 Service: ????

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

New First Christian Church Cookbook

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is going to publish a new First Christian Church Cookbook. In the seven years since the last cookbook, we have gained many new members who don't have those wonderful recipes, and the new members also have wonderful recipes to share. We plan to have the cookbook available by late October in time to be a Christmas gift, so we will need your recipes as soon as possible.

We would also appreciate a short note on what makes that recipe special. We would like to receive at least one recipe from each family—and even if it's the same as the last cookbook. There is an enclosed form to copy the recipes on, but it's not absolutely necessary. Just drop the recipes off or mail them to the office, and we'll collect them.

He is here!! Congratulations!

Noah Russel Cromer, 7lb 13oz 21" mother and child are doing fine he was born at 3:37 p.m. March 16.

Parents are: Rusty and Carrie Cromer Odessa, Mo.
Maternal Grandparents: John and Janette Howard Warrensburg, Mo.
Paternal Grandparents: George and Sandy Cromer Knob Noster, Mo.
Maternal Great Grandparents: Dennis and Louise Gillett St Joseph, Mo.

The **E. L. and Ruth Newton Trust** Committee invites church members who wish to earn an academic Baccalaureate college degree to apply for a 2009-2010 scholarship. Applications may be picked up in the church office. The guidelines for this scholarship are: members for at least three years; regularly attend First Christian Church; good moral character; a sincere desire to secure a college or university education on the undergraduate level; a record of scholarship and activities commensurate with ability. The completed application (including latest academic transcript, letters of recommendation, and personal letter of intent) must be received in the church office by Thursday, April 30, 2009 to be considered. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

Cluster 1 Rickman Workday Retreat

Friday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m.--

Saturday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Anyone who would like to attend the workday retreat, there are registration forms available on the table outside of the church office. Deadline for registration forms to be turned in is April 5. What a great opportunity for us to gather in God's creation as well as visit our region's retreat/camp center.

Chi Rho & CYF

March Calendar

22-4-7 p.m.-Eat and Serve @ Ham & Bean

29-5 p.m.-Games, Food, Lesson

Meal by Mary & Bruce Howey

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago in March, 1999

New members making their confession of faith on Palm Sunday were: **Ana-Ashli Baldwin, Johnathan Blevins, Bret Dooley, Brittany Gelbach, Garrett Good, Justin Jeffers, Meredith Quinn and Lauren Sellman. Lisa Cox and Lara Jeffers** joined by transfer. ---- Recognition was given in the newsletter to the following members who had perfect attendance at Sunday School during the preceding month: Preschool 1: **Dianne Maness** (Teacher), **Katelin Ritchhart** -- Pre-Kindergarten: **Jamie Dooley** -- Grades 1 & 2: **Vicki Granger** (Teacher), **Kyle Ritchhart, Jake Turner** -- Grade 3: **Wesley Maness** -- Grades 4 & 5: **Johnathan Blevins, Bret Dooley, Garrett Good, Whitney Turner** -- Chi Rho: **Shanna Files** (Teacher), **Megan Maness** -- CYF: **Debbie Haller** (Teacher), **Sarah Haller, Paul Howey** -- Genesis: **Barbara Brown, David Ritchhart** -- Free Spirits: **Brenda Blevins, Brenda Dooley, Connie Johnmeyer, Pat Turner** -- Open Door: **Noel Dougherty, Bill Elliott, Kay Elliott, Linda Hoover, John Sellman** -- Forty Niners: **Sammy Briscoe** -- Ad Eva: **Dorothy Daniel, Hayes, Finley, Joan Rickman, Margaret Roland, Scott Roland, Alma Smith, Don Tibbits** -- Officers: **Wally Brown**, Pastor; **Shirley Dougherty**, Secretary.



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**Come to Worship!
 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

George & Dottie Ross
 G.C. Simmons
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed



March Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 14-Debbie Haller | 20-Lee Younce |
| 14-Kameron Key | 21-Louise Kendrick |
| 17-Donna Hays | 22-Easton Burchard |
| 17-Jamie Dooley | 24-Garrett Osborne |
| 17-Caroline Smith | 25-Floyd Walker |
| 19-Cindy Gabel | 25-Vyrdel Basye |
| 20-Sam Jones | 26-Janet Ritchhart |
| 20-Noel Dougherty | 26-Christina Blevins |

Happy Anniversary

- 11-Toni & Jon Frandsen
 13-Megan & Jim Stuck
 17-Mary & Lee Younce
 23-Louise & Don Kendrick