

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.*



Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m.-Worship
Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m.-Maundy Thursday
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 8, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Campbellite Breakfast following in the CLC
10:40 a.m-Easter Service



Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.

Easter Morning at Tackett Lake

Come welcome in the sun on Easter morning. Chi Rho and CYF would like to invite you to come and join them as they tell the story of Easter.

Bring a lawn chair or just come and enjoy the youth and the sunrise.

If it happens to be raining on Easter morning, the youth will still have their sunrise service at the church.

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

**March 25:
"The Look of an
Eagle"**

1st Reading:
John 12:1-8
Sermon Scripture:
Philippians 3:7-14



Last week we had finished the historical portion of the disciples history. We now look at other aspects of our life as a church.

God

Disciples, while not given to defining God, usually think of God as Creator and as revealed through the life of Jesus Christ. Many writers cite transcendent human attributes such as a sense of moral obligation, the capacity to appreciate beauty, the power to love, and the ability to know justice, honesty, mercy, and happiness as rational proofs of the existence of God in persons. Disciples do not reject reasonable evidences of God's existence but neither do they limit their understanding of God to rational definition. They view God as beyond definition, transcending time and geography, greater than all the energies shooting through nature, and more than a magnification of human powers. To reduce God solely to rational proof eliminates the role of faith. Disciples affirm the reality of God in the world but resist the temptation to enclose God in human definition.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ was fully human, fully God. The historical circumstances of his life reveal the human Jesus. The presence of God in Jesus adds a dimension we recognize and confess through faith. The joining of God with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ forms the very heart of Christian faith. Although the question of Jesus Christ being divine or human or both confounds human wisdom, it is this union of humanity and divinity—the uniting of the historical Jesus with the Christ of faith into a single being—that expresses the fundamental claim of Christianity. The story of Jesus' life is well documented. It is the character rather than the biography of this man that is important. The very name "Jesus Christ" affirms that the historical life was united with the grace of God. The human Jesus died at the crucifixion, the Christ of faith was resurrected. It is this resurrection that provides for all generations the experience of faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Basye

The Worship Committee will be meeting on April 4, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the summer evening worship services.

Pastor's Class Notes

Sunday, March 25-Regular class at 6:00 p.m. **We will stay until 7:30 p.m.**, as we get ready for baptism on Easter Sunday.

Sunday April 1-Palm Sunday (No class or youth.)

Sunday, April 8-Easter-Those being baptized will be given instructions on March 25.

Any questions, call me at 660-441-2728.

Thanks,
Pastor Basye



Sunday Afternoons at the Farm

This Sunday, March 25, will start "Sunday Afternoons at the Farm." After that it will be on the first and third Sunday of every month. A bonfire will be started and the grill turned on at 1:00 p.m. If you attend the Organ Crawl, please come on out at its conclusion. Our purpose is to provide a time for Christian fellowship, and this will be oriented toward young adults and their families—but everyone is welcome.

From Highway 13, three miles North of Wal-Mart, turn West on Hwy OO for ¾ mile, then turn North onto 101 Rd and go one mile to 502 NW 101, The Dudley Farm.

Secret Place Devotionals

If you have picked up a copy of the devotional magazine and have had time to read it, we would like your comments on this material. Call the office or drop us a note.



March Chi Rho/CYF Calendar

- 25 5-7 p.m. Meeting, Finalize trip plans for Youth Weekend in Branson, and Sunrise Service practice.
Meal by the Elders
- 30 Time? Youth attending youth weekend meet at the church, time to be announced later.



March 25-April 1

- Sun. 25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Farm
2:00 p.m. Organ Crawl in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF
6-7:30 p.m. Pastor's Class
- Mon. 26 9:00 a.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tue. 27 2:45 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. DOC
7:00 p.m. Community Chorus Practice
- Wed. 28 6:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
- Thur. 29 5:00-8:00 NISSA Dinner in CLC
- Fri. 30 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bunch @ T.Den
1-6 p.m. Girl Scouts in CLC Lobby
- Sat. 31 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik/Music Room
- Sun. 1 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship
Coffee Fellowship in parlor
1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Farm



Thanks to everyone who helped to make last Sunday evening a success. No one went home hungry. There were many remarks how good the soups, ham and beans, slaw, pies and cornbread tasted. A special thanks to the youth who helped. We made right at \$1700 as of 3/20/07. Thank you from the CWF. (Pie plates can be picked up.)

Joyful Noise

The "Joyful Noise" offering for March and April will be donated to the Heifer Project. The Disciples are a partner in this ecumenical program. Animals are given to families in need of food and income sources. They are asked to give at least one of the animal's offspring to another family, so the circle gets wider and wider. The children have chosen to send rabbits. A "trio" - 2 females and one male cost \$60.00. The goal is one rabbit for each day of Lent. That would be 14 "trios" or \$840.00. The children are counting on you to help them send the rabbits. In 10 years, the 42 rabbits will have multiplied to 8950!! Rabbits take little space to raise, they can eat available garden and vegetable waste, so they don't cost much to feed, and they can supply the families with high-protein, low-fat fresh meat and a steady supply of income from the sale of the animals. Even their nitrogen rich manure can enrich the vegetable gardens or fish farms and earn extra income for the families. Please bring your loose change to church on Sunday to share in the Joyful Noise offering.



Spaghetti Dinner: Thursday, March 29, 5p.m.-8p.m. The National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner in the Christian Life Center to raise money for Operation Smile. This student organization is associated with the Department of Communication Disorders at the University of Central Missouri. They have chosen 'Operation Smile' as their philanthropic activity for 2006 and 2007. Operation Smile's volunteer medical professionals travel around the world to treat children suffering from facial deformities. Their efforts mean new smiles for thousands of children. Each 'gift' requires a \$250 donation to provide that surgery. For more information on Operation Smile you may check out their web site at <http://www.operationsmile.org/>. Tickets may be purchased in advance, Brenda Dooley will have them available at Church Sunday and Wednesday, or you may call the UCM Department at 543-4993 and arrange to have them delivered to you. They are \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Please help spread the word and support this group in their endeavor.

NATHAN'S QUEST

A Mother/Son Expedition, Ages 2-14

April 1, 2007, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Benson Center, Clinton MO.

Admission \$15 per Mom/Son, Call 660-885-3285 for info

The event will raise money to purchase Lego kits that will be donated to Children's Mercy Hospital in honor of Nathan.

Activities will include: Master Bull Whip Demonstration, Obstacle course, K.C. Science City, UCM Football Clinic, Miniature Golf, Dinosaur Dig, Pellet Rifles/Laser Shot, Fur & Trapping Exhibit, Mother/Son Photo, Minnow Dipping

*"Lily of Life"
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I wish to give a donation:

___ in memory of

___ in honor of

(Please print name in memory/honor of)

From: _____

(Please print your name)

You may either purchase a Lily for the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday or donate to a local organization. Make your \$10.00 check payable to First Christian Church and designate it "Lily of Life." Please complete a form for each memorial and/or honorarium. Indicate your designation below and return this form and check to the church office.

___ Food Pantry ___ Johnson County HELP ___ Survival ___ Lily for Easter Sunday

___ Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition ___ Warrensburg Foods Resource Bank Farm Project



Needs Help!

The Membership portion of the Evangelism and Membership Committee needs your patience and support.

When we were double-checking the 50-year members, we discovered that there were omissions. Apparently at the time the membership rolls were transferred from the manual ledgers to the automated computer system, not all the information was transferred. In addition, at some point, much of the transferred information was overwritten.

We have started the process to reconstruct the records, but it is a long process that will need the support of those with information that may be missing.

We will keep you posted, and ask for your help and patience while we complete the records.

Rich Dudley

Rickman Center Wish



1. New Air Conditioners for Lodge Motel rooms (\$125)
2. Funds for towels and linens (\$25 or more)
3. Walk-in freezer for kitchen (good used would be great.)
4. Contributions for chairs: (We need more!)
5. Laptop computer (no more than 2 years old) to use with video projector.

(We'll arrange transportation for larger items)
Call 866-635-0848

The Food Center Needs Canned Fruit.

JCECC

Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition (JCECC) is in the final planning stages of its organization.

The local agencies and churches are coming together as one to help meet the needs of the Johnson County people who are in need of assistance. Some of those agencies included are The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Johnson County HELP, Warrensburg Ministerial Association, United Way and others that want to join in, along with the area churches.

This Coalition will be a more effective way to help those in need in the Johnson County area. This will also help with the safety issue of the church secretaries, since those in need will be directed to go to either the Salvation Army or Catholic Charities for assistance. They have staff who are trained counselors and can assist in a more effective way. We will have a logo on our door to direct them there, and if they do come in we will give them a form with a map to get there.

We will be asking for everyone's support in making this an effective tool in Johnson County. In support, you can make checks payable to First Christian Church and in the memo write, Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition or JCECC and this will go on you regular giving statement and will be tax deductible. If you could give just \$5 a month, it would really help in our efforts to help those in need.

The Family of Marion Reynolds wishes to say Thank You to everyone for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during this time of sorrow.

Our special thanks to Pastor Bayse for having such a memorable and special service. We also want to thank the CWF for the delicious meal.

*God bless you all,
Betty Reynolds and Family
Milfred and Mary F. Hall*



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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.

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Return Service Requested



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

Name

*Noah (Grandson of Gary and Karen Love)

*Shirley Dougherty

*Prayers for those who are deployed

Come to the Organ Crawl!
Mike Quimby (Guide & Builder)
Sunday, March 25,
2:00 p.m.
Church Sanctuary

March Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

22-Easton Burchard

25-Floyd Walker

25-Vyrdel Basye

26-Janet Ritchhart

26-Christina Blevins

28-Steve McKinley

Happy Anniversary!

23- Don and Louise Kendrick

24-Philip and Brenda Dougherty