

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

**April 22:
"Do You Love the
Lord?"
1st Reading:
Acts 9:1-9
Sermon Scripture:
John 21:1-19**

Joyful Noise

A reminder that the Joyful Noise Offering from March and April is going to purchase rabbits through the Heifer Project. This project sends animals that can serve as food and income to families in developing countries. Everyone who receives a trio of rabbits commits to passing on a trio of the offspring so that the gift keeps giving. Our goal is 14 trios or \$840. In March we collected \$326.00, so we are almost 40% of the way there. Please bring your offering April 29, to help us reach the goal. Remember, in 10 years those 14 trios of rabbits will have produced 8960 rabbits to help feed and provide income for families.



Tea Party

Ladies of the First Christian Church

(Ages 2 weeks through 102 Years)

Are invited to a Tea Party

Saturday, May 5, 1:00 p.m.

in the Christian Life Center

*Please RSVP to Cindy at the Office or Peggy @ 747-7560
(What a great time for multi-generational fun! Don't have a grandma
or a granddaughter in Warrensburg? That's okay! We'll have
temporary adoptions available at the door!)*



April Calendar

- 22 5-7 Regular meeting, work on youth Sunday. Meal by Nita Good.
- 29 5-7 Regular meeting, work on youth Sunday. Meal by Nita Good.

Youth Camp News!

The April 15 discounted camp fee **deadline is extended to April 30**. Bring in your camp forms before the deadline to receive the discount.

Members only pay half of the fee and the church pays the other half. If there is additional financial needs, please let Jerry or Cindy know in the church office.

April 22-29

- Sun. 22 8:30 a.m. Elders' Mtg.
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship
Coffee Fellowship in the parlor
5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF and JYF
- Mon. 23 9:00 a.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tue. 24 8:30 a.m. JCECC Mtg. in CLC
2:45 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. DOC
- Wed. 25 7:00 p.m. Choir
- Fri. 27 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bunch @ T.Den
Evening -C.R. Prom Set up in CLC
- Sat. 28 8:00 a.m. District Pinewood Derby BS
Reserved All Day -C.R. Prom in CLC
10:00 a.m. KinderMusik
- Sun. 29 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship in parlor
12:00 p.m. VBS Staff Meeting @ Shiloh
5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF, and JYF



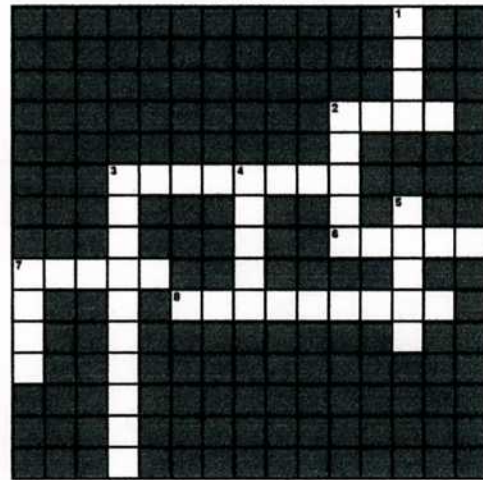
Doll Collections

ATTENTION!

If you have a collection of dolls, teapots or teacups that you would like to display at our "Tea Party" please call Peggy at 747-7560. We would appreciate your help in making this a really fun time! Thank you!



John 21

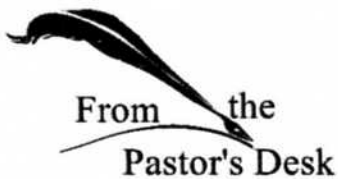


Across

- 2 Who was Simon's father?
- 3 By what sea did Jesus appear to the disciples?
- 6 What did Jesus ask Simon Peter to take care of for him?
- 7 When did the disciples go fishing?
- 8 Who came from Cana?

Down

- 1 What did Simon Peter say he was going out to do?
- 2 Who stood on the shore in the morning?
- 3 How many cubits was the boat from the shore? (3,7)
- 4 What side of the boat did Jesus say to cast their net?
- 5 Who dragged the net ashore?
- 7 How many more fish than a gross were in the net?



From the Pastor's Desk

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 Abraham¹¹ 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 preference.

Disciples Traditions

Intent upon restoring the simplicity of New Testament worship, early leaders like Stone and the Campbell's 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 Basye

Attendance Sunday, April 15

Sunday School: 55

Worship: 151



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

Name

- *Zelma Oechsli (Donna Elliott's Mother)
- *Wolff Family
- *Jim Tomlonson
- *Maddie Winger
- *Prayers for those being deployed and family

For Your Information!

Custodian's work hours have changed to the morning instead of the evening shift.

April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

- 20-Sherri Ellgass
- 21-Janice Wolff
- 21-Harland Osborne
- 22-Deke Alkire
- 23-Martha Smarr
- 25-Jon Frandsen
- 25-Brayden Godfrey
- 29-Courtney Files

Happy Anniversary!

- 20-Patricia & Duane Sterling
- 27-Charlene & Gilbert Droege
- 28-Mary F. & Milfred Hall