

# 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 15:**

**“A New Kind of Faith”**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

**Acts 5:27-32**

Sermon Scripture:

**John 20:19-31**

## Christian Life Center Loan Update

The trustees reviewed the following loan figures for the Christian Life Center at the April church board meeting. Our loan balance of \$574,694 is 41.6% of the cost of our new facilities.

Our monthly payment is \$6,100. In March 2007, \$3,278 was paid by church members on their pledges, which means \$2,822 was used from the trustees' checking account to make the monthly payment.

This second phase of the current pledge drive ends June 1, 2007, with enough pledged to make the payments through that date; however, a total of \$48,043 is unpaid. If you are not current in your commitment, we would appreciate your attempt to complete your pledge by June 1. We cannot continue to use the trustees' checking account indefinitely.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Last week in this column we looked at Disciples' views on baptism. It was an enthralling experience as six youths were baptized on Easter Sunday. It was truly one of the greatest experiences of my life. I was almost overwhelmed!

This week we'll begin with the Disciples' views on "The Lord's Supper."

In A.D. 54, a little community of believers at Corinth was urged by the Apostle Paul to rekindle the spirit and essence of the supper instituted by Jesus. Paul's compelling description of the Lord's Supper enshrined it as the most sacred tradition of the church. Known by many names-Holy Communion, Eucharist, Lord's Supper, Lord's Table-it is practiced across Christianity today with varying regularity and form.

In the late spring of 1811, a little community of believers at Brush Run, urged by Thomas Campbell, rekindled the spirit and origin of the Lord's Supper. Holy communion became the central element of worship. It is offered every Sunday and on special days such as Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday. It is administered by chosen members of the congregation, usually with an ordained minister presiding. The Lord is the host of the table and open to all who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The centrality of communion in the Disciples Church is further illustrated in the designation of the chalice as the focal point of our denominational symbol.

Participation in the sacrament of communion embraces a broad range of meaning.

- Through the sharing of bread and juice, we meet and receive the living Christ. We affirm the presence of the living Lord and proclaim him the dominant power in our lives.
- The Lord's Supper is an act of thanksgiving for the renewal of our lives through the forgiveness of God. Through the Lord's Supper, we pledge faithfulness and reaffirm the covenant of new life into which we entered at baptism.

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated in fellowship with all people of God.
- The Lord's Supper is a time of self-examination, personal confession of sin, and receiving God's forgiveness.
- Through this sacrament, we remember with profound gratitude and hope the death and resurrection of Christ. We recall the sacrifice of Christ's life and fix our hope upon the promise "until He comes again."

**Disciples Affirmation:**

**At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

Blessings,  
*Pastor Basye*

**Attendance for Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service: 50  
Breakfast: 85  
Sunday School: 52  
Worship: 214

**New Books**

New books have arrived. Thanks to Ruth Channels for donating four books and a cassette. "We Are Our Mother's Daughter" by Cokie Roberts, "A Walk on the Beach" by Joan Anderson, "Mr. Ives' Christmas" by Oscar Hijuelos, and "Girl Meets God" by Lauren Winner. If you like to listen to a book, check out this cassette: Billy Graham's classic "Peace With God."

Three new books have been purchased. Many of you have enjoyed Nicholas Sparks' books. "Three Weeks With My Brother" is a biography that will give you a good picture of the Sparks' family life. There are also two novels: "A Clearing in the Wild" by Jane Kirkpatrick and "The Shofar Blew" by Francine Rivers. These new books will be on top of the library desk so you can easily find them and check them out.



### April Calendar

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| 15 | 5-7 | Regular meeting, work on youth Sunday. Meal by the Dudleys. |
| 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!

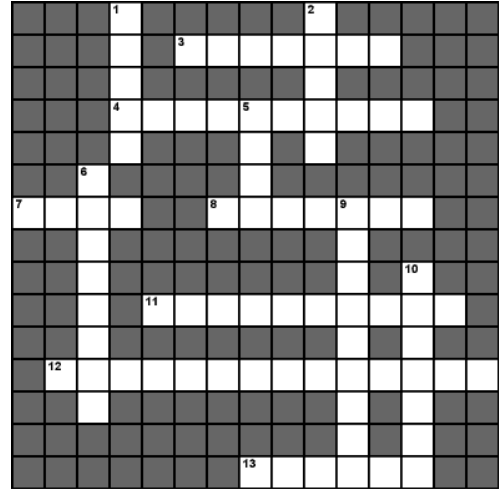
The April 15 discounted camp fee **deadline is extended to April 30.** Bring in your camp forms before the deadline to receive the discount. **Members** only pay half of the fee and the church pays the other half. If there additional financial needs please let Jerry or Cindy know in the church office.



### April 15-22

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| Sun. 15 | 8:30am N.C.D. Survey in the CLC<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:40 a.m. Worship<br>Coffee Fellowship in the parlor<br>1:00 p.m. Sunday at the Farm<br>2:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Service<br>5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF and JYF |
| Mon. 16 | 9:00 a.m. Bell Choir<br>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts   |
| Tue. 17 | 2:45 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>6:00 p.m. DOC   |
| Wed. 18 | 7:00 p.m. Choir  |
| Fri. 20 | 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bunch @ T.Den  |
| Sat. 21 | 10:00 a.m. KinderMusik<br>11:00 a.m. KinderMusik<br>4:30 p.m. PEO Game Night in BS<br>5:30 p.m. Optimist Game night in CLC   |
| Sun. 22 | 8:30 a.m. Elders' Mtg.<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:40 a.m. Worship Service<br>Coffee Fellowship in parlor<br>5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF, and JYF  |

### John 20, Crossword

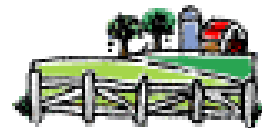


#### Across

- 3 What did Mary cry out when she recognized Jesus?
- 4 Who did Mary Magdalene run to when she found the empty tomb? (5,5)
- 7 Where had the burial cloth been on Jesus?
- 8 What are those who have not seen Jesus but believe?
- 11 What did Jesus give to the disciples when he breathed on them? (4,6)
- 12 What did Jesus say to the disciples twice on the evening of the first day? (5,2,4,3)
- 13 What did Mary see two of?

#### Down

- 1 What day of the week did Mary go to the tomb?
- 2 On leaving the tomb, where did Peter and the other disciple go?
- 5 What marks did Thomas wish to see?
- 6 Who did Mary think Jesus was when she first saw him?
- 9 When at the tomb, from what did Peter and the other disciple not understand?
- 10 What did they call Thomas?



### Sunday at the Farm

This Sunday, April 15

**The bonfire will be started and the grill turned on at 1 p.m.**

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



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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**

\*Zelma Oechsli (Donna Elliott's Mother)

\*David Odle

\*Prayers for those being deployed and family

**Warrensburg R-VI  
School District  
Kindergarten Screening  
April 19-21**

# April Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

13-Hanna Stillwell

25-Jon Frandsen

16-Raylene Harbit

25-Brayden Godfrey

17-Elizabeth Shumard

29-Courtney Files

18-Connie Baldwin

20-Sherri Ellgass

21-Janice Wolff

21-Harland Osborne

22-Deke Alkire

23-Martha Smarr

**Happy Anniversary!**

20-Patricia & Duane Sterling

27-Charlene & Gilbert Droege

28-Mary F. & Milfred Hall