

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.*

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional
Service

Sunday's Sermon:

"Famous Last Words"

1st Scripture Reading:

I John 3:1-7

Sermon Scripture

Reading:

Luke 24: 44-49

Tea Party



Hurry! Quick!

Don't be late!

May the 9th is the date!

Can't find a doll? Don't have a hat?

Not to worry—We thought of that!

Of spare hats, we have plenty,

Dolls and bears, we have many!

They're just as you come in the door!

Need a grandma, a mommy, a daughter or two?

How 'bout a sister? We have them too!

We have temporary adoptions from 1 until 4.

Like everything else; it's just inside the door.

Make it a special day for family and friends.

(Make some "tea party" memories that will never end.)

We want to set your place at our table,

So give us a call as soon as you're able.

Reserve your place today!

Just call Cindy at the church office or Peggy at 747-7560.

Please let the "little girl" in you come play "tea party"

with the "little girl" in us!

Don't miss the fun!

(Our sincere apologies to any poets in our midst!)



I lifted this up in church, but let me say a few words about what our youth have been up to and what they'll be doing in the next few weeks. Last Sunday evening they dressed up for a "McFormal" at McDonald's. They all looked great and had a great time. (C.L. Holdren even brought the limo and took everyone to McDonald's in style.)

Then, this coming weekend they are going to the Rickman Center (our church campground in Jefferson City) for a Friday night/Saturday retreat, workday. They'll have a campfire Friday night and then help get the camp ready for the summer. They will be joined by one or two other cluster churches, but we've had the best response. My thanks to the youth and the adult sponsors who will go. Much appreciated!

Then, the first weekend of May they will be very busy. They are going to participate in a "30-Hour Famine." This is a joint venture with five or six other churches. The kids will fast for 30 hours, do a lot of fun activities, camp out in cardboard shelters, and raise money for World Hunger. Please donate to this either when a youth asks or send a donation written to First Christian Church and in the memo write "30-hour Famine." Then, on Sunday, May 3, the youth will lead worship services. (Much thanks as Vyrdel and I will be in Iowa for Vyrdel's mom's 80th birthday.) We will honor our seniors at the 10:40 service, and then they'll have a cookout.

We appreciate this group so much. I want to thank everyone who made this a successful year—especially Kevin and Cindy and Larry and Donna.

For meditation this week, please enjoy a piece called: "Share Your Time."

Share Your Time

A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door. "Daddy, may I ask you a question?" "Yeah, sure, what is it?" replied the man. "Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?" "That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?" the man said angrily. "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy. "If you must know, I make \$20 an hour." "Oh," the little boy replied, head bowed. Looking up, he said, "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?" The father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours everyday and don't have time for such childish games." The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's questioning. How dare him ask such questions only to get some money. After an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think he may have been a little hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$10 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep son?" he asked. "No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy. "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier," said the man. "It's been a long day and I took my aggravation out on you. Here's that \$10 you asked for." The little boy sat straight up, beaming. "Oh, thank you daddy!" he yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some more crumpled up bills. The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at the man. "Why did you want more money if you already had some?" the father grumbled. "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. "Daddy, I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?"

Share some time with those who need you. They need our time more than we will ever know.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

Sunday, April 19

Praise Service: 50
Sunday School: 44
Traditional Worship: 112

Chi Rho & CYF

April Calendar

24-4 p.m. Leave Church for Rickman Center
Work Camp in Jefferson City.

25- 7-ish Arrive back at Wburg. First Christian.
Meal by William & Vivian Turnbow

No Youth on Sunday, April 26

29-6:30 p.m. Youth Rally for 30-hour Famine,
Meet at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

May Calendar

1& 2- 30-hour famine with area churches to raise
money for World Hunger and we will do local
mission projects.

3-10:40 Youth lead Worship/Honor Graduates

12 noon-Picnic at Shepard's Park-end of year!

Families of the youth are welcome, bring side
dishes. Meat and drinks provided by Phyllis &
Jerry Evans and CWF.

**Summer Camps and CRY Forms are in the
church office. Deadlines for camps is April 30,
2009 and the CRY deadline is May 16, 2009.**

Campbell Soup Labels

If you have been saving the barcodes from
Campbell Soup, please bring those in. Shirley
will get them ready to mail.

30-Hour Famine

The youth will be participating in the **30-hour Famine on May 1-2, 2009**. They will do this alongside many other youth from the First United Methodist, Grover Park Baptist, Sacred Heart Catholic and the Presbyterian Churches. We need donations to make this a successful event. They will participate in local mission projects, tribal games, building a cardboard tribal hut to sleep in, worship and end with a meal. Please help us feed the hungry children. The funds will be sent to World Vision. You may send checks to the church office and write them to the First Christian Church. In the memo line write "30-hour Famine" and they will be included on your giving statements.

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago in April, 1999

Many members participated in the planning and serving in Easter services: **Debbie Haller** wrote a script for the Sunrise Service presented by the Youth. **Dianne Maness** and **Shanna Files** helped organize the event. Breakfast following the service and brunch following the morning worship were each served by **Dave Tackett** and the Campbellite Ministry crew. Easter worship service was prepared by the Worship Committee, led by **Brenda Dooley**, with the following special features: Banners and flowers by **Shirley Dougherty**; cross for Gay Street by **Sam Briscoe**; the loaf by **Lisa Cox**; communion by **Mary Katherine Handy**. **Joe & Kelley Good** helped get children ready for baptism. **Bill Elliott** made crosses for members of the Pastor's Class. Special music was performed by **Sara Haller, Megan Maness, Ren Deshong, Gary Love, Chancel Choir** and **Bell Choir**. - - - The children of **Bill & Kay Elliott** extended an invitation to the congregation to a reception in the Church Parlor in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Wanted!

Dolls, Doll Houses, Teapots, Teacups,
Tea Sets, Etc...
Call Peggy at 747-7560

Capital Campaign Update GOD HAS ANSWERED PRAYERS

Gary Grisby has volunteered as the chairperson for the fourth Capital Campaign to begin this summer. Please congratulate Gary and put your full support behind him. In the next weeks, Gary will be putting together a team. Pastor Jerry, Gary and I will be asking for members to be part of this team. Thank you Gary for your willingness to step forward as we pursue the direction God leads us. Remember, this will be a three-year campaign and pledging will begin July 1.

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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

Maurine Achauer
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed



April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

6-Sarah Haller	11-Charles Harbit	21-Janice Wolff
7-Kit Lindsay	11-Vicki Granger	21-Harland Osborne
8-Pat Sterling	13-Hanna Stillwell	21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid
9-Nancy Huff	16-Reylene Harbit	23-Martha Smarr
9-Chuck Owings	17-Liz Shumard	25-Jon Frandsen
10-Kay Elliott	18-Connie Baldwin	25-Brayden Godfrey
10-Sharon Cochran	20-Sherri Ellgass	29-Kerry Tappin

Happy Anniversary

1-Carrie & Casey Laws
 1-Kay & Bill Elliott
 20-Pat & Duane Sterling
 28-Mary Frances & Milfred Hall