

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



## First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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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 8:  
"No Plastic Easter"**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
**Acts 10:34**  
Sermon Scripture:  
**Luke 24:1-12**



Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m.

Easter Morning at Tackett Lake

Come welcome 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 have the sunrise service at the church.

*Campbellite Breakfast in the Christian Life Center  
7a.m.-9:30a.m.*



*Bring a flower to add to the cross.  
(real or artificial)*

**The Easter Worship Service is at 10:40 a.m.**





We are about halfway through our look at the book “A Handbook for Today’s Disciples.” We move now to the chapter called “Disciples and the Sacraments.” This is very appropriate as we approach Easter Sunday and six of our young folks continue their spiritual journey by being baptized.

Over 2,000 years ago Jesus stepped into the waters of the river Jordan and was baptized. This event essentially marked the beginning of His ministry. With that seemingly simple act, Christ instituted a holy sacrament that has grown complex in meaning and diverse in form.

#### Disciples Traditions:

In 1812, Alexander Campbell, along with his wife, mother, and father were immersed in Buffalo Creek in the hills of Western Penn. The act resulted from careful study and Campbell’s conclusion that persons baptized in New Testament times were responsible believers and were immersed. By consensus rather than formal declaration, those who founded the Disciples movement rejected infant baptism and adopted immersion as the accepted form. For many years there was great debate about whether or not to have fellowship with those who had not been immersed. Ultimately, the moderate views of Barton Stone prevailed, with the acceptance of mutual recognition for all who are baptized into Christ and belong to the people of the one God.

Disciples believe the baptismal ceremony marks the line between church and the world. Baptism is seen as a rite of the church that is conferred rather than chosen. The primary act is God’s and we respond to it. The sacrament of baptism assures us of the grace of God as divine love touches us personally, cleanses us of sin, relieves the burden of guilt, claims us for a new life, and ordains us to serve in Christ’s name. The following are five sentences that tell us about Disciples thoughts on baptism:

- Baptism is a transaction between God and the soul.
- Baptism reenacts the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
- Baptism purges all things that have diminished the life of our spirit.
- Baptism brings us into the fellowship of the church.
- Baptism creates a bond linking us to all people of God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Basye

## **We Are Growing!**

**Our attendance is steadily growing!  
We went from an average of 120 per Sunday to now an average of 160!! So come and join us because we want you to be part of our fellowship with Christ.**

### **CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE 50 years ago in April, 1957**

A number of new members were added to the congregation. Membership placed by transfer included: **Mr. & Mrs. George St. Ores, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Revels, Misses Lucy and Dora Crane, and Mrs. Jenny Flynn.** The following young people made their Confession of Faith and were baptized: **Mickey Revels, John Kelley, Bart Richards, Bob Garrison, James Wilckens, Ricky Roland, Dallas Smith Corum, David Comer, Gary Baldwin, Barbara Comer, Linda Little, Pamela Dyer, Mary Ann Shackelford, Cindy Wegener, Carolyn Petersen, John R. Foster, Janice Moorehead, and Donna Young.**

### **First Quarter Stewardship Report**

<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$51,386.04</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b><u>49,436.20</u></b>
	<b>\$ 1,949.84 difference</b>

**The pledged giving is at 100% for the month of March! WONDERFUL!**

*We have a great church family. Thank you for your cards, calls, visits and prayers while I was in the Hospital. Thanks to Jerry and Joan for their visits.*

Shirley Dougherty



### **April Calendar**

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| 7  | 9:30am-Sunrise Service Practice at the lake if weather permits, or at the church.                           |
| 8  | 5:30am-Meet at the lake or church depending on the weather. 6:30 Sunrise Service. No youth mtg. in the p.m. |
| 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.   |



### **April 8-15**

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| Sun. 8   | 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Tackett Lake<br>7-9:30am Breakfast in the CLC<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:40 a.m. Easter Service<br>No Youth Meetings  |
| Mon. 9   | 9:00 a.m. Bell Choir<br>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  |
| Tue. 10  | 2:45 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>6:00 p.m. DOC  |
| Wed. 11  | 8:00 a.m. Ministerial Mt. @ Episcopal<br>11:00 a.m. Cluster I Ministers Mtg.<br>7:00 p.m. Choir   |
| Thur. 12 | 9:30 a.m. CWF in parlor   |
| Fri. 13  | 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bunch @ T.Den<br>6-12 p.m. Girl Scout Event   |
| Sat. 14  | 10:00 a.m. KinderMusik<br>11:00 a.m. KinderMusik  |
| Sun. 15  | 8:30 a.m. Natural Church Dev. Survey<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:40 a.m. Worship Service<br>Coffee Fellowship in parlor<br>1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Farm<br>5:00 p.m. Chi Rho, CYF, and JYF |

## **WOW WHAT A TRIP!!!**

Last weekend we had 23 youth and 10 adults go to Silver Dollar City for Youth Christian Weekend, Rebel with a Cause. We left the church on Friday evening and arrived at our hotel in Branson around 9:00 p.m. We checked in and then some of the youth went swimming. We had a full day at Silver Dollar City on Saturday with music and workshops scheduled throughout the day. On Saturday afternoon we enjoyed a rally with music with Matthew West and speaker Pete Newman. Saturday evening was pizza with more swimming and fun. On Sunday morning we attended worship with Joe White and music by Charlie Hall. With great weather we stayed at Silver Dollar City until 2:00 p.m. By the time we got on the road we got back to Warrensburg by 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening. We had a great weekend with great weather and loads of fun.

I want to thank all the adults who went to help. Trips like this would not take place without your help. Our youth are fantastic and all had a great time. With the adult help and our great youth, I hope we can do more trips in the future. Please make sure you ask our youth about the fun time at Rebel with a Cause.

We are looking forward to this summer when our youth can pick from a variety of camps to attend. Please support our youth so we may grow great leaders for the future.

### **Family Caregiver Workshop Offered**

If you have a family member or friend who needs care in a home setting, plan to attend a Family Caregiver Workshop. This workshop, offered at no charge, is designed to provide caregivers with effective training in non-disease specific basic care giving skills. Sponsored by Care Connection for Aging Services, Johnson County Community Health Services, and the Warrensburg Area Career Center. Workshop dates are: April 5 from 8-11a.m. and 12-3 p.m. for full day session. May 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (part 1) and May 8 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Part 2.) All sessions will be held at the Warrensburg Area Career Center, 205 S. Ridgeview Drive.



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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**

\*Noah (Grandson of Gary and Karen Love)

\*David Odle

\*Prayers for those being deployed and family

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

# April Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

7-Kit Lindsay

8-Patricia Sterling

8-Marshall Erisman

9-Nancy Huff

10-Warren Pettigrew

10-Kay Elliott

10-Sharon Cochran

11-Charles Harbit

11-Vicki Granger

13-Hanna Stillwell

16-Raylene Harbit

17-Elizabeth Shumard

18-Connie Baldwin

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!**

7-Mickey & Don Patterson

20-Patricia & Duane Sterling

27-Charlene & Gilbert Droege

28-Mary F. & Milfred Hall