

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.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional Service

Sunday's Sermon:
"He Is Risen!"

1st Scripture Reading:
Acts 10:34-35

Sermon Scripture Reading:
Matthew 28:1-10

Holy Week Events

Easter Sunday-7:30 a.m. Campbellite Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Praise Worship Led by Youth

10:40 a.m. Traditional Easter Service &
Baptismal Service

We will be flowering the Cross so bring your flowers!

Monday, April 13!

Thanks for the recipes so far. The recipes sound great! We really need a recipe from each family. Guys don't let the gals scare you off! Guys have good recipes too!

We need to have all the recipes in by Monday, April 13, the Monday after Easter.

**Ladies of the First Christian Church
(Ages two weeks through 102 years)**

It's once again

"TEA PARTY Time"

So take your hats out of the closet, your dolls off the shelf, invite your family and friends and get ready for a good time!

Saturday, May 9, at 1:00 p.m.

In the Christian Life Center "Tea Room"

Light refreshments will be served.

**Please RSVP to Cindy at the church office or Peggy at 747-7560 by
Tuesday, May 5.**

**To those of you who couldn't come last year—don't miss the fun
this year!**

**The Joyful Noise collection raised \$114 to go to
Johnson County HELP.**



As we approach Easter Sunday, it's a good chance to stop and think about how important this day is to us. As Christians, it is central to who we are.

Easter is the most important religious feast in the Christian year. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which Christians believe occurred on the third day after his crucifixion around A.D. 33. Easter also refers to the season of the church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season. Traditionally the Easter Season lasted for the forty days from Easter Day until Ascension Day but now officially lasts for the fifty days until Pentecost.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism but also for its position in the calendar. The Last Supper shared by Jesus and His disciples before His crucifixion is generally thought of as a Passover meal. It is at this final meal that Jesus institutes Holy Communion with the breaking of the bread and sharing the wine.

Easter Sunday is all about resurrection, rebirth, and the greatest gift ever given. For through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are given the promise of eternal life if we will repent, believe, and receive this wonderful gift. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, if you haven't done so already.

You may have seen the email circulating about how and when Easter happens, as it's not the same date each year. This is interesting:

- As you may know, Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20)
- This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Last year was the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!) And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

- The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)
- The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it than last year!

It's also interesting to note that the latest Easter can be is April 25. That last happened in 1943 and will not again until 2285. However, it will fall on April 24 in 2011. The cycle of Easter dates repeats after 5,700,000 years, with April 19 being the most common date.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

Sunday, April 5

Praise Service: 65
Sunday School: 55
Traditional Worship: 142

Summer Sunday School

Volunteers are needed for Summer Sunday School from May 31 through August 30, 2009. If you are interested in one or more Sundays, please call Dianne Maness at 747-7334.

Chi Rho & CYF

April Calendar

- 12- 8:30 a.m. Lead Easter Praise Service
19-5 p.m.-McFormal, meet at church, Meal by
CWF and Phyllis and Jerry Evans
24-4:00 p.m. Leave Church for Rickman Center
Work Camp in Jefferson City.
25- 7-ish Arrive back at Wburg. First Christian
No Youth on 26th!
29-6:30 p.m. Youth Rally for 30-hour Famine

May Calendar

- 1& 2- 30-hour famine with area churches to raise
money for World Hunger and a local food drive.
3-10:40 Youth lead Worship/Honor Graduates
12 noon-Picnic at Shepherds Park-end of year!
Families welcome, bring side dishes, meat
Provided by Phyllis & Jerry Evans and CWF.

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

50 years ago in April, 1959

A good number of new members were added to our congregation this month. New members who made the Confession of Faith were **Mr. & Mrs. William Brown** and their son, **George**; **Mr. & Mrs. James Allen**; **Mrs. William Baker** and daughter **Carla Sue**; **Connie Bodenhamer**, **Karen Bodenhamer**, and **Daryl Bodenhamer**; **Mike & Judy Brown**, **Roger Baldwin**, **Cathy Coonrod**, **Claudette Bayless**, **Richard Corum**, **Harry Davis**, **Nancy Keller**, **Jan Kreissler**, **Kenneth Markwell**, **Eddie Munkres**, **Sharrell Petersen**, **Lynn Mac Ramsey**, **Mark Revels**, and **Ann McCory**. All who made the Confession of Faith on Easter morning were baptized in the afternoon, except **Ann McCory**, who was baptized at a later date. **Mrs. Ercil Harrison**, **Mrs. Nelle Crane** (mother of **Mrs. Don Berry**) and **Mrs. Mary E. Best** (mother of **Lee Best**) joined by transfer of membership.

Hello from Guam!!!

So...it has been awhile since I have last written, and thought I would fill everyone in on how life for the Holters is going! We are definitely keeping busy and planning for baby Tyler to arrive in about a month. Larry has changed jobs and is the Resource Advisor for the Maintenance Group. He still does finance, but was hand picked for this job. I am very proud of him and he really, really likes it. I am still working Monday through Friday at the Child Development Center in a very busy preschool room....they like to wear me out everyday! They are funny and like to ask tons of questions about the baby and when they will be able to see him. We have decided that when the baby is born, I am going to stay at home and be a stay at home mom for awhile which I am looking forward to. I can spend time with Tyler and our dog wouldn't mind all the attention either! We have made some really good friends that we hang out with almost every weekend to help keep us busy. The weather here is getting ready to change into the rainy season, but the temperature is still the same...80-90 degrees everyday. But other than that, we are doing good, just passing the time till Tyler comes and the family comes to visit us. Hope all is well in Warrensburg and thanks for everyone who still sends emails (even when I don't write back..Sorry..I still love them all!!). Talk to everyone again soon!!!

-Megan

I'd like to thank everyone who remembered my birthday with cards and greetings. Also a thank you for the BIG surprise-it helped to make my birthday a really good one.

Vyrdel

Thank you church friends for the beautiful carnations we received to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Your thoughtfulness certainly helped us enjoy the date. Thanks also to Mary Howey for delivering the flowers and visiting with us.

Kay & Bill Elliott

Initiating a New Capital Campaign for Funding the Christian Life Center

Results from the April 1 board meeting resulted in a majority vote to initiate a fourth capital campaign for the Christian Life Center. This will be a three-year campaign. New pledging will begin July 1. We will need volunteers to be involved in organizing and running the campaign. Prayerfully consider your involvement as a volunteer. We need 8-10 volunteers.

Greg



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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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Return Service Requested



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

Name

George Ross
 Jessica Radford (Betty Kunkel's daughter)
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed

Spring is here!!

Mowing and yard work. Reasonable rates. Call Kyle Ritchhart at 747-1872.

April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 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