

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:
"Eating Cold Grits"

1st Scripture Reading:
23 Psalms

**Sermon Scripture
Reading:**
John 14:1-7



Tea Party

Just a Reminder, It's Tea Party Time!

Saturday, May 9, is the big day!

Dolls, teacups and doll houses are the news!

Hope you have made plans to be with us!

The doors will open at 1:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

Finger sandwiches, desserts and beverages.

There are a few places left, so if you would like to attend, please call
Cindy at the office or Peggy at 747-7560.

Don't be left out—let's be little girls again!



Mothers Day Dinner

Campbellite Ministries Dinner

**Come and treat your mothers to a fabulous meal. There will be
fried chicken, baked chicken, lasagna, mashed potatoes, gravy,
corn, homemade bread, dessert and drinks.**



I want to thank everyone who made last Sunday such a success as we celebrated Youth Sunday. I had the pleasure of listening to the service on Monday. It was great to listen to the youth boldly speak up for our Lord, Jesus Christ. This service was well planned and well done. We are so blessed by this group and their leadership, Kevin and Cindy Howard. They've had a great year and I look forward to seeing this group grow in numbers and spirit in the years to come. We also had a great representation in the 30-hour Famine. Youth from several area churches did not eat for 30 hours. They camped out in make-shift cardboard dwellings and then did community service projects all day on Saturday.

I feel like this was a great experience. Our kids knew what hunger felt like, what it was to be "homeless," and what it was to be helpful without getting anything in return. If you'd still like to contribute, please mark an envelope or check for "World Hunger."

Vyrdel and I were in Iowa for her mom's 80th birthday open house. It was a great day for a great lady. Delores had a stroke ten years ago and has been in a care facility since. She may not have left-side movement, but her sweet spirit has always remained. Thanks for allowing us the time away. In Delores' honor, please enjoy: "Grandma's Hands."

Grandma's Hands

Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands.

When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was o.k.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was o.k. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," she said in a clear voice strong. I didn't mean to disturb you, grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were o.k.," I explained to her.

"Have you ever looked at your hands," she asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making.

Grandma smiled and related this story: "Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote my letter to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse. They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandma's hands and led her home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face. *Author Unknown*

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

April Church Financial Report

Income

General	\$21,283.50
Outreach	1,275.71
Building	4,286.00

Expenses

General	\$20,269.18
Outreach	1,563.45
Building	5,927.00

10:40 Attendance, Youth Sunday, May 3

Praise Service: 40
Sunday School: 44
Traditional Worship: 147

You're Invited
A Graduation Reception for
Jake Turner
May 16, from 12-3 p.m.
@ Savannah Commons
Club House
1213 Half-Day Drive
Warrensburg, MO.

YOUTH

Summer Camps and CRY Forms are in the church office. You may still register for summer camps but you will pay a late fee. CRY deadline is May 16, 2009.

CRY will be July 20-23, 2009 at Culver Stockton College in Canton, MO.

For youth who have completed the 8th grade through senior year of high school.

CRY Theme: Pieces

The church will pay half for members.

Joyful Noise News!

The April 26th Joyful Noise offering received **\$98.89 and will go to Survival House.**

The next Joyful Noise offering will be collected on May 31 and will go to the Food Pantry.

Thank you for all your contributions.

30-Hour Famine

We Did It!! We Were Hungry!!



Thanks to the prayerful and financial support of our congregation, we completed our 30 Hour Famine! It wasn't easy...but we had a fantastic time.

Best of all, we raised over \$1200, which can help feed and care for a little over 3 children for a whole year! That's a pretty incredible accomplishment on their behalf. Thank you for your contributions!



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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

The McCloud Family
 The Culp Family
 The Younce Family
 Lesa Logan
 Cecil Cox
 Maurine Achauer
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed



May Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

2-KatelinRitchhart	11-Georgia Frizzell	24-Jerry Evans
5-Kathryn Owings	13-Sampson Stillwell	24-Casey McNeel
5-Jeanne Nichols	15-Tom Neal	25-Karen ODell
7-Phyllis Evans	15-Jacelyn Laws	25-Natalie Good
7-Katy Klein	17-Ana-Ashli Baldwin	26-Flo Mullis
9-Brenda Blevins	17-Earney Burchard	27-Marge Dyer
9-Tyler Wiss	18-Merideth McNeel	28-Pam Owings
10-Shirley Hare	19-Kelley Good	28-Mary Martin
10-Mary Ruth Googe	22-Jackie Shumard	29-Tammie Crabtree
		29-Garrett Good

Happy Anniversary

4-Donna & Larry Elliott	18-Renee & Allen Shackelford
6-Teri & Matt Smith	23-Jeanne & Nick Nichol
6-Jane & Norman Russell	28-Kelley & Joe Good
10-Mary Jay & Gene Lang	30-Yvonne & Dale Slifer
17-Louise & Russell Elsberry	