

# 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.*



### **2007 Vacation Bible School June 25-28**

Vacation Bible School will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church this year from Monday, June 25, to Thursday, June 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m. The theme this year has changed to "Adventure of The Treasure Seekers."

Jerry will be teaching the adult class on Monday evening, and our church will donate the desserts for Monday evening.

### **CRY 2007 "Disciple Spirit"**

Registration time is now for CRY 2007 for July 16-19 at Columbia College. Youth who completed 8th through 12th grades are eligible to attend. If you did not get a form in the mail, go to [www.mid-america-disciples.org](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org) or call the church office for one. Deadline is July 6 and there is a limit of how many people can attend this year. So get your forms in now. The church will pay half of the registration for church members so your payment will be \$77.50. If you have any questions, please call Dianne or Megan at 747-7334.

Thanks,  
Dianne

**Come to worship  
this Sunday at  
10:40 a.m.  
Invite friends and  
family.**

**June 24:  
"Three Promises"**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Luke 24:44-53**

**Sermon Scripture:  
Acts 1:1-11**



Two weeks ago we began to look at church structure as it pertains to the Disciples. We continue now and look at how the laity works within the church.

An emerging lay element marched with the religious awakening through Protestantism during the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Due to the separation of church and state, which brought dependence upon church membership for financial support, laypersons exerted new initiatives and more accorded increasingly significant roles in the life of the church. The laity became particularly active in the Sunday School movement, the development of Bible societies, and the creation of Christian associations. So strong did laity become that some theologians referred to the development as the age of “lay Christianity.” The principle of the “Priesthood of all believers” suddenly moved from abstract theological discussion to a practical reality.

Disciples Traditions:

The Stone-Campbell movement was born at the zenith of the awakening with its accompanying emancipation of laity. Disciples and Christians alike enshrined the principle of lay sovereignty in their congregations. Recognizing a less than slight distinction between laity and clergy, the early reformers empowered members of the congregations to administer the Lord’s Supper, to teach, to preach and to hold the primary office of elder in their congregational structure.

As national structures evolved from the search to help congregations cooperate with each other in broader purpose, Disciples laymen and laywomen were frequently chosen to lead and to administer. Local governing boards and the eldership of each congregation continue to be composed of and led by laity. The highest elective office in the DOC is the moderator, an office filled as often by laypersons as ministers, which is evidence that the “priesthood of all believers” is a serious matter with Disciples.

So, who composes the laity of the DOC In general, a reasonable cross section of the middle class? The church is “divine in intention and human in organization,” and each generation of the church becomes a contemporary incarnation. First, last, and always, Disciples affirm that the church is people.

Disciples Affirmations:

Within the whole family of God on earth, the church appears wherever believers in Jesus Christ are gathered in his name.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Basye*

**Attendance Sunday, June 17**

Sunday School: 30  
Worship: 139

Coffee Fellowship

If you would like to help with refreshments for coffee fellowship, call the church office or Richard or Peggy Dudley.

**A Warm Welcome  
To Our New Members!**

On Sunday, June 17, we had four new members join our church family:

Tim Duchon  
June Duchon  
Mike & Donna Bodenhammer

Courtyard Worship



**Come to a relaxed contemporary service**

***EVERY THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M.***

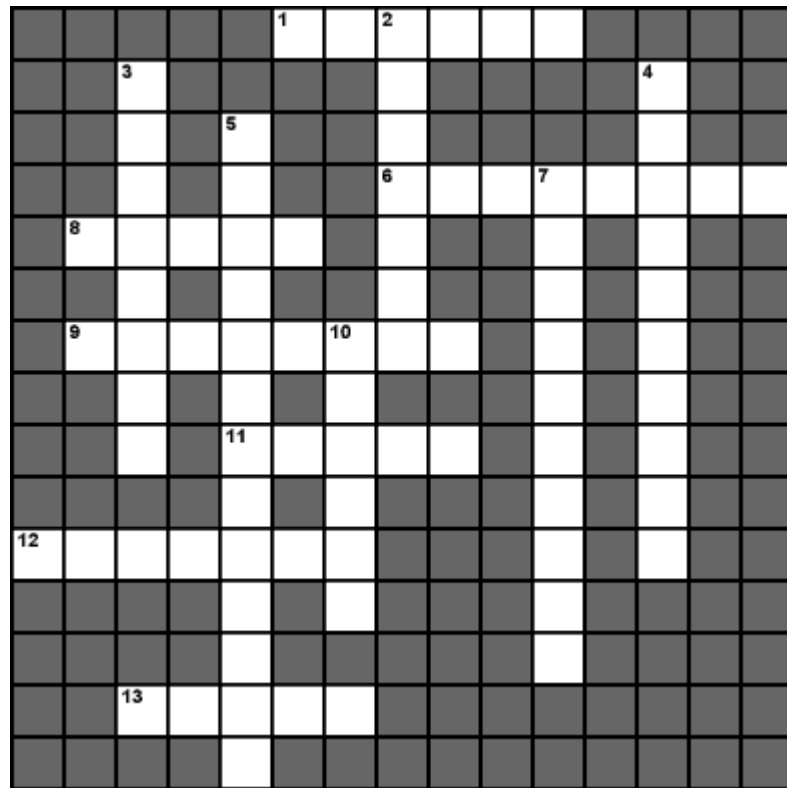
**All ages are welcome,  
Bring friends & invite someone you don't know!**

**(We have averaged 50 in attendance so far.)**

Acts 1 (Taken from this Sunday's Sermon Scripture.)

**Across**

- 1 Who was not chosen to replace Judas?
- 6 One of the James was the son of who?
- 8 What hid the rising Jesus from the apostles?
- 9 Who was chosen to replace Judas?
- 11 For how many days did the risen Jesus appear to the apostles?
- 12 Where did the two men who stood next to the apostles come from?
- 13 What did Judas buy with his reward?



**Down**

- 2 Apart from Jerusalem where would the apostles be witness?
- 3 What did they call the place where Judas died?
- 4 What former book had been

- 5 What was the place they returned to Jerusalem from a day's walk away? (5,2,6)
- 7 What did Jesus say the apostles would be baptised with? (4,6)

- 10 The apostles asked the Lord would restore the kingdom of what?



**2007 Foods Resource Bank  
Warrensburg Growing Project**

Our soybeans are in the ground and already sprouted! We had half of our seed donated this year from the Weigand family and we purchased the other half from them as well. We need donations to help with the seed cost and fuel cost. Mark the memo area of your check FRB. Thank you so much for helping eliminate world hunger.



**Dave Tackett planting the 2007 soybean field for  
Foods Resource Bank,  
Warrensburg Growing Project.**

(not pictured in the planting picture is Dale Slifer, who also helped with the farming.)

**Third in a series of visionary moments presented as part of the Building Fund Campaign.**

## **Parable of the Pencil**

As the Pencil Maker was putting the last pencil into the box, he held the pencil up and spoke to it.

“Before I send you out into the world, there are three things you need to know,” he told the pencil. “Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.”

“One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone’s hand.”

“Two: The most important part of you will always be what is inside.”

“Three: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what, you must continue to write.”

The pencil understood, promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

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Now mentally replace the image of the pencil with the image of First Christian Church. First Christian is the pencil. God is the Pencil Maker and He is talking to us;

“Always remember these three things, and never forget, and First Christian will become the best representative of God’s Kingdom we can be.”

“One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God’s Hand, and allow others to access Him by opening our doors.”

“Two: The most important part of this Church will always be what’s on the inside; Us, God’s love, and the Good News of Jesus Christ with its message of love, compassion, and service”

“Three: On every person or issue we touch, we must leave His mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to fulfill God’s will.”

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The Parable of the Pencil brings home the message that we are God’s people and His followers. Only we can fulfill His purpose to which this church was called;

To Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and Expand the Kingdom of God.

(If you did not get one of these FCC pencils and want one, stop by the church office to pick up one **or** call and it will be delivered to you.)

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**You should have received a letter, a brochure, and a pledge card in the mail from the Building Fund Campaign Committee within this past week.**

**Please prayerfully reflect on the Building Fund Mission to S.E.E.K.;**

**Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ**

**Express a growing faith**

**Equip believers for ministry**

**Keep His Spirit moving in the community**

**as you offer your Building Fund Pledge up in worship on June 24, 2007.**

# Adventure of the Treasure Seekers!



June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** *Shiloh Baptist Church*  
**When:** *June 25 – June 28, 2007*  
**Time:** *Supper: 5:30pm-6:15 pm*  
*VBS: 6:15pm-8:15 pm*  
*Adult Bible Class: 6:30pm-8:00pm*

**Promise:** *GOD LOVES YOU!*  
**Memory Verse:** Psalm 103:8 NIV – “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.”  
**Bible Story:** Ruth 1: 1-22 – *Ruth and Naomi*  
**Mission Offering:** Warrensburg Food Pantry - Please bring non-perishable food items.  
Adult Bible Study: Rev. Jerry Basye  
First Christian Church

Dessert provided by:  
TUESDAY – June 26<sup>th</sup>

**Promise:** *GOD KNOWS YOU!*  
**Memory Verse:** First Samuel 16:7b NCV – “God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart.”  
**Bible Story:** First Samuel 16:1b-13 – *A Shepherd Becomes King*  
**Mission Offering:** Bittersweet Place for Grieving Children – Please bring coins for the offering.  
Adult Bible Study: Rev. Al Jewson  
Christ Episcopal Church

Dessert provided by:  
WEDNESDAY – June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Promise:** *GOD FORGIVES YOU!*  
**Memory Verse:** John 3:16 NRSV – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”  
**Bible Story:** Luke 15:11 – 24 – *The Forgiven Son*  
**Mission Offering:** Support for Asha Kendall – Please purchase a bracelet - \$4 adults, \$2 children  
Adult Bible Study: Rev. Terrence Moody  
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Dessert provided by:  
THURSDAY – JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

**Promise:** *GOD IS WITH YOU!*  
**Memory Verse:** Matthew 28:19a NRSV – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”  
**Bible Story:** John 20:19 –22 *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*  
**Mission Offering:** Johnson County H.E.L.P. – Please bring items for homeless shelter – canned foods, paper goods, napkins, baby items  
Adult Bible Study: Rev. Alex Wales  
First Presbyterian Church

Dessert provided by:

Parents, please join us for dinner each evening at 5:30 PM. The program begins promptly at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary.

Please pick up your children promptly at 8:15. You *must* come into the foyer to pick up your children as we will not be dismissing them into the parking lot without an adult.

*Let the Adventure begin!*



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