

# 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

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**Future Newsletter**

**Dates are September  
2, 16 & 30.**

## **CWF News**

Two and a half weeks until the big sale starts on September 9. We already have a lot of nice contributions. PLEASE don't wait until the last day to bring in your treasures. Students are looking for items to furnish their apartments. We are working on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Bring plants on Monday, September 6, or Wednesday, September 8, before the sale. Baked goods are best on Thursday, the first day of the sale.

## **International Student Dinner**

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's welcome dinner for the international students such a wonderful event! This was a tremendous opportunity to meet and welcome foreigners to our community. We had many stories from the students about how we made them feel welcome. One said that he had traveled all over the world, and that Warrensburg was the most welcoming city that he had ever found. We not only gave them a meal that met their differing needs and tastes, but our ambassadors also showed that we cared.

Special thanks to Don Hoover for his tireless work in the kitchen, and for Larry Elliott and Ken Martin for working on the air conditioner on the roof in 100° weather.



I know we say it every year, but the summer has again come and gone quickly.

Our international students' dinner was again a great success, and I want to thank everyone who made it happen. Special thanks to Rich and Peggy for being the point people on this and getting everything arranged. The students are so thankful, and it's great fun to watch them load up on fruit and desserts to take back to their rooms. We wish all students, faculty, and staff a great and safe school year.

Our youth groups are gearing up, also. Disciples on Campus (D.O.C.) will be meeting on Wednesday evenings with Carl Crabtree and Wes Maness leading this group. We will need people to prepare meals for them or donate money so they can go out.

Older youth (6<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet on Sundays with Kevin and Cindy Howard leading this group. We will also be bringing back our Junior Youth Fellowship (3<sup>rd</sup> –5<sup>th</sup> grades) on Sundays, also. This group will be led by Nancy Huff, Christina Blevins, and Margaret Klein. Call the office if you need any more information about any of these groups.

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 every day 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

Johnson County Cancer Foundation  
Walk 2 Miles or Run 3 Miles  
September 18, 2010  
Hidden Pines Country Club  
Registration: 7 a.m.-Event: 8:20 a.m.  
We need a Church Team.  
Sign up packet is outside the church office door.

### Financial Report for July 2010

General Fund Income	\$ 14,500.05
General Fund Expenses	15,224.65
Outreach Income	\$ 1,107.80
Outreach Paid Out (for June's Outreach)	1,322.51
Building Fund Income	\$ 6,483.75

## August Youth Calendar

22-Cook-out @ Howards' 5:00 p.m.  
27-5<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 9:30 p.m.  
@ Community Center  
29-5:00 p.m. Meet in CLC.

## YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

**AUGUST 22, 5:00 P.M.**

**@ KEVIN & CINDY HOWARD'S**

**219 SE 131 RD. WARRENSBURG**

**COOK-OUT**

**BRING CHIPS OR A DESSERT TO SHARE.  
ALSO BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR THE YEAR!**

## NEW JYF PROGRAM!

3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades

Starting August 29, @ 5 p.m.

Meet in the CLC Lobby.

Leaders are

**Christina Blevins, Margaret  
Klein and Nancy Huff**

## CLC PHOTO EXHIBIT

The photo exhibit currently being displayed has been a popular one, so let's do it again. Surely many of you have pictures of your children and/or grandchildren enjoying the summer. Please submit photos for the next exhibit before September 1.

Jerry Miller

## Annual Community Senior Festival

Sunday, August 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Johnson County Fairgrounds

Live Music, Auction and BBQ Chicken/Ham Dinner

Free Will Donation

## CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

### 25 years ago in August, 1985

The Official Church Board voted to sponsor a one-minute radio devotional entitled *Today's Bright Spot*. The program was taped by **Rev. Weston** and was aired on KOKO at 6:35 AM. The Publicity Department premiered the program on a 3-month trial basis. Air time on the radio for one minute cost \$6 per day and funding was solicited for volunteer donations from families and individuals. Publicity Chair, Anita Gosney, expressed the hope of the department that the radio devotional would be not only a *Bright Spot* to begin the work day for Disciples, but also would serve as an inspiration for the entire community. . . . Wedding congratulations were extended to: **Debbie Baldwin & Dr. Robert Winders; Dolores Plunk & Floyd Smith; Becky Schroeder & David Adney; Jeff Elliott & Lisa Howard.** . . . The first printed **Monthly Events Calendar** was launched in the August 25 newsletter.

### 10 years ago in August, 2000

August was a time of change, and preparation for change, at FCC. **Kim Walmsley** and **Gene Ewing**, graduate students at CMSU, began their duties as the new Church Secretary and Director of Choirs, respectively. Three major committees began working to fill staff vacancies. Interim Search worked with the Area Minister to identify a person to serve until a Senior Minister was called, and accepted. Members were: **Bill Elliott, Brenda Dooley, Harland Osborne, Joyce Speas, and Pat Turner.** Senior Minister Search worked with the Area Minister to identify a candidate to recommend to the Official Board and Congregation for approval to issue a call. Members were: **Rhonda Atkinson, Phyllis Evans, Jon Frandsen, Hilda Handly, C.L. Holdren, Jerry Miller, Daniel Neal and Marianne Richards.** Youth Director Search was to recommend a candidate for approval by the Official Board. Members were: **Shirley Dougherty, Sherri Elgass, Vicki Granger, Debbie Haller, Diane Maness, Janelle Sellman, and Jackie Shumard.**

## Thank You Notes!

*We want to thank our friends from First Christian Church for all your help with our daughter's wedding. Several helped us with ideas, loaned us decorations, helped with food and physically helped us accomplish this.*

*You are a wonderful support system and we consider you true friends. Thank you.*

*Cindy and Kevin Howard*

*Thank you to my friends at First Christian for the lovely carnation for my birthday and a special thanks to Pastor Jerry for the visit and prayer.*

*Bill Burton*

*I feel special to be remembered on my birthday by my church friends and Pastor Jerry for his delivery of a beautiful pink carnation. His visit and prayer with me were so appreciated. Thanks again.*

*Virginia Ramsey*



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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**

Brenda Frolin  
 Fred Wolff  
 Betty Wilson  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military that are deployed



**Back to School**

# August Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

11-Judy Osborne	19-Hilda Handly	<u>September 1-4</u>
12-Suzanne Holdren	20-Bret Dooley	9/3-Kellyn Smith
12-Linda Hoover	20-Abbie Connelly	9/4-Donald Hoover
14-Jay DeShong	20-Levi Corbett	
14-Mike Whisenhunt	21-Maggie Slifer	
17-Mary Jay Lang	22-Shelly Burrows	
17-Gillian Godfrey	26-Jim Kimbley	
18-Darlene Johnson	28-David Smarr	
18-Dianne McCloud	29-Katelyn Tappin	
19-Dale Slifer	30-Mary Howey	

**Happy Anniversary**

15-Vicki & Steve Granger	<u>September 1-4</u>
27-Anita & Gary Grigsby	2-Ray & Shirley Fitterling
	3-Don & Martha Smarr