

# 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.*



**September 10,11 & 12**

CWF Rummage Sale News!

The basement is filling up with contributions for the sale, but there is room for more items. We always have had a nice selection of plants to sell. We appreciate receiving your plants the day before the sale and the baked goods the morning of the sale so they will be fresh.

### **Bible Study**

It's time to start another Bible study. This time we will study the greatest collection of books known to man, our Bible.

We will start late September to early October, progressing at an enjoyable pace through God's word. We plan on meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet only when the school year is in session.

We will study from *The Bible for Dummies* by Jeffrey Geoghegan and Michael Homan, list price \$21.99, ISBN 978-0-7645-5296-0. If you would like to study with us and cannot afford the book, please let me know and I will make the proper arrangements.

If you are interested and choose to share in this study, please leave a message at 660-747-5976 or email me at [beckfam@embarqmail.com](mailto:beckfam@embarqmail.com).

Blessings,  
Mark Beck

### **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional  
Service

**Sunday's Sermon:**

"When The Going Gets  
Tough"

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:**

John 6:65-70

**Sermon Scripture**

**Reading:**

Nehemiah 4:15-23



I shared some information in church concerning some information that was in the newest Disciples Yearbook (2008 Stats.) As a church, we had 26 new members transfer their memberships to First Christian in 2008. There were only three churches in the Mid-America Region (out of 271) who had more. This speaks to our being a welcoming place where people want to worship.

That being said, I'm going to repeat a series of articles I did back in 2007 about the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Please enjoy and be informed!

The book called *A Handbook for Today's Disciples* by D. Duane Cummins has been very interesting reading as I begin to understand the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is a very interesting history, a very American history. I thought it might be interesting to share some background as I do my studying of this book. For those of us who come from a different background, the information will be a good learning experience, and for those of you with a long history in the Disciples, it will be a good refresher.

The story really begins after the Revolutionary War. By 1800, the horrors of the war were subsiding and religion began to be revitalized and began to change from institutional worship to a calling to return to the New Testament church, one that followed the westward expansion and its example. The frontier became a fertile field for new ways of "doing church." The formalized church of the original colonies did not fit the new settlers.

The landmark beginning of the Christian Church (Disciples) happened in 1801 at a revival at Cane Ridge, hosted by Barton W. Stone who, at the time, was a Presbyterian pastor. He rallied against doctrines and the rigidity of the organized church of his day. As you might expect, the church looked on his views unfavorably, and Stone ends up breaking away and with several others, broke away. The reformers in this unprecedented defiance of authority refused recognition of any organization above the congregation. They pointed to the scriptures as their single source of authority, and they proclaimed unison with all believers in Christ. They took for themselves the name "Christian." Its popular advocacy of independence, simplicity, and practicality attracted a determined following of frontier folk.

In the weeks to come we'll look at more of the history and beginnings of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

*Blessings!*

*Pastor Jerry*

#### Congratulations!

Mary Ann and Lee Younce want to announce the birth of their new grandson, Garrett Younce. The proud parents are Mark and Amy Younce.

#### Attendance for August 16

Praise Service: 44  
Sunday School: 30  
10:40 Service: 119

# YOUTH 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Warrensburg Middle School Gym

August 28

9 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

**Free Event !!**

Snacks, gaming systems (provided by Warrensburg Optimist), board games, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball.

A fun place to hang out with friends  
after the home game!

Sponsored by the area youth ministers.

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Rock the Light

September 4 & 5

I still have 4 Friday night tickets left.

2 Saturday tickets left.

I will sell these to youth or adults who  
would like to go.

### CWF News

The CWF is asking for help from everyone in collecting Health Kits for the Festival of Sharing in the month of September.

#### Health Kit

**\$12 value and \$2 shipping per kit.**

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 Band-Aids

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Toothpaste will be added by Church World Service.

Please leave kits in the Christian Life Center lobby with \$2 for shipping.

## *News from the Tropics...*

So I was just sitting here thinking, I have not written a message for everyone in quite awhile! Tyler is now three months!!! I think the last time I sent a message was right after he was born!!! Man, where did the time go??? But, we are all good here in Guam. It is the rainy season and we get lots of thunderstorms and torrential downpours almost every day! I don't remember it being this rainy last year. Larry is working hard and just got back from a week training in Japan. He looks forward to the weekends and the evenings so he can play with Tyler...he doesn't think it is quite fair that I get to spend all day with him! Speaking of Tyler, he is wonderful!!! He is a big boy who is always on the go. I think he came with internal Energizer batteries that never expire!!! The boy can take a 20 minute power nap during the day and be up for 4-5 hours no problem. We are trying to figure out how we can get him to sleep more than 3-4 hours at night...Any tricks? I also want to tell everyone who has sent cards and gifts, THANK YOU!!! I can't remember who I have sent cards to, but you are all very thoughtful and we appreciate everything!!! I can't wait to come home in December so everyone can meet Tyler and so I can see everyone....I miss you all!!! But other than that, we are just trying to pass the time, and Tyler helps tremendously!!! Hope all is well with everyone in Warrensburg and can't wait to see you soon.

-Megan, Larry, Tyler, and Diesel

P.S. Diesel is good too!!! He gets worn out with the craziness of Tyler, but he loves all the walks!

*To My Church Friends,*

*Thanks so very much for the beautiful pink carnation brought to me by Mary Howey. We had a good visit and I appreciate Mary giving of her time to brighten my birthday.*

*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**

Don Commer(Rick Dooley's Dad)  
 Richard Dudley  
 Rusty Cromer(J.& J.Howards Son-in-law)  
 Peggy Baldwin  
 Ren DeShong's Mother, Dorothy Wright  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed  
 Our youth and teachers as they go back to school

# August Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

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|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1-Stacey Smith         | 12-Suzanne Holdren | 20-Bret Dooley    |
| 2-Sam Connelly         | 12-Linda Hoover    | 20-Abbie Connelly |
| 4-Marianne Richards    | 14-Jay DeShong     | 20-Livi Corbett   |
| 5-Megan Stuck          | 15-Bill Anderson   | 21-Maggie Slifer  |
| 6-Virginia Ramsey      | 17-Mary Jay Lang   | 22-Shelly Burrows |
| 7-Larry Cammack        | 17-Gillian Godfrey | 26-Jim Kimbley    |
| 7-Austin Granger       | 18-Darlene Johnson | 28-David Smarr    |
| 8-Lorraine Witherspoon | 18-Dianne Maness   | 29-Katelyn Tappin |
| 10-Kegan Baty          | 19-Dale Slifer     | 30-Mary Howey     |
| 11-Judy Osborne        | 19-Hilda Handly    | 31-Janie Uhler    |

**Happy Anniversary**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5-Joni & Greg Turner      | 26-Nancy & Bill Anderson |
| 8-Janet & David Ritchhart | 27-Anita & Gary Grigsby  |
| 12-Brenda & Rick Dooley   |                          |
| 14-Suzanne & C.L. Holdren |                          |
| 15-Vicki & Steve Granger  |                          |