

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:

"What's Really Important?"

1st Scripture Reading:

James 3:13-18

Sermon Scripture

Reading:

Mark 9:33-37

CWF Rummage Sale September 25 & 26 1/2 of 1/2 off

YOUTH BAKE SALE

Saturday, September 19

7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

In front of the Education Entrance

Proceeds will go into the Meal Fund for Sunday Evenings.



Items that are desperately needed:

Canned Tomatoes

Laundry Detergent

Bar Soap and Deodorant

Please bring these items to the CLC Lobby and place in baskets.



We continue our discussion about the history of the Disciples. We finished last week by saying that there were four important ministries that grew out of the Disciples' vision: Publications, missions, higher education, and cooperation with other groups. When the centennial was celebrated in 1909, there were 1,250,000 members.

We now move to the years 1917-1968.

After WWI, the Disciples entered a time of intellectual refinement and structural consolidation. This time period is marked by a struggle between leaders who wanted to take the church into the new century versus those who would remain as orthodox defenders of an insulated Biblicism. As a result of this struggle, there was a gradual withdrawal from the Disciples by those who thought the Stone-Campbell movement had forsaken its heritage. This group numbered about 650,000 members and would become the church of Christ.

During this time period there was a lot of consolidation of services and boards that continued through the economic depression of the 30's and the Second World War in the 40's.

After WWII, near the end of the 1950's, a panel of scholars composed of many of the finest Disciples' minds, was commissioned to re-examine Disciples' concepts. This panel softened the old rigidities of Disciples' thought on theology and church structure. All of this comes together at a meeting in Kansas City in 1968.

1968 –Present: Maturity

Approval of the Provisional Design at the meeting in K.C. in 1968 marked the passage of Disciples into denominational maturity. Officially named the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we became a church. The genius of the design was in the concept of covenant. Through covenant, the congregations, regions, and general agencies were linked which made it easier to work together. Through covenant, the church was able to minister more effectively to a post-industrial society and to pursue more confidently its goal of Christian unity.

Disciples' Affirmations

The name of this body shall be Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Within the universal body of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S.A. and in Canada is identifiable by its tradition, name, institutions, and relationships across national boundaries; this church expresses itself in free and voluntary relationships in congregational, regional, and general manifestations.

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

<p>Attendance for September 13 Praise Service: 35 Sunday School: 44 10:40 Service: 144</p>

YOUTH NEWS! **6th-12th Grade**

YOUTH BAKE SALE

The youth will prepare the bake sale items on Friday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m. in our church kitchen.

Sale-Saturday, September 19, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

No Youth Meeting-September 20

Youth Meet September 27

5-7 p.m. in CLC

A Great Evening is Planned!

Festival of Sharing

Youth who wish to participate in this year's Festival of Sharing on October 17 need to call Cindy and register by Monday, September 21.

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE **10 years ago in September, 1999**

An All-Church Mini Retreat was held from 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM on Saturday, September 11, beginning with breakfast in the church parking lot, then moving to Grover Park Shelter House for fellowship, activities, studies and food. Chair, **Bill Elliott**, announced members were encouraged to come to all or part of the day as their schedules would allow. . . . Thanks were extended to **Sadie Mapes** for providing fans for use while the air conditioners were being moved as the roof of the Education Building was being raised. Congratulations were extended to **Phil, Jackie & Elizabeth Shumard** on the birth of daughter & sister, **Molly Katherine**, and to **Joan & John Paul Mees** on the birth of their granddaughter. . . . **Donald & Martha Smarr, and Earl & Janie Uhler** were congratulated on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Joyful Noise Collection Dates for 2009

September 27

October 25

November 22

December 20

PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES

The 6th Annual CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 11, at 3:00. First Christian Church has been a strong supporter of CROP Walk for the last five years. Last year we contributed over \$1000, the second largest gift out of a dozen local churches. Come join and contribute to this interfaith expression of our response to God's abundant love toward the Warrensburg community. Remember, if you can't walk, you can still be a donor and support one of our youth walkers (or even a senior walker like Pastor Bayse). Sign-up will begin this Sunday.

Blessings,
Greg Turner & Jermaine Tappin

Dear Church Friends,

The family of Gindy Howey would like to thank you for the beautiful yellow birthday carnation that was delivered to her by Janette Howard. Gindy and Earl enjoyed Janette's visit, and getting the chance to meet Carrie, and Janette's sweet grandson, Noah! Thanks so much!

*Sincerely,
The Family of Gindy Howey*

Share a Moment With Us!

The photo exhibit will change at the end of September. We need you to submit pictures of your summer activities before the end of this month. Any trip, vacation or events of the summer are welcome.

Bring in your 8x10 or 4x6 photo with \$1 for enlargement to the church office with a description attached.

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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

Rosalie Elwell
 Don Commer (Rick Dooley's Dad)
 Ren DeShong's Mother, Dorothy Wright
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed

CROP Walk
October 11

September Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

3-Kellyn Smith	18-Shirley Dougherty	24-Dennis Alkire
4-Don Hoover	18-Ripley Laws	24-Lynn Alkire
7-Margaret Klein	18-William Turnbow	24-Molly Shumard
13-Gary Love	20-Lee Crabtree	28-Andrew Gelbach
15-Joan Mees	22-Bruce Howey	28-Taylor Brockhaus
15-Shannon Cobb	22-Jim Seigfreid	
15-Celeste Long	23-Dan Kline	
17-Jermaine Tappin	24-Helen Bayless	

Happy Anniversary

2-Ray & Shirley Fitterling 27-J.C. & Vivian Sutton
 3-Donald & Martha Smarr
 4-Earl & Janie Uhler
 13-Stacey & Stephanie Smith