

# 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.*

### **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional  
Service

**Sunday's Sermon:**

**"Building a Solid Life"**

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

I Peter 2:4-9

**Sermon Scripture**

**Reading:**

Mark 7:31-37

### **September 10,11 & 12**

#### **CWF Rummage**

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.

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### **All Church Fish Fry!**

September 13 after the 10:40 Worship

Everyone Bring a Dish to Share.

*Fish, Baked Beans and Drink will be provided.*

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Fellow Christians in Christ,

Our church has done an outstanding job of ministering to our members and supporting the local area. First Christian continues to make a positive impact on our church family, our community, and beyond. Soon, we will be kicking off our Pledge Drive to establish the operational budget for 2010. Your investment in our church's ministry is important. We are requesting your prayers and thoughts in a successful pledge drive to finance the ministry and mission of First Christian Church for 2010.

The 2010 pledge process will be similar to last year. For the majority of members, we will use the "Give From Your Heart" pledge bags headed by a route coordinator. We have developed 12 routes with each route having members who live close to each other. Remaining members who live outside the delivery routes will receive their pledge cards in the mail. I want to ensure each of you that ALL PLEDGES WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL. Each family's planned pledge will be a private matter between your family and God. Only the Church Secretary will see your projected tithes.

Over the next several weeks, I ask you to think and pray about your financial situation and pray for our church. We hope that each family can accurately identify what they are able to give in support of First Christian's operational budget for 2010. Our hope is that when searching your heart, we can establish a realistic budget that will continue to allow "our" church to grow.

Mark Beck, Chairman, Finance and Stewardship Committee



Last week we talked about Stone and Campbell teaming up and the movement began to be identified as “Disciples.”

In 1830 Alexander Campbell authored “The Millennial Harbinger” and moved further toward joining Barton Stone. The union of the two groups really took shape on January 1, 1832, in Lexington, KY, as the two launched the delicate process of becoming one. They found common ground in rejecting human creeds, accepting the centrality of Christ in their faith, recognizing the supreme authority of scripture, and proclaiming their mutual desire for union. As in any coming together, there were points of contention. They initially disagreed on forms of evangelism, concepts of ministry, frequency of communion, and form of baptism. As far as a name went, Campbell insisted upon use of “Disciples” in the name while Stone was insistent upon the use of “Christians.”

During the 1830’s 10,000 “Christians” joined 12,000 “Disciples” and the expansion of the new denomination began to reach westward along with new settlers moving west. The California and Oregon Trails carried scores of “Campbellites” to the Far West. By 1860, the movement boasted a membership of nearly 200,00 in 2,100 congregations.

With the growth came the need for some structure. Bethany College was established in the 1840’s. Also by 1840, members of some congregations had begun to gather for fellowship in state “conventions” and in 1849 the first national gathering convened in Cincinnati with 156 delegates from 100 churches in 11 states. The convention approved the formation of the American Christian missionary Society in hope of creating a greater sense of cooperation. This was met with mixed reviews. Also during this time period the Civil War begins and the issue of slavery comes to the forefront and threatens almost every aspect of congregational life. The consensus is that this issue is a matter of opinion, not faith, and Disciples survived this time period because of their inherent organizational elasticity and their commitment to freedom of individual choice.

*Blessings!*

*Pastor Jerry*

### **3rd Annual Nathan's Quest Walk-a-Thon**

The 3rd annual Walk/Run for Childhood Cancer is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 AM at the UCM soccer fields. The funds raised will be used for children in the JoCo area who have life threatening illnesses. If you would like to participate, you can pick up a form at Bi-Lo, Parkers, Pack 'N' Mail, or Central Logos. Walkers/runners can also register on Sept. 12 at 8:00 AM.

### **Attendance for August 30**

Praise Service: 58  
Sunday School: 36  
10:40 Service: 121

### **Bible Study**

**Remember to get your book The Bible for Dummies by Jeffrey Geoghegan and Michael Homan. The class will be starting this fall.**

## YOUTH NEWS!

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

5<sup>th</sup> Quarter *(after the football game)*

September 11, 9-11 p.m.

Community Center

*Swimming, video games, board games, dodge ball, basketball, food and drinks*

*Sponsored by Warrensburg Youth Ministry Coalition*

**YOUTH KICK-OFF**

**SEPTEMBER 13**

**5 P.M. -7 P.M.**

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**

**BE PREPARED FOR LOTS OF FUN!!**

**BRING FRIENDS!**

### YOUTH BAKE SALE

The Chi-Rho and CYF Youth will hold a bake sale to earn money for their meals and their activities. The sale will be held **Saturday, September 19**, at the entrance to the Christian Education Building on Holden Street. Sale time will be 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**The youth will prepare the bake sale items on Friday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m. in our church kitchen.** We would also welcome baked goods from our members; if you would like to contribute, please bring your items on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you cannot help with baked goods, we will gladly accept monetary donations. **All proceeds will be used to provide meals for our youth on Sunday evenings and for other youth activities.**

Your support of this youth activity will be greatly appreciated!

**No Youth Meeting-September 20**

**Youth Meet September 27  
5-7 p.m. in CLC**

### CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

#### 50 years ago in September 1959

The property committee, of which **H.W. Jones** was chair, purchased and installed a new electrical water cooler in the social dining room. **Mr. Bartholomew** built a two-level stand for the smaller children. . . . The Building Fund Committee met to discuss plans for the further financing of the Building Program. The architect began working to obtain bids on the construction of the new Education Building in order that the church could be in a position to underwrite the construction as soon as it could be started. Members were alerted to be ready for the call for congregational action. . . . The church was given 12 water color paintings of Biblical scenes, copies of colored pictures that appeared in his wife's Bible, painted by **Mr. George J. Probst** during her illness, that were to be displayed at some special occasion in the near future and retained for use in the new Education Building.

### Card of Thanks

*Thank you for your expressions of Christian love shared with our family since Bob's passing. Jerry's beautiful service helped us celebrate his life and lifted the sadness in our hearts.*

*We appreciate all the work involved preparing and serving the delicious lunch enjoyed by our family. Your love and prayers comforted us and will always be remembered.*

*The Robert Nichol Family*

*Dear Church Family,*

*I would like to thank my church family for the lovely yellow flower for my birthday.*

*I enjoyed a nice visit with Peggy too.*

*God Bless!*

*Darlene Johnson*



**Office Closed Monday, Sept. 7**



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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)  
 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