

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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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**  
this Sunday at

10:40 a.m.

**Invite friends and  
family.**

January 7:

**"Washing Away the  
Junk"**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**2007 Celebration**

**\*Calendar of Events\***

### **Wednesday, January 10**

11:45 a.m.-MLK Community Service Awards @ Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

3:00 p.m.-Issues Forum: Are We Valuing the Dream? Elliott Union Atrium, UCM

### **Sunday, January 14**

6:00 p.m.-Community Ecumenical Service @ First Church of the Nazarene (603 East Hale lake road, Warrensburg)

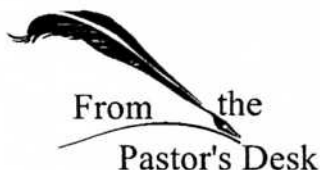
### **Tuesday, January 16**

5:00 p.m.-Reception for Rep. Leonard "Jonas" Hughes IV, @ the Multipurpose Building Alumni Room, UCM.

6:00 p.m.-Freedom Scholarship Dinner Keynote Speaker: Rep. Leonard "Jonas" Hughes IV, Missouri House of Representatives District 42, Multipurpose Building, UCM (Must pre-purchase diner tickets at Office of Community Engagement, Elliott Union 224, UCM, or call 660-543-4156.)

## **"Souper" Bowl Sunday**

The challenge has started. We have an individual that has challenged all of you to bring in your soup. They have brought in seven cases of soup to start us off. We desperately need to help out the Johnson County Food Center with this soup challenge. The soup drive will last until super bowl Sunday, February 4. On that Sunday we will take the soup to the Food Center. Please help us feed the hungry!



Greetings! I hope by the time you read this your new year has begun very well and that it will be a blessed one. This is a good time to look at what God has in store for us this year. Let's start with a verse from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

God does have hope for all of us. Maybe as you face 2007 you find yourself going through a difficult time in your life. Often in the Bible we hear of people meeting God in the wilderness or of people being in the wilderness. Some of life's best lessons are learned while we are in the wilderness. And sometimes, at the time we are there, we don't even realize that we are learning. But often, we will come out stranger on the other side. I believe the key is to remember that if you are in the wilderness, God is therewith you. Matthew 28:20 says: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Sometimes for different reasons, we cannot "feel" God's presence. But He is there. And I think, often, He shows His love in other people, through their love and care. Think of how someone has come to you in your deepest time of need. Also, reading God's word daily, prayer and meditations, going to church—These are great ways to navigate through the wilderness.

What your spiritual, emotional, physical, or material condition is right now—remember God Loves You! 1 John 4:10: "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Also remember that we have a new year—in which we can be a better disciple of Christ. Remember that not only is every year a new slate, every minute is a new slate with God.

Have a Great, Blessed New Year!

Blessings,  
Pastor Basye

## Notes From The Historian

Some clippings from newspapers and other publications that pertain to members and activities of our church can be a significant part of our historical collection, particularly birth, death, marriage notices and articles pertaining to events in and conducted by the church. The historian respectfully requests that, when leaving such items for the collection, the giver would please indicate, preferably in an attached note, the following information: (1) the source of the clipping, i.e. Daily Star Journal, KC Star, etc., (2) names of people in pictures if they are not identified in the clipping, (3) the connection the person(s) has with the church, i.e. member, relative of member, former member, etc.); and most importantly, (4) the date of the event. Dozens of clippings have been left in the library missing some or all of this significant information. In cases where no information can be obtained, these clippings will have to be discarded.

Also, when leaving pictures for the collection, it is important that the people in the pictures be identified, that the event be named, and that the date be provided on the back of the photo. As with the clippings, there are many pictures left for the historical collection which have not been properly identified. It cannot be assumed that, as time passes, there will be someone who can provide this information for future generations unless it is provided by the people who took the photos. Digital photos may be given on CDs, but in order for them to be useful, the relevant information should be provided and the CD labeled and dated.

Do you have the gift of working with  
young people?  
God is calling you to serve!

We need volunteers for Sunday school teachers. Thanks to Vyrdel Basye and Jeanne Nichol for volunteering for January. Please call Dianne Maness to volunteer. (747-7334)



### January-Chi Rho/CYF Calendar

- 7 5-7 p.m. regular meeting  
Meal by Jerry and Phyllis Evans
- 14 Meal by GAnna and Floyd Walker  
Martin Luther King Ecumenical Service
- 21 5-7 p.m.-regular meeting  
Meal by Ruth and Paul Channels
- 28 5-7 p.m.-regular meeting  
Meal by GAnna and Floyd Walker

Youth, don't forget to think about Silver Dollar City!

### JYF

- 7 No JYF
- 14 Martin Luther King Service
- 21 5-7 p.m. regular meeting
- 28 5-7 p.m. regular meeting



- Sun. 7-9:30 am Sunday School  
10:40 am Worship  
5:00 pm Chi Rho and CYF
- Mon. 8-9:00 am Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm PEO in parlor
- Tue. 9- 8:30am Johnson County Emergency Care  
2:45pm Girl Scouts  
6:00pm DOC
- Wed. 10-8:00am Ministerial Mtg. @ Nazarene  
11:00am Cluster I @ Sedalia Christian  
7:00 pm Choir
- Thur. 11-9:30am CWF in parlor
- Frid. 12-8:00am Breakfast Bunch @ Tiger's Den
- Sun. 14-8:30am Elders' Mtg.  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:40 am Worship Service  
Campbellite Dinner after Worship  
6:00 pm Martin Luther King Jr.  
Celebration Service @ Church of the Nazarine

## A Wonderful Ministry...

What a wonderful ministry First Christian Warrensburg has with the D.O.C. (Disciples on Campus) college age group. This group meets weekly on Tuesday nights during the fall and spring college semesters. Our average attendance may be small, but wonderful spiritual, recreational, and social activities are shared and experienced. I am proud to provide spiritual leadership to this group and hope you, as a church, are proud to sponsor this ministry.

College age youth have many needs. Some struggle with issues of relationships and significant others. Many will learn about life away from family. Most will labor to find meaning and direction in life, and how their faith intertwines with all of this. Randy Keeler, in an article on Campus ministry, writes: "College-age young adults are at a pivotal point in their life journeys. The church has a unique opportunity to challenge them to be the present and future bearers of the gospel message to their generation."

I cannot say enough good things about those who attend this group. I have worked with them the past year and a half and have become well acquainted with their future plans and career dreams. I am amazed after our meetings at how much potential is present with each of these young adults. Each of them have ambitions to make a difference in this world, and I believe they will make a difference, a difference you and I will certainly benefit from someday not so far away.

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**Come to Worship!  
Everyone is Welcome!**

**Sunday**

**Sunday School (All Ages): 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
Youth Ministries: 5:00 p.m.**

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

**Name**

- \*Broadie Winfield
- \*The Dudley Family

*The Edwin Ellis Family has donated a CD Deck for the Sanctuary of the First Christian Church. They have also donated a new volleyball for the Christian Life Center.*

*Thank you Ellis Family*

# January Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3-Clint Godfrey    | 13-Bill Elliott       | 23-Robert Cochran   |
| 5-Cindy Howard     | 15-Shirley Fitterling | 23-Sterling Granger |
| 5-Kyle Ritchhart   | 17-Mary Younce        | 26-Towanda Gelbach  |
| 8-Duane Sterling   | 17-Nick Nichol        | 29-Doris Buell      |
| 10-Dorothy Simmons | 18-Milfred Hall       | 29-Jane Russell     |
| 10-Olivia Ellgass  | 22-Pat Turner         |                     |

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 8-Peggy & Richard Dudley
- 14-Linda & Don Hoover
- 28-Margaret & Robert Neal