

# 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.*

### **Cookbooks Have Arrived**

Our First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) cookbooks have arrived and will be available for purchase starting Sunday, August 2. The cost is \$10 each with all profits going to pay off the Building Fund debt.

The cookbook includes 398 of the best recipes from our church, including Don Hoover's Swiss Steak, Nita Good's Grape Salad and Mary Howey's Scrumptious Brownies that never last at Coffee Fellowship.

Thanks to everybody that helped and contributed recipes. This is a great cookbook!

### **International Student Dinner**

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be hosting a dinner Thursday, August 13, at 5:00 p.m. for new International Students attending UCM this fall.

The students arrive early for orientation before the cafeterias are open, so several churches are providing meals during that period.

We need volunteers to help provide the side dishes and to help as "Ambassadors." The purpose of the Ambassadors is simply to be present at the meal and help welcome the students to our community.

There will be an insert in your bulletin on which you can sign up to volunteer or bring something. Because of different dietary needs, if your dish contains eggs, milk, cheese, butter, mayonnaise or pork, please let us know so we can indicate that on a 3x5 index card.

Those of us who participated last year had a great time. We hope you will be part of the fun this year!

### **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional  
Service

**Sunday's Sermon:**

"Check Your  
Investments"

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

Psalm 78:23-29

**Sermon Scripture**

**Reading:**

John 6:24-35



If you were at the 10:40 service last Sunday you know we had an interesting visitor. Jeffrey wandered into our lives and for a time upset our otherwise normal, peaceful worship time. I know it was uncomfortable, but I'm so proud of the way we all handled the situation. People made him feel welcome and offered him assistance. Jeffrey was truly a lost soul who needed help. I'm happy to let you know I was able to get him food and a bus ticket to Minnesota where he at least had a place to be. I talked with him at length about the many obstacles he is dealing with in his life, and he cried real tears about where he is in life. I told him of God's love, grace, and forgiveness. You never know when you help someone if they truly used the resources right, but that's not ours to judge. I truly hope we helped someone who really needed us, and I pray Jeffrey is safe, well, and on his way to recovery and wholeness.

I don't know if you know this, but I have what's called a Discretionary Fund to use in cases just like this. I don't use it often but have seen an increase this past year. Therefore, that fund has dwindled. So, if you're so moved, I'd appreciate any donations you'd like to make and then trust me to use them. There are times when other funds in town aren't accessible, and for me to be able to have this money at my disposal is crucial and makes me feel safer. Thanks in advance. If you want to donate, mark a check or envelope as "Minister's Discretionary Fund."

Hope to see you in worship.

*Blessings!*

*Pastor Jerry*

## **Habitat for Humanity News!**

All persons interested in volunteering to help construct a new home on West Gay Street in Warrensburg with Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County may wish to attend a "Come and Go" informational meeting.

The event will be held at Trails Regional Library, 401 North Holden, from 6:30 – 7:30 on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Potential volunteers will have an opportunity to learn about the affiliate, view the selected floor plan, meet the partner family, and learn about the various ways to participate. More information about the affiliate is available at [www.hfhjoco.org](http://www.hfhjoco.org)

## **GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY**

The Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County is pleased to invite community members to join them at 2:00 p.m. on August 2, 2009, for a ground-breaking ceremony for the sixth home to be built in Johnson County at 626 West Gay Street in Warrensburg. HFH builds simple, decent homes with persons in need.

The affiliate relies upon volunteers to provide labor. Materials are purchased using donated funds.

## Attention Youth

I have five two-day tickets left for "Rock the Light." Please call me if you want to go. The dates are September 4 and 5.

**Attention Youth  
Reunion with Feli Mussemann  
at the Dudleys' home  
August 9, 5:00-7 p.m.  
Bring snacks to share.**

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

Vacation Bible School, in cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church, was held at First Christian. Children were taken on a Jungle Journey and learned about God's promises and His love for us. Thanks were extended by the co-directors, **Kelly Good** and **Teresa Pearce**, to the minister and to the many teachers, helpers, and parents for their support and assistance. It was described by the directors as a week filled with excitement, joy, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. . . . Fundraising was again on the agenda as, under the direction of the Future Plans Committee, we needed to put a new gable roof on the Education Building in order to stop the damaging leaks which we had been enduring for some time. We needed to raise half of the money, \$95,000 for the roof plus \$35,000 to move the air conditioner to the ground and replace the old unit. Sooo . . . the congregation was invited to help "Raise the Roof."

## **Thank You!**

*I really appreciated my birthday flower from the "Friends of my church." Also enjoyed the good visit with Mary Howey who brought my flower.*  
*Nellie Grigsby*

*I would like to thank my church family for the beautiful red carnation for my birthday. Also enjoyed our visit with Linda Hoover. It helped to make my day special. Thank you.*

*Bill Burton*

## Attendance for July 26

Praise Service: 64  
Sunday School: 37  
10:40 Service: 131



## **CWF Rummage Sale News!**

CWF has had a good crew working on Mondays and Wednesdays so far. Please bring in good, clean items. Remember **NO** TVs or computers, printers or old outdated electronics.

The ladies are caught up and have everything priced so they are needing more items.

Please bring items in on Monday or Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-noon.

## **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.

**Please call office to volunteer for desserts for Senior Dinner on August 23.**



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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 Kendrick  
 Family of Cecil Cox  
 Guy Spears (Joe & Margaret Klein's Step-father)  
 Janie Uhler  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed

# 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-Kalely 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  |                          |