

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.*



September 10,11 & 12

CWF Rummage Sale News!

The basement is filling up with contributions for the sale, but there is still 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.

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional Service

Sunday's Sermon:

"A Three-Part Journey"

1st Scripture Reading:

John 6:51-58

Sermon Scripture

Reading:

Eph. 5:15-20

2nd Annual Community Senior Festival

Sunday, August 23

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Johnson County Fairgrounds

Free Will Donation

**to support the home-delivered meal program of the
Warrensburg Senior Center.**

Our church has been asked to donate dessert items for this event. I have 1 pie and 2 cakes so far. I need 1 more nice pie that will be auctioned off and I need 3 more desserts for the dinner.

Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Cindy



It's so great to have people around you can count on at crunch time and this is what I've come to know at First Christian. I shared this in church last Sunday but it bears repeating—Last Saturday as we prepared for Katie and Nicholas' wedding (a beautiful affair, by the way) the A.C. decided to quit working in the sanctuary and parlor. Now remember, it was 98 degrees outside and old Pastor Jerry was literally sweating bullets. A frantic phone call to Larry Elliott (actually Donna ran him down for me) and the problem was solved just as fanning, hot guests and wedding party members were ready to begin. Thanks, Larry. A wedding should be as perfect as possible and stifling heat shouldn't be part of the process.

Also, while we're talking about weddings, I want to thank some other folks. Weddings don't just happen. (I know guys you're all shocked by this.) We are fortunate to have a wedding coordinator now and all I can say is: "WHY DIDN'T I HAVE ONE ALL THESE YEARS!!" Kristen Sullivan and Vyrdel are sharing this position. They take care of all the little details I'm so bad at and normally don't think about. Thanks, ladies. Also, thanks to Cindy in the office as she takes care of the initial paper work and explaining our building policies. Also, George Long does a magnificent job of getting the sanctuary ready and cleaning up afterwards. He moves everything on the altar area all by himself—It's an amazing process. Then Anita and Gary usually take care of the music and sound and do an outstanding job. So you can see, weddings are a big event and I'm grateful for all the help. The last few weddings have been the most relaxed I've been associated with.

Before I close, I want to encourage our youth and college-aged folks to get involved with their age-appropriate group when they start in the fall. Youth (grades 6-12) will again meet on Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. (Cindy and Kevin will let you know when they begin.) Disciples on Campus is our college-aged group. Their first meeting is August 25 at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship, food, and fun. Bring A Friend or Two!!

Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

July Financial Report		
Income		
General		\$14,752.59
Outreach		952.45
Expense		
General		\$17,367.05
Outreach		1,064.70

<u>Attendance for August 9</u>	
Praise Service:	51
Sunday School:	42
10:40 Service:	141

YOUTH
6th-12th Grade
5th 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.

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago in August, 1999

Kari Grigsby and **Matthew Wiss** were married at FCC on August 14. . . . **Eva Cochran** and **Rhett Payne** were congratulated in the newsletter upon their marriage at FCC on July 24. . . . A note was received from The Summer Lunch Box Program Coordinator, **Harriet Wagner**, expressing thanks for the use of our van, and to **Harland & Betty Osborne** for driving. Included in the note was the following : *There were 46 children enrolled in the program this year because of the ability to provide daily transportation. This could not have been done without your help. Many bonds were formed between the children, volunteers , and the Osbornes. . . .* Another special thank you went out to **Noel & Shirley Dougherty** for donating their computer system to update the church office. . . . A Special Music Sunday was held during worship on August 22, which included an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, Adeline Quartet, and Blue Grass Music.

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.

An Education in Hunger

The Rev Max Marble, an ordained United Methodist Minister and Director of the Office of Creative Ministries, will speak about the personal benefits he received from the CROP Walk program while growing up in India. Max will also talk about a recent trip to India where his group worked on a new research organic garden which is a project of a Christian international school. The presentation will be held Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg. Come see how your walking helps to benefit others.

Greg

A Special Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and the flower that I received on my birthday.

I appreciate you all.

Marianne Richards

Dear First Christian Church,

Roger and I want to thank you for your concern and prayers during this difficult period. We feel that all the prayers on his behalf are a large part of the reason that he has fared so well so far. He still has a long way to go with this disease, but the signs are good so far. The doctor has indicated that he will probably experience set-backs on occasion. In the meantime, your continued prayers will be greatly appreciated! Mary keeps us up on everyone's concern. Thank you so much!

Linda and Roger Hall



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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

Cindy Gabel
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military who are deployed
 Our youth and teachers as they go back to school.



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 | |