

# 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 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.

### **We Need the Whole Church to Help!**

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.

### **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional  
Service

#### **Sunday's Sermon:**

"People Who Won't Take  
'No' for an Answer"

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

James 1:17-23

#### **Sermon Scripture**

#### **Reading:**

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43



Last week we began to examine the history of the Disciples Church. The first name that was prominent was Barton Stone who had been a Presbyterian minister who began to advocate breaking from traditional worship and began the movement toward more authority for each individual congregation. During this same time period, in Western Penn., there was a scholarly Scotch-Irish minister named Thomas Campbell. He too was weary of the formalized church and was driven by the impulse to reform. In 1909 Campbell released his famous “Declaration and Address” which would become a defining document. It contained 13 propositions for the restoration of the principles of the New Testament Church and for the realization of Christian union. The most widely recited of those was the first: “That the church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one.”

He was joined shortly by his son, Alexander, who shared his father’s views for reform. This group of Christians adopted a scriptural format that included several New Testament ideas:

1. Christ, the bedrock of their faith, was head of the church
2. The Bible, sole authority, with emphasis on the New Testament
3. Baptism by immersion and for responsible believers
4. The Lord’s Supper, celebrated weekly
5. Government, vested in congregational leadership, with no distinction between clergy and laity

During the 1920’s the Stone and Campbell movements began to align themselves. Alexander Campbell engaged in a series of debates, published a Christian Hymnal, and inaugurated the circulation of a periodical. He also delivered a famous sermon called “Sermon on the Law” in which he boldly proclaimed that Christians lived under grace, not law; under Christ not Moses, and under the New Testament not the Old Testament.

Meanwhile, Barton Stone also published a periodical of his own and began a relationship with Campbell. Stone/Campbell groups had aligned themselves often with Baptists but these relationships began to deteriorate and the Stone/Campbell groups more and more began to be identified as “Disciples” rather than Baptists. A new movement had been born.

*Blessings!*  
*Pastor Jerry*

#### **Bible Study**

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

#### **Attendance for August 23**

Praise Service: 53  
Sunday School: 32  
10:40 Service: 146

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Quarter @ the  
Community Center**

**August 28**

**9:30 p.m.-11:00 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 Warrensburg Youth Ministry Coalition.

**Rock the Light**

**September 4 & 5**

I still have 2 Friday night tickets left.  
I will sell these to youth or adults who  
would like to go.

**Correction on Hot Cake Recipe**

On page 96 of the new cookbook, the Hot Cake recipe should read, "Submitted by David Tackett." Also there is a misprint on the amount of baking soda required. It should read, "1 heaping teaspoon." Please make these corrections.

*Dear Church Family,*

*I appreciate the flower that I received for my birthday. Also the visit from Donna Elliott was very nice. Thank you.*

*Dale Slifer*



*Heart of our hearts,  
Soul of our souls,  
Take our prayers  
And use them to draw us  
closer to You.*

**P**rayer is about meeting God.

In praying for the world, we meet God in times of deepest thanksgiving, and deepest despair.

We come face to face with the moments when the last thing we want to do is pray.

We struggle through wondering if prayer really matters

...and why bad things happen

...and what God does with the fervent prayers of our enemies.

*If we are willing to listen,  
praying for the world becomes  
a loving course in prayer itself.*

*If we are willing to listen, it  
brings us into the deepest love  
and knowledge of the One who  
made all things that are, and  
ever will be.*

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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**

Nichols' Family  
 Diana Winston Family(Pastor Jerry's Cousin)  
 Don Commer(Rick Dooley's Dad)  
 Richard Dudley  
 Rusty Cromer(J.& J.Howards Son-in-law)  
 Peggy Baldwin  
 Ren DeShong's Mother, Dorothy Wright  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed

**CROP Walk**  
**October 11**

# September Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

8/28-David Smarr	15-Celeste Long	23-Dan Kline
8/29-Katelyn Tappin	15-Shannon Cobb	24-Lynn Alkire
8/30-Mary Howey	17-Jermaine Tappin	24-Dennis Alkire
8/31-Janie Uhler	18-William Turnbow	24-Molly Shumard
<b>September</b>	18-Shirley Dougherty	28-Andrew Gelbach
3-Kellyn Smith	18-Ripley Laws	28-Taylor Brockhaus
4-Don Hoover	20-Lee Crabtree	
7-Margaret Klein	22-Jim Seigfreid	
13-Gary Love	22-Bruce Howey	
15-Joan Mees	23-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