

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.*



**AND PLANT SALE**

September 5, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
6, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
7, 8 a.m.-Noon

**First Christian Church Basement  
101 E Gay St, Warrensburg MO.**

**SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**Baked Goods Will Be Sold  
Thursday!**

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***Come to Worship.***

**All Are Invited.**

8:00 Coffee House  
8:30 Praise Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:40 Trad. Worship  
Noon-Coffee Fellowship

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**Next Newsletter  
September 24.**

**Search Committee Update!**

**Please keep this committee and  
this process in your prayers.**

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Thank you, church family, for all your love and support. We had a great time at church camp this summer!

With Love,  
Myla and Ripley Laws

## September Celebrations!

### *Happy Birthday!*

1-Brad Forrest  
3-Kellyn Smith  
4-Don Hoover  
5-Olivia Rogers  
7-Taylor Bell  
7-Margaret Klein  
10-Tammy Howard  
13-Rick Reith  
15-Shannon Cobb  
15-Celeste Long  
17-Avery Basye  
18-Shirley Dougherty  
18-Ripley Laws  
19-Landon Holter  
20-Lee Crabtree  
22-Bruce Howey  
22-Jim Seigfreid  
23-Helen Bayless  
24-Lynn Alkire  
24-Molly Shumard  
26-Ashley Baldwin  
28-Andrew Gelbach



### **Congratulations to Justin & Lauren Curtis!**

Their son, Greer Towns, was born on July 28, 2019. He joins big brother, Brock at home.

## Congregational Meeting



**September 1, 8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. Services**

The meeting is to discuss the decision to purchase the property on Holden Street connected to the building we already own.

### *Happy Anniversary!*

2-Ray & Shirley Fitterling  
26-David & Jana Hakes  
29-David & Kathy Schroeder



*It is beyond belief that I'm writing my last "Pastor's Desk" article. It is a very bittersweet time in my life. I think we all think about "retirement" as just an illusion that will never come to pass. But, as always, time passes as time does and October of 2019 is fast approaching. Why October of 2019? Because for years on my pension reports, they've always had that month and year as my "retirement date." I remember thinking "Wow. 2019. That will never get here." Well, it has and the "time of my departure" has arrived. I know I'm supposed to say "Oh, I don't really want to do this but..." Truth is I am tired. Oh, not with the church work, or preaching, or making calls. I love First Christian and all of you. No, I'm mentally worn out dealing with the social problems we see on an almost daily basis. It's wearing because there aren't good solutions to help a lot of these folks and I'm frustrated. It hurts my heart to listen to these stories and, yes, I'm aware some of it isn't always true and often embellished but it still hurts. I live by what Jesus teaches and it boils down to helping those in need. I take this home with me every day. And, yes, I'm sure I'll deal with it in Higginsville, but not near as much.*

*So, Good BYE! Adios! Aloha! Ciao! Auf Wiedersehen! No, I actually don't want to say goodbye, so I'll say "See Ya!" In this newsletter are a couple of items that outline what I can and cannot do after August 25. Basically, I cannot do anything at First Christian that would be considered "pastoral." (Weddings, funerals, calls, worship, etc.) Each year I sign a "covenantal agreement" that spells out this kind of thing. So, for the next calendar year Vyrdel and I will not be attending events here at First Christian. And, it could be a bit longer depending on when a "settled pastor" comes on board. This protects the new person from interference from the previous pastor. Now, I can attend funerals, weddings, etc. but can't be part of the service. I know this is somewhat confusing but, in the end, it is totally the right thing to do.*

*Now, a lot of this column hasn't felt very "chummy" or "nice" ... so let me close with warmer thoughts. I can honestly say that my time here has been wonderful. You are a caring community of Christians whom I love and always will. It will be very hard to walk away. I will always have fond memories of 13 great years. Thank you for taking a chance on me. My heart will be yours, always!*

*Blessings, Pastor Jerry*

## Covenant of Closure

### Minister

### Congregation

1. I will separate myself from participation in the life of the congregation from which I am resigning or retiring during the interim/transitional period and for at least one year after the arrival of the new pastor.	1. We accept that our former minister will separate Him/herself from participation in the life of this congregation during the interim/transitional period and for at least one year after the arrival of the new pastor.
2. I will be a true and loyal friend to my former congregation and to its minister by not making pastoral calls, hospital calls, or counseling with members, not presiding at weddings or funerals of former parishioners, and by declining all offices, positions and responsibilities in this, my former congregation, except at the invitation of the current minister.	2. We will be true and loyal friends to our former minister by not asking him/her to make pastoral calls, hospital calls or to counsel with members. We will not ask him/her to preside at weddings or funerals of parishioners nor will we offer positions, offices and responsibilities in this congregation, except at the invitation of the current minister.
3. I will confer only with the Regional Minister or the current minister of this congregation about any problems I perceive in the congregation, and not discuss them with members of the congregation or others.	3. We will confer only with the Regional Minister or the current minister of this congregation about any problems we perceive in the congregation, and not discuss them with the former minister(s).
4. I will communicate with the Regional Minister should confusion, conflict or other differences arise between myself and this congregation.	4. We will communicate with the Regional Minister should confusion, conflict or other differences arise between the former minister and this congregation.
5. If at the end of one year after the arrival of the new pastor I wish to participate in this congregation, I will communicate such interests to the Regional Minister who will facilitate discussion of this possibility with the congregation and its pastor. If such participation is deemed appropriate, a "covenant for a New Ministry When the Previous Minister is Remaining in the Community" will be established.	5. If one year after the arrival of the new minister we wish our former minister to participate in this congregation, we will communicate such interests to the Regional Minister who will facilitate discussion of this possibility with the congregation and its new minister. If such participation is deemed appropriate, a "Covenant for a New Ministry When the Previous Minister is Remaining in the Community" will be established.
6. I reaffirm my vows as an ordained/licensed minister. Relying on the grace of God I also reaffirm my commitment to the "Ministerial Code of Ethics" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).	6. Relying on the grace of God, we reaffirm our commitment to the "Congregational Code of Ethics" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Lifeline Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at First Christian Church of Warrensburg on 9/16/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Senior Festival**  
**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Johnson County Fairgrounds**  
**11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Free Will Donation**  
**To support the home delivered meal program of the**  
**Warrensburg Senior Center**

We are needing pie and dessert bakers to volunteer their talents to assist us with the meal and the silent auction. After the meal a "Pie Auction" will take place. We are asking each church to donate 2 pies (any kind) for the auction and 3 desserts (your choice) for the dinner. Please let the church office know if you can bake and we will make sure they get to the dinner in time. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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**Special Invitation!**

Fellow Church Friends,

On September 1, 2006, Jerry and Vyrdel Basye started their ministry with Warrensburg First Christian Church. After 13 wonderful years with our congregation, Pastor Basye will retire from our church, and his last Sunday with us will be August 25, 2019.

You are invited to join us to honor the Basyes on Sunday, August 25. We will begin the day with our Praise Worship Service at 8:30 am, Sunday School at 9:30 am, and our Traditional Worship Service at 10:40 am. Pastor Basye has said he is planning special worship services. We will follow the worship services with a dinner in the Christian Life Center at 12:00 noon. The dinner will be furnished, so come join the celebration!

We hope to see you on August 25!

First Christian Church Search Committee,  
Nancy Rogers, Amanda Corbett, Chris Simon, David Handly,  
David Ritchhart, Donna Elliott, Jacelynn Laws, Jon Frandsen,  
Nancy Huff.



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

Don Hoover

Our Children

Flood and Storm Victims

Our Law Enforcement

Our Military

Those with continuing health concerns

## **CWF Project!**

The CWF would like to ask the congregation to donate individually wrapped snacks and drinks for the **month of September**. We will be donating those to Big Brothers, Big Sisters and to Family Services.

## **Fall Family Fun!**

### **New Picture Display**

Lee and Tammie Crabtree will be in charge of a new display of pictures in the CLC lobby and the theme will be Fall Family Fun! Please email photos to [leetree@hotmail.com](mailto:leetree@hotmail.com) or to [cindychurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cindychurchoffice@gmail.com) and we will enlarge those photos for use in the display.

## **Love What's Local**

Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, Love What's Local Committee is planning a two-day event to encourage community volunteerism and to beautify our town. Residents, families, community groups, churches and youth groups can come up with projects and implement them on September 6 & 7. Volunteers are encouraged to identify their own projects and we will promote and advertise these group for their positive contribution to the community.

