

### SERVING IN FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011

**In Charge of Deacons:**

February-Noel Beatty  
March-Lloyd Fitch

**In Charge of Greeters:**

February-Susan Klang  
March-Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer

**Receipts Pick-Up:**

February-Lori Twillman  
March-Carolyn Jennings

**Communion Preparation:**

February-John & Mary Lou Atkinson  
March-Dale & Ruth Ann Dodd

**Communion to Shut-Ins:**

February-Nedra Tisch  
March-Helen West

**Children's Sermon:**

February 20-Heather Vodnansky  
February 27-Susan Krumm  
March 6-Bruce Carpenter  
March 13-Ruth Ann Dodd

**Elders:****February/March**

02/20 Irislee Prada & Annie Frevert  
02/27 John Schultz & Mike Lee  
03/06 Gene West & Marilee McCallister  
03/13 Dale Dodd & Henry Niles  
03/20 Annie Frevert & Irislee Prada

**Deacons-February**

Noel Beatty	Barbara Lee
Allison Carpenter	Ken Attebery
Helen West	Doris Baldwin
John Jennings	Lloyd Fitch

**Deacons-March**

Allison Carpenter	Ron McDaniel
Charles Fisher	Pam Heimericks
Carol Owen	Norma Millard
Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer	Lloyd Fitch
Sally Williams	



**First Christian Church - Fulton, Missouri**

Disciples Making Disciples

# The DOME

Rev. Ed Varnum, Minister

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Sunday School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
	Broadcast on KFAL 900 AM
<b>Office Hours:</b>	
Mon.-Fri.	8:30-4:30
Closed from 1:00 - 2:00 for lunch	

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### From the Pastor

Baptism is such an incredibly rich symbol of commitment in discipleship, the promise of God and entrance into the fullness of life in Christ.

- Peter's sermon in Acts 2 concludes at verse 38 with the promise that repentance and baptism brings forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- In Romans 6, the Apostle Paul says that we are baptized into Christ, dying with him that we might walk in newness of life and live in hope of eternity.
- First Corinthians 12 states that we have been baptized into membership in the body of Christ, the church; connected, belonging, and serving as gifted by God's Spirit.
- Galatians 3 emphasizes that – whatever one's nationality, race, social standing or gender – we are baptized into Christ and differences become secondary to unity in him.

Three people have approached me thus far, desiring to be baptized on Easter Sunday. If you, a family member or friend would like to explore baptism, please let me know. In fact, anyone interested in learning more about our faith, the church and discipleship may join those preparing for baptism in my Pastor's Class the four weeks before Easter. These will be held during Sunday school in the Youth Room (off the church library), March 27 and April 5, 12, and 19.

-Ed

*God Bless America*



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### Prayer Concerns

Please remember these members of the church family and friends in your prayers and with cards of remembrance.

#### American Troops

David Benton	Russell Law
Chris Carpenter	William Law
Matt Dodd	Joshua Kelley
Derek Farr	Angie Richter
Keith Frevert	Jason Richter
Tyler Huffman	

#### Church Family and Friends

**Prayer Concerns:** Dawson and Jackson Davis (grandson's of a co-worker of Pam Hendrix), Jessie Holmes, Charla Street (friend of Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer, The Hunter Pitt Family, Rhonda Armstrong, Judy Boss, Tyler Huffman, Scott Michaels (Charlie Fisher's cousin), Duane Rothove (Brother of Frieda Rothove), Katie DeCoteau (friend of Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer), Ralph Martin, David DieKamp (brother of Frances Weir's son-in-law), Jamie Stoner (friend of Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer) Michelle Fuerst & Family (friend of Shelly Skinner) Rita Hauser (Carol Owen's step-mother) Carolyn & Dwain Sheets, Denny Lavy (co-worker of Henry Niles), Dale Weir, Jennifer Ritter (friend of Tim Klund), Larry Wolfmeier, Phillip Fisher (Cousin of Charles Fisher), June Selby, Edith Reese, Virginia Cooper (Sister of Charles Fisher), Jackie Frame, Bob Morris, Aline Taylor (Gary Taylor's mother), CT & Opal Wolfmeier (Gene Wolfmeier's brother), Hailey Knecht (Debbie Small's niece), Janette Clark, Charla Hennig, Ramona Anderson, James Sheets, Judy Ludden Kraft (friend of Katie Speer), and Becky McCue Schwinke & family (friend of Katie Speer). Please pray for one another and for unnamed prayer concerns that we all hold in our hearts and minds. Please continue to remember those with long-term illnesses, in need of home care, in nursing homes, recovering from hospital care, and our **military personnel**.

### Nursing Home Residents

#### Bridgeway (Formerly Jefferson Lodge)

Linda O'Leary

#### Fulton Manor Care Center

Helen Orchard

#### Fulton Nursing Rehab

Mr. & Mrs. Don Hetherington

#### Presbyterian Manor

Thelma Breid  
Dell Dunlap  
Anna Graham

#### Churchill Terrace

Mary Lou Roberts  
Annie Benson  
Shirley Drinkard  
Marie Sheets

#### Gerald Nursing & Rehab, Gerald, MO

Gerri Sutenfield

#### Lenoir Woods, Columbia

Margaret Hamlin

**Please update the church office of any changes needed. Thank you.**

If you are ill, or are aware of anyone who is ill or in need of pastoral guidance, please contact the church office. Due to the HIPAA laws, we cannot find out in any other way. In most cases, the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not apply to the traditional practices of local churches publicizing prayer lists and prayer requests, however, there are some cases in which it does apply.



### The Historical Corner



Exerpts from The Missouri Telegraph, January 20, 1911: "The First Christian Church will be erected in Fulton this year. The concrete foundation up to the street level is already in and it is hoped to let the contract in time for the builders to get to work as soon as weather will permit. The main entrance will be through a colonnade of four monolithic stone columns forming a quadrant, with three bays of steps

rising between the columns. The floor of this vestibule will be laid in terrazza and suspended from the ceiling will be two electroliers of tungsten, three lights each. The sanctuary will be arranged with circular pews on a bowled floor. Opposite the pulpit a section of partition separating the sanctuary from the Bible school department will be counterpoised with iron weights on steel cables and raised and lowered by electricity as occasion may require, thereby giving combined rooms for large gatherings providing a total seating capacity of about 1,200, which may be increased to 1,500 by addition of chairs. The baptismal pool will be of special arrangement, finished in Italian marble. The heating will be by steam, the plant being in a fire-proof sub-basement, under the northeast corner of the building. The ceiling of the sanctuary will be a large dome, surmounted with a smaller dome 18 feet in diameter of art glass. Flanking this will be deeply paneled transepts. The interior finish is to be in oak and birch windows of specially designed art glass. The principal feature is a large and specially designed organ with "echo" attachment. The architects of this handsome building are Flanders and Flanders, of Dallas, Texas, who are making a specialty of church architecture."

Sally Williams, FCC Historian

**Update from Megan Frost-Smith**

Hi! My name is Megan Frost-Smith. Before I say anything, I have to say thank you to all of you in the FCC family. Over the past three years you all have joined me in serving the Lord in a crazy beautiful way. Your support, both prayerfully and financially, have changed my life and the lives of so many of the Honduran people. You, through your support, have become part of the Honduran family in Choluteca. It will never be the same and that's largely because of you. Thank you so much. So, if you wouldn't mind I would love to give you a little update on myself and this amazing cause you have been so faithful to join me in.

I'm currently a senior nursing student at the University of Missouri (I graduate in May)! I'm so grateful the Lord has brought me this far: In Choluteca the stigma for AIDs is still horrible. The church, La Iglesia Gran Comisión, in Choluteca has been working with a missionary family from England for the past three years to develop Casa Hogar. Casa Hogar is an AIDs orphanage and community; it offers free or low cost housing for impoverished people who have or have been affected by AIDs. One of the goals of Casa Hogar is to reduce the AIDs stigma by having people with and without AIDs live in the same community. They have now taken in eight orphans. They often take in women who are terminally ill with children and provide care for them to ease their pain as they die. In an impoverished community called Limon, which sprung up after Hurricane Mitch destroyed the homes of thousands, the church started a malnutrition clinic that offers extremely malnourished children balanced nutrition, hygiene counseling, and education. The clinic is staffed and ran by members of the local church and community; there is a cookie factory and coffee plant on the grounds of the clinic that gives work to people in Limon so they can support their families. The atmosphere at the clinic is one of hope and joy. The children look healthier everyday and are blessed with the opportunity to receive an excellent education, which wouldn't have been possible without the clinic.

As most of you know, my first trip to Choluteca led to three more. My most recent trips to Honduras were very different from the first in that I was able to see past the hardship and struggle to the hope and growth of the people in the community. The church ministry is greatly affecting the impoverished community of Choluteca. The church holds weekly support meetings for people with HIV/AIDs and offers free education about the disease to communities around the city. The church loans microloans to single mothers who have drawn up business plans so they can start a

business and consistently make money for their families, instead of being forced to rely on handouts from people. Over 200 children are receiving monthly support from sponsorships with people here in America. These sponsorships ensure medical and dental care, nutritious meals, school supplies as well as uniforms and shoes to attend school, Bible classes, after school support, and home visits. The people of Choluteca are beginning to join together to overcome poverty and loss. They are slowly and consistently making their way to a better future: one of hope. I have recently been blessed with the opportunity of working with the church this summer.

Millions are in poverty and despair all over the world, but by continuing (or for the first time) joining me in this mission you would be helping to bring some out of it. You have already become a part of sharing hope with them, I ask now that you would join with me again. The mission trip is from June 6- July 31. The total cost of the trip is \$3,500. Your donation of \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200 or any other amount will make a huge positive impact in the lives of the people in Choluteca, Honduras. I would greatly appreciate your support in my mission to Honduras. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your day to read this.

Sincerely,  
Megan Frost-Smith

**Sermons & Scriptures for  
February 20 - March 20**



**Momentum for Life Sermon Series**

**24 Hours that Changed the World**

<p><b>February 20</b> Eating and Exercising for Life 1 Corinthians 6:19-20</p>	<p><b>March 6</b> 24 Hours that Changed the World Phil. 2:5-11</p>
<p><b>February 27</b> Thriving in Life Psalm 130</p>	<p><b>March 13</b> The Last Supper Mark 14:12, 22-25</p>
	<p><b>March 20</b> The Garden of Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42</p>

**Membership Plus Update**

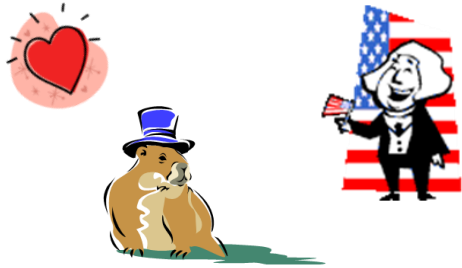
The Church Office is pleased to inform you that we *have* been able to locate and update the 2010 Giving and Financial records in Membership Plus. You should be receiving your information within the next week or two.

Sincerely,  
The Church Office

# Calendar Events

## February

- 17 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
- 18 4:00p Prepare Wiley House Meals, Evans Hall
- 21 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
- 22 10:00a CWF, Sir Winston's
- 23 5:30p Kingdom Kids, Evans Hall  
7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 24 1:00p Quilters, off Couples/Mellon class
- 26 9:00a Spruce-up Day  
10:00a ConKerr Cancer: Pillowcase Project, Evans Hall
- 27 5:00p Knit one-Pray two, home of Ginger Beasley
- 28 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class



## March

- 1 1:00p Over 50's Club, off Couples/Mellon class
- 2 5:30p Kingdom Kids, Evans Hall  
7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 3 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
- 4 4:00p Prepare Wiley House meals, Evans Hall
- 7 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class  
11:30a Elder's meeting, Evans Hall
- 8 7:00p Board meeting, Evans Hall
- 9 5:30p Final session of Kingdom Kids, Evans Hall  
7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 10 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
- 12 7:30a Men's Breakfast; Devotional given by John Schultz
- 13 Fellowship Dinner immediately following Worship; bring a sidedish of your choice  
5:00p Knit one-Pray two, home of Ginger Beasley
- 14 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
- 15 1:00p Over 50's club, off Couples/Mellon class
- 16 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
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- 31 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class



### Growth Group Schedule

Growth groups began in January. Groups are currently studying *Momentum for Life*, written by Michael Slaughter. Growth Groups are:

- Sundays: 9:30 a.m., Journey Classroom, led by Robert Carroll  
6:30 p.m., home of Jackie Frame (Dale & Ruth Ann Dodd)
- Mondays: 6:30 p.m., home of Susan Krumm
- Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m., home of John & Mary Jane Schultz  
5:30 p.m., Kingdom Living, led by Rev. Ed Varnum
- Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., home of Allison Carpenter

A new sermon series, titled *24 Hours that Changed the World*, will begin March 6.



### Kitchen Clean Up

Are you missing a baking pan, casserole dish, pie plate, or any other container used to bring food to the church? Now is the time to check in the kitchen cabinets or on the counter in Evans Hall to see if you are missing any kitchenware. Any unclaimed items will be put in the Bargain Basement Sale (our rummage sale). Deadline to claim items is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### BASEMENT BARGAINS

**Basement Bargains** (our Rummage Sale) will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Fisher Hall. Mark your calendars now. Remember these dates as you begin your Spring cleaning. Your donated items can be brought to Fisher Hall beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please leave your items on the tables that will be marked for donations. A **Food Stand** will also be available. More details later. Questions? Call Mary Ann Harris at 642-7989.



### Mosers Receipts & Best Choice Labels

The church collects Mosers receipts and Best Choice labels and then submits them for a percentage back. There is a collection can in Evans Hall on the small counter under the picture of the church. Thank you for supporting this effort.

### LENTEN LUNCHESES, SERMONS AND GROWTH GROUPS

First Christian Church will again host Lenten Lunches for our community each Friday in Lent, beginning March 11. Pastors from various Fulton churches will be sharing each week from the book, *24 Hours that Changed the World* (Abingdon Press, 2009). It is written by Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. It can be ordered through various bookstores or purchased online (\$10.85 on amazon.com).

Pastor Varnum will also be basing his Sunday sermons throughout Lent on "24 Hours that Changed the World," following the chapters of Hamilton's book. Members of the congregation are encouraged to purchase the book and our growth groups may wish to continue meeting, coordinating their study of it through Easter.

**Think Stephen Ministry**

Even if you are not a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister, you play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers. We also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend, coworker, neighbor, relative, or someone else who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry program and get permission for referral, or have them contact Rev. Varnum directly at the church office.

**Spruce-Up Day**

Everyone is invited to come to the Spruce-up Day on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 12. There will be a variety of tasks lined up or participants can choose one they would like to do. See you then!

**Directory Update**

Please accept my apology for the delay in the Church Family Album and thank you for your patience. – Virginia Beatty

**Thinking of You Card Shower**

It has been suggested the Church have a “thinking of you card shower” for Tyler Huffman. Tyler has been moved to a Rehabilitation Unit in Virginia where he will continue his recovery from a gun shot wound while serving in Afghanistan.

Tyler’s birthday is February 29<sup>th</sup>, yes! He is a leap year baby! A card shower at that time would also be appreciated by Tyler. You might want to mention you are a member of the First Christian Church so he knows we are thinking and praying for him.

Tyler’s current address is:  
 Marine Corps Liaison  
 C/O Tyler Huffman  
 Hunter Holmes VA Medical Center  
 1201 Broad Rock Blvd.  
 Richmond, VA 23249

**Birthdays**

	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
1		G. Michael Lewis
2		
3	Eddie Pugh	Pam Heimericks
4	W. W. Hardin      Nathan Real	Mary Asher
5	Jay Vegiard	John Schultz
6		
7	Robert Hoffnagle	Lemoine Tisch
8	Mandy Rosenstengel	
9		
10	Annie Benson      Kendra Woodall Katelynn Heimericks      Matt Dodd	
11	David Harper	
12	Charles Dunlap      Kristen Fisher	Jeff Wright
13		William Dutton      Marie Sheets
14	Nyle Beatty	
15		
16		
17	Dane Huffman      Kathy Wright	Mary Jane Schultz
18	Kristina Nickelson Blake Niedergerke	Annie Frevert      Eric Holmes
19	Annalee Bowen	
20	James Kidwell	Kayla Neal
21		
22	Tia Neal	Evah Le Creed
23		
24		
25	Gary Hetherington	
26	Shauna Fox	Travis Doerhoff Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer
27	Janette Clark	
28	Denise Kloepfel	Amber Johns
29	Tyler Huffman	
30		David Benton      Ryan Doerhoff
31		

**SERVE Food Pantry**  
**Please do not forget!!**

**SERVE could use any items for the months of February and March.** Just remember to pick up a couple of extra when you go to the store and drop them off in the SERVE boxes located at the entry doors as you come in on Sunday morning to worship. These will be delivered to SERVE at the end of the month. This is such an important ministry for our church we must not let it fall by the wayside. This makes helping the less fortunate easy.

## Fun and Fellowship

Mark your calendars and bring your friends to these upcoming events and activities:

### Wiley House Meals

Come join members of First Christian Church as they prepare meals for the Wiley House on the Fridays of February 18, March 4 and 18 at 4:00 p.m.

### Growth Groups

Come join members of First Christian Church as they continue the Sermon Series, *Momentum for Life*, which began in January. A new series is beginning on March 6, titled *24 Hours that Changed the World*. More information is available on pages 3 and 9.

### Fellowship Dinner

Come join friends and family as we enjoy each other's company in fellowship. The next Fellowship Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 13 in Evans Hall—sponsored by the Stewardship & Finance Committee. Please bring a sidedish of your choice to go along with the main meal.

### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 a.m. in Evans Hall. The devotional will be given by John Schultz.

### Lenten Lunches and Sermons

First Christian Church will again host Lenten Lunches for our community each Friday in Lent, beginning March 11. Pastors from various Fulton churches will be sharing each week from the book, *24 Hours that Changed the World* (Abingdon Press, 2009). Rev. Varnum will also be basing his Sunday sermons throughout Lent on "24 Hours that Changed the World," following the chapters of Hamilton's book. More information is available on page 3 and 9.

### General Assembly: July 9-13, 2011

We just celebrated the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Mid-America of the Christian Church, meeting in Jefferson City, October 8-10. The Disciples of Christ "BIG EVENT" is coming up in 2011, with the Regional Assembly in Nashville, TN, July 9-13, 2011. Irislee Prada and Susan Krumm joined Pastor Ed at the last General Assembly and each of them strongly encourages us to send many more to the 2011 meeting.

For more information go to:

<http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/tabid/59/Default.aspx>

## 2011 Fellowship Dinner Schedule

\*\*Note Changes

Date	Sponsor	Notes
January 9	Membership Ministry	"Soup-er-licious" Please bring a side dish or desert to compliment soup and chili
February 13	Growth Ministry	
March 13	Stewardship & Finance**	
April 10	Buildings & Grounds	
May 8	Men's Prayer Breakfast Group	"Mother's Day Breakfast" (9:00-9:30 a.m.)
June 12	Ladies of the Church	"Father's Day Breakfast (9:00-9:30 a.m.) - Sign up to bring an item, help setup and clean up
July	No Fellowship Dinner	
August	No Fellowship Dinner	
September 11	Elders & Historical	"Remembering" (Big Sunday) - Inviting Fireman, Policeman, First Responders
October 9	Choirs & Praise Band	
November 13	Worship Ministry**	
December		Annual Dinner—Watch for information in bulletin

