

# First Christian Visitor

*“Where the Grace of God Awaits You.”*

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## NEW WORSHIP TIME - 10:15 am BEGINNING Sunday, June 6

The Mission Council affirmed the positive vote by the congregation to change the time that Worship service will begin. The positive aspect for the change will be that Sunday School will be free of any interruptions, thereby allowing choir members, teachers, and others serving in worship to remain in class. Beginning on Sunday, June 6 the worship service will start at 10:15 am.

## CAMP FOOD, FUN AND FITNESS

“...your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit...

Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

(1 Corinthians 6: 19-20)

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**9AM TO NOON**

Obesity is growing in our society today and our children are at risk. Healthy nutrition and fitness are essential to good health. This can be as simple as “child’s play” so we invite you to join us at our Food, Fun and Fitness Camp where...

Your Child will:

- Customize an apron and cookbook
- Learn about healthy food choices/nutrition
- Learn about kitchen safety
- Prepare, cook, and taste fun, nutritious foods taught by expert cooks of today and from the Bible
- Learn about fitness through healthy active play

**This camp is for children:**

- Who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Registration Information:**

- Cost is \$40.00 or \$20.00 for church members
- Pick-up a registration form from the church office or call the office at 991-5000

\*During camp a special offering of canned fruit, cereal and other nonperishable foods will be collected for our local food banks.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE

June 5	Miracle Day at Anniston FCC
June 5-6	Camp High Hopes at Hargis
June 7-11	Fun, Food & Fitness Camp for Children 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades
June 13	Blessing of the Pets
June 17-19	Sacred Harp Music Convention
June 20	Father’s Day
June 21	Mulch Work Party
June 27	All-Church Ice Cream Social

These are just a few of our all-church moments together. Many other activities such as Worship, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Young At Heart, Elder Gathering, Men’s meeting, Mission meetings, and other ministries will be happening.

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

One June 13, we will have a worship service in the prayer garden at 6:30pm with a Blessing of the Pets and a memorial for our pets that we have lost. Bring your family pet, on a leash or in a cage please, and join us for this service. The Fellowship Mission will be serving refreshments. If you have lost a loved pet within the last couple of years and would like to have your family pet remembered at this service, please let the church office know.

## WHERE OUR OUTREACH DOLLARS GO

In 2009, our church gave \$56,229.36 to the Disciples Mission Fund. Our region received \$40,012.17. This was for ministries such as nurture and care of congregations and pastors, youth camps and conferences, lay training, events, new church development, spiritual enrichment, Christian Men and Women’s Fellowships and retreats. General Ministries received \$13,201.08. This was to help support 120 missionaries in 70 countries, support evangelism, spiritual life, Christian education ministries for the churches in the United States, build churches destroyed by natural disasters, and to help health services/care ministries. Colleges, Universities and Seminaries, received \$3,016.11. This was for support of 14 Disciples colleges and universities and 7 seminaries.

## SERMONS FOR JUNE

June 6	“The Christian Journey I: The Path” Mark 1:16-20, Romans 7:14-23
June 13	“The Christian Journey II: The Mountain” Psalm 30, Exodus 24: 15-18, Mark 9:2-9
June 20	Fathers Day – “Our Father Who Art In Heaven” Matthew 6:9-13
June 27	“The Christian Journey III: The Desert” Exodus 17:1-7, I Corinthians 10:1-13, Mark 1:1-13

## SUMMER CAMPS 2010

<b>Discovery Camp</b>	<b>June 5-7, 2010</b>
<i>For those completing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades</i>	
<b>Junior Camp</b>	<b>June 7-11, 2010</b>
<i>For those completing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</i>	
<b>CYF Camp</b>	<b>June 7-11, 2010</b>
<i>For those completing the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Grades</i>	
<b>Chi Rho Camp</b>	<b>June 7-11, 2010</b>
<i>For those completing 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grades</i>	
<i>All traditional camps are held at YMCA Hargis</i>	
<b>Fine Arts Camp</b>	<b>June 20-25, 2010</b>
<i>For those completing 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades</i>	
FCC will pay ½ the camp fee.	

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### Life In Our Community This Week

	<u>Sunday, June 6</u>
9:00	Sunday School
10:15	Worship Service
	<u>Monday, June 7</u>
7:00	Men's Bible Study
9:00	Fun, Food & Fitness Camp
10:00	Staff Meeting
	<u>Tuesday, June 8</u>
9:00	Fun, Food & Fitness Camp
7:00	Finance Council
	<u>Wednesday, June 9</u>
9:00	Fun, Food & Fitness Camp
6:30	Choir Rehearsal
	<u>Thursday, June 10</u>
9:00	Fun, Food & Fitness Camp
7:00	Men's Bible Study on John

### GRACE NOTES

- † Congratulations to Gordon and Carolyn Goodall on the birth of their great granddaughter, Evelin Lane Reithmaier, born May 24, weighing 6 lbs., 13 oz. Proud parents are Bethany and Alan Reithmaier. Grandparents are Pattie and Michael Reithmaier.
- † Please contact Jim Langley if you are able to help out with Camp High Hopes. Please contact George Dudley if you are able to help in Miracle Day in Anniston.
- † Place the Sacred Harp Convention on your calendar. The sanctuary will be filled with glorious music 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, June 17 through June 19.

### ANDROS VBS

Coming up July 15-20 is the Vacation Bible School on Andros Island in the Bahamas. We are celebrating the 25th year of this Mission. If you would like to participate with a monetary donation, why not \$25 for 25 wonderful years? Be sure to mark your check "Andros". *Sharon and Liz*

### CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED

Mrs. Estes Hargis died on January 1, 1978, and our church remembered with gratitude Dr. and Mrs. Hargis' gift of the property on which Hargis Christian Retreat stands. They both had such dreams for the Retreat, concern for its development and for the people who shared their vision.

January 15 was designated as the day to "put First Christian Church on the map". Hubert Nall secured a large, wall-mounted, metropolitan area map. Each family was invited to stick a pin where its residence was located. This started at 9:00 a.m. and continued into the afternoon with time out for classes, worship and lunch.

### CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED

It was felt that such a map would be a great asset for committees doing long range planning. It would also be interesting to see how the congregation was spread over more than 40 postal zones.

On the four Saturdays in February the VanBoskirks led a workshop on "Principles of Personal Growth" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mrs. VanBoskirk also led a class on "Parent Effectiveness Training" for parents of children of any age.

This congregation has always ranked high in terms of the quantity and quality of professional Christian leaders it has led to commitment. On February 8 we celebrated 21 of our members who had made such a commitment by dedicating a plaque bearing their names. It was a time of remembering with pride and joy, a time of fellowship with some whom we have sent out, and a time of inspiration for the future. A fellowship meal was enjoyed after the service of dedication.

In March the Pulpit Committee recommended to the Official Board and the congregation that Dr. Allen C. Garner of Winchester, KY, be called to ministry at First Christian Church. Dr. Garner planned to visit the congregation at the fellowship dinner in April and fill the pulpit on April 16. Dr. Garner was ordained in 1956 while attending Vanderbilt Divinity School and received his doctorate from Lexington Theological Seminary. He served churches in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky and was senior minister at Winchester for the past 18 years. The Garners were parents of three adult children. The Board recommended calling Dr. Garner and the congregation voted unanimously to issue the call, which he accepted.

Dr. VanBoskirk had to undergo surgery and was absent from the pulpit for four Sundays in April. Guest ministers were Rev. Smitty Lucas, Dr. Mike Harper, Dr. Garner and Rev. Thom Phillips. On Sunday, July 9, Dr. and Mrs. VanBoskirk ended their more-than-8-month interim ministry with us. We were blessed by their presence and honored them with a reception after morning worship.

Our Vietnamese family, the Les, also left us in July to move to Wisconsin where they would be closer to other family members and have better job opportunities. They expressed their deep gratitude for all of the help provided by our church in their first American experience.

### CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
"Christian Apologetics Islam"  
Old Testament Empires

### SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	56
WORSHIP	91