

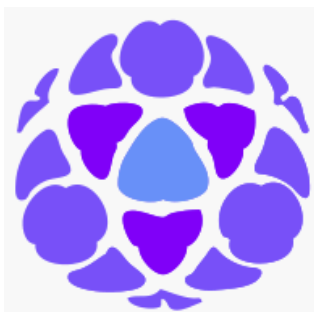
The Church Scroll

The First Christian Church ~ Disciples of Christ ~ Salem, Oregon
Church Services ~ 8:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am ~ Sunday School ~ 9:45 & 11:00 am

Volume 68 #10

“Reaching Up and Reaching Out”

May 20, 2010



Memorial Sunday is May 30.

In worship we will reflect on those loved ones of our church family who have passed away during the last year.

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Matt's Minute

"At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by believers." --Acts 2:5-6

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. In Jewish culture, Pentecost is a festival marking 50 days after the days of Passover. It is also the day in which Christians celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Many call it the birthday of the church. On the day of Pentecost there were many who were added to the Christian movement, about 3000, Scripture says. (Acts 2:41) Soon after this miracle of Pentecost, Scripture records a deep sense of awe coming over all the believers and that each day, God added to their number (Acts 2:47) Later in the book of Acts, about 400 joined Stephen in the Christian movement (Acts 2:36). In Acts 8, Phillip preaches in Samaria and there are many who believed and were baptized (verses 12-13). Are you beginning to see a pattern?

Throughout the book of Acts, the church sees an explosion of growth, often recorded in numbers and sometimes just by saying many joined. Consider for a minute this numerical growth that was more than

Sunday Sermons

8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am

May 23– Pastor Matt Gordon

PENTECOST SUNDAY—This Sunday will be a special celebration of the day of Pentecost. In Acts 2, we witness the birth of the Christian Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As we worship 2000 years later, we will explore the significance of this often over-looked Christian holiday.

May 30– Pastor Bob Hanna

"Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness" Galatians 5:22-23, Hebrews 11:1-3 (but reading the whole chapter might not hurt). Scripture mentions 6 levels of Faith. Scripture calls us to the kind of faith expressed in the song "TRUST HIS HEART" (When you can't trace His hands, trust his heart).

just numbers, but dramatic spiritual conversion in the hearts of so many. From here the church spread like fire, throughout the Mediterranean region and beyond.

People sometimes get nervous when we talk about growth, as if all we care about are the numbers. Numbers are not our only concern, but of course we care about numbers! Numbers represent changed lives, numbers represent growth in the body of Christ. Behind the numbers, there are individuals who make the difficult decision to follow Christ, people who make the decision to live God's way.

"People sometimes get nervous when we talk about growth, as if all we care about are the numbers. Numbers are not our only concern, but of course we care about numbers! "

When I was in college, I gave up on ministry and gave up on church completely. Yet, there were people in my life who did not give up on me, they pushed me and helped me to understand where God

wanted me. I was more than a number, God (and some pushy friends) never gave up on me. I was one of many counted on the rosters of an exciting new church in Fort Worth, TX. In fact, my name is the first one on their new member book when we celebrated this new church on Pentecost Sunday, 1997. What I had previously abandoned, I now embraced as God's call for my life.

So may we celebrate Pentecost as a great day in the life of the Church, not just First Christian Church, but all those who follow Christ. May we celebrate what the Holy Spirit has done for our world, our nation, our church and our lives. May we embrace a vision for serious growth in our church not because we care about counting numbers, but because we want more people to know and understand God's great love.

In Christ,
Matt

Celebrating our Church Family



Birthdays

May

Blake Kalar	23	Erika Kramer	2
Stanley Rux	24	Caleb Cooper	3
Lemmy Jull	25	Beverly Perry	3
Donna Mason	25	Dianne Wilkson	3
Bob Weir	25	Ashlyn Bigham	4
Doris Jackson	27	Cheryl Clendennen	4
David Henrickson	28	BJ Hirsch	4
Anita Parker	28	Vivian Johnston	4
Tom Turner	28	June Leonard	4
Tricia Bonine	30	Collin Wilson	4
Toni Chandler	30		

June

Congratulations upon Baptism

Kimberly Otis and **Emily Snyder** were baptized on April 25 during the 11:00 am service. Kim is Emily's mother. They came forward along with Emily's sister, Jessica on March 14. This Sunday, Tyson Hunter (son of Jessica) and Hunter (son of Emily) will be baptized at the 11:00 am service.

Rededication of Life

On May 9 **Beth Manzo** came forward to rededicate her life to Jesus Christ. Our prayers are with you in this important commitment.

Discover FCC on Sunday, May 23

We are hosting a luncheon for you regarding information about First Christian Church. You are invited to stay after the 11:00 am worship for this event.

We will share basic information about FCC-

- what it means to be a member
- how one goes about joining
- a time to ask any questions about the church leadership
- **tour the church**
- meet others new like you!

Please RSVP to the church office at 503-363-9273. The table is ready. Come to the table!

Prayers For

Richard Adams, eye problem.

Keith Allen, at home.

Evelyn Bauer, health concerns.

Joanne Brown Zoller, recovering from knee surgery.

Gene Clemens, having cancer surgery on May 21.

Verne Esch, health concerns.

Richard Freeman, health concerns.

Crystal Knox, health concerns.

Ann Mulkey, health concerns.

Thank You

Thank you all so much! Keith came home on May 15. All the prayers, concerns, encouraging visits, cards and phone calls by so many of this loving church family, have been a great help for both of us. We hope to see you all very soon in church.

With thanks and love,
Ruth & Keith Allen

Welcome New Members

On March 18 **Jack & Mary Gill** transferred their membership to Salem First Christian Church. They recently moved to south Salem. Jack & Mary are retired and came to Salem to be closer to their son and family.

On April 25 three families came forward during worship service:

Ethan & Monique Ownby came forward to place their membership with Salem First Christian Church. Ethan works at Capitol Manor and Monique works at TJ Max.

Sarah Smith came forward with her 10 month old son, Preston, to make her confession of faith. On Mother's Day, Sarah and her family came forward to have a baby dedication for Preston.

John & Christa Godwin came forward to place their membership with us. John is Sarah Smith's uncle. John & Christa have moved from the coast. They bring with them their children: John Jr. (6th grade), Tiffani (4th grade), Jaycub (2) and Helen (6 months). John works in construction.

Mark Your Calendars

All-Church Karaoke/Talent Night Fundraiser

Saturday, May 22

7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Ambassador Class



EVERYONE IS INVITED
Admission is \$1. Coffee and cookies and talent you won't believe.

The funds raised will be split evenly between our own FCC Youth Group and the projects by the Ambassador class at the H.O.M.E. Youth & Resource Center.

Discover FCC

Sunday, 23

12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

See page 2 for details.

Rebuilders Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, May 25

12:00 pm Chapel

This is a support group for any and all who are rebuilding from any life experiences.

Friendship Sewing Circle

Wednesday, May 26

9:00 am, Sunshine Room

We make and tie quilts for Family Building Blocks and make lap robes for the Veterans Hospital. Questions: Call Lois Kinkaid, 503-362-6594.

Letters From Dad

May 26

Final session held during the WOW at 6:45 pm, come early for dinner.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

Church building is closed.

Scroll Submissions- All items need to be 100 words or less and are due no later than Tuesday at 10:00 am- June 1. Please email to - melissah@salemfcc.org Or drop off in Melissa's box. Thank you.

CWF Circle & Installation of Officers

Wednesday, June 2

5:30 pm at The WOW

End of the Year WOW Party & Potluck!

Wednesday, June 2

5:30 pm

See page 8 for details.

Promotion and Graduation Sunday, June 6

Graduation Banquet

Sunday, June 6

12:30 pm, W. Salem Roth's

YMCA Family Night

Sunday, June 6

6:00-8:00 pm

Swimming, basketball, games and more! Free admission to the congregation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, June 9

2:00 pm, Parlor

Just for Fun Singers Concert

Sunday, June 13

4:00 pm, Sanctuary

Craft Day

Saturday, June 19

10:00 am-5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 20

Special Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 20

Come and celebrate Pat Stephens and her birthday.

Ambassadors Annual RV Outing

The Ambassador Class has reserved the Group Camping Area B at Silver Falls State Park from June 22-24, for our annual RV outing. If you are a RVer, please come join us. Contact Jim Kinkaid, 503-581-8679, for details or for more information.

For Our Children & Youth

Flickers of Light from Laurie

Once again I have had the honor of participating in the kid's version of Pastor's class for the last several weeks. Being with the children is always a blessing because they never cease to amaze me. One of our little baptism candidates said, "I'm getting 'babetized' so I can be good." Isn't that the truth? On Sunday, May 23, we have six children being 'babetized'. At the 9:30 am service: Tristan and Matthias Brown, Ellie Horn, and adults, Ann & David Crites. At the 11:00 am service: Hunter and Tyson Snyder, Daniel Dyer, and adult, Shannon McFadden. Congratulations to all!

JYF Activities

The JYF kids are fishing and hiking this Saturday, May 22, from 8:45 am to 12:00 pm with Vern Wolford at a stocked pond in West Salem. Not only is Vern bringing the equipment and teaching the kids how to fish, but he made all the arrangements for this adventure and we owe him a big thanks. He says it's something he loves to do. THANK YOU VERN!

Also coming up in JYF, we will go swimming at KROC center on June 27th. All incoming 3rd graders; current 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and outgoing 5th graders are welcome to attend with a parent sponsor. Cost is \$5 for each swimmer. RSVP is required.

Promotion Sunday, June 6

We will be recognizing children promoting into pre-school, kindergarten, grade school and middle school. Children promoting to 3rd grade will receive Bibles, then we will go back to our regular classrooms for a celebration.

All Kids of the Kingdom, grades 1-5 will be singing "The Fruit of the Spirit" song in the 11:00 am service on June 6. Practices are at 9:45 am downstairs.

Meet Our New Youth Director- Christopher Snow

Christopher (Chris) Snow was officially hired as First Christian Church's youth director at a board meeting on May 16, 2010. Chris did his undergraduate work at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri and recently completed his Masters of Divinity at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. His most recent ministry experience was a ministry team leader in Mt. Ranier National Park. He was a student pastor at Webster Groves Christian Church in St. Louis, MO and spent three summers as program staff at Camp MO-Val, a camp and conference center of the United Church of Christ.

Chris is excited about working with youth and working with the ministry team at First Christian Church. He also loves playing backup percussion in the praise band of his church (perhaps we can recruit him for our praise band).

In his free time, Chris enjoys playing sports, hiking, bicycling, running, and mountain climbing. He currently lives in Beaverton, OR, but plans to move to Salem soon and is even considering getting a dog!

Come meet and welcome Chris on June 2 at our end-of-the-year WOW (The Way on Wednesday) celebration! We are thrilled to have Chris joining our team!

SUMMER CAMP sponsored by the Christian Church in Oregon is coming up quickly. If you haven't already picked up registration forms, now is the time.

If you do not have children or youth going to camp but would like to sponsor a camper, please contact the church office.

Camp registration forms with payment are due back to the church office by June 15.

There is a camp bulletin board with registration forms and camp information available in the main hallway.

Camp Dates

JYF Camp: August 15-19

Chi Rho Camp: August 8-13

CYF Camp: August 1-7

Close to Home and Around the Region

Volunteer Opportunity

No Special Skills Needed

Sunday, May 30, is FCC's time to serve at Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Needed are:

- 2 people to prepare, serve dinner, and eat dinner with the families
- 2 people to dine with the families and provide an evening activity for the children
- 2 people to spend the night and set out breakfast

Instructions are available for each duty and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Call or email me if you are willing to serve.

Thank you, Rosealee Clemens
503-393-4366 or rosealeeclemens@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day

We have partnered with Habitat to build a home for Alberta & Patricia Rencom and their 6 children one of whom is in a wheel chair with Cerebral Palsy. This is our 11th partnership with Habitat.

When: First Volunteer Day is Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Then the same morning shift on the first Saturday of each month.

Where: Samaritan Lane, take Sunnyside south off Kuebler, right on Mildred, right on Samaritan.

Who: Anyone is welcome, Habitat has the tools and trainers to help everyone feel a part of the project.

If you have questions, contact Rick Ikeda, 503-371-1411 work, 503-798-7221 cell, 503-463-8902 home or rick@westerntool.com

Friendship Day Sewing Circle

is growing! If you could help us by donating any of the following items, we would appreciate it:

- Quilt batting - low or medium loft - any size
- Flannel yardage - at least 1 yd. pieces
- Sport or baby weight yarn - any color
- Lightweight sewing machine - only straight and zigzag stitch needed
- Cutting mat, rotary cutter and ruler

Call Lois Kinkaid 503-362-6594 with questions or donations. Thank you

A Few Notes

Another successful choir season will be ending on June 13. During the summer months, the Chancel Choir takes a well-deserved time off from singing each Sunday and solo or small group musicians are invited to share their gifts by bringing special music to the 11:00 am services. If you are interested, please contact the church office and sign up with Melissa.

A new project was started this year by the choir. We have formed a 'Care Choir' who's purpose is to take hymn singing into the homes or care facilities of some of our members who are unable to come to worship services. It has been a wonderful experience for all of us, and those we visit.

If you are new to our church family, if you have always wanted to sing in the choir, but never given it a try, or if you feel that sharing your gift of music is something you would like to contribute to the worship service, PLEASE consider joining us! Next season's choir rehearsals start in late August. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please give me a call if you have any questions!

Keep a song in your heart.
Judy Dyer and the choir

Here's What's Coming Next

Sunday School Invitation

The Discovery Class is inviting any persons interested in a small group discussion class led by various members of the class.

Starting May 30 we will be studying the book of Philippians. A challenging beginning to this study is our own Alger Fitch's book on Philippians. The class begins at 9:30 am in the Library. Join us.

Summer Pinochle

The group of pinochle players will continue during the summer months. We will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings at 6:15 pm. Come learn this how to play this game with a friendly and encouraging group.

Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

"Saddle Back Ranch"

Roundin' Up Questions,

Driven Home Answers

Scripture focus- James 1:5

For ages 3-5th grade. More information to follow.

"Shanghaied in Astoria"

Thursday, July 29

We are taking a bus trip! This summer, Astoria will begin it's 26th season of the melodrama, "Shanghaied in Astoria".

We will leave the church at 1:00 pm, stop at the Tillamook Cheese Factory, have dinner in Astoria and then on to the production.

Cost for the play is \$18 (\$17 for Seniors). A sign up for the first 20 people is available in the church office during the week and at the Welcome Kiosk on Sundays.

All Church Picnic at

Antique Powerland

Sunday, August 29

The church is providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. This is a free event for our church family. Plan on joining the fun!

WI-NE-MA Family Camp

September 24-26

Ocean view RV pads available. Cabins available for families, singles and youth. It is a wonderful Friday evening to after church on Sunday event with other churches from Oregon.

RELAX... WALK ON THE BEACH ... VARIETY SHOW ... EAT ... VISIT WITH OTHERS RELAX ... EAT RELAX!

Gaither Homecoming Tour

Friday, October 15

Rose Garden Arena

Seating at the 100 level. Cost \$37.50

We are excited to announce that after nearly five years, Bill Gaither and his entire performing crew will be here for one night only.

We have secured 20 seats for this event. Please call Allison in the church office to reserve your seat.

Things You Need to Know

CHECK IT OUT!

Be sure to check out the numerous books written by Alger Fitch, teacher, preacher, evangelist and member of our congregation. You will enjoy his one subject books that can be read quickly. Alger desires unity amongst all Christians, as preached in the New Testament; hence his book, "*One Father One Family*."

Some of his books, such as "*Pick the Brightest Tulip*", expose church doctrines and teachings that are not scriptural. Two of his books, "*What the Bible Says About Teaching*" and "*Reading Between the Lines*" are used as textbooks in seven Christian Colleges in Eastern Europe.

Alger's books are displayed on the back shelf in the library. Do Check Them Out and share Alger's Love for the Lord!

Betty Charnholm
Librarian

Come to The WOW (The Way on Wednesday)

May 26 Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 pm Walking Group– Chalice entry
- 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, BBQ Chicken, Vegetarian Mmm-loaf and Salad Bar-Rm.106
- 6:30-6:45 pm Opening Worship– Sanctuary
- 6:45-7:45 pm
Children's Activities up to grade 5- Rm. 114
AMPT Practice– Rm. 207
Youth Gathering Time– Rm. 310
GriefShare– Rm 202
Letters from Dad (final session)– Rm 106

June 2 Schedule

FINAL WOW OF THE SEASON!

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie-burgers provided, starting at 5:30 pm! Bring a side dish to share and bring the whole family for a fun night!

The WOW breaks for the summer and resumes on September 8.

Do You Know a Soon to be Grad?

If you have a family member who is going to be a 2010 graduate, please contact Melissa at the church office by phone 503-363-9273 or email melissah@salemfcc.org and let her know:

- Name of graduate
- School graduating from
- Degree (if from college)

The information is due on Thursday, May 27.

Thanks!

Max Meek Scholarships

If you will be attending an accredited college or university in 2010-2011, and would like to apply for a scholarship, you may pick up an application form at the church office. APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. MUST be an active member of Salem First Christian Church, Salem, Oregon.
2. Your activities and involvements at Salem First Christian Church (especially as they relate to leadership roles, youth and/or adult groups, etc.)
3. MUST be enrolling in an accredited college or university.
4. Financial need. Also show sufficient alternative resources to ensure your enrollment for this academic year.
5. Late applications WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. The **DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010**. Please turn your application, reference letters, etc. into the church office no later than June 7, 2010.

The Scholarship Committee may award up to five \$500 scholarship per year. Amount may vary year to year depending on Church Board action.

Scholarships are awarded on a "once in a lifetime" basis—previous recipients are not eligible to receive another award. Recommendations by the Scholarship Committee will be presented to the Church Board, at their July meeting. If approved, recipients will receive their scholarship check in August.

Anna Russell
Chairwoman
Scholarship Committee

Housekeeping

Serving Sunday, May 23

ELDERS

8:30 & 9:30 am– Diane Watson
 11:00 am– David Holler, Doug Johnson, Rick Ikeda,
 Phil Patterson, Orin Bruton

MAY DEACONS

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SATURDAY FILL

Linda Jordan

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Cecilia Larson, Barb Leisman,
 Bob & Janet Schafer

COFFEE HOUR

Scott & Julie Towery

HOLY GROUNDS

Cheryl Cooper, Colleen Revello

FLOWERS

From Bob & Linda Jordan, in celebration
 of their 31st wedding anniversary.

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 Gene Clemens, Wayne Smith, Neva Clausen

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 Debbi Rehbehn, Colette Tennant

COFFEE HOUR

Dave & Bev Dezotell

HOLY GROUNDS

Leann Hughes, Sherina Walle

MONTHLY & SUNDAY NUMB3RS

	April 2010	Year to Date	May 9, 2010	May 16, 2010
Receipts	\$67,928	\$197,203	GIVING	GIVING
Expenses	<u>\$50,846</u>	<u>\$234,205</u>	General– \$7655.43	General– \$4275.37
Positive	\$17,082		Building– \$50	Building– \$0
Negative		(\$37,002)	ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE
			8:30– 40/ 9:30– 82	8:30– 54/ 9:30– 82
			11:00– 227	11:00– 201
			Sunday School– 124	Sunday School– 108

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