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Sent With Love To You!

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RUSS

A new year is upon us! Happy 2017! I pray it is truly that for you...HAPPY. For me, the best synonym for happy is content. If I look at the different aspects of my life and have a peace that things are in good balance and order, I am content. Contentment + Peace = Happiness for me.

I have a notebook I keep that has four tabs. In it, I try to set goals and keep track of progress in four specific areas.

1. Personal – maintaining a strong personal relationship with God; maintaining a healthy lifestyle for myself. If I don't take care of these two things, my ability to offer anything to anyone else is hindered.
2. Family – My relationships with Sharon and our kids are the most important relationships in my life. At the same time, the demands of business and ministry always make this balance tenuous. It is a constant focus of prayer and intentional planning to try to insure my family knows the deep love I have for them by spending meaningful time together.
3. Ministry – Until this past year, ministry was just something that was important to me...seeking God's direction to use the gifts He has given me in a way that brings glory to Him. In June, for the first time, I was blessed with the opportunity to minister as a vocational pastor. I am truly grateful for this and do not cease to give thanks to God for placing me in the midst of this congregation. What a blessing!
4. Business – For me, one of the hardest challenges of 2016 was to continually remind myself that by God's design, I have a full-time job and a part time pastorate. Even though serving at First Christian brings so much more fulfillment than what I do in the business world, both are part of God's plan for my life and I need to honor both. This has been the most challenging aspect of 2016. I want to honor God in my business as well as my ministry.

This past Sunday, I shared four important points of contact with God that are essential to discovering and living out his amazing plan for our lives. They are: spending time in the Word, spending time in prayer, spending time with fellow believers and strengthening our faith and trust in God...believing He is who He says He is.

I am offering two things that will help us in all of these areas because if there isn't a practical application of the teaching, nothing of value comes from it.

1. I receive a Bible verse each day from a radio ministry. For years I have forwarded it to family members with a few thoughts included. If you would like to receive this, call the church office and give Rosie your name and email address or sign up on the sheet in the annex this Sunday. I will forward the same to whoever wants it. That will keep us in the Word all year.
2. Sunday morning, we looked at Mark 1:35 which said, "before the sun was up, Jesus went to a secluded place to pray". To help get a good habit of prayer established in 2017, as well as spend some time with other believers, I am going to lead a brief study and time of prayer each morning next week (Monday – Friday) starting at 6:30. Please plan to join us. Our study will highlight the promises pertaining to prayer. Our time of prayer will move the hand of God

2017 is going to be a great year! God has a great plan for each of our lives and for our congregation. Pastor Matt and I are excited to see what is in store for First Christian. Thanks for being a part of it!

So Blessed to Serve With You, Pastor Russ

Like our Facebook Pages!

Did you know the church has a Facebook page? We post pictures and updates from time to time. "Like" us and "check-in" when you're here to stay connected with your church family!

www.facebook.com/fccatchison

<https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch>

The Churches Website

Check it Out: www.fccatchison.net

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, January 23, 2017 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

This issue will include worship info for January 29 and February 5 as well as the February calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 6 and will include worship information for February 12 & 19. Please have your items either typed or written out. It is difficult to take this information over the phone. You may also email your information to the church at fccatch@sbcglobal.net.

Please Notify The Church Office

- If anyone in your family goes into the hospital.
- When your group plans to have a meeting.
- When a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When you're planning to move out of town or locally.
- When your phone number changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When you feel the church can assist you in any way.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When someone needs to be placed on, OR taken off of the Prayer List.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Atchison County Food Pantry @ FCC

The food pantry is open on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00-11:30 am and is located in the basement entrance off of Santa Fe St.

Please call the church office, 367-3036 if you would like to help. The Food Pantry is an important ministry in our community. Please check out our page on Facebook & Like us - Atchison County Food Pantry @ First Christian Church. *Monetary donations are accepted too!*

Needs for January: Canned Tomatoes, Canned Potatoes, Pork 'n Beans, Boxed Rice, Bar Soap or Body Wash

Loaves & Fishes Schedule

Saturday's, Feb.11 April 22 June 17 Aug. 19 Oct. 21 Dec. 16
Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church. Sign-up sheets for volunteering are on the table in the coffee room (near annex). We need volunteers for kitchen helpers at 9 am and drivers and helpers to deliver meals to the homebound of Atchison at 10:15 am. If you have questions, contact Barb Piper, 913-255-2461

Beans and Rice Ministry

3rd Thursday of Every Month – January 19, 2017 11 AM to 2 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church, 300 South 5th Street (east door)
913-367-3171

Remember In Prayers

Rose Bahr, Alex Blunt, Helen Birkinsha, Betty Blide, Delbert & Diana Boatright, Kathy Botts, Isola Burdette, Brenda Callahan, Melinda Calhoon, Matthew Carpenter, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Bill Dorsey, Sr., Dennis Draper, Bob Dunn, Earnestine Engeman, Marion Ehret, Raymond Felton, Steve Germani, Alana Hale, Sherri Hart, Charlie Harris, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Tristan Hewitt, Mercedes Hoffman, Mike Horton, Maggie Kane, Tracy Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Charlotte Kime, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Elaine Krusemark, Jeff Kuhnert, Edith "Edie" Kurtz, Laney Ledbedder, Shirley Linck, Naesha Low, Ruthanna Marlatt, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Byran Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Pam Mullins, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Amanda Shewey, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Sharon Sowers, Gary Stecher, Matt Stout, Sarah Szymanski, Glen Thorne, Karen Tollefson, Lillie Truman, Amy and Mitch West, Pam Williamson, Chris Wilson, Nora Wohlgemuth, Debbie Young. [IF WE CAN TAKE ANYONE OFF OF THIS PRAYER LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY ROSIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE]

Military

Ryan Callahan, Joshua Lambert, Nicholas Cline, Sean McCaffery, Anton Mak, Jesse McGlade, Nick Davison, Curtis Ellis-Kuwait, Ben Carlisle, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Justin Ruhlman, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas

Attendance

December 25, 2016	10:00 a.m. – 125		
January 1, 2017	9 a.m. – 60	10:45 a.m. – 66	SS – 12
January 1, 2017	9 a.m. – 110	10:45 a.m. – 79	SS – 45

Visitors Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & 8

Carolyn Carter, Kassandra Alexander, Jeffery Walker, Brendan Wolvington, Gregg Merritt, Amanda Donaldson, Marvin Egbert, Jason Sumpter, Sarah & Joshua Bounds, Rebecca Kincaid, Joe Butner, Terry, Kara & Emily Smith, Britney Smith, Vincent & Terri Rodina, Ryan Henderson, Bailey, Rex & Tanner Buttron, Shawn Snoddy, Bailey Farrell

Christian Education

Youth Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM in the educational building

- Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Pam & Shawn Rizza & Isabelle Beckett
1st & 2nd Grades – Vicki Tate & Shanae Randolph
3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail & Christen Lacey
Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th Grades) – Russ Cooper
Sr. High School (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades) – Debra Mikkelson & Ronda McDaniel

Adult Sunday School Classes

- 9:30 AM in the choir room in the educational building – Friendship Class led by Keith Rawson
- 10 AM in the Memorial Chapel - Logos Class led by Jack Albright
- 10:10 AM in the Resource Room on 2nd floor of educational building for ages 18 – 25 led by Pastor Matt.
- 10:10 AM in the library/parlor (next to Wolf Hall) Led by Carolyn Rodina. Book of James from the Life Lessons with Max Lucado.



*We invite you to attend the
Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Service*

Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance

Monday, January 16, 2017

5:30 pm March from City Hall

6:00 pm Service here at First Christian

A cookie and punch/coffee reception will be hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team after the service in the annex.

COOKIE DONATIONS REQUESTED – Barb Piper, Fellowship Chair is asking for donations of 3 dozen homemade cookies for the reception. A sign-up sheet is on the wooden table in the annex. We are also needing cookies for the **BLACK HISTORY SERVICE** that will be held on Sunday, February 19th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours
are 8:30 am to 4 pm

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR Day.



The CWF of FCC will hold it's monthly meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Wolf Hall. We will have our Installation of Officers for 2017. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us as we begin a new Just Women Bible study "The Table & Beyond: Lavish Hospitality in the Bible". I will teach the first lesson "Let the little children come".

Scripture passages for this are: Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 9:33-37 and Luke 18:15-17.

Blessings, *Susan Cummings*

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- The family of BETTIE GAYLE LINSKOTT who passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016. Funeral services for Bettie were held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Charlie Neill officiating.
- The family of RUTH ELLEN MARIE LUTZ-LANTER who passed away on Friday, December 30, 2016. Funeral services for Ruth were held on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Russ Cooper officiating.
- The family of VAN NORMAN HURST who passed away on January 3, 2017. Funeral services for Van were held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 1:30 pm at First Christian. Rev. Matt Broxterman and Pastor Bob Turpin officiated at the service.
- MARK and DEBRA MIKKELSON and FAMILY on loss of his mother, JEANETTE I. "JAN" MIKKELSON who passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017. Memorial services for Mrs. Mikkelson will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church with Rev. Craig A. Lantz officiating. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service.
- VIVIAN HOOPER on the loss of her sister, DORIS HOLTGRAVE who passed away Monday, January 9 2017.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM EVENTS

Church Dinners Out

Saturday, February 4th – Metropolitan Steakhouse, 1501 Metropolitan Leavenworth, KS

Saturday, March 11th – Galvin's Dinner House, 6802 S 22nd Street in St. Joseph, MO

The bus will leave at 5:30 pm from church parking lot (for both dinners out). Our reservations are for 6 pm A sign-up sheet for the bus is located in the coffee room. If you ride the bus, we ask for a \$2 gas donation.



Kansas City T-Bones vs Sioux City, IA Explorers

Saturday, June 24, 2017
Game time is 7:05 pm
Bus will leave at 5:30 pm from
the church parking lot

Tickets are \$10.50 each \$2 gas donation if riding the bus

Thank You Notes

Thank you all so much for the lovely Christmas gifts given to us during the holiday season. Your kindness and remembering us means a lot.

Rosie and Patty

STARS OF HOPE TREE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the gifts for the children and families of the Atchison community during this 2016 Christmas season. The Salvation Army distributed them through their Angel Tree program.

As I am nearing the end of my three years as Fellowship Chair, I want to thank everyone that helped me. I won't name them all, as I would inadvertently leave some out. Just know you are all appreciated. No matter who the next board chair chooses to replace me, know that I will support you. I will continue in my capacity of heading the Loaves & Fishes ministry for our church; therefore, I will still be feeding the masses.

Thank you for believing in my capabilities.

In Christ's love,

Barbara Piper

Thank you for your generous and continued support of the Atchison County Food Pantry.

Linda Stecher, Food Pantry Director

I would like to thank my church family for the prayers sent up for me and for my family these past few weeks. Things seem to be going well. I started Cardiac Rehab at the end of December.

We appreciated Pastor Matt making a home visit for us. He was a ray of sunshine at that time. Phil and I both felt blessed by his visit.

As you know I firmly believe in miracles and what the doctors found on that heart cath proves God took control that day, without having had a heart attack to get me to KU Medical Center so quickly and a crisis averted.

Again, Thank you to our church friends for a job well done.

Chris Wilson



BOARD INSTALLATION

The newly elected members of the 2017 Board will be Installed in a special ceremony during the morning worship services on Sunday, January 22, 2017. We will also Install the new Ministry Team Chairperson as well.

9 a.m. People of Praise Service
9:30 & 10:00 & 10:10 a.m. Adult SS C
10 a.m. Children & Youth SS Class

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM Blended Worship Service

11:15 AM Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch

Sunday, January 15, 2017

9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Tohnya Aversman,
Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy
Jacobson

9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Roger Phillippe
7th Street – Barb Piper
Santa Fe – Carolyn Rodina

10:45 Elders: Jacque Pregont & Janie Smart

10:45 Servers: Kevin Dykstra, Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kay &
John Dolenz, Michelle Stanton

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Teri Kuhnert
7th Street – Linda Stecher
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis

10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Linda Tuley & Sharon Sowers

10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle & Alison Simpson

Worship Leader: Carole Baker

Sunday, January 22, 2017

9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Kevin Dougherty, Janie Smart,
Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Kay &
Jesse Greenly

9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Linda Tuley
7th Street – Rick Stark
Santa Fe – Ron Tuley

10:45 Elders: Rhonda Shell & Sharon Baldrige

10:45 Servers: Brian, Mason & Amy Oswalt, Michel Fobbs,
Alison Simpson, Teri Kuhnert

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Tiny Kibler
7th Street – Keith Rawson
Santa Fe – Dub Ehret

10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Susan Cummings & Carole Baker

10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Ethan Matthias & Heather Matthias

Worship Leader: Sharon Baldrige

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2017 Ministry Teams Formation

(New Ministry Teams begin February, 2017)

Every members of the congregation is encouraged and needed to serve on a Ministry Team. Please indicate how you desire to serve the Lord by selecting one:

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YOUR NAME _____

_____ Christian Education

_____ Fellowship

_____ Property & Grounds

_____ Stewardship

_____ Evangelism

_____ Membership

_____ Outreach

_____ Worship

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