

The
Christian
Visitor

First Christian Church

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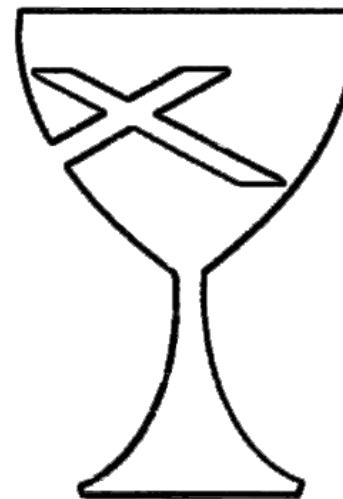
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Sent With Love To You!



It's time to start looking toward the annual Pastor's Class and preparation for Baptism. The question always comes up regarding what age is appropriate. Each child is different; therefore, it's difficult to set a rigid rule, but my response generally is that whenever they start asking questions is the appropriate time to talk with them about it. If we don't

respond when they ask their questions, they may become discouraged.

If they haven't begun to ask questions about Baptism by the age of nine (4th grade), I think it's appropriate to initiate conversation with them about it. However, I don't want to set a minimum or maximum age.

Even at that age the child's brain is not ready think in abstractions, so it's important to work with them at their level, and to not expect them to grasp matters of faith at an adult level. The hope is that parents will continue to support the child's spiritual maturation, a significant part of which is participation in Sunday School, youth groups and other Christian Education activities.

The history here has been for the Pastor to hold the classes on Sunday afternoons for a number of weeks, leading up a Baptismal service on Palm Sunday. I have generally preferred a mini-retreat setting, beginning after school on a Friday and lasting until 5:00 or 6:00 PM, and then finishing up on Saturday from 9:00 AM to around 4:00 PM. I also like to end with parents joining the group for a closing worship experience.

I'd like feedback from parents before I set a schedule. If we aim at weekly sessions for six weeks, we'll need to begin by February 7; on the other hand, a Friday/Saturday mini-retreat would probably be set for March 4-5 or March 11-12.

Baptism is a crucial landmark for people who choose to follow Jesus, and an annual Pastor's Class is just the beginning point for a lifetime of faith and spiritual maturing. The process involves parents, teachers, youth leaders... In other words, it involves the whole church.

Please let the church office know if your child or youth wishes to participate, and share your preferences related to scheduling.

Together in the Walk,
Pastor Jim

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, February 8, 2016- 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

This issue will include worship info. for February 14 & 21, 2016. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, February 22, 2016 and will include worship information for Feb. 28 and March 6 as well as the March calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. 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.

Remember In Prayers

Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Tracie Caudle, Larry Coder, Bryson Connell, Cindy Dooley, Diane Dooley, Bob Dunn, Raymond Elias, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Hunter Idol, Bessie Jones, Beverly Kennedy, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Charlie Kottman, Jeff Kuhnert, Virginia Lacy, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha Low, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Bryan Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Steve Otte, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Amy Jo Smith, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Marty Sutlief, Diana Terry, Karen Tollefson, Dick Tull, Angel Tuttle, Ken and Donna Watkins, Amy West, Mick West, Dixie Williams, Debbie Young. [IF WE CAN TAKE ANYONE OFF OF THIS PRAYER LIST, PLEASE OTIFY ROSIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE]

Military

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

Attendance

Jan. 10, 2015	9 a.m. – 83	10:45 a.m. – 70	SS – 40
Jan. 17, 2016	9 a.m. – 60	10:45 a.m. – 63	SS – 33

Visitors Jan. 10 & 17, 2016

Lacey Chalfant, Ashlyn Bonnel, Megan Schrick, Chloe Thomas, Ashlyn Piper, Brooke Jackson, Brandon Jackson, Brianna Kers, Megan Schrick



Feeding the Community

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 Street.

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 at First Christian Church.

Needs for January, 2016: ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOODS.

Needs for February, 2016: chili beans, chili seasoning, pork 'n beans, crackers, dish soap.

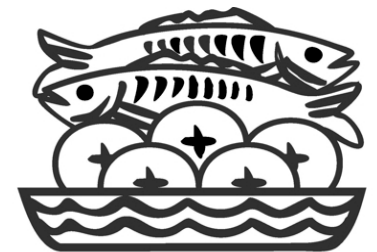
Monetary donations are accepted too!

Schedule for Loaves & Fishes

Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church (PLEASE NOTE WE WILL NO LONGER BE AT PROJECT CONCERN).

Signup sheets for volunteering are on the table in the 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.

January 30, 2016 March 26
May 21 July 30
October 8 December 17



Loaves & Fishes

The Atchison Child Care Association

Chili & Soup Supper

Thursday, February 4, 2016

4:30-6:30 pm

1326 Kansas Avenue

Menu: Chili, soup, crackers, dessert, drinks. All funds raised will help upgrade the east playground.

Silent Auction and Bake Sale

(Silent Auction will begin Feb. 1st – Feb. 4th @ 6:30 pm)



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Trinity Episcopal Church

300 South 5th St (please enter East red doors from parking lot)

February 9, 2016

Serving from 5-7 pm

Menu consists of all-you-eat pancakes (plain, blueberry, or chocolate chip), sausage, applesauce, bananas, coffee, milk & juice

\$5 for adults (13 and older) and \$1 for children (12 and under)



MOVIE NIGHT

at First Christian Church

Sponsored by the Membership Ministry Team

Mark your calendars!!!

Saturday, January 23, 2016

6 PM in the sanctuary

Inside Out

2015 · Fantasy/Comedy-drama · 1h 42m

Riley (Kaitlyn Dias) is a happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl, but her world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Riley's emotions -- led by Joy (Amy Poehler) -- try to guide her through this difficult, life-changing event. However, the stress of the move brings Sadness (Phyllis Smith) to the forefront. When Joy and Sadness are inadvertently swept into the far reaches of Riley's mind, the only emotions left in Headquarters are Anger, Fear and Disgust.



Officers of First Christian Church Board

Board Chair – Dennis Stanton
Secretary – Susan Cummings
Deacons Chair – Rick Stark

Vice-Chair – Helen Birkinsha
Elders Chair – Phyllis Walton
Deaconesses Chair – Cindy Jacobson

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- ❖ The family of **ROY W. MARLATT** who passed away on Monday, January 11th. Funeral services for Roy were held on Thursday, January 14th at 10:30 am at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Pastor Jim officiating.
- ❖ **MARK & LINDA VANDERWEIDE** and Family on the loss of his brother, **CHARLES THEODORE VANDERWEIDE, JR.** who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2016. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 20th at St. Patrick's Church.

NOTE OF THANKS

To everyone who sent cards, prayers, and any other acts of kindness during my father's (LEO KING) illness and passing THANK YOU SO MUCH. A very special thank you to Sharon Sowers for taking care of my father, step-mother and myself during this time.

Frances and Gary Mason and Family

All Church Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, February 14, 2016
Serving begins at 11:45 AM
Wolf Hall



Menu: Spaghetti with sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Drink.
Youth Group Fundraiser – Accepting freewill donations for summer mission trip.

Black History Month Service



A service of Celebration for Black History Month will be held here at First Christian Church on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 6 PM in the sanctuary.

Communion will be served and a freewill offering will be collected and given to the Citizens for Communion Action Program for their scholarship program.

Following the service a cookie reception will be held in the annex.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next C.W.F. meeting will be held on Monday, January 25th, at 2 pm in the library/parlor. The lesson will be given by Susan Cummings. I will give the devotion and the hostesses will be Vi Garvin and Laura Draper. There will be an installation of new officers for CWF in 2016. And the officers will be as follows:

President - Susan Cummings
Vice President - Lavern Fitkin
Secretary - Carolyn Rodina
Treasurer - Mary Anna Dove
Callers - Mary Sexton & Edith Smith
Service - Mary Anna Dove & Vi Garvin
Sunshine - Edith Smith & Diana Moxley
Lessons - Carole Baker



Books - Carole Baker
Devotions - Diana Moxley

Diana Moxley, CWF President

Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses

Trainings

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
6:30 PM

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
7:30 PM



Youth Sunday School Classes

Classes meet @ 10 AM on Sundays in the Educational Building
Pre-K and K – Stacie Dougherty, Pam & Shawn Rizza, Rochelle Schuetz
1st and 2nd Grades – Kylee Kottman, Heather Matthias
3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail, Christy Isaacs, Christen Lacey
Middle School – Ronda McDaniel, Debra & Mark Mikkelson
High School – John Jacobson, Mick West

Adult Sunday School Classes

Friendship Class – Sundays at 9:30 am in Choir Room – Our current study is: Living by Grace (a study of freedom in Christ) based on Galatians.

Logos Class – Sundays at 10 am in Chapel.

Do you know what gifts the Holy Spirit has given you?

Jack Albright is leading the study of Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Logos Sunday School class. Join the class and discover and develop the gifts God has given you.

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30
Sermon: "The Yoke of Christ"
9:00 Servers: Amy Knoch, Vicki Jones, Christen Lacey,
Jackie Jasper, Mandi & Jason Wells, Kay &
John Dolenz, Heidie Hennen, Heather Matthias
10:45 Elders: Sharon Bullock and Rhonda Shell
10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove,
Sharon Sowers, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Tiny Kibler
7th Street...Keith Rawson
Santa Fe...Dub Ehret
10:45 Preparers: Tiffany Hale and Heidie Hennen
Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Alison Simpson
Worship Leader: Carolyn Campbell

Sunday, January 31, 2016

5th Sunday Combined Service

9:00 AM Contemporary

10:00 AM Sunday School

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16
Sermon: "This Little Light of Mine"
9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Dale Erhart, Rose
Webb, Tohnya Aversman, Roger & Patty
Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacoson

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20
Sermon: "A People of the Book"
9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Sarah & Brad Lee, Stacie &
Kevin Dougerty, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn
Rodina, Susan Cummings, Leslea Moranz
10:45 Elders: Helen Birkinsha and Vicki Tate
10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Heidie Hennen,
Susan Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Simpson
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Mary Anna Dove
7th Street...Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe...Jeremy Ellias
10:45 Preparers: Alison Simpson and Sharon Sowers
Acolyte & Helper: Brody Kottman and Kylee Kottman
Worship Leader: Sharon Sowers
Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Todd Stillings and Jeremy Ellis
Team 2 – Rhonda Shell and Susan Cummings



BIRTHDAYS

3 - RHODA BUTNER, AMY WEST
4 - DIANNA KRUGER, EDITH KURTZ
7 - MATTIE JANE DOUGHERTY, BRENDA PETERSON
8 - JEANNA MCQUARIE
10 - ASHLEY GRAY, JODY SCOTT
11- MISTY DOVE MILLER, SARAH SZYMANSKI
12 - KAY DOLENZ
13 - SANDRA KURTZ
14 - ASHTON APPEL, GEORGIA APPEL, MADISON APPEL, CHARLIE CALLAHAN, RONDA MCDANIEL
16 - RUTH KRUSEMARK
17 - LOGAN MARTIN
18 - RAY MONTGOMERY, LILLIE TRUMAN
19 - KRISTI MOXLEY
22 - LEE SMITH
25 - SHARON COOPER, LOUISE PRUETT, RUTH STUCKY
26 - ALEXIS BOSSHAMMER
28 - LIZBETH MARTIN, ROGER PHILLIPPE

ANNIVERSARIES

7 - BILL & RHONDA SHELL
19 - DAVID & LOIS REID



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1-3 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Wolf Hall 6:30 pm EfM in chapel	2 9 am Women's Bible Study in chapel 5:30 pm Membership Ministry Team in chapel	3 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	4 7 pm Women's Small Study Group in Chapel 7-8 pm Cub Scout Pack #92 in Wolf Hall	5 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	6 9 am – 12 noon K-State Extension Office Meeting in Wolf Hall
7 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship NO Youth Group	8 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> deadline info. for 2/14 & 21 6:30 pm EfM in chapel	9 9 am Women's Bible Study in chapel 6:30 pm Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Training 7:30 pm Board Meeting	10 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12 noon Soup & Sermon @ AUMC, 5 th & Kansas Ave 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	11 8:30 am – 3 pm CWF Sewing Group in Wolf Hall	12 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	13
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21 Week of Compassion 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship 4-5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Black History Service	22 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> deadline info. for 2/28, 3/6 March calendar, birthdays and anniversaries 6:30 pm EfM in chapel	23 9 am Women's Bible Study in chapel	24 12 noon Soup & Sermon @ AUMC, 5 th & Kansas 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	25 7-8 pm Cub Scouts Pack #92 in Wolf Hall	26 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Chi Rho Spring Retreat @ Camp Tawakoni through Sunday the 28th</div>
28 Week of Compassion ends 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship	29 1-3 pm Food Pantry 2 pm CWF Meeting 6:30 pm EfM in chapel	