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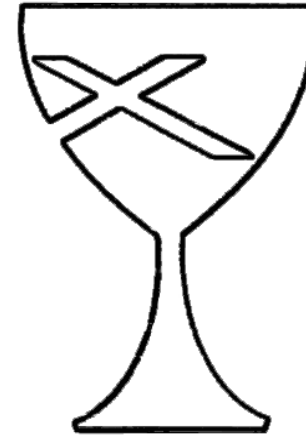
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Sent With Love To You!

Message from Russ

I want to start by extending a heartfelt "thank you!" to each one reading this. You've made me feel so welcome in this new role. Adequate words to express my appreciation are hard to come by. Your words of encouragement, notes and messages have touched my heart. It is truly a blessing and honor to serve God alongside you!

A few things as it relates to the current series, "New Beginnings – Spiritual Boot Camp". I hope you will join us this Sunday for the final segment, "Here Am I, Send Me". We will start with a review of the first three parts so please come even if you've missed some.

On that note, we have a new feature available to you. Through the efforts of Dennis Stanton and Rosie Trower, we now have podcasts available through the church website. The recorded message we provide to KAIR radio for the Sunday morning broadcast is now available to listen to via your computer/smartphone so if you miss a week or just want to go back and re-listen, you can. This feature can be accessed by going to the church website (www.fccatchison.net) click on the "Sermons" tab at the top, then select "2015 Sermons". You then can click on any of this year's messages. Thanks so much to Dennis and Rosie for making this possible!

Coming off last Sunday's message on prayer, I was particularly touched last night at the Martin Luther King Jr service. A sermon of Dr. King's was read. The sermon title was "A Knock at Midnight". The scripture was from Luke 11:5 & 6 where a man knocks on his neighbor's door at midnight seeking to borrow bread to give to a friend who has returned from a long journey. The parable given by Jesus was to illustrate the importance of persistent, believing prayer.

In his message Dr. King related the story of the Montgomery bus boycott. In order to provide transportation to Montgomery's black work force during the boycott, 17,000 volunteers formed car pools to transport workers to and from their jobs. After 11 months, the City of Montgomery, sensing that if they didn't do something soon they would lose the battle over segregating city buses, filed an injunction against the carpooling, saying it was a "private enterprise" operating without a license. The date came to argue the case before a judge sympathetic to the city and all hope seemed lost. The night before the hearing, Martin Luther King shared these words with his supporters. "We have moved all these months in the daring faith that God is with us in our struggle. The many experiences of days gone by have vindicated that faith in a marvelous way. Tonight we must believe that a way will be made out of no way."

The next day, as the trial began, it became evident the judge was going to rule in favor of the city but during the noon break, word came that the Supreme Court of the United States had unanimously ruled bus segregation unconstitutional in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. King stated, "The darkest hour of our struggle had become the first hour of our victory!"

What a great testimony to God's perfect timing! Sometimes it is at the darkest midnight when the victorious answer to our prayers comes about. God will indeed bring about His plan in the life of every committed believer. Keep the faith in whatever your struggle today!

Blessed To Be Serving With You,

Russ Cooper

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 2, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

This issue will include worship info for February 8 & 15. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, February 16, 2015 and will include worship information for February 22, March 1 & 8 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.

Installation of 2015 Board Members, Officers and Chairpersons

Sunday, January 25, 2015

The Installation Services for the 2015 Board Members, Officers and Chairperson will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2015 during the 10:45 am Worship Service.

2015 Board Officers

Chairperson – John Jacobson

Vice-Chairperson – Keith Rawson

Secretary – Sharon Bullock

Trustee Chairperson – Ron Thompson

Elders Chairperson – Joe Bullock (Vice-Dennis Stanton, Secretary-Carolyn Rodina)

Deacons Chairperson – Buddy Baldrige (Co Chair-Jeremy Ellis)

Deaconesses Chairperson – Cindy Jacobson (Vice-Christy Isaacs, Secretary-Heidie Hennen)

Ministry Team Chairperson

Worship – Sharon Sowers

Youth Christian Education – Vicki Jones Adult Christian Education (Still need someone)

Stewardship – Jeff Caudle

Property & Grounds – Roger Phillippe

Fellowship – Barb Piper

Membership – Helen Birkinsha

Evangelism (Still need someone)

World Outreach – Janie Smart

Scholarship – Marilyn Albright

Memorial Gifts – Michelle Stanton

Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Training

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

The next CWF Meeting will be held on Monday, January 26th at 2 pm in the library/parlor with the Installation of Officers by Rev. Russ Cooper. Carole Baker will give the Lesson.

We collect the following: Best Choice UPC's for FCC Christian Education, Box Tops for Education for AES, Campbell's Soup Labels for Trinity Lutheran, Stamps for Stamp Camp USA

There are containers on the bottom shelf of the wooden table in the annex to place these items.

All Church Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Serving begins at 11:45 am

Wolf Hall

Youth Group accepting
freewill donation for
summer mission trip.
Menu: Spaghetti with
sauce, Salad, Garlic
Bread, Dessert and Drink



Black History Month Service

A service of Celebration for Black History Month will be held at the First Christian Church on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

Communion will be served and a freewill offering will be collected and given to the Citizens for Community Action Program for their scholarship program. Special music will be provided by the Peacemakers and another group.

Following the service a cookie reception will be held in the annex and hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team.

Atchison County Food Pantry @ FCC



The food pantry is open on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00-11:30 am. and is located in the basement entrance off 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, 2015 – Cold cereal, oatmeal, grits, pancake mix, syrup, canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken).

Needs for February, 2015 - Peanut butter, jelly or jam, spaghetti or pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned tuna, hamburger, tuna or chicken helpers

Monetary donations are accepted too!

Schedule for Loaves and Fishes for 2015

Welcome to the new Director of Loaves & Fishes for First Christian Church, BARB PIPER. She is taking over the reins from Marilyn Hansen and Ron Thompson. Thank you Ron & Marilyn for overseeing this for our homebound in the Atchison community. Meals are served and deliveries made from Project Concern. Signup sheets for volunteering are on the table in the annex.



March 21, 2015
July 25, 2015
November 21, 2015

May 23, 2015
September 26, 2015
January 30, 2016

Notes of Thanks

A big thank you for all the volunteers helping with Loaves and Fishes which Ron and I coordinated these past few years. We will miss the comradery and getting to know new people.

Ron Thompson & Marilyn Hansen

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To the elders for the enjoyable and meaningful retirement reception on December 28. I continue to enjoy all the kind cards and gifts. I am very busy making updates to the house, etc. You have been very kind and loving to me and I am blessed.

New Address: 1609 Windsor Drive, Waycross, GA 31501

Cell: 913-426-1644 (same)

Email address: lvtorideks@hotmail.com (same)

Look me up when you are in warm south Georgia.

God bless you all, *Pastor Lee*

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for the scholarship. The money will go toward BIOLOGY and CHEMISTRY textbooks and lab fees. I appreciate my church family and their support over the years.

Karl Dolenz

The 2014-2015 AHS After Prom Committee would like to THANK YOU for your help in making the After Prom a Success.

There is no way we could have done this without your support! Together with your help we were able to provide a fun, safe and alcohol free event for our children.

Again we want to say THANK YOU for your wonderful donation of monetary support.

The 2014-2015 AHS After Prom Committee

****Note – The gift to AHS After Prom was given from Outreach from funds in their Emergency Contingency Account.**

Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Alexine Blunt, Melinda Calhoon, Brenda Callahan, Bryson Connell, Bill Donaldson, Bill, Sr., Betty, Scott and Billy Dorsey, Bob Dunn, Shelly Edgmon, Earnestine Engeman, Dale Fitkin, Billy Fultz, Dee Gatewood, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, William "Red" Harrison, Phyllis Haynes, Steve Higgins, Jack Higley, Katy Hinton, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, Marla Kelley, Charlie Kottman, Ruth Lanter, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha, Joan Lemke, Lexa & Kameron Low, Karen Martin, Mark Matthias, Natalie McCullough, Sheila McDaniel, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Bryan Meyer, Jan Mikkelson, Rick Moranz, Kay Norton, Steve Otte, Dennis Petesch, The family of Allie Rebant, Donnie & Linda Roberts, Mike & Bonnie Roberts, Dorothy Schletzbaum, Kathy Scott, Harold & Erma Seever, Robena and Stanley Seever, Bunny Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Edith Smith, Darlene Sullwold, Aurora Taylor, Dorothy Turner, Timi Vanlengen, Amy West, Phil Wilson, Debbie Young

Military

Cody Callaway, 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

Attendance

January 11, 2015	9 a.m. – 136	10:45 a.m. – 88	SS – 46
January 18, 2015	9 a.m. – 109	10:45 a.m. – 92	SS – 42

Visitors on January 11 & 18

Wilbur & Ellen Ferguson, Bryan Styre, Hank Olson, Anna & Emily Midyette, Ruby Huhn

Youth Group



Sunday, Feb. 8th – **Spaghetti Luncheon** in Wolf Hall. Serving begins at 11:45 am

Sunday, Feb. 22nd – 4-5:30 pm Regular Meeting in Wolf Hall.

Cinnamon Rolls for Sale – Don't forget to pick up your cinnamon rolls this Sunday, January 25th if you placed an order. Payment is \$13 DOZEN or \$7 for ½ DOZEN. Monies raised will go towards Raymond Felton's IAS TRIP to NY and Washington, DC with the Christian Church in KS Youth and Sponsors.

For questions about youth group call Sharon Bullock @ 913-370-0845.

Youth Classes

Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Rochelle Schuetz, Jackie Jasper, Ashley Stout & Pam Rizza

1st & 2nd Grades – Kylee Kottman & Heather Matthias

3rd, 4th & 5th Grades – Christen and Matt Lacey, Brooke Genail & Christy Isaacs

Middle School – Debra Mikkelson, Ronda McDaniel & Russ Cooper

High School – John Jacobson & Linda Tuley

Adult Classes

Friendship Class – Sundays at 9:30 am in Choir Room

Logos Class – Sundays at 10 am in Chapel. Led by Jack Albright

Soup and Sermon Series

Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance

Wednesday's, February 18 – April 8 @ 12 noon

At the Atchison United Methodist Church, 5th and Kansas Ave

Everyone is invited to attend!

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Sermon: New Beginnings – Spirit Boot Camp Part 4
“Here I Am, Send Me”

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

9:00 Servers: Amy Knoch, Vicki Jones, Jackie Jasper, Mandi & Jason Wells,
Kay & John Dolenz

10:45 Elders: Dennis Stanton and Janie Smart

10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Rusty Randolph, Mary Anna Dove,
Lavern Fitkin, Teri Kuhnert, Sharon Sowers,
Lucille Rawson

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Jeremy Ellis
7th Street...Carole Baker
Santa Fe...Sharon Sowers

10:45 Preparers: Tracie Caudle and Michelle Wilson

Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Kelley Stillings

Worship Leader: Lucille Rawson

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Rev. Russ Cooper to deliver message

9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Kristi Moxley, Dale Erhart, Rose Webb, Tohnya
Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery

10:45 Elders: Keith Rawson and Carole Baker

10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Brian Oswalt, Tracie Caudle,
Janet Enzbrenner, Michel Fobbs, Dixie Williams,
Janet Pruett

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Mary Anna Dove
7th Street...Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe...Jeremy Ellis

10:45 Preparers: Tiny Kibler and Sharon Sowers

Acolyte & Helper: Brody Kottman and Kylee Kottman


Worship Leader: Kelley Stillings

Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Janie Smart and Tony Wilburn
Team 2 – Mick West and Amy Knoch

February 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship 2:30-4 pm IO practice	2 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> deadline info. for 2/8 & 15 6:30 pm EfM in Chapel	3 8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library	4 5:30-7 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	5 5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts in Wolf Hall 6:30 pm Women's Small Group in Chapel 7-8 pm Cub Scout Pack #92 in Wolf Hall	6 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	7 9-11 a.m. Praise Team practice
8 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship 11:45 am Spaghetti Lunch 2 pm Meadowlark 4-H	9 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EfM in Chapel	10 8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library 6:30 pm Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Training 7:30 pm Board Meeting	11 5:30-7 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	12 8:30 am – 3 pm CWF Sewing Group in Wolf Hall	13 10-11:30 am Food Pantry Chi Rho to Spring at Disciples Center at	14 Retreat through Sunday Tawakoni, Augusta, KS
15 <i>Week of Compassion</i> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship 2:30-4 pm IO practice	16 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> deadline info. for 2/22, 3/1 & 8 and March calendar 6:30 pm EfM in Chapel	17 8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12 noon Soup & Sermon @ AUMC, 5 th & Kansas Ave 5:30-7 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	19 6:30 pm Women's Small Group in Chapel 5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts in Wolf Hall 7-8 pm Cub Scouts Pack #92 in Wolf Hall	20 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	21

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BIRTHDAYS

3 - RHODA BUTNER, AMY WEST

4 - JANET CORNING, DIANNA KRUGER, EDITH KURTZ, PAULINE SHUCK

6 - ROD HALE

7 - MATTIE DOUGHERTY

8 - JEANNA MCQUARIE

10 - ASHLEY GRAY

11 - MISTY MILLER, SARAH SZYMANSKI

12 - KAY DOLENZ

14 - ASHTON APPEL, GEORGIA APPEL, MADISON APPEL, CHARLIE CALLAHAN, RONDA MCDANIEL

16 - RUTH KRUSEMARK

18 - RAY MONTGOMERY, LILLIE TRUMAN

19 - KRISTI MOXLEY

22 - LEE SMITH

25 - SHARON COOPER, LOUISE PRUETT, RUTH STUCKY

28 - ROGER PHILLIPPE

29 - ALAN SHAVER



ANNIVERSARIES

7 - BILL & RHONDA SHELL

13 - CHARLIE & BRENDA CALLAHAN

19 - DAVID & LOIS REID