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Christian
Visitor*

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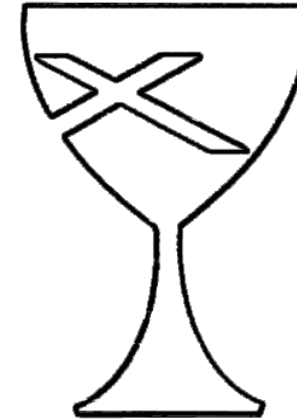
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Sent With Love To You!

Message from Russ

Happy New Year! It is my sincere prayer that 2015 will be a year of peace, spiritual revival and prosperity in our homes and community!

It seems a little awkward, and more than a little humbling, sitting at the desk in the minister's office at the church writing this. In the 16+ years we have been in Atchison, three men have occupied this space. Each of them has impacted me in positive ways. Knowing the great history of this church and its role in the community through the decades, I know I would feel more comfortable taking up space in one of the classrooms. However, that's not what I was asked to do. I was asked to serve this church as pastor on an interim basis until a full time interim is called. I am honored to do so.

I have been serving in a similar capacity the past two and half months at St. Mark's Church here in Atchison. The time at St. Mark's rekindled my love for the study of God's word and reminded me how much I enjoy sharing its truths with others. It is indeed a privilege and I am excited to have this opportunity at First Christian Church!

After my absence these past 2 months, it was truly a joy to see so many of you again yesterday! I pray you will come back for Part 2 of our "New Beginnings – Spiritual Bootcamp" sermon series. If you missed yesterday, please plan to come this Sunday. We will review Part 1 so you won't miss a beat. We are going to look at four things we can easily do to get our spirit in shape to start the New Year. If you have an unchurched friend, this would be a wonderful opportunity to invite them to church as we will be looking at the basic foundational stones of the faith and how we can effectively apply them to our everyday lives to deepen our relationship with God and subsequently the people around us. I look forward to seeing you!

If there is anything I can do to serve you or your family in this time of transition, don't hesitate to contact the church office. Rosie knows how to get ahold of me. I will continue to honor the fulltime commitment of my regular job but have made adjustments to do some of my work early morning & evenings to allow time to devote to the needs of this congregation. I am happy to help in any way I can.

The scripture passage yesterday was from Isaiah 55. Verses 8 & 9 say, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." We don't always understand why things turn out like they do. The best plans can get turned upside down in an instant. The one thing we can be certain is God is in control. For the immediate future, it has been His good pleasure to allow me to serve this church. For that, I am grateful.

A Blessed New Year to 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, January 20, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, January 22, 2015

This issue will include worship info for January 25 and February 1 as well as the February, 2015 calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Tuesday, February 2, 2015 and will include worship information for February 8 & 15. 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.

Pizza and Movie Night

January 17, 2015 5:30 PM
(January 24, 2015 – Snow Date)

Sign-up sheet in the annex
for your favorite pizza!



The featured movie will be “Mr. Poppers Penguins”

Jim Carrey stars as Tom Popper, a successful businessman who's clueless when it comes to the really important things in life...until he inherits six “adorable” penguins, each with its own unique personality. Soon Tom's rambunctious roommates turn his swank New York apartment into a snowy winter wonderland — and the rest of his world upside-down. Adapted from the award-winning classic children's book, Mr. Popper's Penguins is a cool blast of fun for all ages!

The Membership Ministry Team is sponsoring this event!

Board Orientation & Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
6:30 pm

All outgoing, current and newly elected board members are encouraged to attend. Following the Orientation the Elders, Deacons and Deaconess will meet separately and elect their officers.

Election of Board Officers

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
7:30 pm

Board Meeting with Election of Officers

Installation of 2015 Board Members, Officers and Chairperson

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.

AND THE LORD ADDED

On Sunday, December 21, 2014 Mark “Justin” Matthias joined our church family by transfer of membership. Mark and wife, Heather live at 1606 Santa Fe Street with their children Ethan and Sadie.



*Welcome to
Justin!*

2014 New Members – 28

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To

- MARY and BOB SHUCK on the loss of her brother, EDWIN D. BROWNING who passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at his home in Rushville, MO. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

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. 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.

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). *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.

January 17, 2015

March 21, 2015

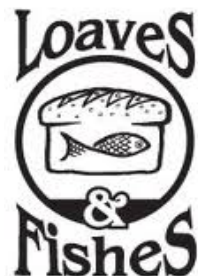
May 23, 2015

July 25, 2015

September 26, 2015

November 21, 2015

January 30, 2016



Church Office

will be CLOSED on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

March will begin on Monday, January 19th at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Then at 7 pm the Service will take place at the Atchison United Methodist Church. AES Aviators and BC Women's Choir will both perform as well as the Benedictine Parish Chamber Choir. Everyone is invited to attend this ecumenical service.



NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the many blessings you give to us throughout the year and especially for remembering us with gifts given at Christmas time. A special thanks to the church board for our Christmas bonus. We love each and every one of you. God Bless You All!

Rosie & Patty



Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Alexine Blunt, Gary Boyle, Melinda Calhoun, 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, Alana Hale, Phyllis Haynes, Steve Higgins, Jack Higley, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, Charlie Kottman, Ruth Lanter, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha, Lexa & Kameron Low, Karen Martin, Natalie McCullough, Sheila McDaniel, Lila Mercer, Byran Meyer, Marjorie Merritt, Jan Mikkelson, Rick Moranz, Kay Norton, Steve Otte, Dennis Petesch, Patty Kimmi Powers, 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 (Rivers, Quentin; 4th Platoon WARHAWKS; C Co. 1-34 INF. REGT; 165th INBDE; 12000 DIXIE RD; Fort Jackson, SC 29207-6019)

Attendance

December 21, 2014	9 a.m. – 119	10:45 a.m. – 87	SS – 46
December 28, 2014	9 a.m. – 133	10:45 a.m. – 81	
January 4, 2015	9 a.m. – 70	10:45 a.m. – 54	SS – 28

Visitors on December 7 & 14

Gretchen Jasper, Matthew Stout, Julie, Alyson & Zach Wilson, Justin Simpson, Diane Briggs, Amanda Niemann, Linda & Keith Kuykendall, Dan Nichols, Adam Molt, Dawna Ofstehage



Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Sunday, Jan. 11 – 4-5:30 pm Regular Meeting. **NEED LESSON LEADERS FOR CHI RHO DISCUSSION**
Sunday, Jan. 25 – 4-5:30 pm Outing “Ice Skating”
Sunday, Feb. 8th – 4-5:30 pm Regular Meeting. **NEED LESSON LEADERS FOR CHI RHO DISCUSSION.**

Cinnamon Rolls for Sale – See Raymond Felton, Deborah Myers or Sharon Bullock if you would like to place an order. Cost will be \$13 DOZEN or \$7 for ½ DOZEN. The rolls will be made on Saturday, January 24th and delivered that day or picked up at church on Sunday the 25th. Monies raised will go towards Raymond’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
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

YOUTH RAISING AWARENESS

On Saturday, January 17th approximately 12 members of the St. Ann’s Catholic Church youth group in Effingham will give up their comforts such as a roof and warmth to serve as a reminder that even though Christmas is over, homelessness and hunger is not.

During this time these teenagers will bring their own make shift shelters on Main Street and stay the day and night in the cold to not only raise awareness but to collect food for the Atchison County food pantry at First Christian Church.

Many Thanks & God Bless, Jill Thorne, Director of Religious Educ.
St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Effingham, KS 66023, 913-370-0673 (cell)

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, January 11, 2015

Sermon: New Beginnings – Spiritual Bootcamp Part 2
“In the Beginning Was the Word”
Scripture: John 1:1-14

9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Janie Smart, Lisa Krick, Leslea Moranz
10:45 Elders: Roy Mercer and Keith Rawson
10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Brian Oswalt, Tracie Caudle, Janet Enzbrenner, Michel Fobbs, Dixie Williams, Janet Pruett
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot....Jeremy Ellis
7th Street...Carole Baker
Santa Fe...Lucille Rawson
10:45 Preparers: Linda Stecher and Pat West
Acolyte & Helper: Ethan Matthias and Kelley Stillings
Worship Leader: Sharon Sowers

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Sermon: New Beginnings – Spiritual Bootcamp Part 3
“The Only Way We’ll Ever Stand is On Our
Knees With Lifted Hands”
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14

9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Rhonda Shell, Carol Hink, Peggy Montgomery,
Mike & Alice Henning
10:45 Elders: Carolyn Rodina and Mick West
10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Stan Purdy, Marsha Chalfant,
Carol Hink, Tony and Margie Wilburn, Linda Stecher
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Jeremy Ellis
7th Street...Carole Baker
Santa Fe...Dennis Stanton
10:45 Preparers: Linda Vanderweide and Carolyn Campbell
Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle and Tammy Parrott
Worship Leader: Keith Rawson

2015 Ministry Teams Formation

(New Ministry Teams begin February, 2015)

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:

YOUR NAME _____

_____ Christian Education

_____ Fellowship

_____ Property & Grounds

_____ Stewardship

_____ Evangelism

_____ Membership

_____ Outreach

_____ Worship

COMMENTS:

Please Return to the Church Office

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO ATTEND...**

**A Poverty Education
Breakfast**

Brought to you by



Join us for an opportunity to walk a few steps in the shoes of a family experiencing poverty in our community. Learn about the decisions facing families every day; hear stories of the real families and children. Think about the statistics in our community and what they mean.

Date: Feb 24, 2015 Time: 7:30 am
Paolucci's Restaurant
115 South 3rd Street, Atchison, KS 66002

RSVP by 2/16/2015
Ginger Hunninghake
GHunninghake@myexchangebank.com
913-367-6000

It's time to apply for LIEAP, the Kansas home energy assistance program. A Westar representative will be at Catholic Charities of NE KS to assist with Westar pay arrangements and LIEAP applications on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

To see the representative you must bring: *Proof of all income for the past 30 days
*Account numbers for Westar & Kansas Gas
*Social Security numbers for everyone in the household

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor.
2. Applicant must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.

The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level according to the guidelines listed below:

Size of family unit	130 Percent of Poverty (annual)	130 Percent Of Poverty (monthly)
1	\$15,171	\$1,266
2	\$20,449	\$1,705
3	\$25,727	\$2,144
4	\$31,005	\$2,584
5	\$36,283	\$3,024
6	\$41,561	\$3,464
7	\$46,839	\$3,904
8	\$52,117	\$4,343

