

# The Christian Visitor

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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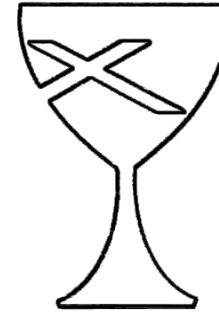
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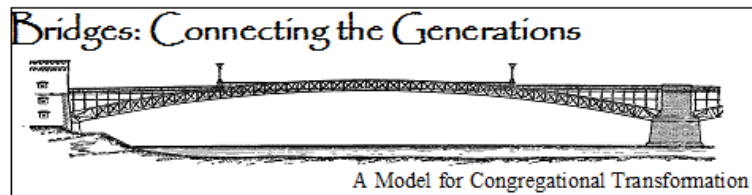
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*Sent With Love To You!*



The Proposed Statement of Congregational Identity is complete. Please review it prayerfully and respond to me or to any member of the board. The statement, will be presented to the board in December.

**Proposed Statement of Congregational Identity:** Desiring to follow Jesus and become more like him, we the people of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have discerned God's calling to live out the following:

**Core Values<sup>1</sup>:**

- **Grace:** a compassionate culture of unconditional acceptance
- **Harmony:** embracing the diversity of all God's people
- **Commitment:** faithfully participating in the life and ministry (service, missions, outreach, etc.) of the congregation

**Bedrock Beliefs<sup>2</sup>:**

- We take the Bible as the standard by which we measure all claims of truth, and we believe it is the faithful witness to the creating, redeeming and sustaining acts of God.
- We believe that thru Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit God interacts<sup>3</sup> in loving covenant with humanity.
- We affirm the biblical teachings regarding Believers' Baptism, Open Communion and the unity of all Christians.

**Motivating Vision<sup>4</sup>:**

- We see ourselves as a community teamed with Christ, always growing in worship, fellowship and service, within and beyond our congregation.

**Missional Purpose<sup>5</sup>:**

- To passionately engage others with the love of Christ by discovering and using our gifts of service in commitment to humanity and in service to the community.

November 22 ~ Scripture: Psalm 65:1-13; Sermon: "A Hero's Gratitude"

November 29 ~ Scripture: Psalm 137:1-13; Sermon: "Hope Is a Diamond Ring"

December 6 ~ Scripture: John 1:1-14; Sermon: "From Bethlehem to Bedlam"

Together in the Walk,  
Pastor Jim

<sup>1</sup> **Core Values** are the subjective assumptions by which we determine what really matters in life. Core Values are part of our identity, both as individuals and as groups.

<sup>2</sup> **Bedrock Beliefs** are those verbalized principles, symbols and stories that are non-negotiable as expressions of our Core Values, and that define the basis upon which we live and serve as the Body of Christ. Beyond these expressions our people are encouraged to develop the content of their beliefs through spiritual discipline.

<sup>3</sup> God Interacts as:

- **Creator** ["Father" in traditional Trinitarian vocabulary]: establishing the divine purpose and will, and calling creation into partnership in that purpose. We respond in worship, adoration and praise;
- **Redeemer** ["Son" in traditional Trinitarian vocabulary]: affecting salvation by grace, offering forgiveness and restoration. We respond in repentance, submission and imitation.
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- **Sustainer** ["Holy Spirit" in traditional Trinitarian vocabulary]: offering fellowship and empowerment through Spiritual Gifts of Ministry. We respond in commitment and obedience.

<sup>4</sup> **Motivating Vision** is the clearly articulated and inspiring description—the shared mental and spiritual picture—of who we are striving to become as a congregation.

<sup>5</sup> **Missional Purpose** is the reason we exist—our purpose for being. It is accomplished by the living out of God's calling.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/fccatchison)

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

## The Churches Website

Check it Out: [www.fccatchison.net](http://www.fccatchison.net)

## Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2015 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, December 9, 2015

This issue will include worship info. for December 13 & 20. The deadline for the next **Christian Visitor** is Monday, December 21 and will include worship information for December 27 and January 3, 2016 as well as the January, 2016 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](mailto: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

Sharon Agee, Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, 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, Joan Lemke, Naesha Low, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Bryan Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Kay Norton, Steve Otte, Linda Roberts, Marvin Roberts, Sr., Dorothy Jim Shipley, Pauline Shuck, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Alice Smart, Amy Jo Smith, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Roxie Stalder, Doris Sutton, Diana Terry, Haley Thompson, Ken and Donna Watkins, Amy West, 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, 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 (Guam)

## Attendance

Nov. 8, 2015	9 a.m. – 81	10:45 a.m. – 68	SS - 48
Nov 15, 2015	9 a.m. – 81	10:45 a.m. – 78	SS - 36

## Visitors Nov. 8 & 15

Dwight Myer, Dorothy Barnett, Joseph Butner, Aria Needham, Timothy Dommert, Brady Miller, Jeff Sisk



**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 November:** Canned Meats (tuna, salmon, chicken), Instant Rice, Boxed or Canned Potatoes, Pork 'n Beans, Chili Beans, Chili Seasoning, Crackers.

**Needs for December:** Soup, Crackers, Cornbread mix (Jiffy, etc.), Chili Beans, Chili Seasoning, Dish Soap

*Monetary donations are accepted too!*

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## Schedule for Loaves and 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.



November 21, 2015  
January 30, 2016

# YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ALL ARE INVITED!

The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School Class will present the Christmas Program "Super Christmas" which will be held **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend.

Any youth in this age range interested in participating please contact Brooke Genail - 913-370-2616 or [begenail@hotmail.com](mailto:begenail@hotmail.com) prior to October 25th.



While the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade class will be presenting a Christmas Program this year based on Super Heroes, other age groups will be included. If you are interested in participating, please let your teachers know.

Practices for the program will be held on Sunday's, November 22 & 29 from 12:30 pm to 2 pm and Friday's, December 4 & 11 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

## Youth Group Meetings

**Sunday, Nov. 29** 11:45 am Soup Luncheon Fundraiser – youth bring crockpot of your favorite soup to share.



## Youth Sunday School Classes

*Classes meet @ 10 AM on Sundays in the Educational Building*  
Pre-K and K – Isabelle Beckett, Stacie Dougherty, Pam & Sean Rizza,  
Rochelle Schuetz, Ashley Stout  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Kylee Kottman, Heather Matthias  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of MARJORIE MAY MERRITT who passed away on Friday, November 13, 2015. Funeral services for Marjorie were held on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Pastor Jim officiating.

# Stars of Hope Tree

First Christian Church will once again participate in the Annual Atchison Salvation Army Christmas Assistance for 2015. Our stars of hope tree will be put up in November so that you may obtain a star/s with a gift item listed for the children and youth of the Atchison Community. Suggested gift items will be: baby dolls, remote control cars/trucks, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, fuzzy blankets, adult make-up (for teen girls), jewelry, perfume, cologne, watches, earbuds, \$5 Wal-Mart or McDonald gift cards. The tree will be placed in the annex.



# BENEFIT FUNDRAISER FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ATCHISON

Beef and White Chili  
Desserts and Drinks provided  
Come and join us Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 7:00 PM  
301 N. 7<sup>th</sup>  
First Christian Church  
By donation only



# ALL CHURCH

# THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

On Sunday, November 22, 2015 the Fellowship Ministry Team will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Luncheon in Wolf Hall. Serving will begin at 11:45 am. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls, dessert and drink. All turkeys requested have been donated. THANK YOU ALL!

The Fellowship Ministry Team will meet at the church on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm (after LOAVES & FISHES). We will be baking the desserts for the dinner as well as setting up tables and wrapping silverware. We need helpers for all of this. We will also need lots of helpers after the dinner for the CLEAN UP CREW.



# Community Thanksgiving Service

*Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance*  
Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, 302 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Everyone is invited to attend!

# Church Office

Will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of THANKSGIVING



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (C.WF.)

Our next meeting, which is December 7th, at noon, it's our annual Christmas Dinner. You can bring guests, husbands, or significant others. Diana Moxley and Susan Cummings is our hostesses. The devotional, lesson will be given by Pastor Jim Robinson. We will sign up for devotions, lessons, and being hosts for the coming year 2016. The year has flown by for me as President. I had a lot of help from the officers, service chairs, and the group of ladies just in the Christian Women's Fellowship.

*Diana Moxley, CWF President*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

**Sunday, November 22, 2015**

To vote on the approval of the Proposed 2016 Budget

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

2016 Board Officers (Trustee, Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses)  
Elected

## Board Meeting

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

6:30 pm Elders Meeting

7 pm Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings

7:30 pm Board Meeting

## Hanging of the Greens Service

*Sunday,*

*November 29, 2015*



We will decorate our sanctuary during this service with the "Hanging of the Greens" and special readings given as we begin our Advent Season. The service will be held during the 10:45 am worship.

The Worship Ministry Team will meet at the church on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to decorate the church and get all wreaths, tree, etc. out.

## All Church Soup Luncheon

The Youth Group will have a Soup Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday, November 29, 2015 with serving to begin at 11:45 am in Wolf Hall.



The menu will consist of variety of soups, crackers, dessert and drinks. A freewill offering will be collected for youth mission work the summer of 2016.

## Dedication of New Life



A dedication service of New Life will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 during the 9 and 10:45 am Services. If you wish to have your child dedicated, please contact Pastor Jim or Rosie at the church office and let them know you would like to participate in this very special service.

## Sunday, November 22, 2015

**Sermon:** "A Hero's Gratitude"  
**Scripture:** Psalm 65:1-13  
**9:00 Servers:** Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Dale Erhart, Rose Webb, Tohnya Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson  
**10:45 Elders:** Jacque Pregont and Jeff Caudle  
**10:45 Servers:** Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove, Sharon Sowers,  
Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson  
**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Tiny Kibler  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Keith Rawson  
Santa Fe...Dub Ehret  
**10:45 Preparers:** Christy Isaacs and Heidie Hennen  
**Acolyte & Helper:** Parker Kottman and Kylee Kottman  
**Worship Leader:** Dennis Stanton

## Sunday, November 29, 2015

### *First Sunday of Advent*

**Sermon:** "Hope Is a Diamond Ring"  
**Scripture:** Psalm 137:1-13  
**9:00 Servers:** Helen Birkinsha, Sarah & Brad Lee, Stacie & Kevin Dougherty, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Susan Cummings, Leslea Moranz  
**10:45 Elders:** Keith Rawson and Dennis Stanton  
**10:45 Servers:** Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie Williams  
**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Buddy Baldrige  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Sharon Baldrige  
Santa Fe...Janet Pruett  
**10:45 Preparers:** Sharon Sowers and Alison Simpson  
**Acolyte & Helper:** Ryan Soph and Tammy Parrott  
**Worship Leader:** Sharon Sowers

## 9 a.m. People of Praise Service

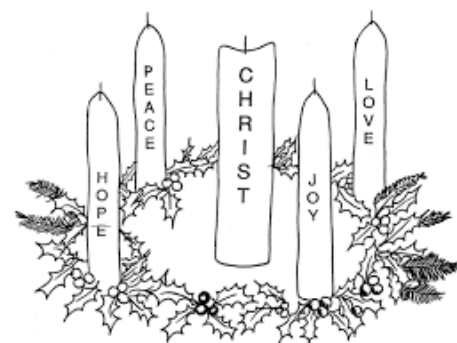
## 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

## 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

## Sunday, December 6, 2015

### *Second Sunday of Advent*




**Sermon:** "From Bethlehem to Bedlam"  
**Scripture:** John 1:1-14  
**9:00 Servers:** Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Janie Smart, Monty & Christy Isaacs, Rick & Peggy Stark  
**10:45 Elders:** Jeff Caudle and Joe Bullock  
**10:45 Servers:** Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Heidie Hennen, Susan Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Simpson  
**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Mary Anna Dove  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Sharon Sowers  
Santa Fe...Jeremy Ellis  
**10:45 Preparers:** Michelle Stanton and Linda Vanderweide  
**Acolyte & Helper:** Ethan Matthias and Kelley Stillings  
**Worship Leader:** Sharon Sowers  
**Shut-In Communion:** Team 1 – Jacque Pregont and Sharon Sowers  
Team 2 – Carolyn Rodina and Christen Lacey



# ~ December 2015 ~

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in chapel 5:30 pm Minister Selection Team meeting in chapel	2 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30-7 pm Peacemakers in sanctuary 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	3 7 pm Women's Small Group Study in chapel 7-8 pm Cub Scouts in Wolf Hall	4 10-11:30 am Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Christmas program practice in sanctuary	5
6 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School classes 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship Service 4 pm Peacemakers Concert 4 pm Youth Group	7 12 noon CWF Christmas Luncheon in Wolf Hall 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm Christian Visitor deadline 5:30-6:30 pm Girl Scouts WH 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts Wolf Hall	8 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in chapel 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7 pm Deacons/Deaconesses 7:30 pm Board Meeting	9 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	10 8:30 am – 3 pm CWF Sewing Group in Wolf Hall	11 10-11:30 am Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Christmas program practice in sanctuary	12
13 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School classes 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship Service 2 pm Meadowlark 4-H, Wolf H 5 pm Children's Christmas Program in sanctuary	14 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 EfM in chapel	15 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in chapel	16 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	17 7-8 pm Cub Scouts in Wolf Hall	18 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	19
20 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School classes 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship Service 4 pm Youth Group Caroling and Christmas Party	21 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm Christian Visitor deadline 5:30-6:30 pm Girl Scouts, WH 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts Wolf Hall	22 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in chapel	23 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	24 Office closed 8 pm Christmas Eve Communion / Candlelight Service in the sanctuary	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> Office and Food Pantry closed	26
<b>Pastor</b>		<b>Jim</b>			<b>gone</b>	
27 <b>Russ Cooper will deliver the message at both services</b> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School classes 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship Service	28 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EfM in chapel	29 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in chapel	30 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> Office closed		
<b>On</b>		<b>Vacation</b>			<b>to Arkansas</b>	





## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – COLE GENAIL, ELFREDA WALZ  
2 – JIM BIRKINSHA, HANNAH-MARIE CARLISLE, JOE FRAKES  
3 – KAREN BLUNT  
4 – KARIS DOLENZ, COLETTE HAWK  
5 – STEVE TATE  
6 – JASON WELLS  
7 – WANDA MCHARDIE  
10 – BRIDGETT KELLY  
11 – TAMMY ERHART, JEREMY GRAY, DESSIREE JESSIP, SHANE STONE  
12 – SHIRLEY SHAVER, MITCH WEST  
13 – MELISSA EBLING, LANCE LAURIE  
15 – DELBERT BOATRIGHT, NICHOLAS FANSHER  
16 – SHARON BALDRIDGE  
20 – JACLYN WEST  
21 – DOUGLAS SEXTON  
22 – MICHELLE MOORE  
23 – DONALD PRUETT, SHANAE` RANDOLPH, TITAN REBANT  
26 – JADEN CARTER, DAVID WILLIAMS  
27 - JOHN HINK, JUSTIN MATTHIAS, CHRIS WILLIS, HERB WYRICK  
28 – BEN GERMANI  
29 – JACOB BULLOCK, RUTHANNA MARLATT  
31 – KEVIN DOUGHERTY

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 – DWIGHT & KAREN MYER      | 3 – MITCH & AMY WEST        |
| 8 – GARY & FRANCES MASON     | 10 – AUDREY & RICK BLANTON  |
| 14 – JERI & JOHN KURTH       | 22 – PHIL & CHRIS WILSON    |
| 26 – DUANE & DIXIE WILLIAMS  | 26 – RUSTY & CHRIS WILLIS   |
| 27 – TODD & KELLEY STILLINGS | 30 – CLARK & JACQUE PREGONT |





*The Peacemakers*

Present

*Our Christmas  
Favorites*

Sunday, December 6, 2015

4:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

7<sup>th</sup> & Santa Fe