

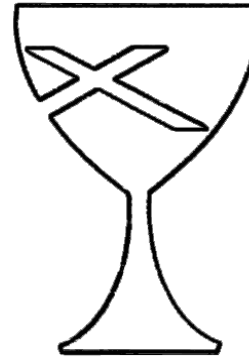
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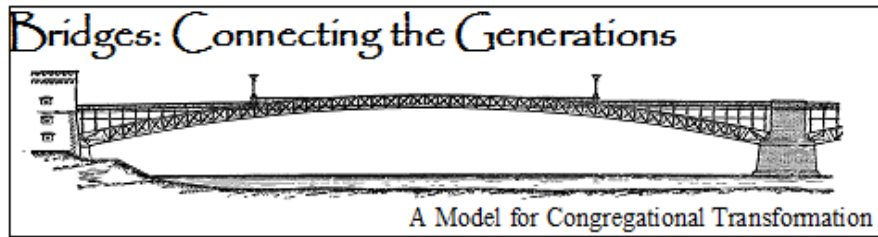
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Sent With Love To You!



Sunday's Discernment Prayer session was the second of four. Our first task was to finalize the statement of Core Values, using the findings of the first session. Here is the result:

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 Values¹:

- **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) of the congregation

Monday afternoon three volunteers and I met to try to assimilate the raw data from the second session (Bedrock Beliefs), and offer the following first draft of that statement:

Bedrock Beliefs²:

- 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 God interacts³ in loving covenant with humanity.
- We affirm the historic Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) beliefs in Believers' Baptism, Open Communion and the unity of all Christians.

This Sunday we will gather to confirm the statement, as is or as revised. Then we will consider our Motivating Vision. I hope you'll participate.

Together in the Walk,
Pastor Jim

Sermon Schedule: November 8: "From Milk to Meat" (NEHEMIAH 8:1-6; 1 PETER 2:1-6 NIV)
November 15: "Out of the Ashes" (NEHEMIAH 6:15-16)

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.
- **Sustainer** ["Holy Spirit" in traditional Trinitarian vocabulary]: offering fellowship and empowerment through Spiritual Gifts of Ministry. We respond in commitment and obedience.

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, November 16, 2015 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, November 18, 2015

This issue will include worship info. for November 22, 29, December 6 as well as the December calendar, birthdays and anniversaries.. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, December 7 and will include worship information for December 13 & 20. 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

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 Schletzbaum, 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

Oct. 25, 2015	9 a.m. – 69	10:45 a.m. – 65	SS - 47
Nov 1, 2015	9 a.m. – 93	10:45 a.m. – 73	SS - 55

Visitors Oct. 25 & Nov. 1

Amanda, Cayleb & Ayden Falk, Sandy & Kyla Reel, Jennifer Smith

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.



Feeding the Community

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

Monetary donations are accepted too!

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

Nomination Ballots

Deadline to have your Nomination Ballot in for the 2016 Board Members is Sunday, November 8th. There is a box in the annex on the wooden table to place them in. If you need a copy, there are extras by the box.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

6:30 pm Elders Meeting

7 pm Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings

7:30 pm Board Meeting



We will receive the Special Thanksgiving Offering on Sunday's, November 15th and 22nd. The offering envelope and insert is included with this *Christian Visitor*.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

Thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. Your financial gift provides scholarships and support for spiritual life offices. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

Attending a Disciples College or Theological School is possible through the scholarships and grants that are made available by generous individuals, the Disciples Mission Fund and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering.

Please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.

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. We are seeking donations of turkeys and volunteers to bake and debone them. A sign-up sheet is located in the annex. We currently have 5 donated turkeys (need 1 person to bake one of these) and we are still in need of 4 more turkeys and folks to bake them. We also have a sign-up sheet for the CLEAN UP.

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



Community Thanksgiving Service

Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance

Thursday, November 19th ~ 7 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 302 N 5th Street

Everyone is invited to attend!

Each church is asked to provide 2 dozen cookies.

If you can provide these please call the church office, 913-367-3036.



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

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.

Youth Group Meetings

Sunday, Nov. 8 4 pm Regular meeting @ church

Friday, Nov. 13 – Sunday, Nov. 15
KDYC in Hutchinson, KS

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



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School Class is starting to prepare for their Christmas Program "Super Christmas" which will be held Sunday, December 13th.

Any youth in this age range interested in participating please contact Brooke Genail - 913-370-2616 or 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, November 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 12:30 pm to 2 pm in the sanctuary.

Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to DAVID GATEWOOD and family on the loss of his wife, DEANNA "DEE" GATEWOOD. Dee passed away on October 15th and services were held on October 21st with Rev. Jim Robinson officiating.

Maturing Through Loss, Grief & Mourning Classes

Thursday's, November 5th & 12th
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, 800 Kansas Avenue, Atchison
Please call 913-367-6543 to sign up for classes
Led by Chaplain Jack and Marilyn Albright.

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.



2015 CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE AND CHRISTMAS MEAL SIGN-UP

Nov. 16, 18, 20 ~ 11 am to 1 pm; Nov. 17 & 19 ~ 9 am to 12 noon;
Nov. 23 ~ 4 to 6 pm @ the Salvation Army, 926 Commercial St.
Call the Salvation Army for details, 913-367-1207

WINTER COAT DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, November 11th -- 9 am to 1 pm
Atchison Salvation Army, 926 Commercial
One coat per household member

SCOUTING for FOOD DRIVE

The Scouts (Boy, Girl, Cub) will pick up food items for the local food pantries on Saturday, November 7th. Don't forget to put your non-perishable food items out for the scouts to pick up. THANK YOU!

BENEFIT FUNDRAISER FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ATCHISON

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



NOTES OF THANKS

We have received letters of thanks from the following organizations/agencies for donations given to them from the World Outreach budgeted funds:

Phillips Seminary, Tulsa, OK - \$270.93 (3rd quarter)
Project Concern, Atchison (3rd quarter)
Avant Ministries (Drew & Andrea Korschot) - \$270.93 (3rd quarter)

Email Address

Please update your email address with the church office if you have changed it or would like to be added to future church emails. In the near future, a church survey will be going out. One avenue we will be using to get this survey in your hands is email. Please print your email address on the Friendship Register sheet, contact the church office or email Rosie at fccatch@sbcglobal.net to provide your current email address. Thank you.

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

MINISTER SELECTION TEAM

The Minister Selection Team has been formed and has been meeting in preparation for the interview Process. The Committee is made up of:

John Jacobson Chairman of the Board

Keith Rawson Vice Chairman of the Board

Vicki Tate representing the Elders

Buddy Baldrige representing the Deacons

Christy Isaacs representing the Deaconesses

Vicki Jones representing the Christian Education Committee

Sharon Sowers representing the Worship Committee

Jeff Caudle representing the Stewardship Committee

Tohny Aversman representing the Congregation at Large

Please bring any advice or concerns to a member of the committee as we are diligently working to bring the most qualified candidate to the board for approval. We will be updating the congregation as we move forward and hope to move this process along at a responsible speed.

We as a committee understand that our new Pastor will wear many different hats and need to have a broad range of skills to minister to all the needs of our church family.

Church Office

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



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.



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 this summer.

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.

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Sermon: "From Milk to Meat"

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-6
Peter 2:1-6 NIV

9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Rhonda Shell, Carol Hink, Kevin Dykstra,
Peggy and Gary Wohlgemuth, Mike and Alice Henning,
Ron Tuley

10:45 Elders: Joe Bullock and Sharon Bullock

10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie
Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie
Williams

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Dennis Stanton
7th Street...Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe...Tony and Margie Wilburn

10:45 Preparers: Pat West and Tracie Caudle

Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Tammy Parrott

Worship Leader: Mason Oswalt

Sunday, November 15, 2015

Sermon: "Out of the Ashes"

Scripture: Nehemiah 6:15-16

9:00 Servers: Amy Knoch, Vicki Jones, Christen Lacey, Jackie Jasper,
Mandi and Jason Wells, Kay and John Dolenz, Heidie
Hennen, Heather Matthias

10:45 Elders: Carolyn Rodina and Helen Birkinsha

10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Heidie Hennen, Susan
Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Simpson

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Teri Kuhnert
7th Street...Linda Stecher
Santa Fe...Linda Vanderweide

10:45 Preparers: Alison Kuhnert and Tiffany Hale

Acolyte & Helper: Brody Kottman and Kylee Kottman

Worship Leader: Tammy Parrott
