

*The
Christian
Visitor*

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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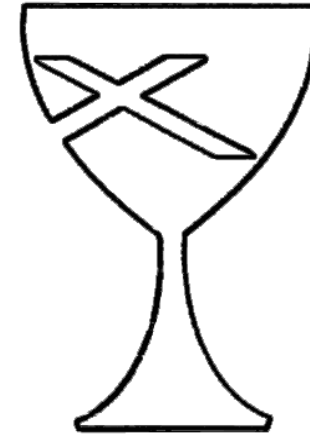
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Sent With Love To You!



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

This year's Pastor's Class is set for two consecutive Saturdays: March 5 & 12, from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please let the church office know if your child or youth wishes to participate, and if there are any food allergies or dietary concerns.

The issue of age frequently comes up. My general rule of thumb is to respond when the children start asking questions. If we delay, we may send them the wrong message. If they haven't begun asking questions about faith, salvation, baptism, church membership, etc. by 4th grade, I recommend that you initiate conversation with them and encourage their participation in Pastor's Class.

As I said above, the spiritual maturation process is life-long and involves the whole church. I'll be recruiting partners to share in the classroom and with snack and lunch preparation and clean-up. Perhaps most important of all will be those whom the children choose as one-on-one mentors. I believe God calls each of us to specific ministries, and if you sense such a call in this regard, please let me know. I would be overjoyed to have you on board!

Prior to the beginning of the class here will be an orientation session in which all of the partners will be prepared and equipped for their specific roles in this ministry.

Again, please let the church office (913-367-3036) know if your child or youth will be participating.

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 22, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

This issue will include worship info. for Feb. 28 and March 6 as well as the March calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, March 7, 2016 and will include worship information for March 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

Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Brenda Callahan, Larry Coder, Bryson Connell, Cindy Dooley, Diane Dooley, Bob Dunn, Raymond Elias, David Gatewood, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Hunter Idol, Bessie Jones, Beverly Kennedy, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Jeff Kuhnert, Virginia Lacy, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha Low, Ryley Martin, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Bryan Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Annette Moxley, Steve Otte, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Jeff Sinclair, Amy Jo Smith, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Marty Sutlief, Diana Terry, Karen Tollefson, Dick Tull, Amy West, Mick West, Dixie Williams, 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

Attendance

Jan. 24, 2015	9 a.m. – 69	10:45 a.m. – 73	SS – 38
Jan. 31, 2016	9 a.m. – 139 (combined service)		SS – 29
Feb. 7, 2015	9 a.m. – 71	10:45 a.m. – 79	SS – 33

Visitors Jan. 24, 32 & Feb. 7

Paxton & Janie Jones, Jan Merritt, Megan Schrick, Tyler Hurst, Kaylie Dithmart, Mariah Steltenpohl



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.

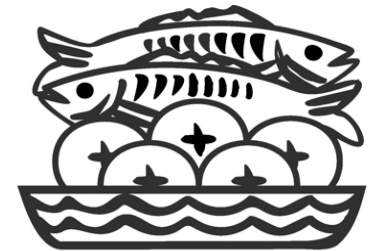
Needs for February, 2016: chili beans, chili seasoning, pork 'n beans, crackers, dish soap.

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.



Loaves & Fishes

March 26
May 21
August 13
October (TBA)
December 17

Soup and Sermon 2016

Date	Soup by:	Sermon by:
February 10	Atchison UMC	Teresa Turner Community of Christ
February 17	TBA	Jon Hullinger Trinity Episcopal
February 24	First Presbyterian	Wil Mitter Celebration Church
March 2	First Baptist	Marshall Turner Community of Christ
March 9	St. Mark's Lutheran	Connie Krstolic, OSB Mt. St. Scholastica
March 16	Effingham Union	Barnabas Senecal, OSB St. Benedict's Abbey
March 23	Camp Creek	Rachel Danner First Presbyterian
March 30	First Christian	TBA



Be Heart Smart

You're Invited

The Atchison Community Health Clinic presents a
Women Heart Champion speaker
 Tuesday, February 23, 2016 ~ 2 pm
 USD 409 Community Room – Enter from alley next to Pete's
FREE SNACKS PROVIDED GIVEAWAYS
 Heart disease is the #1 killer of women
 Come hear one woman's success story
 For questions, call Faye at the Clinic, 913-367-4879

Week of Compassion Special Offering

"Where you go I will go; and where you stay I will stay."



Week of
Compassion

The Week of Compassion Special Offering will be collected on Sunday's, February 21 and 28.

A brochure and offering envelope is included with this Christian Visitor. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

Blood Drive – February 15

Save a Life – Right here, Right now

The next Community Blood Center drive will be held at the Atchison United Methodist Church on Monday, February 15th from 2:30 – 6 pm

If you would like to donate blood, feel free to contact Marta in the AUMC office, 913-367-1844. She will gladly schedule an appointment for you.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:00 am. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Ministry Team Chairpersons

Worship – Sharon Sowers
Youth Christian Education – Vicki Jones
Adult Christian Education – (In need of a Chairman)
Stewardship – (In need of a Chairman)
Property & Grounds – Roger Phillippe
Fellowship – Barb Piper
Membership – Helen Birkinsha
Evangelism – (In need of a Chairman)
World Outreach – Janie Smart
Scholarship – Marilyn Albright
Memorial Gifts – Michelle Stanton

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- ❖ The family of **ROBERT “BOB” ALVIN SHUCK** who passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The body was cremated. No services were held.

NOTE OF THANKS

Notes of thanks were received from the following organizations for donations made to them from the World Outreach Ministry Team with the monies coming from the budgeted Outreach funds.

Phillips Seminary, Tulsa, OK	\$270.02
Project Concern, Atchison, KS	\$270.02
Avant Ministries, Kansas City, MO	\$270.02

[Drew & Andrea Korschot, Missionaries]

All Church Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, February 14th
Serving begins at
11:45 AM in 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. A skit, “Let’s Talk” written by Michel Fobbs will be presented by youth in our community. Rev. Timothy Wolfe of Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. Jim Robinson, First Christian Church and Rev. Paul Kelley of Second Christian Church will participate in the service. Special music will be presented by the Peacemakers.

Communion will be served and a freewill offering will be collected and given to the Citizens for Community Action Program for their scholarship program and the Juneteenth Celebration. 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, February 29th, at 2 pm in the library/parlor. All women of the church are invited to attend.



We collect the following:

- Best Choice UPC's for FCC Christian Education
- Box Tops for Education for Atchison Elementary School
- Campbell's Soup Labels for Trinity Lutheran School
- Stamps for Stamp Camp USA

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

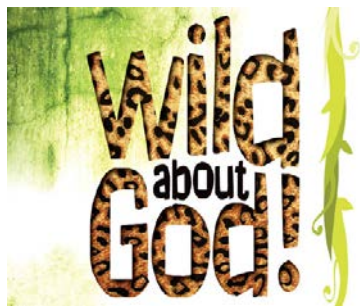
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VBS July 17 - 21, 2016 in the evenings
"Wild About God"

Bible stories:

- Moses' Staff - Snakes
- Daniel and the Lions
- Jonah and the Whale
- Lost Sheep
- Possessed Pigs



Come join the fun as we learn more about God!
Volunteers needed in all areas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH TEACHERS AND YOUTH SPONSORS NEEDED

Please pray about this wonderful opportunity to help with our youth. We are in need of adult helpers in several areas with a variety of age groups. Many of us have fond memories of our teachers and leaders as we were growing up. Now is the time to help our youth to continue that growth in Christ and fellowship. Please join us as some of our teachers and sponsors have been leading this for quite some time.

CHURCH CAMP

Be watching for information on camp dates and rally dates. Summer will be here before you know it!



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 – Heather Matthias

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail, 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.

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon: "Led by the Spirit *and*
Tempted by the Devil"

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 Carolyn Rodina
10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove,
Sharon Sowers, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Dennis Stanton
7th Street...Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe...

10:45 Preparers: Linda Vanderweide and Carolyn Campbell
Acolyte & Helper: Parker Kottman and Kylee Kottman
Worship Leader: Kathy Botts

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Scripture: Philippians 3:4-6
Sermon: "Trading Spaces"

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

10:45 Elders: Dennis Stanton and Jacque Pregont
10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie
Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie
Williams

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Know your risks!

Know the signs of a heart attack or stroke!



You're Invited

The Atchison Community Health Clinic presents a

Women Heart Champion speaker

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

TIME: 2 p.m.

Location: USD 409 Community Room -Enter from Alley next to Pete's

FREE SNACKS PROVIDED GIVEAWAYS

Heart disease is the #1 killer of women

Come hear one woman's success story

For questions, call Faye at the Atchison Community Health Clinic at 367-4879