

The
Christian Visitor

First Christian Church

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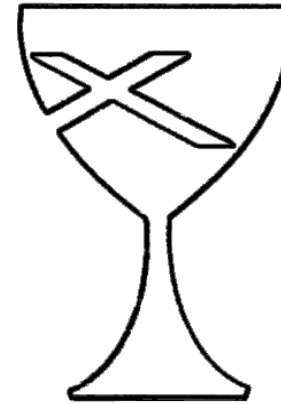
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Sent With Love To You!

Message from Russ

I am really excited about this sermon series on the church! The Greek word for church is ekklesia. It is a compound of two Greek words and translates literally to "a gathering of people called out". What a great definition! The church is not a building. It is the people of God, called out, to share the greatest message of hope and love the world will ever know. What a privilege to be a part of God's plan for Atchison, Kansas!

The sermon titles the next two weeks are "The Church as a Hospital" and "The Church as a Center of Learning".

Psalm 147:3 says, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds". Our world is broken and many people have been wounded and broken in life's journey. The church needs to be a hospital that heals hearts and binds the deep wounds society has inflicted.

Moses writes in Deuteronomy 6:6-9, "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them to your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates". A church that is instructed in the word of God is a powerful force. The church needs to be a center of learning where God's people are equipped with the truths, promises, warnings and power of the Word.

Please plan to join us on this journey. Ask God if there is someone you should invite. If He places someone on your heart, reach out to them and ask them to come to church with you.

I am going to ask one more thing. We talked a few weeks back about using the gifts we have been entrusted with in service to the church and surrounding community. For some, I know you probably aren't certain what your gift is or where to start. If that is you, this potentially is the thing that will shine a light on your area of service. Prayerfully ask God to lead you as you come and listen to the messages over the next four weeks. I believe that one of the topics we cover over the next four weeks will resonate with your heart. You will feel drawn to one of these areas of ministry. That will be the key to discovering your gift(s) and area of service.

Thank you for being a fellow searcher on this path God has set us on. We are a gathering of people. We have been called out to be a bright light in this community. I appreciate each you and am honored to be a part of this gathering!

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, March 9, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, February 11, 2015

This issue will include worship info for March 15 & 22. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, March 23, 2015 and will include worship information for March 29 and April 5 as well as the April 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.

Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
Elders: 6:30 pm in the Chapel
Deacons: 7 pm east end of Wolf Hall
Deaconesses: 7 pm Choir Room

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - 7:30 pm – east end of Wolf Hall



All Church POTATO BAR Luncheon

Sunday, March 22, 2015
Serving begins at
11:45 AM in Wolf Hall

Menu: Baked Potatoes, Various Toppings, Dessert and Drink.
Served by Youth Group and Sponsors with a freewill donations accepted with all monies raised going towards the summer mission trip to Denver, CO.

Change Your Clock...



Change Your Battery!

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins
on
Sunday, March 8, 2015
at 2:00 am

Set clocks ahead 1 hour and
change batteries in smoke and
carbon monoxide detectors.

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 the Choir from Ebenezer Baptist Church. Rev. Paul Kelley, Second Christian Church and Rev. Michael Strickland, First Baptist Church will provide Opening and Closing Prayers as well as Marilyn Albright, Accompanist, Jack Albright Communion Meditation and Michel Fobbs Welcome and Scripture.

A reception will follow in the annex hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team.

Everyone is invited to attend!



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 February, 2015 - Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Tuna, Hamburger, Tuna or Chicken Helpers.

Needs for March, 2015 - Canned Soup, Crackers, Ramen Noodles, Boxed Potatoes, Pancake Mix, Syrup

Monetary donations are accepted too!

Schedule for Loaves and Fishes for 2015

Meals are served and deliveries made from 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

March 21, 2015

July 25, 2015

November 21, 2015

May 23, 2015

September 26, 2015

January 30, 2016



Notes of Thanks

Letters of THANKS have been received from the following agencies for gifts given through our local Outreach budgeted funds:

Project Concern, 504 Kansas Avenue - \$302.93
Disciples Divinity House @ Vanderbilt, Nashville, TX - \$302.93
Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK - \$302.93

Humane Society of Atchison, 125 N. 21st - \$78 last quarter 2014 JOY JAR

All Faith Counseling Center of Atchison, 104 N 6th St, Suite 7 - \$500 Annual Outreach Gift from Ida Cure and Outreach McAdow interest funds.

Kitchen News

Did you provide a dish for a funeral dinner? Or attend a potluck luncheon? Please check the cart in the kitchen downstairs to see if one of the dishes or pans belongs to you. Also the communion room kitchen has a few containers.

Dish Rags and Towels – Did you possibly take them home after a dinner or reception to launder. The churches supply of dish rags is terribly low. Please check your house and see if you might have some from the church. Thanks so much!

Worship Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, February 22, 2015
1 pm

We will meet in the Memorial Chapel (off of the annex)

Sharon Sowers, Chairperson

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

It's not too early to think about the 2015 Spirit Fests for Kansas Women, "Finding Our Voices", sponsored by Kansas Disciples Women. It's being held on Sunday, April 19, 2015, from 1:30-6:30 pm in Topeka West Side CC. Workshops will include Celebrating Families, Violence and Bullying in School, Prayer, and Bible Study on NT Women. Registration with \$15.00 payment is due in the Topeka office by April 4th. It is for all age women of the church (young, middle life, and seasoned women). Rosie has the forms in the church office or I can be reached at 367-5251 or by email, dmoxley47@gmail.com.

All women of the church are invited to the CWF Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 2:00 pm. We will be finalizing plans for the Soup and Sermon that we'll host on March 11th at the Atchison United Methodist Church. We will enjoy, after our meeting, fellowship, a lesson, and a dessert reception, so please join us if you can.

Diana Moxley, CWF President

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.

*Spirit Fests
2015
Sponsored by
Kansas
Disciples
Women*



*"Finding Our
Voices"*

Soup and Sermon Series

Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance
Each Wednesday through April 8 @ 12 noon

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

A variety of soups is provided each Wednesday by the churches in the Atchison community. A brief sermon is then provided by ministers of the Atchison Ministerial Alliance.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Wedding Anniversary

Jack B & Joyce K Vandiver will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 6, 2015. They were united in marriage March 6, 1965 at the First Christian Church in Atchison, KS. A small reception will be given for them at The Exchange National Bank Meeting Room at the Kansas Avenue Branch Saturday March 7th from 2 to 5 pm. Cake and Punch will be served. Please come visit and wish them well! Cards can be sent to: 712 W Street, Atchison, KS 66002.



Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- ❖ ROBENA SEEVER and FAMILY on the loss of STANLEY. Stanley passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2015. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 11th at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Russ Cooper officiating.

Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Alexine Blunt, Cory Brown, 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, Charlie Kottman, Laney Ledbedder, Joan Lemke Naesha, Lexa & Kameron Low, Karen Martin, Mark Matthias, Natalie McCullough, Sheila McDaniel, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Byran 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 Seever, Bunny Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Edith Smith, Zane Steltenpohl, Aurora Taylor, Piper Garrison, TeBeest, Diana Terry, 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

February 8, 2015	9 a.m. – 104	10:45 a.m. – 78	
February 15, 2015	9 a.m. – 84	10:45 a.m. – 84	SS - 42

Visitors on Feb. 8

Roger & Donna Caudle, Henry & Sharon Peuker, Henry Peuker, Jr., Dawna Ofstehage, JoAnn Walton, Jay & Pat Gideon, Hank Olson

Youth Group

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

Friday, March 6 – Sunday, March 8 – CYF Spring Retreat at Camp Tawakoni

Sunday, March 22 – 11:45 am Potato Bar in Wolf Hall sponsored by Youth Group. Monies raised for summer mission trip. The Youth Group will have an OUTING after the cleanup has been done

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



Youth Sunday School 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

Isabelle Beckett – Education Major @ Benedictine College
will also be helping with our youth Sunday School classes.

Adult Sunday School Classes

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

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

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Sermon: "The Church as a Hospital"
Scripture: Psalm 34:17-19
9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Rhonda Shell, Carol Hink, Peggy Montgomery, Mike and Alice Henning
10:45 Elders: Janie Smart and Dennis Stantoon
10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Brian Oswald, Tracie Caudle, Janet Enzbrenner, Michel Fobbs, Dixie Williams, Janet Pruett
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot....Tiny Kibler
7th Street...Keith Rawson
Santa Fe...Dub Ehret
10:45 Preparers: Pat West and Michelle Wilson
Acolyte & Helper: Ryan Soph and Kelley Stillings
Worship Leader: Sharon Baldrige

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Sermon: "The Church as a Center of Learning"
Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-16
9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Amy Smith, Janie Smart, Monty and Christy Isaacs, Rick and Peggy Stark
10:45 Elders: Helen Birkinsha and Rhonda Shell
10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie Williams
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Jeremy Ellis
7th Street...Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe...Mary Anna Dove
10:45 Preparers: Carolyn Campbell and Michelle Stanton
Acolyte & Helper: Ethan Matthias and Tammy Parrott
Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Helen Birkinsha & Susan Cummings
Team 2 – Jacque Pregont & Jeremy Ellis

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Sermon: "The Church as a Military Training Compound"
Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17
9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Rhonda Shell, Carol Hink, Kevin Dykstra, Peggy Montgomery, Mike and Alice Henning, Ron Tuley and Gary Wohlgemuth
10:45 Elders: John Jacobson and Carolyn Rodina
10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Heidie Hennen, Susan Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Kuhnert
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Dennis Stanton
7th Street...Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe...Carol Hink
10:45 Preparers: Tracie Caudle and Alison Kuhnert



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - JOYCE VANDIVER
4 - ALEXINE BLUNT, BRITNEY CARLISLE, JAMES RICHARD, AMBER WEBER
5 - BETTIE LINSKOTT
6 - FRANCES MASON
7 - RIAN CASHATT, RON TULEY
9 - ART BUCKINGHAM, NOAH HALE
10 - JOHN JACOBSON
11 - COURTNEY STILLINGS
13 - MARIAH BAKER
14 - PAT DONALDSON, DESARAE LOCKE, ROGER PURDY
16 - EMILY DAME, CHRISTY ISAACS
17 - TOM WEST
18 - ROSALIE FOX
19 - ELAINE KRUSEMARK
20 - JESSICA HENNIS, BILLIE JEAN LOUCKS
22 - RONALD KURTZ
23 - ALICE HENNING, KAREN MYER
24 - KARLA REBANT, JUANITA SHUFFLEBARGER
25 - JULIE CHRISTIAN, MONTY ISAACS, DIANA TERRY
26 - CAROLYN CAMPBELL, LANE COLLINS, STEPHANIE FITKIN, SEAN GREEN, DAVID HALE,
LINDA STECHER
27 - SADIE PURDY STONE
28 - ANNETTE EVANS
30 - WILL LACEY, VIRGINIA LACY, LINDA UNDERWOOD
31 - HENRY HOFFMAN, LISA KRICK, WILL LACEY



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - JOYCE & JACK VANDIVER - 50th
11 - JOHN & ANGIE GRAY
11 - STEVEN & VICKI TATE
20 - DENNIS & BETTY GLEASON
25 - STEVE & VICKI JONES
28 - CURT & KIM CHILDRESS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS Class 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service 2:30-4 pm Ironic Outcome 4 pm Pre-Baptism Class	2 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30-9 pm EfM	3 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in library 5-8 pm Budgeting Class in Wolf Hall 5:30 pm Membership M.T. Meeting in Chapel	4 12 noon Soup & Sermon at AUMC, 5 th & Kansas Ave 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 Scouts in Wolf Hall	6 10-11:30 am Food Pantry <u>CYF Spring Retreat at the</u>	7 9-11 am Praise Team 2 am Set Your Clocks Ahead 1 hour – Daylight Savings <u>Disciples Center @ Tawakoni</u>
8 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service 2 pm Meadowlark 4-H 4 pm Pre-Baptism Class	9 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <u>Christian Visitor</u> deadline info 3/15 & 22 6:30 pm EfM	10 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in library 5-8 pm Budgeting Class in Wolf Hall 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7 pm Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings 7:30 pm Board Meeting	11 12 noon Soup & Sermon FCC CWF to prepare soup 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 Day	13 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	14
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22 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Potato Bar – Youth Outing afterwards 4 pm Pre-Baptism Class	23 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <u>Christian Visitor</u> deadline, info for 3/29 April 5, April calendar 6:30 pm EfM	24 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in Chapel 5-8 pm Budgeting Class in Wolf Hall	25 12 noon Soup & Sermon 5:30-7 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	26 7-8 pm Cub Scouts in Wolf Hall	27 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	28

29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Palm Procession @ services 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 am All Church Lunch 1 pm Baptismal Service	30 1-3 pm Food Pantry 2 pm CWF Meeting 6:30 pm EfM	31 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in Chapel 5-8 pm Budgeting Class in Wolf Hall
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