

The Christian Visitor

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Sent With Love To You!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RUSS

Sunday night, First Christian Church hosted the Black History Month service. Those of you in attendance know what a great time of worship and fellowship it was. I am so thankful First Christian Church recognizes this event. Michel Fobbs has organized this service for years. She does a fantastic job of bringing together brothers and sisters in Christ to recall and celebrate the rich history of the African American people but also to acknowledge the injustices and hatred that stain our past and sadly, still exist in our communities today.

What I have found in my lifetime is when God's people come together in a Spirit of worship and unity, something amazing happens. I love the vibrant worship and deep soulful tones that come from the hearts and mouths of my black brothers and sisters. There is a quality to music, birthed through suffering, that touches the deepest recesses of our souls. When we lift the name of Jesus together, we are reminded that none of us can stand on our own merit. Each of us have to fall on the mercy of God, through Christ and ALL who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Pastor Matt and I have had on our hearts a desire to bind together with other ministry leaders and churches in our community in a spirit of unity. I have had several meetings with pastors to discuss how we can take a lead in reshaping our community and our perceptions. I see and feel the groundswell of something meaningful beginning to take place. I ask that you pray for God's spirit to rise-up in us and lead us to the place He would have us go.

The last thing Jesus did before departing to the Garden of Gethsemane and His appointment with the cross, was to pray for His disciples. In John 17, he prays these words to God the Father, "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

It was Jesus' prayer for us – today (all who will ever believe). Don't you see what is at stake? Perfect unity is the key that allows the world to know the love of God. Can I get an "Amen"? Can we unite with one another in a spirit of unity and show the love of God to a community in need of hope and love?

I believe we can!

So Blessed to Serve With You, Pastor Russ

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 6, 2017 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

This issue will include worship information for and will include worship information for March 12 & 19. The deadline for the next issue is March 20 and will include worship information for March 26 and April 2 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.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



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 St.

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 @ First Christian Church. *Monetary donations are accepted too!*

Needs for March: Peanut Butter, Powered Milk, Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese, Breakfast Bars/Pop Tarts, Toilet Paper

Loaves & Fishes Schedule

Saturday's

April 22 June 17 Aug. 19 Oct. 21 Dec. 16

Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church. Sign-up sheets for volunteering are on the table in the coffee room (near 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. If you have questions, contact Barb Piper, 913-255-2461

Remember In Prayers

Rose Bahr, Alex Blunt, Peggy Blakley, Betty Blide, Isola Burdette, Brenda Callahan, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Bill Dorsey, Sr., Earnestine Engeman, Raymond Felton, Steve Germani, Marilyn Glenn, Alana Hale, Wallace Harper, Sr., Sherri Hart, Charlie Harris, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Mike Horton, Tracy Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Charlotte Kime, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschot Family, Elaine Krusemark, Jeff Kuhnert, Edith "Edie" Kurtz, Laney Ledbedder, Shirley Linck, Naesha Low, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Byran Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Pam Mullins, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Brenda Schraer, Amanda Shewey, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Gary Stecher, Matt Stout, Sarah Szymanski, Glen Thorne, Karen Tollefson, Lillie Truman, Elfreda Walz, Amy and Mitch West, Tony Wilburn, Pam Williamson, Chris Wilson, Michelle Wilson and Family, Nora Wohlgemuth, 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, Sean McCaffery, Anton Mak, Jesse McGlade, Nick Davison, Curtis Ellis, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Justin Ruhlman, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas, Daniel Collins

Attendance

February 12, 2017	9 a.m. – 85	10:45 a.m. – 74	SS – 21
February 19, 2017	9 a.m. – 100	10:45 a.m. – 87	SS – 46

Visitors February 12 & 19

Karley Stark, Marilyn Hansen, Ron Thompson, Colin & Rachelle Johnson, Tricia Wick

Christian Education

Youth Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM in the educational building

- Pre-K & K – Pam & Shawn Rizza & Isabelle Beckett
- 1st & 2nd Grades – Vicki Tate & Shanae Randolph
- 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail & Christen Lacey
- Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th Grades) – Russ Cooper
- Sr. High School (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades) – Debra Mikkelson & Ronda McDaniel

Adult Sunday School Classes

- 9:30 AM in the choir room in the educational building – **Friendship Class** led by Keith Rawson
- 10 AM in the Memorial Chapel - **Logos Class** led by Jack Albright
- 10:10 AM in the Resource Room on 2nd floor of educational building for **ages 18 – 25** led by Pastor Matt.
- 10:10 AM in the library/parlor (next to Wolf Hall) Led by Carolyn Rodina. Book of James from the Life Lessons with Max Lucado.



Youth Group Schedule

February 24–26 Chi Rho Spring Retreat @ Camp Tawakoni will leave by 3:15 pm (24th) – don't forget money for meal on the way to event and on the way back home on Sunday.
 March 3-5 CYF Spring Retreat @ Camp Tawakoni will leave by 3:15 pm (3rd) – don't forget money for meal on the way to event and on the way back home on Sunday.
 March 12 – 4 pm Youth Group Meeting
 March 19 – No Meeting
 March 26 – 4 pm Youth Group Meeting

2017 Church Pictorial Directory

March 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 and April 1

The weekday appointments can be scheduled between 2:30 and 9 pm and the Saturdays are 9:30 am to 4 pm. To make an appointment to have your picture taken for the pictorial directory here is the link to do it online.

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/firstchristianchurch76/index.php?page=10>

The Membership Ministry Team will also be in the annex to help make appointments online.

We will be working on the church roster for the directory. If you have had a change of address or phone number please call Rosie at the church office (913-367-3036) or email her at the church (fccatch@sbcglobal.net) with the changes. Thank you!

Submitted Pictures – Must be a 5x7 or smaller or a digital file sized at 250 dip and 2.5" wide. The fee for submitting a photo is \$10.

Military Page – We will have a military page in the directory. This will be available for submitting a picture or scanning one in and will be free to submit. Same size as submitted pictures listed above.

Group Pictures – The Membership Ministry Team will be arranging for group pictures within the church for our Activity pages. The SUNDAY SCHOOL class pictures will be taken on SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH.

Soup and Sermon

Date	Soup Provided By	Speaker
3-1 Ash Wed.	AUMC	Jeff Cochran, Effingham Union
3-8	Camp Creek UMC	Ken Watkins, New Assembly of Life
3-15	Effingham Union	Matt Broxtermann, First Christian
3–22	St. Mark's Lutheran Church	Sister Connie Krstolic, Mt. St. Scholastica
3–29	First Christian Church	Craig Lantz, St. Mark's Lutheran
4-5	First Presbyterian Church	Jennifer Obermueller, St. John's Lutheran Church
4-12	Second Christian Church	Michael Kelley, Ebenezer Baptist Church
4-19 Wed. after	First Baptist Church	Michael Strickland, First Baptist



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (C.W.F.)

The ladies of CWF have started the New Year out very busy. We are working hard to serve a community with soup and sermon quickly approaching. Sewing ladies continue creating beautiful blankets, bunnies and many other projects. We are gearing up for our yearly rummage sale and the list goes on.

To all the ladies in our church we welcome you to our next meeting Monday, February 27th at 2 pm. Invite a friend to come and join us anytime.

Sincerely,
Your President, Lavern Fitkin

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- CAROL and SHAWN ADAMS on the loss of her mother, EVELYN S. GORE who passed away on Monday, February 6, 2017. Services were held on February 14th at the Belden Larkin Funeral Home in Leavenworth.

Spring Forward

Daylights Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2 AM Set your clocks ahead 1 hour and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Time to
Spring Ahead

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM EVENTS

Church Dinner Out

Saturday, March 11th – Galvin's Dinner House, 6802 S 22nd Street in St. Joseph, MO. Galvin's serves a family style fried chick dinner. The total cost including drink and \$2 for gas could run as much as \$20.

The bus will leave at 5:30 pm from church parking lot. Our reservations are for 6 pm A sign-up sheet for the bus is located in the coffee room. If you ride the bus, we ask for a \$2 gas donation.



Kansas City
T-Bones

VS

Sioux City, IA Explorers

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Game time is 7:05 pm

Bus will leave at 5:30 pm from the church parking lot
Tickets are \$10.50 each \$2 gas donation if riding the bus



Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 ~ 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 ~ 7:30 pm

9 a.m. People of Praise Service
9:30 & 10:00 & 10:10 a.m. Adult SS Classes
10 a.m. Children & Youth SS Classes
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque Pregont/
Sally Webb/Tohnya Aversman
9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Kevin Dougherty, Janie Smart, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Kay & Jesse Greenly
9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Linda Tuley
7th Street – Rick Stark
Santa Fe – Ron Tuley
10:45 Elders: Sharon Baldrige and Jacque Pregont
10:45 Servers: Rusty Randolph, Steve Tate, Heidie Hennen, Tammy Parrott, Linda Stecher
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Tiny Kibler
7th Street – Keith Rawson
Santa Fe – Dub Ehret
10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Mary Hoffman & Lucille Rawson
10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Layne Tate and Kylee Kottman
Worship Leader: Carole Baker

Sunday, March 5, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque Pregont/
Sally Webb/Tohnya Aversman
9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Carol Hink, Rick & Peggy Stark, Shawn Adams
9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Helen Birkinsha
7th Street – Ronda McDaniel
Santa Fe – Pat West
10:45 Elders: Rhonda Shell and Duane Williams
10:45 Servers: Kevin Dykstra, Brian Oswald, Carole Baker, Michel Fobbs, Kylee Kottman, Tammy Parrott
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Mary Anna Dove
7th Street – Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis
10:45 Preparers/Cleanup: Cindy Jacobson & Janet Pruett
10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Allison Simpson
Worship Leader: Heidie Hennen
Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Vicki Tate and Ron Tuley
Team 2 – Sharon Baldrige and Stacie Dougherty

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 2017			1 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12 noon Soup & Sermon at AUMC, 5 th & Kansas Ave 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	2 7-8 pm Cub Scouts in Wolf Hall, Pinewood Derby	3 10-11:30 am Food Pantry ← CYF Spring Retreat through Sunday, March 5 th →	4 at Disciples Center at Tawakoni
5 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service NO Youth Group ← CYF Spring Retreat →	6 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> deadline info 3/12 & 19 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	7 4 pm Membership Ministry Team Meeting in chapel	8 12 noon Soup & Sermon 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	9 8:30 am – 3 pm CWF Sewing Group in Wolf Hall	10 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	11 2 am Set Your Clocks Ahead 1 hour – Daylight Savings 5:30 pm Leave for Dinner Out 6 pm Reservations @ Galvin's St. Joseph, MO
12 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service 12 noon Worship M.T. meet 2 pm Meadowlark 4-H 4 pm Youth Group	13 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	14 7 Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings 7:30 pm Board Meeting	15 12 noon Soup & Sermon 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	16 Rosie on vacation 6:30 pm Grab-It Bingo Wolf Hall	17 Rosie on vacation 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	18
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	27 1-3 pm Food Pantry 2 pm CWF Meeting in library/parlor with refreshments in Wolf Hall 5:30 – 6:30 pm Girl Scouts in Wolf Hall 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	28	29 12 noon Soup & Sermon-FCC ladies prepare soup 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team 2:30 – 9 pm Directory pics	30 2:30 – 9 pm Directory pics	31 10-11:30 am Food Pantry 2:30 – 9 pm Directory pics	April 1 9:30 am – 4 pm Directory pics



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - JOYCE VANDIVER
4 - ALEXINE BLUNT, BRITNEY CARLISLE, AMBER WEBER
6 - FRANCES MASON
7 - RIAN CASHATT, RON TULEY, BRAYLEE WOLVINGTON
9 - NOAH HALE
10 - JOHN JACOBSON
14 - PAT DONALDSON, DESARAE LOCKE, ROGER PURDY
16 - GUNNER COLLINS, EMILY DAME
17 - TOM WEST
18 - JAMES COLLINS, ROSALIE FOX
19 - ELAINE KRUSEMARK
20 - JESSICA HENNIS
22 - MIKE BLACK, RONALD KURTZ
23 - ALICE HENNING, KAREN MYER
24 - KARLA REBANT, JUANITA SHUFFLEBARGER
25 - JULIE CHRISTIAN, DIANA TERRY
26 - CAROLYN CAMPBELL, LANE COLLINS, STEPHANIE FITKIN, DAVID HALE, LINDA STECHER
30 - WILL LACEY, VIRGINIA LACY, VICKY TULL, LINDA UNDERWOOD
31 - HENRY HOFFMAN, LISA KRICK



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - JOYCE & JACK VANDIVER
11 - JOHN & ANGIE GRAY
11 - STEVEN & VICKI TATE
12 - JERRY & KAREN BLUNT
20 - DENNIS & BETTY GLEASON
25 - STEVE & VICKI JONES

GRABIT BINGO

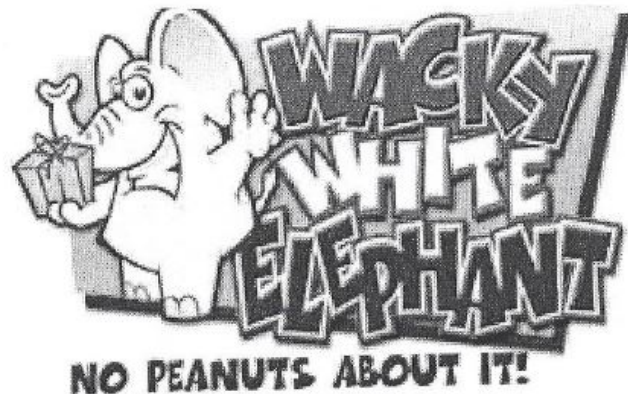
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Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Each person **MUST** bring one white elephant, wrapped in newspaper. Everyone will be given a number as they Bingo. Bingo winners will take a wrapped elephant or **GRAB** one from someone who already has one open. After all elephants have been opened, the first one to have had a Bingo is allowed to trade with anyone in the room. Lastly, everyone who does not have a gift is allowed to take from anyone (with the exception of the First Bingo Winner) who had multiple gifts, in the order of their Bingo number, with the exception of the First Bingo Winner. Thus, everyone goes home with a **WHITE ELEPHANT!**

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

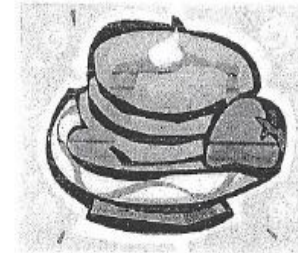


Trinity Episcopal Church
300 South 5th St. (East of the 5th St. Viaduct)

Invites you to a community
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 28th, 2017

Serving from 5-7 p.m.



Menu consists of all-you-can-eat pancakes (plain, blueberry, or chocolate chip), sausage, applesauce, bananas, coffee, milk & juice

\$5.00 for adults (13 and older)

\$1.00 (12 and under) or children

Proceeds benefit Our Good Samaritan Ministry.

Please enter east red doors from parking lot. Call ahead if handicapped assistance is needed: 913-367-3171