

The
Christian Visitor

First Christian Church

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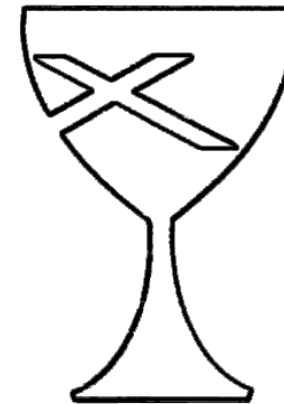
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Sent With Love To You!

Message from Russ

Well, winter has finally arrived in Kansas! We have dodged the bullet long enough. The wonderful thing is, March 1st is less than four weeks away. I don't know about you, but I think I can endure for a month.

I will be gone this Sunday. I am traveling to Farmington, New Mexico to celebrate my dad's 82nd birthday on the 8th. I would appreciate your prayers for my mom and dad. Both have been in the hospital at different times in the past few months. My father suffers from Alzheimer's and caring for him is sometimes everything my mom can handle. Your prayers would mean a lot to her!

When I get back, we are going to start a five week series on the church. The church was established by Jesus and empowered by the Spirit to be "skin" to the broken people in our world. It remains the single most impacting element for good in our world. When God's principles for His church are applied in love by surrendered servants of Christ, there is a power unequalled anywhere. We will look at what the church is and how we can be light, hope and love to a community that desperately needs to see something real. Plan to come. Plan to bring a friend or a neighbor or a family member. If anyone has said to you, "the church is just a bunch of hypocrites that only care about money", please invite them. They will hear the truth about God's design for His church. It might surprise them...who knows, it might change their life!

The week before last, we talked about using our spiritual gifts for "the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7). I pray you have been considering what your spiritual gift is and how you might use it in a meaningful way. Our ministry teams are forming right now. Listed here are our current teams. Christian Education, Fellowship, Property & Grounds, Stewardship, Evangelism, Membership, Outreach and Worship. Would you volunteer to serve on a ministry team? If you have any questions about the role/focus of any of the teams, don't hesitate to contact the church for more information. Together, we will make a difference...thank you!

I'll leave you with one thought. The chorus of a song by the band, Casting Crowns goes like this:

Just to know You and
To make You known
We lift Your name on High
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

I believe this is God's will for His church. We were made to thrive. I believe as we submit to the loving guidance of our Heavenly Father and prayerfully seek His will for our lives, He will empower us to reach a lost world and thrive to the glory of God. There's room for everyone and it promises to be an amazing ride! Won't you come along?

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, February 16, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

This issue will include worship info for February 22, March 1 & 8 as well as the March calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, March 9, 2015 and will include worship information for March 15 & 22. 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.

Minister's Cabinet

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 5:30 pm

Members of the Cabinet are: Rev. Russ Cooper, John Jacobson-Board Chair, Keith Rawson-Vice Chair, Joe Bullock-Elders, Buddy Baldrige-Deacons, Cindy Jacobson-Deaconesses, Ron Thompson-Trustees, Barb Piper-Fellowship, Janie Smart-Outreach, Jeff Caudle-Stewardship, Roger Phillippe-Property & Grounds, Sharon Sowers-Worship, Helen Birkinsha-Membership, Vicki Jones-Youth Christian Education, Diana Moxley-C.W.F., Larry Kibler-Treasurer (Ex-Officio)

Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Training

Tuesday, February 10, 2015
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 - 7:30 pm

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!

All Church Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Serving begins at 11:45 am

Wolf Hall



Youth Group accepting freewill donation for summer mission trip.

Menu: Spaghetti with sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drink

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, Choir from Ebenezer Baptist Church and Singers from Seventh Day Adventist. 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 or jam, spaghetti or pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned tuna, hamburger, tuna or chicken helpers.

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 10:30 am

March 21, 2015

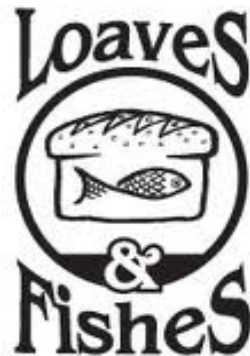
May 23, 2015

July 25, 2015

September 26, 2015

November 21, 2015

January 30, 2016



Pre-Baptism Classes

Sponsored by the Elders

Begins: Sunday, February 15, 2015 ~ 4 pm
Continues for 5 sessions ~ February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22
Luncheon on March 29 @ 11:45 am ~ Participants and their families will be guests at the luncheon in Wolf Hall
Baptism on March 29 @ 1 pm in the annex

Who: Generally for ages 10-12 and over

Where: Memorial Chapel

Why: For children/youth considering joining the church and being baptized. Calling the church office would help but you can just show up for the class too. Workbooks provided.

This is a fun time together and I look forward to seeing you. *Vicki Tate,*
Elder



Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff and patrons of Project Concern, Inc. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the generous contribution that you have recently made to our program. It is because of people like you, with such great generosity, that we are able to continue our program to help the senior citizens of this great community!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thornton
Director

Note: This gift was given from World Outreach budgeted monies.

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

The next meeting will be on February 23rd at 2 PM in Wolf Hall. The program/lesson will be given Doris Falen, the devotion by LaVern Fitkin in the library/parlor. Susan Cummings will be hostess and serve refreshments in Wolf Hall. All ladies of the church are invited.

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.

Chili / Soup Supper

Atchison Child Care Association is having their annual Chili/Soup Supper on Thursday, February 12th from 4:30-6:30 pm at 1326 Kansas Avenue. It will be a pay as you please dinner, open to the public. Funds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Along with the dinner there will be a Bake Sale and a Silent Auction. Thank you for your investment in Atchison Child Care Association. Carrie Sowers, Director

Soup and Sermon Series

Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance

Wednesday's, February 18 – 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!



The Week of Compassion Special Offering brochure and offering envelope are included in this C.V. We will highlight in our worship services on Sunday, February 15th and collect offerings on the 15th and 22nd. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

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.

Change Your Clock...



Change Your Battery!

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- ❖ ROGER & PATTY PHILLIPPE on the loss of his mother, Darlene Sullwold.
- ❖ JUDY LIETCHTI on the passing of her brother.
- ❖ ELMER BRAUER on the loss of his mother, Melba Brauer.
- ❖ The family of MARTHA ELLIS who passed away on Thursday, January 29th. Mother Sharon & Bradley Sowers, brothers Jeremy and Curtis Ellis and sister Kendra Conti survive Martha.

Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Alexine Blunt, 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, Marla Kelley, Charlie Kottman, Ruth Lanter, 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 and Stanley Seever, Bunny Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Edith Smith, Zane Steltenpohl, Aurora Taylor, 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

January 25, 2015	9 a.m. – 84	10:45 a.m. – 94
February 1, 2015	9 a.m. – 38	10:45 a.m. – 61 (snow day)

Visitors on Jan. 25 & Feb. 1

Deb Duncan, JoAnn Murray, LaRochelle & Ashtln Young, Scott & Linda Walton, Danna Ofstenege, Trea Pruessner, Ruby Huhn, Isabelle Beckett, Noah Chapman

Youth Group



Youth Ministry

Sunday, Feb. 8th – **Spaghetti Luncheon** in Wolf Hall. Serving begins at 11:45 am. Monies raised for summer mission trip.

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.

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 8, 2015

Sermon: An Urgent Gospel
Scripture: Mark 1:29-39
Rev. Jay Gideon, Topeka, Disciples Minister and Retired
Hospital Chaplain will deliver the message.

9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Sarah & Brad Lee, Stacie & Kevin Dougherty,
Jeri Kurth, Carolyn Rodina, Susan Cummings

10:45 Elders: Helen Birkinsha and Carolyn Rodina

10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Stan Purdy, Marsha Chalfant,
Lucille Rawson, Tony & Margie Wilburn, Linda
Stecher

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

10:45 Preparers: Pat West & Linda Stecher

Acolyte & Helper: Parker Kottman and Kylee Kottman

Worship Leader: Kelley Stillings

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Sermon: "On This Rock I Will Build My Church and The
Gates of Hell Will Not Prevail"
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-19
Rev. Russ Cooper to deliver message

9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Amy Smith, Janie Smart, Lisa
Krick, Leslea Moranz

10:45 Elders: Roy Mercer and Jeff Caudle

10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Rusty Randolph, Mary Anna Dove,
Lavern Fitkin, Teri Kuhnert, Sharon Sowers,
Lucille Rawson

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

10:45 Preparers: Dianna Kruger & Pat West

Acolyte & Helper: Ben Enzbrenner and Tammy Parrott

Worship Leader: Sharon Baldrige