

*The  
Christian  
Visitor*

**First Christian Church**

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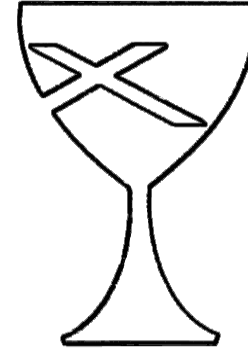
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[ Published March 11, 2015 ]

*Sent With Love To You!*

# Message from Russ

Dare we say Spring may have finally arrived? What a different perspective on the day when there is sunshine and glorious warmth. I pray we have seen the last of winter!

As we have progressed on our journey these past two months from personal spiritual growth to the purpose of the church, we have focused a lot on discovering our own spiritual gift(s) and using it/them in a way that serves the greater community. I want to offer an opportunity for some of you to engage in a vital ministry of the church.

Most of you know the church has a food pantry. I would venture to say most of you do not know the extent and impact of this ministry. I want to share a few facts to illustrate.

- First Christian Church serves as one of only three food outlets for the hungry in Atchison
- Five other area churches donate food to the FCC food pantry making it truly a community outreach
- The food pantry is open three days every week to serve area families
- The FCC food pantry was recently accepted for a United Way grant to increase its ability to serve the less fortunate in our community
- On average, the food pantry ministers to 130-150 families each month, impacting between 400-450 people

Kay Greenly has served as Director of the food pantry for the past several years. Kay, Roger Phillippe and several volunteers have devoted countless hours of their time building a beacon of hope and tangible love to the needy of Atchison. Kay is ready to step out of the Director's role and engage in a different area of ministry within the church. We have an immediate need for a few volunteers to step in and pick up these responsibilities.

If you have been moved in your spirit as we have discussed the church as a hospital, meeting the tangible needs of the poor and brokenhearted in our world, this is a tremendous way to use your gift in a meaningful way. We could use people with good management, accounting and coordination skills to order food, schedule pickups, coordinate volunteers, maintain records of donations/gifts and serve in an overseer's role. If you have these skills/gifts and are moved in your heart to be a source of hope, please contact the church office. Rosie can connect you to Janie Smart, Outreach Ministry Team Leader, to get started. Thank you in advance for serving in this way...lives will be impacted by your generous gift of love!

Thank you Kay Greenly for your tireless, faithful service to our Lord by feeding some of the least of these in Atchison! In the manner you have served them, you have indeed served Jesus Himself!

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](http://www.facebook.com/fccatchison)  
<https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch>

# The Churches Website

Check it Out: [www.fccatchison.net](http://www.fccatchison.net)

# Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, March 23, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, March 25, 2015

This issue will include worship info for March 29 & April 5 as well as the April calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, April 6, 2015 and will include worship information for April 12 & 19. 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](mailto: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 Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
6:30 pm in the Memorial Chapel

## Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
7 pm  
Deacons meet east end of Wolf Hall  
Deaconesses meet in Choir Room (in educ. bldg.)

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
7:30 pm in Wolf Hall

## Disciples Mission Fund (DMF)

### 2014 Report

Last year First Christian Church of Atchison, KS contributed **\$17,211.48** to Disciples Mission Fund and the four special day offerings. Your gifts are crucial to the ongoing work of the church. As they provide medical and educational services, missionaries in the field need your support. To pursue God's call to vocational ministry, college students and seminarians need your support for scholarships. As they resource and nurture growing, diverse communities of faith, our racial ethnic ministries need your support. Local community based ministries need your support as they reach underserved and at risk communities and receive support through NBA's incubate ministry. Retirees living at or below the poverty level need your support for food and medicine through the Pension Fund's supplemental retirement program. To learn more about DMF go to [www.disciplesmissionfund.org](http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org). Our next special offering will be **EASTER** and collected in congregations on March 29 and April 5. Watch for the offering envelope and brochure in the next *Christian Visitor*.



## *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.

## Education For Ministry (EFM)

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EFM) program provides people from all walks of life with the education "to be" Christians and to carry out their ministry. All Christians need a Christian Education which supports their faith and which gives them confidence and prepares them to express that faith in day-to-day events.

EFM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of The University of the South. EFM is for the laity of the church. Thousands of persons have completed this four-year program. Students enroll one year at a time; the first year is study of the Old Testament; the second year the New Testament; third year study of church history; and fourth year study of theology and ethics. This is not a regular bible study. It is an in-depth theological reflection of the past and present times. Here is a link to the EFM website for more information: <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm>.

Attending the EFM class takes time and commitment so prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be involved. Our Mentor is Helen Birkinsha. For more information, including a prospectus and/or a brochure, contact Helen at 913-426-1751. The cost of the EFM Program is \$350 and the church will pay ½ of this fee for members of FCC.

# 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.

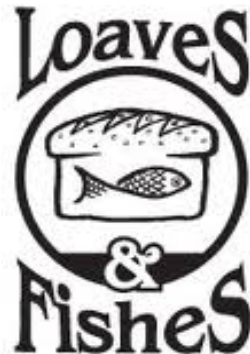
Needs for March, 2015 – Canned Soup, Crackers, Ramen Noodles, Boxed Potatoes, Pancake Mix, Syrup

*Monetary donations are accepted too!*

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## 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 28, 2015 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)

May 23, 2015

July 25, 2015

September 26, 2015

November 21, 2015

January 30, 2016

## Soup and Sermon Series

Sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance

Each Wednesday through April 8 @ 12 noon

At the Atchison United Methodist Church, 5<sup>th</sup> 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!*

## Notes of Thanks

To our Church Family,

There are no words that seem adequate enough to say thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathy during our time of loss through your thoughts, kind words, cards, prayers and memorial gifts. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful church family.

*From the family of STANLEY SEEVER*

Thank you!

Your gift shows that the community cares. Thank you for helping us give our students a memorable after prom.

*Atchison County Community After Prom Committee*

*Ebenezer Baptist Church Cordially Invites You To It's*

**138<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary and**

**Homecoming**

*Sunday, March 22, 2015*

*826 Riley Street, Atchison, KS*

*Program 2:00 p.m.*

*Reverend Michael E. Kelley Pastor*

*Ironic Outcome of FCC will provide special music during the service.*

# 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-Medicalodge, 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, Justin Seager, Harold & Erma Seever, Robena Seever, Bunny Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Zane Stellenpohl, Aurora Taylor, Piper Garrison, TeBeest, Diana Terry, Dorothy Turner, Timi Vanlengen, Amy West, Pat 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

<b>February 22, 2015</b>	9 a.m. – 88	10:45 a.m. – 80	SS –
40			
<b>March 1, 2015</b>	9 a.m. – 91	10:45 a.m. – 56	SS –
44			
<b>March 8, 2015</b>	9 a.m. – 110	10:45 a.m. – 84	SS –
44			

## Visitors Feb. 22, March 1 & 8

Mackenzie Coder, Wyatt Roediger, Leslie Boggs, Chuck Theis, Hank Olson, Doug & Vicki Leafblad, Susan Krug, Vinnie & Pris Willmeth, Jordan, Landen & Addison Dodds, Chloe Thomas

# Youth Group

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  
 Sunday, April 12 – 4-5:30 pm Regular Meeting. **NEED LESSON LEADERS** for CHI RHO DISCUSSION.

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



[ SEE THE ENCLOSED CAMP RALLY FLIER ]

## Youth Sunday School Classes

Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Rochelle Schuetz, Jackie Jasper, Ashley Stout & Pam and Shawn Rizza  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Kylee Kottman & Heather Matthias  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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

# Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

Be thinking about attending 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 Christian Church. 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 Regional Office by April 4<sup>th</sup>. **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 [dmozley47@gmail.com](mailto:dmozley47@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is Monday, March 30, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Please put on your calendar to join us. We have a lot of fun; fellowship, a lesson, and a dessert reception. It's all free – you can't get any better than that.

*Diana Moxley, CWF President*

***CWF SEWING GROUP has been postponed from Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.***

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*

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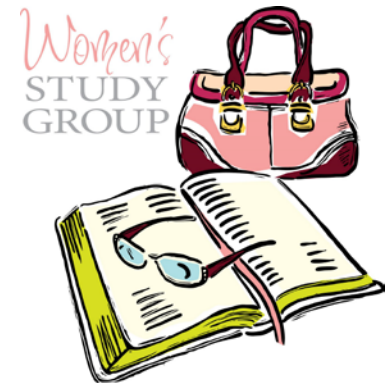
*Women*



*"Finding Our  
Voices"*

# New Women's Study Group

The new women's study group will begin April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00, meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. The study is called "The Best Yes." Dealing with knowing when to say "yes" or "no". Please call Sharon Bullock @ 913-370-0845 or Rosie at the church office by March 31<sup>st</sup> to have a book ordered for you. The book cost is \$10.00



# Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- ❖ BONNIE & MIKE ROBERTS on the loss of Bonnie's sister, BRINDA (MEFFORD) BLACKBURN who passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 28, 2015.
- ❖ DOROTHY PRICE and family on the loss of her son-in-law, VINCENT GREGORY "GREG" MCLAIN who passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 5 in Edmond, OK.
- ❖ The family of WILLIAM E. "BUD" GERARD who passed away on March 5, 2015. Memorial services for Bud will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home with Rev. Russ Cooper officiating. Survivors include his daughter, DIANA TERRY, granddaughters, BETH BROWN and JULIE LOUCKS.

## 9 a.m. People of Praise Service

## 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

## 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

See enclosed sheet  
with a listing of  
all Lenten and  
Easter services  
here at  
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## Sunday, March 15, 2015

**Sermon:** "The Church as a Military Training Compound"  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-17  
**9:00 Servers:** Amy Knoch, Vicki Jones, Christen Lacey, Jackie Jasper, Mandi & Jason Wells, Kay & John Dolenz, Heidie Hennen, Heather Matthias  
**10:45 Elders:** Jacque Pregont and Keith Rawson  
**10:45 Servers:** Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove, Michelle Stanton, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson  
**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Teri Kuhnert  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Linda Stecher  
Santa Fe...Linda Vanderweide  
**10:45 Preparers:** Linda Vanderweide and Tiffany Hale  
**Acolyte & Helper:** Grace Caudle and Tammy Parrott  
**Worship Leader:** Dennis Stanton

## Sunday, March 22, 2015

**Sermon:** "The Church as a Refuge"  
**Scripture:** Matthew 11:28-30  
**9:00 Servers:** Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Dale Erhart, Rose Webb, Tohnya Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson  
**10:45 Elders:** Jeff Caudle and Todd Stillings  
**10:45 Servers:** Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie Williams  
**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Tiny Kibler  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Keith Rawson  
Santa Fe...Dub Ehret  
**10:45 Preparers:** Kelley Stillings and Heidie Hennen  
**Acolyte & Helper:** Brody Kottman and Kylee Kottman  
**Worship Leader:** Carole Baker

# MOVIE NIGHT

First Christian Church!



301 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street

(Please come through back door off of parking lot)

7PM - April 11, 2015 (Saturday)

MOVIE: **FROZEN!**



All children must be accompanied by an adult.



And, it's FREE!

Questions??? Call the church office @ (913) 367-3036



Summer will be here before you know it!! So will Church Camps!!

# CAMP RALLY...April 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

- You need to have registration completed. Notaries will be available on both the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.  
*(If registering online bring a printed copy of the registration as well as the Health Form for Notary)*
- Payment no later than April 26<sup>th</sup>

**There is an exciting opportunity for your child to be a disciple.**

Please encourage him/her to invite a friend to attend Camp.

50% of your child and the friend's camp fees will be paid for by the church.

For Example:

Total cost of church camp.....\$165.00

Cost for my child & their friend to attend church camp...\$82.50 each

Cost of giving a friend the fun and fellowship at church camp...Priceless

This offer applies to Tall Oaks Camp and Camp Tawakoni.

The goal of the Christian Education Ministry Team is to increase the number of youth within our church to attend camp, especially including less active and/or unchurched youth in our community.

*This opportunity to expand the youth involvement in church camp has been made possible through memorial funds from Shirley Hale and Wanda Underwood.*

Pick up registration forms on the table in the annex. Start looking at your summer schedule. Encourage your child to think of a friend to invite. Be watching for more information on the church Facebook page, website and the newsletter.



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## Palm Sunday

*March 29, 2015*

9:00 am People of Praise Service

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

10:45 am Traditional Worship

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

*Palm Processional at both services!*



Palm Sunday

## All Church Potluck Luncheon

*Sunday, March 29, 2015*

11:45 am in Wolf Hall

The Baptism Class participants and their families will be our guests for the luncheon. Please bring extra food to be shared with all. The Fellowship Ministry Team will host this luncheon.



## Baptism Service

*Sunday, March 29, 2015*

1:00 pm in the annex

Everyone is invited to attend!

## Maundy Thursday Service

Celebrating The Upper Room

"In Remembrance of Jesus"

*April 2, 2015 ~ 7:00 pm*

Communion will be served and special music by the Chancel Choir will be presented in the sanctuary.





## Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

*April 3, 2015*

8 pm in the sanctuary

The Tenebrae Service is a service of shadows with the extinguishing of candles.

Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir.

## 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

The 24-Hour Prayer Vigil begins at 9 pm on *Friday, April 3, 2015* and continues through 9 pm on *Saturday, April 4, 2015*. The Vigil will help focus our spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter – time for prayer and reflection of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. The chapel at the church will be set up as the PRAYER CENTER with a prayer guide available as well as communion. The VIGIL is set up into ½ hour intervals (BUT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE SLOT IF POSSIBLE) and you may sign up on the sheet in the annex or call the church office @ 913-367-3036 and Rosie will help find a time for you.

## Easter Sunday

*April 5, 2015*

6:30 am Sunrise Service

at the church in the sanctuary

7:30-9:00 am Easter Breakfast in Wolf Hall

9:00 am People of Praise Service

10:45 am Traditional Worship Service



## Easter Lilies

If you plan to share an Easter Lily with the church in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please contact Rosie at the church office, and let her know if you will be having it sent from a flower shop or bringing in yourself and the occasion or memorial. The Worship Ministry Team asks that the LILIES be brought in for **EASTER SUNDAY ONLY**.  
*Thank you for sharing!*

