

*The  
Christian  
Visitor*

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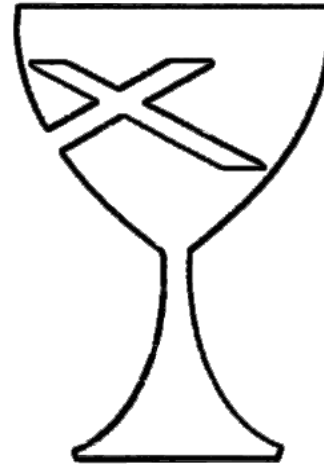
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*Sent With Love To You!*



Easter draws near, and all the preparations are in full swing: preparing our spirits through the self-examination and discipline of Lent; preparation of *fifteen* new baptismal candidates through the annual Pastor's Class; preparation for special observances on Palm Sunday, March 20

(including a celebration of Christian Baptism at 1:00 PM), Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—all in preparation for the celebration of Resurrection on March 27.

I'm also planning a new Bible Study following Easter, beginning Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 PM. "Four Portraits of Jesus" will look at the four Gospels and the unique way each presents Jesus. With the first week as introduction, the study will comprise five Wednesday evenings March 30, April 6, 13 & 27 (note there will be no session on April 20), and May 4. If the reception is good (and if I'm still around!), more will follow.

Meanwhile, the sermon series on the nature of God will conclude this Sunday. The series title, "What if God Were More Like Jesus?" is inspired by a book by Bradley Jersak, *A More Christlike God: a More Beautiful Gospel.*

Sunday, March 13: Sermon: "The Cruciform God."  
Text: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday): Sermon: "The Kingdom of the Unqualified."  
Text: Matthew 21:1-11

I trust you are using the season of Lent to follow Jesus more closely, and to become more like him.

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](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 21, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

This issue will include worship info. for March 27 & April 3 as well as the April calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next *Christian Visitor* is Monday, April 4, 2016 and will include worship information for April 10 & 17. 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.

# Remember In Prayers

Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Brenda Callahan, Carolyn Campbell, Larry Coder, Bryson Connell, Anita Dickeson (Atchison Sr. Village), Cindy Dooley, Bob Dunn, Raymond Elias, 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, Diana Terry, Karen Tollefson, Dick Tull, Amy West, Mick West, Tony Wilburn, 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-Kuwait, Ben Carlisle, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Justin Ruhlman, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas

## Attendance

Feb. 28, 2015	9 a.m. – 88	10:45 a.m. – 85	SS – 45
March 3, 2015	9 a.m. – 79	10:45 a.m. – 58	SS – 34

## Visitors Feb. 28 & March 3

Fredrica Hartley, Sherry Arbertha Martin, Vinnie & Pris Willmeth, Susan Krug, Gary Guinn



# 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 March, 2016:** cereal (cold, oatmeal, grits), canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon), macaroni & cheese, pork 'n beans.

*Monetary donations are accepted too!*

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## 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:
March 16	Effingham Union	Barnabas Senecal, OSB St. Benedict's Abbey
March 23	Camp Creek	Rachel Danner First Presbyterian
March 30	First Christian	TBA



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next C.W.F. meeting will be held on Monday, March 28th, 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.*



## Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 am. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM EVENTS

The BRANSON trip will be June 23, 24 & 25. The APPROXIMATE cost is \$275 for single and \$400 for double. The exact total will be determined when I call the shows for ticket information. That includes the hotel room, 3 shows and gas money. Call your reservations in to Jane Amthor (913-367-0514) right away. We have room for 15 total. A deposit of \$50 each is due now. I will be in the annex from 10:15 until 10:30 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will see "MOSES" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, "PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ" and another show.



## DINNER OUT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

P & J Family Restaurant  
DeKalb, MO

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 PM  
(Bus will leave at 5:30 PM)



A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the annex. Please write your name, # of reservations and yes or no if you will ride the bus, or you may call the church office, 913-367-3036.

# Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses Meetings

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Elders: 6:30 pm in the Chapel

Deacons: 7 pm east end of Wolf Hall

Deaconesses: 7 pm Library/Parlor

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

7:30 pm – east end of Wolf Hall

## Christian Sympathy

Is Extended to the Family of STEVEN CHARLES CAMPBELL who passed away on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Memorial services for Steve were held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at First Christian church with Rev. Russ Cooper officiating.

## Fellowship Ministry Team

MEETING CANCELLED -----The Fellowship team will meet on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the kitchen. We will be making cinnamon rolls and putting together the breakfast casseroles for the Easter breakfast.

*Barb Piper, Chair*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS....

## Graduation Recognition

**Sunday, May 1, 2016**

Mark your calendars! We will recognize our folks receiving their GED, graduates from high school, Vocational School, Jr. College, College, the EfM Program or receiving a Master's degree on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> during the 9 and 10:45 am services.

A cookie reception will be held between the two services. The CYF Youth Group will also be hosting a cookout at lunch.

Please contact the church office with the names of the graduates so we can include everyone.



## Church Camps

Please see the enclosed flier about the upcoming CAMP RALLY dates.

Attention Parents of Church Campers

Regional Scholarship for Camp Tawakoni is due by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

This scholarship application can be found at:

[www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org) under camp schedules link.

Please print and fill it out. Return to the church for Pastor's signature; or copies are available on the table in the annex.

# 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.

## Youth Sunday School Classes

*Classes meet @ 10 AM on Sundays in the Educational Building*

*Last day May 22<sup>nd</sup> and then begin summer break!*

Pre-K and K – Stacie Dougherty, Pam & Shawn Rizza,  
Rochelle Schuetz

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Heather Matthias, Ashley Stout

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

# All Church POTATO BAR Luncheon

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Serving begins at 11:45 am in Wolf Hall

*Special Guests will be Baptismal Candidates  
and Their Families*

Menu: Baked Potatoes,  
Various Toppings, Dessert  
and Drink. Served by the  
Youth Group and  
Sponsors with a freewill  
donation accepted.  
Monies raised will go  
towards the summer  
mission trip.



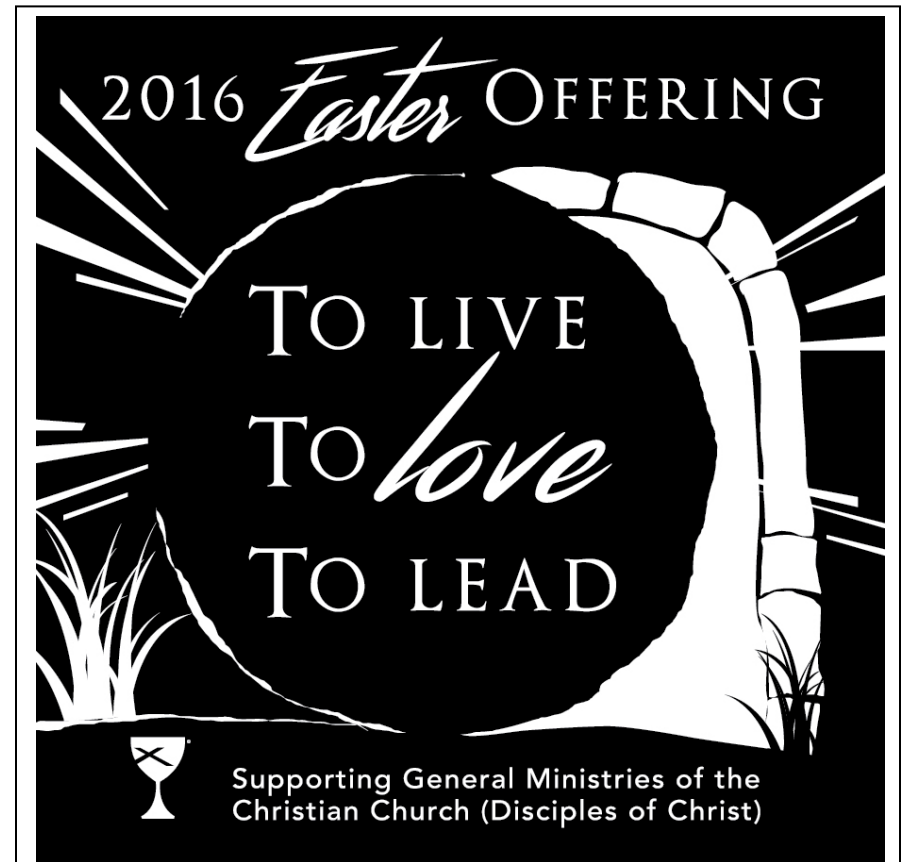
# EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

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 913-3-426-1751. The cost of the EFM Program is \$350 and the church will pay ½ of this fee for members of FCC.



Your gifts to the Easter Special Offering, received March 20 & 27 in most congregations, support the work of the church beyond our region. Included with this newsletter is a brochure and offering envelope. Your offerings support over 15 ministries including: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

**9 a.m. People of Praise Service**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship**



**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Sermon:** "The Cruciform God"

**9:00 Servers:** Helen Birkinsha, Kevin Dougherty, Janie Smart, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Kay & Jesse Greenly

**10:45 Elders:** Jeff Caudle and Jacque Pregont

**10:45 Servers:** Kevin Dykstra, Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kay & John Dolenz, Michelle Stanton

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Dennis Stanton  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Michelle Stanton  
Santa Fe...

**10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Janet Enzbrenner and Teri Kuhnert

**Acolyte & Helper:** Grace Caudle and Allison Simpson

**Worship Leader:** Kathleen Botts

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

***Palm Sunday – Children and Youth  
Palm Processional at both services!***

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Sermon:** "The Kingdom of the Unqualified"

**9:00 Servers:** Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Carol Hink, Rick & Peggy Stark

**10:45 Elders:** Carolyn Rodina and Cindy Hoverson

**10:45 Servers:** Brian, Mason & Amy Oswald, Michel Fobbs, Alison Simpson, Teri Kuhnert

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Teri Kuhnert  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Linda Stecher  
Santa Fe...Linda Vanderweide

**10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Heidie Hennen and Cindy Jacobson

**Acolyte & Helper:** Parker Kottman and Kylee Kottman

**Worship Leader:** Carole Baker



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## Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

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!**



## All Church Potato Bar Luncheon

Sunday, March 20, 2016

11:45 am in Wolf Hall

The Baptismal Class participants and their families will be our guests for the luncheon. The youth group will host their potato bar with serving of baked potatoes, various toppings, dessert and drink.



## Baptismal Service

Sunday, March 20, 2016

1:00 pm in the annex

Everyone is invited to attend!

## 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!*

## Maundy Thursday Service

Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir "Calvary's Mountain" by John Leavitt in the sanctuary. *March 24, 2016 ~ 7:00 pm*



## Good Friday

Tenebrae Service ~ *March 25, 2016 ~ 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, March 25, 2016* and continues through 9 pm on *Saturday, March 26, 2016*. 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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast has been CANCELLED.

The Fellowship Ministry Team will **NOT** meet on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm as announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

9:00 am

People of Praise Service

10:45 am

Traditional Worship Service



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

# CAMP RALLY...April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

- You need to have registration completed. Notaries will be available on both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<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 30<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.*

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.



Sign up  
for  
Church  
Camp