

The Christian Visitor

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Sent With Love To:

Message from Pastor Russ

Wow, what an amazing eight days! From the kids waving palm branches on Palm Sunday to the choir closing Easter service with an Alleluia Chorus that gave me goosebumps. In between was the baptism of two middle schoolers, a Living Last Supper presentation during the Agape Meal, a 24-hour prayer vigil, the "Service of Darkness", Sunrise Service and two Easter morning worship services. As exhausting as the week was, it was equally uplifting.

On more than one occasion I was completely taken by the meaning and emotion of what Easter is. The constant reminders of God's great love and Jesus' great sacrifice brought me to my knees as often as it brought me to my feet with outstretched arms of praise. God is so good!

As I reflect on the week, I find myself giving thanks to God for where He has placed me. I think of all of you that sacrificed time, talent and resource to make everything happen this past week. Dozens upon dozens of you prepared food, read, sang, performed, played instruments, cleaned up, organized and participated. Many of you brought friends and family. What an amazing outpouring of love for our Savior. We are blessed to have this collection of people at this time in history. God has a great plan for our church and the community of Atchison!

It is easy sometimes to lose that close connection to God once the last note is played on Easter Sunday but I had this sense over the course of the past week that God has only just begun the work we are going to see. We are going to take all He allowed us to see, hear and feel and redirect it to those in need of hope. Oh, glorious day!

So Blessed to Serve With You,
Pastor Russ



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www.facebook.com/fccatchison

<https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch>

The Churches Website

Check it Out: www.fccatchison.net

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, May 8, 2017 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

This issue will include worship information for May 14 & 21. The deadline for the next issue is May 22 and will include worship information for May 28 & June 4 as well as the June calendar, birthday 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, May 9, 2017 ~ 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 ~ 7:30 pm



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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 April: Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti Sauce, Instant or Canned Potatoes, Gravy Mix (Powered or Jar), Peanut Butter, Laundry Soap

Needs for May: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Hamburger/Tuna Helpers, Individual Mac & Cheese or Cup Noodles

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

Property & Grounds Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th ~ 6:30 pm ~ Wolf Hall

Remember In Prayers

Rose Bahr, Peggy Blakley, Betty Blide, Alex Blunt, Isola Burdette, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Betty & Bill Dorsey, Sr., Billy Dorsey, Jr., Kevin Dykstra, Sammy Eddy, Raymond & Julie Elias, Rachel Elias, Steve Germani, Alana Hale, Wallace Harper, Sr., Sherri Hart, Charlie Harris, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Mike Horton, Erin Kane, Tracy Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Charlotte Kime, LA Kimes, Drew & Andrea and Family, Elaine Krusemark, Jeff Kuhnert, Edith "Edie" Kurtz, Laney Ledbedder, Shirley Linck, Naesha Low, Lila Mercer, Byran Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Diana Moxley, Pam Mullins, Emma Lou Niemann, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Walker Shewey, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Betty Smith, Jim Smith, Gary Stecher, Eric Szymanski, Glen Thorne, Karen Tollefson, Elfreda Walz, Amy and Mitch West, Tony Wilburn, Lonnetta 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, Sean McCaffery, Anton Mak, Jesse McGlade, Nick Davison, Curtis Ellis, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas, Daniel Collins

Attendance

April 9, 2017 9 a.m. – 126 10:45 a.m. – 72 SS – 60

April 16, 2017 Sunrise Service – 40 9 a.m. – 171 10:45 a.m. – 122 SS – 43

Visitors April 9 & 16

Sandra Schrack, Bruce & Carolyn Gubser, James "Bull" McManick, Keith & Linda Kuykendall, Sandy Besinger, Trevor Lutz, Christy Pennington, Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, Rex Fox, J & Kay Midyette, Kathryn, Eric, Addison, Derek & Kenna Long, Sarah & Josh Bounds, Norma Clark, Kevin & Lisa Myers, Christine McKee

Christian Education



2017 CAMP RALLY DATE Sunday, April 23

Information is available in the hallway by the Community Board. Please either stop by and pick up the form or go online. If you register on-line you will need to print all the forms and bring to

the church. Please make sure the camper signs the covenant and the registration form. As well as parents signing where necessary. The health form **DOES NOT** have to be notarized this year. Scholarships are available but need to be submitted in the very near future.

Please check the dates and register your child for a camp.

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Mark your calendars! We will recognize our members and friends of First Christian receiving their GED, graduates from high school, Vocational School, Jr. College, College, the EfM Program or receiving a Master's degree on Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 9 and 10:45 am service. This is for those who obtained this in December, 2016 or May, 2017.

A cookie reception will be held between the two services in the annex.

Please contact the church office with the names of graduates.



VBS 2017 THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!!!

July 16 – 20, 2017 6 – 8 pm.

Our daily themes will be:

Day 1. **Samson**. Pick your friends wisely (fitness/health for your body and your mind)

Day 2. **David and Goliath**. Bullying

Day 3. **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**. Believe in yourself and God

Day 4. **Jesus Walks on Water**. Ask for help when in trouble. God is always there.

Joe On The Go will return for Season Two "That's Incredible!"

We have an incredible group of very talented individuals literally putting together our VBS from the story lines to the audio video production and everything in between. You have to see this to believe it! Come join us!

VBS program will be Sunday, July 23, with a combined service at 10 am.



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 bldg. – **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 bldg.. for ages 18 – 25 led by Pastor Matt.

10:10 AM in the library/parlor (next to Wolf Hall) **Koinonia Class** Led by Carolyn Rodina. Book of James from the Life Lessons with Max Lucado.

Youth Group Schedule

April 23 – 4 pm Youth Group Meeting

April 30 – No Meeting

Is the Holy Spirit Nudging You to Participate in 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 and Co-Mentor is Joe Bullock. For more information, including a prospectus and/or a brochure as well as the application form, contact Helen at 913-426-1751. The cost of the EfM program is \$375 and the church will pay ½ of this fee for members of the church.

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, May 1, 2017

6:30 pm

In the Chapel

If you are interested in signing up for the EfM program but have questions please plan to attend the Open House on May 1st. Cookies and coffee will be available.



Dedication of New Life

The dedication service of new life will be held on Sunday, May 14, 2017 (Mother's Day) during the 9 and 10:45 AM services. This service is recommended for those who are members of and active in the life of the church. It is a commitment between the parents and the congregation to raise the child in a Christ like manner. If you wish to have your child dedicated, please call the church office @ 913-367-3036 and let Rosie know.



MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM EVENT



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

BRANSON TRIP

The Membership Ministry Team is sponsoring a trip to Branson again. We will leave Thursday, October 19th and return Saturday, October 21st. If you wish to sign up, a deposit of \$50.00 per person is due at sign-up time. That will be refunded if you have to cancel a little later. We have space for 8 more.

The itinerary will be about the same as every year, with the exception of what 3 shows we will see. More details later.

Jane Amthor, 913-367-0514

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

The ladies of CWF are getting ready for our WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION on Monday the 24 of April which is OUR next meeting. We wrap are TREASURES then auction them off. The money we make goes to help our community and many others in are world, and a good time is had by all. We have a devotion and book review on a book in are lovely Library at the church, a short meeting, then a great lesson about women and our service to the Lord, our family and friends, and the world. We then have refreshments. All ladies of our church are welcome and please bring a friend. Don't forget to save your stamps, best choice labels, old cards, box tops for education, and your old medicine bottles and containers. Sewing is still working hard on quilts, bunnies and cleaning out the closet. Hope to see you there. And as the pastors always say God is good!!! All the time!!! Amen

Sincerely your president of CWF *Lavern Fitkin*

Note of Thanks

We are so very blessed to have such a wonderful church family here at First Christian Church. First we would like to thank our dedicated and loving pastors. Pastor Matt & Pastor Russ, thank you for making the long trips to St. Luke's to visit and pray with us. You have no idea what it meant to have you there, you were such a comfort to us. A big "Thank You" to each and every one of you, for all the cards! There were so many Sympathy cards and Get Well cards, it took a big box to hold them all! And each one was special, as all of you are to us. So, if you sent us a card, said a prayer, called us, texted or messaged us or just thought about us, we "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts. And now Tony has a big working heart!

A big "Thank You" Dennis Stanton for fulfilling Tony's obligations with lining up servers the past few Sundays.

As we say: GOD IS GOOD. ALL THE TIME! THANK YOU EVERYONE, WE ARE BLESSED!

Hopefully, we will see you next

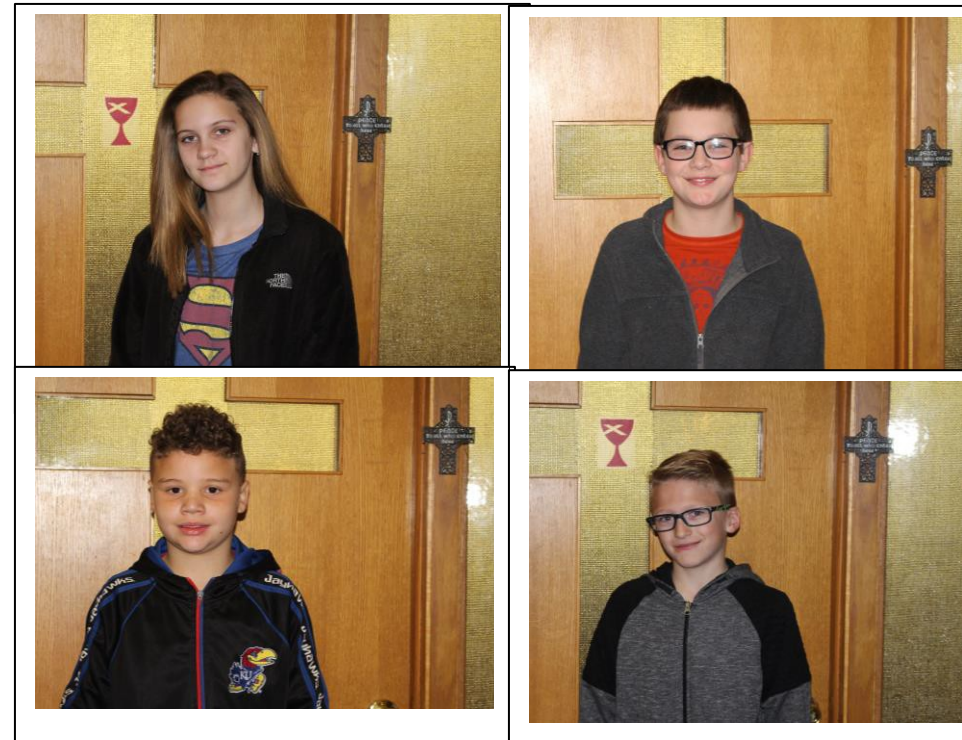
Sunday! In Christian Love,

Tony & Margie Wilburn

And The Lord Added...

On Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 four youth attended the Pastor's Class led by Rev. Russ Cooper and Rev. Matt Broxterman. On Sunday, April 9th Missy Broxterman and Jake Rebant made their Confession of Faith and was Baptized at 1 pm. On Sunday, April 23rd Miles Greenly and Luke Genail will make their Confession of Faith and be Baptized at 12:30 pm. We welcome Jake, Missy, Luke and Miles into our church family.

2017 New Members 4



Top Left: Missy Broxterman, Top Right: Jake Rebant
Bottom Left: Miles Greenly Top Bottom: Luke Genail

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque P./Sally W./Tohnya A.

9:00 Servers: Rhonda Shell, Vicki Jones, Christen Lacey, Jackie Jasper, Shawn & Pam Rizza, Heather Matthias

9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Linda Tuley
7th Street – Rick Stark
Santa Fe – Ron Tuley

10:45 Elders: Marilyn Albright and Cindy Hoverson

10:45 Servers: Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kevin Dykstra, Sharon Sowers, Mary Anna Dove

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Tiny Kibler
7th Street – Keith Rawson
Santa Fe – Dub Ehret

10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Heidie Hennen and Linda Tuley

10:45 Worship Leader: Carole Baker

10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Alison Simpson

Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque P./Sally W./Tohnya A.

9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Tohnya Aversman, Linda & Ron Tuley, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson, Deborah Myers

10:45 Elders: Janie Smart and Phyllis Walton

10:45 Servers: Kevin Dykstra, Brian Oswald, Carole Baker, Michel Fobbs, Kylee Kottman, Tammy Parrott

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Buddy Baldrige
7th Street – Sharon Baldrige
Santa Fe – Janet Pruett

10:45 Preparers/Cleanup: Mary Hoffman and Dixie Williams

10:45 Worship Leader: Carole Baker

10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Nathan Randolph and Rusty Randolph

9 AM People of Praise Service

9:30 & 10:00 & 10:10 AM Adult SS Classes

10 AM Children & Youth SS Classes

10:45 AM Traditional Worship

Sunday, May 7, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque P./Sally W./Tohnya A.

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

9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Helen Birkinsha
7th Street – Ronda McDaniel
Santa Fe – Pat West

10:45 Elders: Rhonda Shell and Keith Rawson

10:45 Servers: Steve Tate, Tracie Caudle, Heidie Hennen, Diana Moxley, Janet Pruett, Michelle Stanton

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Mary Anna Dove
7th Street – Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis

10:45 Preparers/Cleanup: Cindy Jacobson and Kay Greenly

10:45 Worship Leader: Kathy Botts

10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Layne Tate and Kylee Kottman

Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Cindy Hoverson and Jesse Greenly
Team 2 – Janie Smart and Dianna Kruger



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - CAITLIN DRURY, JADEN SUMPTER
- 3 - MYA LACEY, WIL MITTER
- 4 - KREN BOSSE
- 6 - CINDY JACOBSON
- 7 - DERRICK PARROTT
- 9 - BRANSON DAME, GLENN PARROTT
- 10 - STEPHANIE JONES, HANK WEBB
- 11 - CORBY AVERSMAN, ALLISON COLLINS, MARKELLE MIKKELSON, LAYNE TATE
- 14 - SONDR A MINK, AMY OSWALT, RACHEL SUTTON
- 16 - JERRY BOTTS
- 18 - TERI KUHNERT
- 19 - JANE AMTHOR, EMILY KIEHL, MARY SODEN, PAM WILLIAMSON
- 20 - SAMUEL TATE
- 22 - MACKENA THOMPSON
- 24 - JOE AMTHOR
- 25 - JOLENE REID, PEGGY STARK
- 26 - SANDRA ELLIOTT, MIKE ROBERTS, DEAN SEXTON JR., MARGIE WILBURN
- 28 - ISOLA J. BURDETTE, BARBARA DYKSTRA
- 31 - VICKI JONES

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - JEFF & TRACIE CAUDLE
- 2 - BUDDY & SHARON BALDRIDGE
- 5 - PATTY & ROGER PHILLIPPE
- 8 - GARY & PEG WOHLGEMUTH
- 22 - TIM & ROSIE TROWER
- 26 - DALE & TAMMY ERHART
- 26 - DON & JOLENE REID
- 29 - CINDY & RAYMOND HOVERSON

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EdM "OPEN HOUSE" in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	2	3 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	4	5 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	6 Youth Group to Topeka	
7 <i>Graduation Recognition</i> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio Cookie Reception for Graduates in the annex 10:45 Worship Service 4 pm Youth Group	8 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> info. 5/14 & 21 6:30 pm EdM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	9 6:30 pm Property & Grounds Mtg. , Wolf Hall 7 pm Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings 7:30 pm Board Meeting	10 10 am – 2 pm Atchison Hospital Retired Employees Luncheon in Wolf Hall 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	11 8:30 am – 3 pm C.W.F. Sewing Day 6-8 pm Girl Scouts Banquet in Wolf Hall	12 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	13	
14 <i>Mother's Day Baby Dedication</i> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am KAIR Radio 10 am Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	15 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EdM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	16	17 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	18	19 10-11:30 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm DoVES Support Group meeting in chapel	20 Elliot Graduation Party in Wolf Hall Lang Graduation Party in Annex	
21 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am KAIR Radio 10 am Sunday School last day for Youth Classes 10:45 Worship Service 1-3:30 pm Meadowlark 4-H in Wolf Hall 4 pm Youth Group	22 1-3 pm Food Pantry 2 pm CWF Meeting 4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> info for 5/28 & 6/4 and June calendar 6:30 pm EdM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall	23	24 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	25	26 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	27	
28 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am KAIR Radio 10 am Adult Sunday School Classes 10:45 Worship Service	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed	30	31 4:30-6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team				<h1>2017</h1>

April 19, 2017

Dear First Christian Church Members,

The Christian Education Ministry Team has been exploring options to address some of the issues facing our Sunday School and Youth Programs. These challenges include, among others, a significant drop in attendance and a lack of leadership volunteers moving forward. After researching a number of possible strategies and after speaking with youth experts on the Regional and General staff of the CC(DOC), our Christian Education Ministry Team is recommending that our church contract with Youth Ministry Architects of Brentwood, Tennessee to conduct an extensive on-site assessment. This assessment, led by two ordained Disciples of Christ ministers (one whom is from a church in the Kansas City area), who were recommended to us by Disciples Home Missions in Indianapolis, would last three days and result in the production of an in-depth analysis of our current strengths and challenges. The report would also include a customized, step-by-step plan to develop and grow ministry to youth in our church and our community over the next year or two. Attached is a description of this consulting group's experience as well as a description of the proposal.

Disciples Home Missions is very supportive of this process and of Youth Ministry Architects and has volunteered to cover a portion of the cost involved to bring them to First Christian Church in Atchison. The remaining cost would need to be covered by funds from our church. ***It is the recommendation of our Christian Education and Stewardship Ministry Teams, as well as our Trustees and General Board that we allocate up to \$5,000.00 from the Ralph & Margie Church Estate funds to support the consultation process. As this would be an unbudgeted expense in excess of \$1,000 it requires congregational approval, which we are now seeking.***

The Church Board has scheduled two Congregational Meetings following the 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM Church Services on April 30 to discuss and vote on this request. We encourage your attendance and participation in this important discussion and vote. Should you have questions about this need or the proposals please contact Vicki Jones, Chair of the Christian Education Ministry Team or me, John Jacobson, Chair of the Church Board. Thank you.

In Christ's Love,

John Jacobson,
First Christian Church Board Chair

Request for funds to support a 3-day assessment and plan development for Children and Youth Ministry at First Christian Church.

- First Christian Church, along with many churches nationwide, has been experiencing a continued decline in Sunday School attendance by all age groups and a lack of volunteers. In addition, the current Sunday schedule does not allow enough time for Christian education.
- The Christian Education Committee created a focus group to explore these challenges further and come back with a recommendation for implementation. The group held a church-wide forum on Sunday, March 19 to gain input from the congregation. In addition, the group spoke with DOC regional leaders for guidance and input. Following the forum and conversations with the DOC regional experts, the focus group gathered all the input and research that had been completed. The team then presented its recommendation to the Christian Education Committee.
- The recommendation: the Christian Education Committee believes that we need to step back and evaluate Youth and Children's Ministry and create a plan to develop and grow a thriving ministry for existing membership and to serve community children and youth.
- There were multiple consultant resources identified and the same company kept coming up, Ministry Architects.
 - Ministry Architects
 - Has worked with over 670 churches since its founding date of 2002.
 - Consulting in Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Whole Church Ministry.
 - Ministry Architects has worked within a diverse variety of churches; 38 different states from all regions of the USA; Five countries; Churches from 23 denominations, including Christian Church (DOC).
 - Here's the way the process works.
 - Through their assessment process, they give people a chance to vent, dream, identify pressure points, and talk about what they really want. This process is designed to develop the desire to change, the belief that we can and then offer a strategic plan for making those changes.
 - Two consultants would come for a 3 day assessment in which they will try to get a 360 degree look at our children's and youth ministry--usually meeting with 5-7 "listening groups". That part usually takes 1.5 days. Then they take about 24 hours to write up the assessment report that is presented the afternoon or evening of the third day. The assessment helps give a picture of where we are relative to where we would like to be and actually provides a customized blueprint for the coming year of transition, with month by month outcomes to be achieved in order to build the kind of program the church is looking for.
 - As a part of the blueprint, there is the option for us to ask Ministry Architects to help with the implementation, if we feel like their assistance could help us do things we may not yet be able to do ourselves.

- Request approval on hiring Ministry Architects to complete an assessment on First Christian Church's Youth and Children's Ministry. The consultants who would come on-site are DOC ministers.
- Cost is \$3,600 for the 3 day assessment and report plus expenses (which we anticipate to be around \$1,000 to \$1,400 to include airfare; food; lodging; rental car, etc.); Total projected cost is \$4,600 to \$5,000.
- Finalizing potential assessment dates. We plan to hold the assessment in May if approved.

