

*The
Christian
Visitor*

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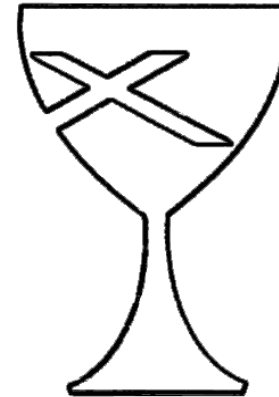
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Sent With Love To You!

Message from Russ

Psalm 37:3-5 says, "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust also in Him, and He will do it." Ephesians 3:20,21 says, "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

These past 26 weeks (11 at St. Mark's and 15 at First Christian) have been one of the most amazing seasons of my life. God has granted me the desires of my heart and done far more abundantly beyond my wildest dreams and prayers. He opened doors I did not knock on and provided opportunities to minister in ways I could only dream possible. I give praise and heartfelt thanks to Him, first and foremost. I also extend deep gratitude to the elders and boards of both churches for not only extending the invitation to serve as an interim pastor, but also not putting any restrictions on what I could share. You gave me the freedom to seek God in prayer and share the messages He placed on my heart. He clearly had a word for all of us.

Sharon and I took a walk Sunday afternoon and reflected on the amazing events of the past six months. I shared with her that on more than one occasion, after preparing a message, I would go to God in prayer and ask, "What is the one thing you want conveyed in this message?" Invariably, His response would be simple, yet profound... "Tell them how much I love them." I pray that no matter what the topic was, each of you heard that message more than anything else. God loves us beyond our ability to comprehend!

A very special thanks to each one that has encouraged me through this journey! Your words, cards, text messages, Facebook messages and gifts have brought me to tears on so many occasions. The standing ovation in second service last Sunday almost rendered me useless for the balance of the service. You have touched my heart deeply and I will never forget your kindness.

I am so excited to see the next chapter in the life of First Christian Church! Through the prayerful efforts of the elders and the board, God has supplied a man after His own heart, with a wealth of wisdom and experience. Following Pastor Robinson's retirement from full time ministry, God has used him to minister to four other churches in an interim capacity. God has placed on Pastor Robinson's heart a process for seeking God's will through prayer and stepping out in our gifts to serve in ways that impact those around us and glorifies our Father in heaven. I know you will be blessed as he shares this with you.

First Christian Church has stood as a beacon to this community for 133 years. It is God's desire that the greatest contributions of this church are yet to come. His plan is good. We will prayerfully and faithfully follow His direction!

I leave you with these words from the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 3. "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God!"

Greatly Blessed to Serve With You,
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, May 4, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

This issue will include worship info. for May 10 & 17. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, May 18, and will include worship information for May 24, 31 & June 7 as well as the June 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.

Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Alexine Blunt, Cory Brown, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, John Donahoo, Bill Donaldson, Cindy Dooley, 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, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, John Kane, Jr., Charlie Kottman, Laney Ledbedder, Joan Lemke, Naesha, Lexa & Kameron Low, Karen Martin, Kim Matthias, Mark Matthias, Natalie McCullough, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Byran Meyer, Jan Mikkelson, Rick Moranz, Nadine Newton, Kay Norton, Steve Otte, Dennis Petesch, The family of Allie Rebant, Donnie & Linda Roberts, Marvin Roberts, Sr., Mike & Bonnie Roberts, Dorothy Schletzbaum, Kathy Scott, Justin Seager, Harold & Erma Seever, Robena Seever, Alan Shaver, Jim Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Zane Steltenpohl, Aurora Taylor, Piper Garrison TeBeest, Diana Terry, Dorothy Turner, Timi Vanlengen, Amy West, Pat West, Phil Wilson, Chuck Young, Debbie Young

Military

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

April 12, 2015	9 a.m. – 101	10:45 a.m. – 77	SS – 42
April 19, 2015	9 a.m. – 127	10:45 a.m. – 103	SS – 63

Visitors April 12 & 19

Rev. Joyce Snapp, Lenore & Kim Snapp, Diane Briggs, Jennifer Smith, Natalie, Holt, Ella & Scott Hayes

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.

First Christian Church Scholarship 2015/16



Application forms are now available and are on the wooden table in the annex. You must be a member of First Christian Church to apply. The deadline is June 15, 2015 to have them completed in full along with all items requested and returned to the church office. If you have questions please contact Scholarship Chairperson, Marilyn Albright, 913-367-4754.

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 May: canned ravioli, canned spaghetti O's, canned or box soups, crackers, macaroni & cheese, canned or boxed potatoes.

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 10:15 am



May 23, 2015 July 25, 2015 September 26, 2015
November 21, 2015 January 30, 2016

Worship Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, April 26th
12 noon in Chapel

Agenda: We will plan our activities for Pentecost Sunday which is May 24th.

Elders Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
6:30 pm in the Memorial Chapel

Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
7 pm

Deacons meet east end of Wolf Hall ~ Deaconesses meet in library/parlor

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
7:30 pm in Wolf Hall

Spring Up With Christ

Saturday, April 25th ~ 5 pm

L.F.M. Park ~ 1101 N 7th

Family Fun Fellowship Food

Music - Groups Performing

Constant Praise and Storm of Life

A Message of Hope * Rev. Timothy Wolfe

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

Our next meeting, which is April 27, at 2:00 pm, we will give a report on the 2015 Spirit Fest. We also report on the Blessing Box donations. Vi Garvin will give a short report on the Prayer session and Susan Cummings reports on school bullying. Our group donated \$59.21 to the Blessing Box; the grand total collected for the day was \$1840.67. Atchison FCC CWF group money contributed 3.26 %. We're "small but mighty". Just like David and Goliath.

We will have White Elephant Auction at our next meeting. Anything you don't want or you no longer have use for it. Just wrap it or put it in a gift bag, the mystery is what's fun. This goes to our local into our account for Atchison FCC CWF. We give annually \$1,000.00 to KS Mission Fund. We give to Food Pantry, also. Please put on your calendar to join us. We have a lot of fun; fellowship. The devotion will be given by Carolyn Rodina, The lesson by Carolyn Rodina, and the hostesses for April are Doris Sutton and Edith Smith.

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.



Reception to Welcome New Interim Minister



The Elders will host a reception on Sunday, April 26th between the 2 services to welcome Rev. Jim and Mrs. Jo Lynn Robinson as our New Interim Minister. Everyone is invited to attend so that we may welcome the ROBINSONS to FCC and Atchison.

Membership Volunteer Cards

Please note the "BRIGHT PINK" cards in the pew racks for those wishing to volunteer and give of their time and talents for First Christian Church. Please fill out your card and place in the offering plates, give to Rosie in the office or to the Minister.

Dedication of New Life



The dedication service of new life will be held on Sunday, May 10, 2015 (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 and let Rosie know.

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 3, 2015

The Christian Education Ministry Team will recognize all Graduates of First Christian on Sunday, May 3rd at the 9 and 10:45 am services and will host a COOKIE RECEPTION between the two services.

If you or someone in your immediate family will be receiving their GED, graduating from High School, Vocational School, Jr. College, College, the EfM Program or receiving a Master's Degree, please contact Rosie @ the church office, 913-367-3036.

Needed: Donation of homemade cookies for the cookie reception. 2-3 dozen please. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the annex or call the church office and let Rosie know. **THANK YOU!**



Youth Group



Sunday, May 17 & 31 – 4-5:30 pm
Regular Meeting. **NEED LESSON LEADERS** for CHI RHO DISCUSSION.

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

Youth Sunday School Classes

THE LAST SUNDAY FOR YOUTH CLASSES WILL BE MAY 17TH WE WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. WILL BEGIN BACK AUGUST 16TH

Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Rochelle Schuetz, Jackie Jasper, Ashley Stout & Pam and Shawn 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 also helps with our youth Sunday School

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
The Bible-filled sermons of Rev. Russ Cooper has brought our church to a refreshing spiritual revival.

To increase this spiritual renewal we invite interested people to join the Logos Bible Study Group in the chapel on Sunday May 3, from 10:00 to 10:45 for a power-point presentation of this dynamic little book that has much to say about Christian love and fellowship.

Spring Blood Drive

Atchison Community
Friday, April 24th
12:30 pm – 6 pm
1640 Riley Street
First Baptist Church

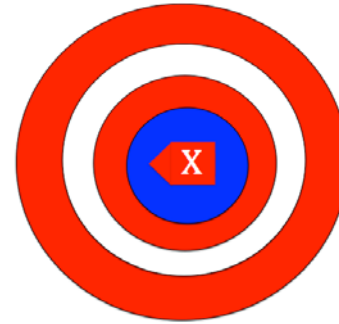
Blood Drive sponsored by the Atchison Hospital Auxiliary

Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org, enter SPONSOR CODE: atchisoncom.

For additional details contact Virginia Voelker at 913.426.6281 or jarains41@yahoo.com



Be a Superhero, Register Today
Atchison High School – In conjunction with
Delete Blood Cancer DKMS
All It Takes Is a Painless Swab of The Cheek
to Register to Save a Life!



First Annual
Student Led
Bone Marrow
Registry Drive

Atchison High School
May 1, 2015 ~ 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Ages 18 to 55
Be a Superhero, Register To Save a Life

Lord Hear Our Cry National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2015
12:00 noon
Memorial Hall
819 Commercial

"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day." 1 Kings 8:28

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School




10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

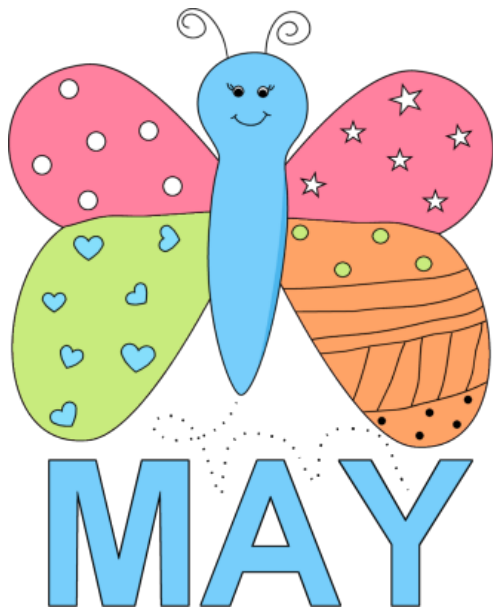
Sunday, April 26, 2015

Sermon: "Did Easter Change Anything?"
Scripture: John 20:19-23
9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Dale Erhart, Rose Webb,
Tohny Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz
Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson
10:45 Elders: Carolyn Rodina and Todd Stillings
10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove,
Sharon Sowers, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Tiny Kibler
7th Street...Keith Rawson
Santa Fe...Dub Ehret
10:45 Preparers: Michelle Stanton and Sharon Sowers
Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle and Tammy Parrott
Worship Leader: Joe Amthor

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Sermon: "Grace"
Scripture: Romans 5:20-6:5
9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Sarah & Brad Lee, Stacie & Kevin
Dougherty, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Susan
Cummings, Leslea Moranz
10:45 Elders: Vicki Tate and Jeff Caudle
10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie
Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie
Williams
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Jeremy Ellis
7th Street...Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe...Mary Anna Dove
10:45 Preparers: Carolyn Campbell and Kelley Stillings
Worship Leader: Dennis Stanton
Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Rhonda Shell and Heather Matthias
Team 2 – Sharon Bullock and Kevin Dykstra

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	2 9-11 am Praise Team
3 Graduation Recognition 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am KAIR Radio Cookie Reception 10:45 Worship Service 2 pm Meadowlark 4-H 2:30-4 Ironic Outcome	4 1-3 pm Food Pantry 4 pm Christian Visitor info. 5/10 & 17 and Pentecost Special Offering collected 17 & 24 6:30 pm EfM in chapel ▲	5 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in library	6 5:30 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 7 pm Women's Small Group Study in Chapel	8 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	9 
10 Mother's Day <i>Baby Dedication</i> 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am KAIR Radio 10 am Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	11 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EfM in chapel	12 9-10:30 am Women's Bible Study in library 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7 pm Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings 7:30 pm Board Meeting	13 10 am-2 pm Hospital Retired Employee Lunch, Wolf Hall 5:30 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	14 8:30 am – 3 pm C.W.F Sewing Day	15 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	16
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24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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31 9 am POP Services 9:30 Friendship SS 10 am Logos SS 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 Worship Service 4-5:30 Youth Group						<h1>May, 2015</h1>



BIRTHDAYS

2 - CAITLIN DRURY

3 - MYA LACEY, WIL MITTER

4 - KREN BOSSE

6 - CINDY JACOBSON

7 - ASHLEY FANSHER, DWIGHT LOCKE, AUSTIN MOORE, DERRICK PARROTT

9 - BRANSON DAME GLENN PARROTT

10 - STEPHANIE JONES, HANK WEBB

11 - CORBY AVERSMAN, ALLISON COLLINS, MARKELLE MIKKELSON, LAYNE TATE

14 - SONDRAMINK, AMY OSWALT, RACHEL SUTTON

16 - JERRY BOTTS, LARRY FRAKES, VAN HURST

18 - TERI KUHNERT

19 - JANE AMTHOR, EMILY KIEHL, QUENTIN RIVERS, MARY SODEN, PAM WILLIAMSON

24 - JOE AMTHOR, KIMBER WORLEY

25 - JOLENE REID

26 - SANDRA ELLIOT, MIKE ROBERTS, MARGIE WILBURN

28 - ISOLA BURDETTE, BARBARA DYKSTRA, GARY MOXLEY

30 - ETHAN HALE

31 - VICKI JONES

ANNIVERSARIES

1 - JEFF & TRACIE CAUDLE

2 - BUDDY & SHARON BALDRIDGE

5 - PATTY & ROGER PHILLIPPE

8 - PEG & GARY WOHLGEMUTH

22 - TIM & ROSIE TROWER

26 - DALE & TAMMY ERHART

26 - DON & JOLENE REID

29 - CINDY & RAYMOND HOVERSON

