

*The
Christian
Visitor*

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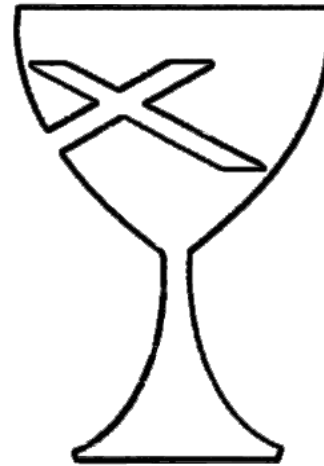
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Sent With Love To You!



"We can do no great things; only small things with great love."
~ Mother Teresa

The longer I live the more I am impressed with the need for us humans to be more proactive about getting along and working cooperatively for the common good.

In my observation we higher primates seem to be moving in the direction of a recent graphic posted by several Facebook friends. It featured this quote by the Rap Artist, Eminem: *"I don't care if you're black, white, straight, bisexual, gay, lesbian, short, tall, fat, skinny, rich or poor. If you're nice to me, I'll be nice to you. Simple as that."*

While I love the inclusive tone of the statement, I really, really wish he hadn't qualified the "I'll be nice to you" part. I hope he didn't mean it this way, and maybe it's just the "Grammar Nazi" in me; but, as written, there seems to be a clear implication that I won't be nice to you unless you're nice to me—first. "Nice" is thus reactive rather than proactive.

That's most definitely not how Jesus put it in Matthew 7:12, "Treat others the way you want to be treated" (Robinson paraphrase). Every major religion has a "Golden Rule;" but they all state it negatively: "Don't treat others as you would not want to be treated." Not only is Jesus' Golden Rule stated positively, it also uses the active transitive sense of the verb, "Do" and describes proactive behavior.

Proactive behavior is self-initiated. It involves acting before a situation develops, rather than just reacting after it happens. It means taking control and making things happen rather than just adjusting and reacting afterward."

The ancient Egyptian "Book of the Dead" names three ethical stances: (1) I have harmed the widow; (2) I have not harmed the widow; (3) I have helped the widow. The second stance is congruent with the "Golden Rules" of the world's historic religions. The third stance is congruent with Jesus' "Golden Rule," and again, it uses an active transitive verb ("help") to describe proactive behavior.

What if Eminem had simply omitted the phrase, "If you're nice to me...?"

Maybe it's an unattainable vision. But why not try, anyway? It's too difficult? Too big? Too idealistic? Unrealistic? Utopian?

An ancient Asian proverb says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Shall we begin?

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

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

The Churches Website

Check it Out: www.fccatchison.net

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, April 18, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, April 20, 2016

This issue will include worship info. for April 24, May 1 & 8, as well as the May calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next *Christian Visitor* is Monday, May 9, 2016 and will include worship information for May 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.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



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 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 April, 2016: peanut butter, jelly or jam, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti or pasta, spaghetti sauce, boxed potatoes, shampoo, bars of soap.

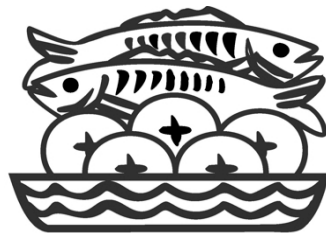
Monetary donations are accepted too!

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.

May 21 August 13
October (TBA) December 17



Loaves & Fishes

Remember In Prayers

Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, Diana Boatright, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Brenda Callahan, Carolyn Campbell, Larry Coder, Bryson Connell, Anita Dickeson, Cindy Dooley, Bob Dunn, Raymond Elias, Julie Elias, Marvin Emons, Jesse Evans, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Bethany (Sexton) Hetrick, Hunter Idol, Bessie Jones, Eddie Kane, 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, Merle Noll, Steve Otte, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Jeff Sinclair, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Diana Terry, Karen Tollefson, Dick Tull, Amy West, Mick West, Tony Wilburn, 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-Kuwait, Ben Carlisle, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Justin Ruhlman, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas

Attendance

March 27, 2015	9 a.m. – 175	10:45 a.m. – 131	SS – 56
April 3, 2015	9 a.m. – 106	10:45 a.m. – 78	SS – 48

Visitors March 27 & April 3

Trevor Lutz, Homer, Sabrina, Dustin & Briana Wallace, Jerry Blunt, Beth Atteberry, Scott & Linda Walton, Hope Kelly, Linda Mead, Joey, Faith & Taygen Hinton, Hillary Nicholas, Fran Johnson, Brandon Befort, Jennifer Rozier, Brandon Leon Jackson, Jr., Sarah Bounds, Amanda Falk & Family, Bethany Jackson, Landon Bell, Diane Servaes, Jo & Angie Hausner, Marilyn Hansen, Ron Thompson

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies of First Christian Church are welcome to join us for our next CWF meeting on Monday, April 25th at 2 pm in the church library. Vi Garvin will give the devotion. The lesson will be presented by Carolyn Rodina. We are currently studying "Women of the New Testament". Hostess Carole Baker will serve refreshments in Wolf Hall.

All are welcome so please join us if you can.
Blessings,
Susan Cummings

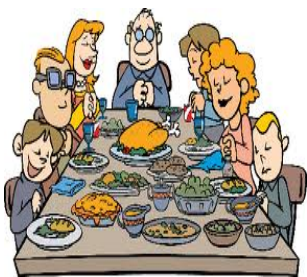


MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM EVENT

DINNER OUT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

P & J Family Restaurant
DeKalb, MO

Friday, April 22nd @ 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 & 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



We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness. To those who sent cards and wrote such caring notes, really helped us get through the day! Thank you for all the calls, visits and most of all for your prayers.

A special thanks to Pastor Jim and Russ Cooper for their visits. You just never know how much all this means to a person, until you are in the position of being hospitalized for so many days.

With Grateful Hearts of Thanks,
Tony & Margie

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your recent donation to the Hunger Task Force. Your giving is a blessing for this ministry and for those we are able to minister to because of it. What we do is only possible because of gifts like yours. Our prayer is that the Lord will multiply your seed and the harvest of your righteousness. God is faithful to give back into our lives when we are willing to be used as a blessing for others.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus be yours in abundance.

Peace, love and grace,
Rev. Nancy J Kollhoff, Corresponding Secretary for Hunger Task Force
An agency of the Atchison Ministerial Alliance

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 1st 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

See the information about church camps elsewhere in the *Christian Visitor*.

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 22nd and then begin summer break!

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

1st and 2nd Grades – Heather Matthias, Ashley Stout

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail, Christen Lacey

Middle School – Ronda McDaniel, Debra & Mark Mikkelsen

High School – John Jacobson, Mick West

Adult Sunday School Classes

Friendship Class – Sundays at 9:30 am in Choir Room – Our current study is: **GLORY DAYS by Max Lucado.**

Logos Class – Sundays at 10 am in Chapel.

Jack Albright leading our class in a study of The Gospel of John.

Please join us!

First Christian Church Scholarship for 2016/17



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, 2016 to have them completed in full along with all items requested and returned to the church office. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Albright, Scholarship Chairperson at 913-367-4754.

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

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Scripture: Ephesians 1:9-10
Sermon: "The Priority of Unity"

9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Tohnya Aversman, Roger and Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson

10:45 Elders: Janie Smart and Phyllis Walton

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

10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Linda Tuley and Lucille Rawson

Acolyte & Helper: Ethan Matthias and Tammy Parrott

Worship Leader: Kathleen Botts

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29
Sermon: "The Tools of Unity"

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

10:45 Elders: Sharon Baldrige and Dennis Stanton

10:45 Servers: Brian, Mason and Amy Oswalt, Michel Fobbs, Alison Simpson, Teri Kuhnert

10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Edith Smith and Michel Fobbs

Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle and Alison Simpson

Worship Leader: Carole Baker

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

CAMP RALLY...April 3rd & 17th

- You need to have registration completed. Notaries will be available on both the 3rd and 17th
(if registering online bring a printed copy of the registration as well as the Health Form for Notary)
- Payment no later than April 30th.

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



You are Invited
to an Open House Reception
For
Dr. Ruth E. Krusemark
in Celebrating 50 Years of Service
in the Music Ministry of
First Christian Church, Atchison

Sunday, April 10, 2016

2:00 to 4:00 PM

First Christian Church

301 N. 7th Street

Wolf Hall (basement)



A table of memories of
Ruth will be set up in
Wolf Hall. Please bring
any memorabilia to
share with everyone!

If you are unable to attend, cards may be mailed to:
First Christian Church, PO Box 626, Atchison, Kansas 66002

