

The Christian Visitor

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Sent With Love To You!

Cleaning House

As I mentioned in my message two Sundays ago, my family and I are presently in the middle of purchasing one home and selling another. As you can imagine, it's been a LOT of hard work! Most of our effort, up to this point, has been spent getting our current house ready to put on the market. This has involved a ton of cleaning and organizing and tidying up. We have also managed to complete a few significant projects that we began years ago, but had never quite got around to finishing. Now that everything is (mostly) ready we are not 100% sure we want to leave. After all, our home has never looked this good – ever! Anyone who has ever fixed a home up (for someone else to enjoy) will understand.

The process has taught me at least three things. First, it is amazing how much we can accomplish when we put our minds and our hands to it. Yes, it has been a lot of work, but we managed to get everything done in an astonishingly short amount of time. The key is putting our hands to it. Just thinking about something does not make it any different – even if our ideas are really great. If we want something to be different in our lives we must take action!

The second thing this process has reminded me of is the value of having good help. I'm sure we have all heard the saying, "Many hands make light work," and it's true. I am not generally one who likes to ask for help, but I knew that this was an endeavor I could not do on my own. Family members pitched in and seemed happy to do so, but they only did because I made the decision to ask. As my brother and sister also happen to be moving in the next month I am sure I will have the opportunity to pay it back, but isn't that what family is all about? We help each other out as we are needed and as we are able. It can (and should) be the same in our church family as well.

The third thing I have learned in my cleaning and renovating adventure is that I wish I would have done a lot of these projects sooner. How many times do we put off doing something until we are compelled to for some reason or another? If I would have put the effort in a while ago I would have actually had time to enjoy the fruits of my labor! This brings us back to taking action. It also brings us to an invitation, maybe even a challenge of sorts. ***If there is a project or an area in your life that needs some work right now – big or small - I would encourage you to get to it!*** Oh, and don't be afraid to ask for a little help. After all, we are in this together.

In Christ, Pastor Matt

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 22, 2017 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, May 24, 2017

This issue will include worship information for May 28 & June 4 as well as the June calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next issue is June 5 and will include worship information for June 11 & 18. 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.

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.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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

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.

Loaves & Fishes Schedule

Saturday's ~ 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

Remember In Prayers

Rose Bahr, Peggy Blakley, Betty Blide, Alex Blunt, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Betty & Bill Dorsey, Sr., Billy Dorsey, Jr., Kevin Dykstra, Sammy Eddy, Marion Ehret, Raymond & Julie Elias, Rachel Elias, Steve Germani, Heather Gilbert, Wallace Harper, Sr., Sherri Hart, Charlie Harris, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Michael "Mike" Henning, c/o KU Med Center, Room 5306, 3901 Rainbow Blvd, Kansas City, KS 66160, Mike Horton, Erin Kane, Tracy Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Charlotte Kime, LA Kimes, Drew & Andrea and Family, Jeff Kuhnert, Edith "Edie" Kurtz, Laney Ledbedder, Shirley Linck, Byran Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Diana Moxley, Pam Mullins, Emma Lou Niemann, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Ann Ryan, Walker Shewey, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Betty Smith, Jim Smith, Gary Stecher, Eric Szymanski, Glen Thorne, Karen Tollefon, 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 23, 2017	9 a.m. – 113	10:45 a.m. – 70	SS – 51
April 30, 2017	9 a.m. – 90	10:45 a.m. – 83	SS – 52
May 7, 2017	9 a.m. – 131	10:45 a.m. – 80	SS – 49

Visitors April 23, 30 & May 7

Jack, Kim & Ezekiel Johnson, Jozlynn Schatz, Ellie May Baldrige, Lisa Fox, Pat Zimmerman, Kimberly Clark, Ryan Henderson, Gary Keling, Lillian Graf

Christian Education



VBS 2017 THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!!!

July 16 – 20, 2017 6 – 8 pm.

Our daily themes will be:

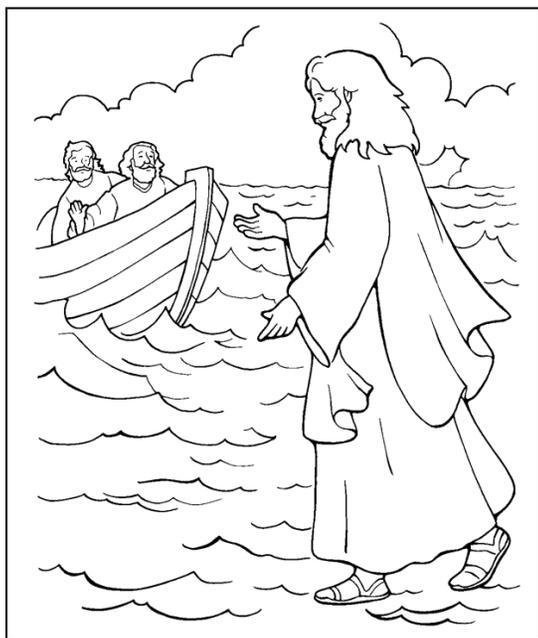
Day 1. **Samson.** Pick your friends wisely (fitness/health for your body and your mind)

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!

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

Isabelle Beckett will graduate from Benedictine College on May 13th with a Degree in Education.

Ashley Kay Boillot-Fansher is graduating from Sam Houston State University College of Criminal Justice of Huntsville, Texas on May 12th with a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice.

Brendan Broxterman will graduate from Topeka High School May 20th.

Jacob Bullock will graduate from Kansas State University, Manhattan with a Bachelors in Architectural Engineering.

Joseph Cooper will graduate from Atchison High School on May 20th.

Karis Dolenz graduated in December, 2016 from Kansas State University with a Bachelors of Music Education.

Cameron Drury will graduate from Atchison High School on May 20th.

Matthew Elliott will graduate from Atchison High School on May 20th.

Bryce Enzbrenner will graduate on May 20th from Atchison High School.

Maizey Lang will graduate from Atchison High School on May 20th.

Mason Oswald will be graduating from Atchison High School on May 20th.

Pam Williamson received her Certificate from the Education for Ministry.

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.

Dedication of New Life

The dedication service of new life will be held on Sunday, May 14, 2017 (Mother's Day) during the 10:45 AM services. This service is recommended for those who are members of an 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.



Memorial Sunday

May 28, 2017

We will remember those that have passed away within our church family this past year. The Dedication Service of Remembrance will be held at both services. We will dedicate any memorials used since Memorial Day of last year as well.

Those remembered are:

Nora Jean Wohlgemuth

Wayne Olean Hale

Ruth Ellen Marie Lutz Lanter

Van Norman Hurst

Beth Lavon Hawk

Ruth A. Stein

Anita M. Dickeson

Ruthanna Marlatt

James Wilson

Bettie Gayle Linscott

Bessie Louise Jones

Bessie "Alice" Smart

Gary Dean Moxley, Sr.

Michael Paul Dickeson



MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM EVENTS



**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



We will leave Thursday, October 19th and return Saturday, October 21st. Thursday afternoon we will see the show "#1 Hits of the 60's and 50's Too". Thursday evening we will see, "Texas Tenors". Friday morning we will shop at the Outlet Mall. Friday afternoon we will see, "SIX". As of now, Friday night is free for games or whatever.

The total price for the hotel, shows and gas money is \$360.00 for two people sharing a room. The total price for one person in a room is \$255.00. Down payment of \$50.00 per person needs to be paid by August 1st. It can be refunded up until September 1st, which is when the final payment is due. After September 1st, there can't be a refund unless we find someone to take your place. The seats will be held for church members until August 1st. After that, the trip will be open to others. Make the checks payable to First Christian Church with "Branson Trip" on the memo line.

I will make out a complete itinerary after September 1st.

Jane Amthor, 913-367-0514

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

CWF keeps very busy in are church and outreach projects. Our white elephant sale last month went great. We made a little over 100.00 dollars.

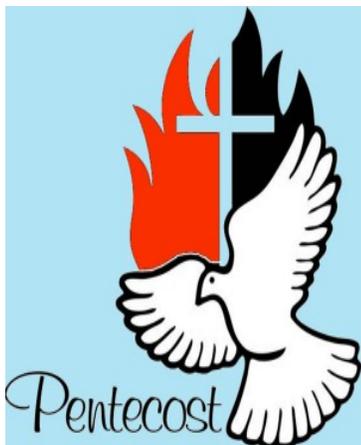
We are working on our luncheon with Second Christian and Cummings Christian Churches that we will host in June. The lunch will be held on Monday, June 26th at 12 noon.

Sewing group just keeps plugging away on baby quilts, big quilts and bunnies for the hospital.

Don't forget to save your Best Choice labels, stamps, old medicine bottles and Box Tops for Education.

Our next meeting is May 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Wolf Hall (due to Memorial day we are a week early). All ladies are welcome to attend. Bring a friend! We have great fellowship, a lesson and a great snack after our meeting. Our goal in CWF is to help people in need.

In Christian faith,
CWF president Lavern Fitkin



PENTECOST SUNDAY June 4, 2017

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR
RED!!!**

The Worship Ministry Team invites YOU to come and celebrate PENTECOST SUNDAY with our church family!

And The Lord Added...

On Sunday, April 23rd, Miles Greenly and Luke Genail came forward and made their confession of faith. Miles and Luke participated in the Pastor's Class this year. At 1 pm that afternoon Luke and Miles were baptized. Also baptized and joining our church family was Joe and Angie Hausner. Angie and Joe are expecting their first child this month. We welcome the Hausner family and Miles and Luke.

2017 New Members 6



2017/18 First Christian Church Scholarship

Application forms are now available and are on the Information Booth by the office door. You must be a member of First Christian Church to apply. The deadline is June 15, 2017 to have them completed in full along with all items requested and returned to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Albright Scholarship Chairperson @ (913) 367-4754.

Congregational Meeting Results Sunday, April 30, 2017

The Christian Education and Stewardship Ministry Teams, as well as our Trustees and General Board request funds of \$5,000.00 or less to hire the consulting firm Youth Ministry Architects to complete an assessment and plan development for building of our program for First Christian Church's Youth and Children's Ministry.

97 - YES 19 - NO



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 14, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya
9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Carol Hink, Rick & Peggy Stark, Shawn Adams
9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Kevin Dykstra
Santa Fe – Patty Phillippe
10:45 Elders: Cindy Hoverson & Joe Bullock
10:45 Servers: Nick Tate, Dixie Williams, Amy Oswalt, Alison Simpson, Sharon Sowers
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Dennis Stanton
7th Street – Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe – Carol Hink
10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Vicki Jones & Carole Baker
10:45 Worship Leader: Sharon Sowers
10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Ethan Matthias & Heather Matthias

Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya
9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Robi Chowdhuri, Kevin Dykstra, Gary & Peggy Wohlgemuth, Linda & Ron Tuley
9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Roger Phillippe
7th Street – Barb Piper
Santa Fe – Carolyn Rodina
10:45 Elders: John Jacobson & Duane Williams
10:45 Servers: Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kevin Dykstra, Linda Stecher, Mary Anna Dove
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Teri Kuhnert
7th Street – Linda Stecher
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis
10:45 Preparers/Cleanup: Tiny Kibler & Stacie Dougherty
10:45 Worship Leader: Sharon Sowers
10:45 Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle & Allison Simpson



Hello, my name is Deborah Myers. For those of you that may not recognize the name, I am one of the singers on the praise team for the 9 a.m. service. I have served on the praise team since January 2002.

I want to tell you about a service being provided to the community through our church. I work for a nonprofit organization out of Topeka, KS called Christ First Counseling Center (CFCC). We provide traditional talk psychotherapy and non-traditional equine-assisted psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families, and groups. For the past two years, First Christian Church of Atchison has been providing space in one of the Sunday school rooms to be used as a “satellite” office for CFCC where I have been providing traditional talk psychotherapy. By providing this stable space from which to work, First Christian has allowed CFCC to extend services and provide equine-assisted psychotherapy at an indoor arena in Atchison as well. Without a “home-base,” this would not have been accomplished. Currently, our most popular equine-assisted group here in Atchison has been made up of Veterans from Fort Leavenworth. However, this summer, we hope to offer equine-assisted groups in Atchison for grade school, junior high, and high school ages as well. CFCC's mission is to be a compassionate ministry of hope and healing for all people. We want people to know that help is here and they don't have to journey alone through life's sometimes painful seasons. We do this by providing Christ-centered and client-centered counseling, in both traditional and non-traditional ways. To me, that sounds similar to the mission of the church. Last year, more than \$3750 of services were donated to provide free services to veterans, trauma victims (young and old), foster/adopted children, and other community members in Atchison. In 2016, our agency as a whole provided services for 15% of our clients for free or at a much reduced cost, totaling more than \$153,000. The reason I am telling you is because, as a non-profit, we constantly have to raise funds to continue to be able to provide services at low or no cost. This year, I am participating in a 12-mile trail ride fundraiser on June 17th. Would you please consider donating to this program by sponsoring me as a rider? My team and I are trying to raise \$2,500. Funds donated allow us to continue our mission and not ever turn anyone away because of an inability to pay. In addition, funds will go directly back to the program in Atchison if you put "For Atchison Location" in the memo portion of your check.

If you would like more information about the program, you can go to www.counselingtopeka.com and select the Services tab. Or you can contact me at [913-370-5711](tel:913-370-5711). We also have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CFCCAssociates/>, where you can read some of the testimonials from the youth and adults that have participated in our program in Topeka. I believe that First Christian Church and CFCC can have a similar impact here in Atchison.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Myers

You may give donations directly to Deborah at church, or you can mail it to CFCC& Associates, Inc., 2000 Southwest Gage Boulevard, Topeka Kansas, 66604. Please note "**For Atchison Location**" in the memo of your check. All donations are tax-deductible. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more unless otherwise requested.