

*The  
Christian  
Visitor*

**First Christian Church**

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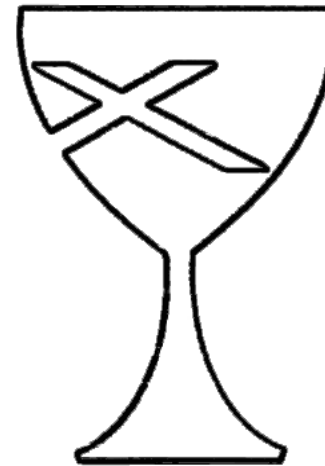
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*Sent With Love To You!*



## Wasn't Sunday Exciting!

Russ Cooper and Matt Broxtermann were presented as the Ministry Selection Team's choice as co-pastors for our church. Their vision for ministry and their commitment to follow up on your work of discernment is exciting.

I had lunch with the two of them on Monday. They shared their vision of cooperative ministry and I answered questions regarding the past fifteen months of transition.

It's a bittersweet time for me. Of course I'm anxious to get home and reclaim my yard and garden, and to begin the next chapter of my ministry. On June 5 I will assume duties as the part-time pastor of First Christian Church in Conway, where Jo Lynn and I have been members since February of 2006.

But, while I am looking forward to that homecoming, it also means leaving you behind. I've begged the choir to go with us back to Conway, but they declined. I will miss all of you and your contributions to the effectiveness of this church.

You have discerned the direction God has in mind for you, and, assuming you vote on May 22 to extend the call to Russ and Matt, you will have the leadership to make that vision a reality. I leave you with my prayers of gratitude for who you are, and with my prayers for your ongoing awareness of and commitment to God's vision and call.

Together in the Walk,  
Pastor Jim

**PS—Some housekeeping (literally) concerns:** when we arrived some of you loaned us various items of furniture. Your willingness to do so saved the church a lot of money (truck rental and/or furniture rental is pretty expensive). It's now time to return those items. We have a list, but it would be helpful if you would call the church or me to make arrangements for getting your furniture back. I know one or two said they didn't want the items back, but I didn't make a note of who said that. Please let the church, Jo Lynn or me know if you don't want your items back, and we will leave them for the CWF Rummage Sale in October. And please accept Jo Lynn's and my thanks for the use of your items.

## 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, May 23, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, May 25, 2016

This issue will include worship info. for May 29 and June 5, as well as the June calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next *Christian Visitor* is Monday, June 6, 2016 and will include worship information for June 12 & 19. 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.

# 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 May, 2016:** soup, crackers, peanut butter, shampoo

*Monetary donations are accepted too!*

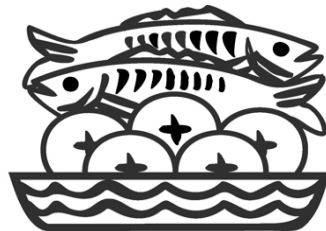
## Schedule for Loaves & Fishes

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  
October (TBA)

August 13  
December 17



Loaves & Fishes

## Remember In Prayers

Alexine Blunt, Diana Boatright, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Brenda Callahan, Carolyn Campbell, Karen Casey, Larry Coder, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Anita Dickeson, Bob Dunn, Raymond Elias, Julie Elias, Marvin Emons, Jesse Evans, Cheryl Germani, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Hunter Idol, Bessie Jones, Eddie Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Jeff Kuhnert, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha Low, Ryley Martin, Kim Matthias, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Bryan Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Jeff Sinclair, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Diana Terry, Karen Tollefson, Amy West, Mick West, Tony Wilburn, James Wilson, 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

April 24, 2016	9 a.m. – 90	10:45 a.m. – 69	SS – 25
May 1, 2016	9 a.m. – 91	10:45 a.m. – 82	SS – 22
May 8, 2016	9 a.m. – 135	10:45 a.m. – 91	SS – 56

## Visitors April 24, May 1 & 8

Vicki O'Connor, Simon & Kim Hurley, Paul Kenny, Jennifer Smith, Monica Donaldson, Brendan Wolvington, Candace Martinez, Miri Pickman, Breanne Chapman, Miquel Thomas, Diane Servaes, Joe & Angie Hausner

# ***Congratulations To Our 2016 Graduates***

**Rachel Cooper** – daughter of Russ and Sharon Cooper, Graduating from Stephens College in Columbia, MO with a Degree in Creative Writing. Rachel will Intern this summer in St. Louis, MO through a Disciples Home Mission Program with the Disciples of Christ.

**Clark Cummings** – son of Alan and Susan Cummings will graduate from ACCHS, Effingham.

**Erik Cummings** – son of Susan and Alan Cummings is graduating with a Bachelors Degree from Kansas State University.

**Makenzie Dougherty** – daughter of Kevin and Stacie Dougherty and granddaughter of Janie Smart will graduate from Atchison High School. Makenzie will attend Emporia State University in the fall.

**Austin Wayne Fansher** – son of Simon & Kimberly Wilburn-Hurley and grandson of Tony and Margie Wilburn is graduating from Smithville High School, Smithville, and Northland Career Center (NCC) with ASE certification & certificate for Diesel Technology. A 2 yr program. He will attend Metropolitan Community College in Lee's Summit, MO.

**Raymond Felton** – son of Deborah and Dave Myers received his diploma from the Topeka Public School District USD 501.

**Michel Fobbs** – mother of Wil. Michel will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree from Missouri Western State University.

**Amber Kelly** – daughter of Denise & Mike Kelly will graduate from ACCHS and will be attending Kansas State University, Manhattan.

**Emily Kiehl** – daughter of Jennifer & Harry Kiehl will be graduating from Atchison High School, and will attend Kansas State University in the fall.

**Heather Matthias** – wife of Justin & mother of Ethan and Sadie, received a Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education / Business Education / SPED in December, 2015 from Fort Hays State University.

**Jeanna McQuaire** – mother of Daniel and Matthew Carpenter is receiving her certificate from the Education for Ministry (EfM) program.

**Derrick Parrott** – son of Tammy & Glenn Parrott and grandson of Wayne Hale is graduating from Atchison High School and Highland Community College Technical Center with Electrical Technology.

**Heather Vanderweide** – daughter of Mark & Linda Vanderweide, will graduate from ACCHS, Effingham.

**Megan Vanderweide** – daughter of Linda & Mark Vanderweide, is graduating from Washburn University with a Bachelors of Health Administration.

**Amber Weber** – daughter of Tracie & Jeff Caudle will graduate from MHMA and will attend Pittsburg State University in the fall.

**Tom West** – son of Mitch & Amy West and grandson of Mick and Pat West and Soni and Rick Moranz will receive his certificate for CNA from Highland Community College Technical Center.

**Nicholas Williams** – husband of Charlene Divino-Williams, father of David & Benjamin and son of Duane & Dixie Williams is graduating from Missouri Western State University.



# Membership Ministry Team Plans Trip to Kansas City T-Bones Game

Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Games time is 7:05 pm

Bus will leave at 5:30 pm



T-Bones vs. Sioux City Explorers  
Ticket Prices are \$10.50 each and  
you must sign up and pay for tickets

by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Seats available for up to 25. A sign-up sheet is located in the annex on the wooden table. You may bring payment to church office or place in offering on Sunday.



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.

## Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

REMEMBER TO WEAR  
YOUR RED!!!

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



## Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

following the 9 and 10:45 am services

At the Special Board Meeting held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> the board voted unanimously to accept the calling of Rev. Matt Broxterman and Rev. Russ Cooper to share duties and be the Co-Ministers of First Christian Church, Atchison. The congregation will vote to make the call at this Special Congregational Meeting.

## Reception to say THANKS to Pastor Jim and Jo Lynn Robinson



Pastor Jim has tendered his resignation effective May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Membership Ministry Team will be hosting a cookie reception between the two services in the annex to say thanks to Pastor Jim and Jo Lynn during this Interim time for First Christian. Please come and wish them well.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS....

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.



## 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:  
**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.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF sewing group will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m. All ladies of the church are welcome to come help...we need people to sew, cut, iron, stuff...we're always working on various service projects (quilts, lap robes, bunnies for Atchison Hospital). Come and go anytime...bring your lunch if you plan to be here over the lunch hour.

Our next CWF meeting is Monday, May 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. (The date has been changed due to the Memorial Day Weekend on May 30, 2016.) Mary Anna Dove will be our hostess, Marilyn Albright will have devotions and Doris Falen will teach the lesson. We will also finalize our June luncheon/meeting plans. At this luncheon (which starts at noon) all ladies of the church are welcome to come. We also send an invitation to the 2nd Christian Church and Cummings Christian Church.

If you have any questions about CWF, don't hesitate to ask.

Blessings,  
Susan Cummings



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Blended Service

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship Service

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes have been received from the following agencies for donations given to them from the budgeted Outreach funds:

Project Concern, Atchison

Phillips Seminary, Tulsa, OK \$283.59

Avant Ministries, Kansas City, MO (Drew & Andrea Korshot)  
\$283.59



## Dedication of New Life

Braylee Mae Wolvington, daughter of Stephanie Jones and Brendan Wolvington was dedicated on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> during the 9 am worship service. Braylee has two big sisters, Taygen and Josie.

## Pentecost Special Offering Received May 15 & 22



Since the creation of the 2020 Vision to plant 1000 new churches by the year 2020, Disciples have planted 934 churches in the United States and Canada, and have shared the gospel with more than 61,000 individuals who may not have had a relationship with God. Every week at least 28 languages are spoken in worship in Disciples congregations.

This year's Pentecost Offering message emphasizes that through the Holy Spirit, a Second Wind is energizing the Disciples new church movement, making it a vital force for sharing God's Word. The Pentecost Offering supports the Disciples new church movement by making it possible for the Church to recruit, assess, train and coach new church leaders.

One half of our offering remains in Kansas; the other half is used by Hope Partnership in training, supporting and encouraging church planters and developing resources for new congregations.

Enclosed you will find an insert and offering envelope. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts!

## Memorial Sunday ~ May 29, 2016

We will remember those that have passed away within our church family this past year. The Dedication Service of Remembrance will be held during the 10 A.M. Blended Worship Service on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Those remembered are:

*Joseph "Joe" M Frakes*

*Robert "Bob" Alvin Shuck*

*Phyllis Jean Kottman*

*Pauline Shuck*

*Steven Charles Campbell*

*Roy Wayne Hale*

*Roy W. Marlatt*

*Marjorie May Merritt*

We will also dedicate the 8 new white 8 ft banquet tables purchased in loving memory of JACK HIGLEY with his memorial funds.

## 9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

### Sunday, May 15, 2016

*Pentecost Sunday*

**Scripture:** Philippians 1:6

**Sermon:** "The Purpose of Unity"

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

**10:45 Elders:** Jacque Pregont and Phyllis Walton

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

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

**10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Heather Matthias and Alison Simpson

**Acolyte & Helper:** Ryan Soph and Tammy Parrott

**Worship Leader:** Dennis Stanton

### Sunday, May 22, 2016

**Scripture:** Psalm 133:1

**Sermon:** "The Blessedness of Unity"

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

**10:45 Elders:** Cindy Hoverson and Vicki Tate

**10:45 Servers:** Rusty Randolph, Steve Tate, Heidie Hennen, Tammy Parrott, Linda Stecher, Heather Matthias

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Tiny Kibler  
7<sup>th</sup> Street – Keith Rawson  
Santa Fe – Dub Ehret

**10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Patty Phillippe and Michelle Stanton

**Acolyte & Helper:** Ethan Matthias and Tammy Parrott

**Worship Leader:** Sharon Sowers