

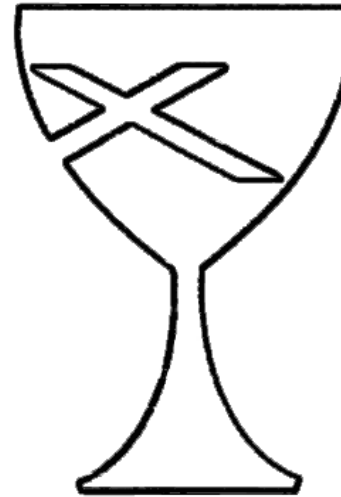
The
Christian
Visitor

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Sent With Love To: You!



Isn't this fun?!!! When the Spirit of God moves among a people who are ready to be led there's always a sense of anticipation—the kind of "eager longing" Paul mentions in ROMANS 8:19 (MSG) *"The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next."*

It's exciting when God moves among God's people. That vision is what keeps us going. Braced with that vision, even the hard times seem more manageable—more bearable, because they're understood as part of a birthing process—the labor pains of God's ongoing, never-ending act of creation. There's always the hope: Maybe it will happen again.

I don't bring a pre-packaged model for being church. Nor do I have any ego invested in the outcome of our work together. You, on the other hand, have a vested interest in that outcome.

What I do bring is a process by which you as a congregation of God's people can discover what God is calling you to be and to do.

It may be that God is affirming what you're already doing; or it may be that God is calling you to a radically different way of being church. It probably will be some combination of all the above. I just don't know.

The key will be your participation. The more of you who participate in the process, the more confident you all can be when it is completed that you have heard God's call. If you are invested in the process, you will feel ownership for the result.

God has brought you—us—this far, and I can hardly wait to see what's next!

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, May 18, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

This issue will include worship info. for May 24, 31 & June 7 as well as the June calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, June 8, and will include worship information for June 14 & 21. 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, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Cindy Dooley, Bob Dunn, Shelly Edgmon, Earnestine Engeman, Dale Fitkin, Dee Gatewood, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, William "Red" Harrison, Phyllis Haynes, Steve Higgins, Jack Higley, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, Charlie Kottman, Steph Krone, 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, Jim Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Zane Steltenpohl, Aurora Taylor, Piper Garrison TeBeest, Diana Terry, Dorothy Turner, Amy 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 26, 2015	9 a.m. – 128	10:45 a.m. – 101	
May 3, 2015	9 a.m. – 89	10:45 a.m. – 84	SS – 40

Visitors April 26 & May 3

Alex Gossett, Autumn Butner, Bob Wagner, Shandalyn Smith, Kierrah & Andre` Price

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 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: 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 & 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

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

The family of GEORGE W. "BILL" DONALDSON who passed away on April 23, 2015. Funeral services for Bill were held on Tuesday, April 28th at the First Christian Church with Rev. Dave Culver and Rev. Jim Robinson officiating.

The family of ALAN SHAVER who passed away April 27, 2015. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Shirley at 4850 E. Paseo Way, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Notes of Thanks

The Citizens for Community Action would like to take this time to thank you for your support of our organization by hosting the Black History Program each year. We know that Sr. Michel Fobbs and those who assist her take a lot of time and put in a lot of hard work in order to organize and promote this even each year. We do consider your support of us a blessing and are truly thankful. The offering collected goes into our funds for scholarships for Atchison young adults.

Sincerely yours, Rev. Paul W. Kelley, President

Notes of thanks have been received from Phillips Theological Seminary (\$299.88) and Project Concern (\$299.88) for donations made through the budgeted Outreach funds.

The student of ACCHS would like to thank the World Outreach Ministry Team of First Christian for their donation to the after prom event. Funds were made available through the Emergency Contingency Fund.

Thanks to Pastor Russ, Rosie and all our church family for the expressions of love and care during my recent illness.

Your continued support and kindness to Mick and me have made a big difference in my recovery.

Thank you. Pat West

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

Our next meeting, which is May 18, at 2:00 pm. Carole Baker is hostess, Susan Cummings gives the lesson, Diana Moxley will give the devotion.

At the White Elephant Auction, I got a pleasant surprise, a book of jokes, Church Chuckles. In this book of jokes there was a joke; "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a good chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."

Indeed it's not too early think about the CWF Rummage Sale being held September 2nd through the 5th, 2015.

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.



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.

IS VBS ON YOUR SCHEDULE?

July 19 - 23, 2015 Sunday - Thursday 6- 8 pm
Ages 4 through Middle School

The theme this year is

Ignite! Where God's Fire Burns Bright!

The Bible stories will center around Listen to God, Follow God, Worship God, Live like God, Saved by God. Come meet Fiona Flame and her companions, the Ignition Crew.

Music, Bible stories, skits, science/discovery projects, crafts, games, snacks

Volunteers are on board for this adventure:

Russ Cooper & group - music
Rachel Cooper - Bible stories
Debra & Mark Mikkelson- science & discovery
Brooke Genail & Ronda McDaniel - photography
Christen Lacey & crew - crafts
Patty & Roger Phillippe - snacks
Sarah Lee & Kevan Birkinsha - games
Matt Lacey & crew - Preschool
Audio Visual - Joe Bullock



Needs are:

Volunteers for crew leaders
Volunteers characters in the skits
Possibly Nursery Care (if needed for volunteers children)

Contact Vicki Jones or Rosie in the office, if you can help.

The plan is to end with a pool party at the Atchison Lion's Pool on Thursday evening.

Keep the flame burning.....

2015 Graduates

Riley Aversman – son of Rodney and Tohnya Aversman will graduate from AHS and has been accepted to Kansas State University's College of Engineering

Helen Birkinsha – EfM (Education for Ministry) Mentor Graduation Certificate

Kevan Birkinsha son of Jerry Birkinsha, Jr and Machel Collins will graduate from AHS and will be entering the Marine Corps

Daniel Carpenter son of Jeanna McQuarie received his GED in February of this year.

Destiny Highfill – daughter of Rose and Frances Haverkamp will graduate from Atchison High School

Ashley Michaels wife of Jerry Michaels and mother of Jayleigh, and daughter of Mike and Alice Henning received her Master in Special Ed and Applied Behavior Analysis with the University of West Florida

Caleb Moranz son of Fred and Leslea Moranz will graduate from Atchison High School and be attending Highland Community College Tech Center

Audra Von Senden daughter of Mike and Carrie Von Senden will graduate from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Mike West son of Amy and Mitch West has received his GED from the Home School Program and will graduate from the Electrical Department of Highland Community College Tech Center



Youth Group

Sunday's, 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 Ministry

Youth Sunday School Classes

The last Sunday for youth classes will be May 17th Will not meet in the summer months. Classes 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
To increase spiritual renewal we invite interested people to join the Logos Bible Study Group in the chapel on Sunday May 3, from 10-10:45 for a power-point presentation of this dynamic little book that has much to say about Christian love and fellowship.



9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Sermon: "A New Family Name"
Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7

9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Janie Smart, Monty & Christy Isaacs, Rick & Peggy Stark

10:45 Elders: Sharon Bullock and Helen Birkinsha

10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Heidi Hennen, Susan Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Kuhnert

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Dennis Stanton
7th Street...Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe...Carol Hink

10:45 Preparers: Tracie Caudle and Linda Vanderweide

Acolyte & Helper: Ben Enzbrenner and Kelley Stillings

Worship Leader: Keith Rawson

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Sermon: "The Fruit Jar"
Scripture: John 4:5-14; Matthew 5:6

9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Rhonda Shell, Carol Hink, Kevin Dykstra, Peggy & Gary Wohlgemuth, Mike & Alice Henning, Ron Tuley

10:45 Elders: Dennis Stanton and Joe Bullock

10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove, Sharon Sowers, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Teri Kuhnert
7th Street...Linda Stecher
Santa Fe...Linda Vanderweide

10:45 Preparers: Christy Isaacs and Tiffany Hale

Acolyte & Helper: Parker Kottman and Kylee Kottman

Worship Leader: David Gatewood

PENTECOST OFFERING 2015

"The church is dying.
That's what I used to
THINK..."

**SHINING
A LIGHT**

But God is
in the darkness, loving a growing
number of disciples back to life!

**A special day
offering**

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in support of establishing 1,000
new congregations.

May 17 and May 24, 2015

[Click for Resources or to Give Online](#)

The church is shining light in dark places. Since 2001, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has started 850 new Disciples churches, spreading the gospel to more than 60,000 individuals, who may not have had a relationship with Christ. Each week 28 languages are spoken in Disciples churches.

This year the Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday's, May 17 and May 24. Help us spread the light in dark places by loving a growing number of Disciples back to life. **Make your gift to the Pentecost Offering today.**

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



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24th
REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR RED!!

The Worship Ministry Team invites you to come and celebrate PENTECOST SUNDAY with them.

**What are you being
called to do?
Give a Child a Hope**



Each year, many children and teens in our community are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. These children need supportive foster families who can give them a safe place to stay while the child and their family work to resolve conflicts and issues.

You can help by:

- ◆ Becoming a foster or adoptive family
- ◆ Donating school supplies or holiday gifts
- ◆ Mentoring a youth through the KVC LIFE program

**For information
about how you can help,
join us May 19th at 6:00p.m.
Church of Jesus Christ LDS
818 Kansas Ave., Atchison
Or call Mona, 913.370-9940**

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