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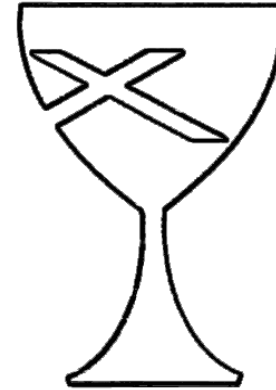
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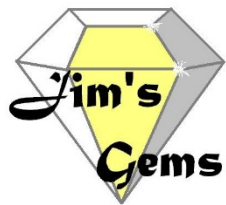
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Sent With Love To You!



My admiration for Pope Frances grows almost daily. A "spiritually yearning, institutionally alienated public"¹ is hungry to hear what he is saying. That population is made up primarily of people from Generations X & Y (sometimes lumped together and called "Millennials").

They don't want to hear about doctrines or theologies or "the way we've always done it." They want to know how to follow Jesus. Their self-proclaimed identity as "spiritual but not religious" reflects their reaction to a stereotype of all organized religion. Like most stereotypes, it isn't totally accurate; however, there's enough truth and accuracy in it to be embarrassing to those of us who are committed to "the church."

The founders of the Stone/Campbell movement were reacting to similar circumstances, their specific target being "creeds". Creeds (doctrines) are narrowly-defined, rigidly upheld statements of religious ideology. Historically, creeds have been used primary to identify and eliminate heresy (as opposed to making truth more transparent).

The upshot is that creeds exclude, while Jesus invites. Creeds define who we need to become in order to be acceptable to God, while Jesus says, "Come unto me just as you are, and I will make you to become who God created you to be."

Bottom line, creeds and doctrines are about power and control: rules and laws that determine who gets in and who doesn't. As you may recall, Pharisaic (rigid) application of law was at the heart of criticism by Jesus and Paul.

The following quote from Pope Frances captures the core of the conflict as perceived by the millennials who seek Jesus today:

"In ideologies there is not Jesus: in his tenderness, his love, his meekness. And ideologies are rigid, always. Of every sign: rigid. And when a Christian becomes a disciple of the ideology, he has lost the faith: he is no longer a disciple of Jesus, he is a disciple of this attitude of thought"

"For this reason Jesus said to them: 'You have taken away the key of knowledge.' The knowledge of Jesus is transformed into an ideological and also moralistic knowledge, because these close the door with many requirements. The faith becomes ideology and ideology frightens, ideology chases away the people, distances, distances the people and distances of the Church of the people. But it is a serious illness, this of ideological Christians. It is an illness, but it is not new, eh?" - Pope Francis

Together in the Walk,
Pastor Jim

¹ This phrase was originated by Canadian churchman and pastor Thomas G. Bandy, first in a book entitled *Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief for Addicted Churches* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1997), page 37.

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, June 22, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

This issue will include worship info. for June 28 and July 5 as well as the July calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, July 6 and will include worship information for July 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.

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, Dee Gatewood, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Phyllis Haynes, Steve Higgins, Jack Higley, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, Charlie Kottman, Steph Krone, Virginia Lacy, Laney Ledbedder, Joan Lemke, Naesha, Lexa & Kameron Low, Karen Martin, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Byran Meyer, Rick Moranz, Kay Norton, Linda Roberts, Marvin Roberts, Sr., Dorothy Schletzbaum (surgery scheduled for June 22nd), Kathy Scott, Jim Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Roxie Stalder, Piper Garrison TeBeest, Diana Terry, Amy West. [IF WE CAN TAKE ANYONE OFF OF THIS PRAYER LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY ROSIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE]

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

May 24, 2015	9 a.m. – 75	10:45 a.m. – 83
May 31, 2015	9 a.m. – 106	10:45 a.m. – 88
June 7, 2015	9 a.m. – 93	10:45 a.m. – 62

Visitors May 24, 31 & June 7

Amanda Janet, Natalie, Scott, Ella & Holt Hayes, Margie Campbell, Mona Webb, Kathy Young, Helen Ashton, Autumn Butner

Education For Ministry (EFM) Registration Due Soon!

EFM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of The University of the South and 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. **We need your registration ASAP!**

First Christian Church Scholarship 2015/16 Due June 15th



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

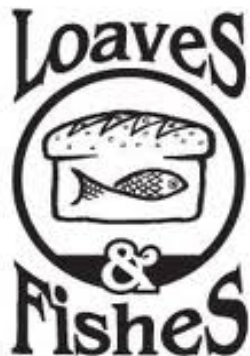
The food pantry is open on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00-11:30 am. and is located in the basement entrance off of Santa Fe Street.

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 June: cereal, canned fruit, apple sauce (individual servings), canned tuna, salmon or chicken, health & beauty: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

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

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Tony and Margie will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 26, 1965 at the First Christian Church by the late Rev. Harold Roberts.

They are the parents of one daughter: Kimberly Hurley (Simon), Smithville, MO.

They have 3 grandchildren: Ashley Boillot-Fansher, Huntsville, TX, Nicholas Fansher, DeKalb, MO., and Austin Fansher, Smithville, MO and two step-grandchildren: Zoe Hurley, Beaver Dam, WI and Aaron Hurley, United Kingdom.

No formal celebration is planned. They will be celebrating by taking a trip to Niagara Falls, Canada and New York City.

Cards are welcome and may be sent at 901 Harper Dr., Atchison, KS 66002



Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

Our own Lilly Cooper will be guest speaker at June 29, 2015, CWF meeting. She is speaking on her trips to India working with EMI organization. EMI stands for Engineering Ministries International, and they are a non-profit Christian organization, made up of engineers, architects, and various other volunteers dedicated to using their skills to serve the poor. They have offices all over the world and do beautiful work, that we hope provides hope for others! Here is their website: <http://www.emiworld.org/>

It is our June Salad Noon Luncheon meeting and we're taking a different spin on the luncheon. We're going to have few salads to choose from, we're going to incorporate potato bar. Yes we are going to have goodies for those ladies who have "sweet tooth". We are also going to invite Atchison Second Christian Church and Cummings Christian Church. So if you can plan to attend, there were some ladies on their lunch break at their job.

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

Diana Moxley, CWF President

Youth Group

Sunday, June 14 – Saturday, June 20 Youth and Sponsor leave for Mission Trip to Denver. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.

Sunday, June 28th
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

Will not meet in the summer months.
Classes will begin back August 16th

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 from 10-10:45 for a power-point presentation of this dynamic little book that has much to say about Christian love and fellowship.

Membership Ministry Trip Plans Annual BRANSON TRIP

We will leave on October 1st and return on 3rd. Reservations have been made at the Stone Castle Hotel and we have reserved the church bus.

We will see one show on the 1st in the evening and two shows on the 2nd.

If anyone wants to shop at the Landing, that can be arranged. Also this year we will plan to go to Dick's Five and Dime again.

Sign-ups will be held open for church members until August 1st and after that spaces will be available for others. A deposit of \$75 per person will be required at sign-up. Sign-ups can be made to Rosie or to me. Refunds can be made until September 1st, at which time final payment is due. After that date, refunds can be made only if the space can be filled.

The cost is \$152 per room for the two nights. Cost for gas will be \$20 per person. The shows are just under \$40 each. Won't have the exact amount until after we book the shows because some of them give a group rate. As soon as we get that total, an updated note will be published in the Christian Visitor and bulletin.

Jane Amthor, Membership Ministry Team Member

Atchison United Methodist Church
BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, June 29th
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

501 Kansas Avenue
Fellowship Hall

Community Blood Center has projected a need of 48 volunteers to donate blood this day. Feel free to call me at 800.725.6791 if you have any questions.

Betty Tinker, Account Manager
Community Blood Center

Save a Life.
Right Here.
Right Now.

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Sermon Title: Faith: The Final Frontier ~ "To Seek New Life and New Civilizations"

Scripture Text: Hebrews 12:1-3

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

10:45 Elders: Dennis Stanton and Sharon Bullock

10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Michelle Stanton, Tracie Caudle, Kelley Stillings, Lavern Fitkin, Dixie Williams

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

10:45 Preparers: Kelley Stillings and Tracie Caudle

Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle and Tammy Parrott

Worship Leader: Kathy Botts

Sunday, June 21, 2015

Happy Father's Day

Sermon Title: Faith: The Final Frontier ~ "To Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before"

Scripture Text: Numbers 13:1-14:4

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

10:45 Elders: John Jacobson and Jacque Pregont

10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Cindy Jacobson, Susan Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Kuhnert

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

10:45 Preparers: Tiffany Hale and Christy Isaacs

Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Tammy Parrott

Worship Leader: Carole Baker

Vacation Bible School



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, Anna Mikkelson & Gavin Biehn-Rebant- science & discovery
Brooke Genail & Ronda McDaniel - photography
Christen Lacey & crew - crafts
Patty & Roger Phillippe, Rhonda Shell, Lucille Rawson - snacks
Sarah & Brad Lee. Kevan Birkinsha - games
Matt Lacey, Hailey McConnaughey, Mya Lacey, Markelle Mikkelson - Preschool
Audio Visual - Joe Bullock, Tom West

Needs are:

Volunteers for crew leaders: Denise & Bridgett Kelly, Heather Matthias, Meghan Greenly
[MORE CREW LEADERS NEEDED]
Volunteers characters in the skits: Bruce Dolenz, Will & Mya Lacey
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. (More information on back)

Keep the flame burning.....
Ignite! Where God's Fire Burns Bright!

We plan to have **2 Service Projects** for this year's VBS for the children and youth to participate in!

We will provide items for the Atchison County Food Pantry @ FCC as well as school supplies for the local schools. Included with the school supplies will be teacher "thank you" items given to students.

IGNITE! SERVICE PROJECT Shopping List

Monday - canned goods and/or crayons and pens

Tuesday - box food items and/or pencils and sticky notes

Wednesday - kitchen supplies (dish soap, sponges, etc.) and/or notebook paper and blank note cards with envelope (with picture or plain)

Thursday - paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex) and/or pocket folders and tape (clear, masking, blue)

Friday - toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, bar soap) and/or Life Savors candies.

IGNITE! SNACK Grocery List

If you can provide any of the following items for our snacks for the children and youth who will attend VBS, here is the list:

FRUIT SNACKS - 5 boxes of 42 count or 8 boxes of 24 count mixed fruit flavored

JELLO - Fire colors - Red (strawberry, watermelon, cherry)

Orange (peach or orange)

Yellow (pineapple, apricot, lemon)

We need several of each flavor of the 6 oz boxes of jello.

WHIPPED TOPPING - 4 cans

PUFF CHEETOS - 6 16 oz (party size) bags

CRUNCHY CHEETOS - 6 17.5 oz (party size) bags

CHEESE BALL PUFFS - 4 32 or 35 oz containers

PRETZEL STICKS - 6 16 or 20 oz bags

GOLDEN GRAHAMS CEREAL - 5 23.5 oz boxes

CHOCOLATE CHIPS (milk chocolate) - 4 24 or 36 oz bags

MINI MARSHMALLOWS - 8 10 oz or larger bags

SNACK SIZED ZIP BAGGIES - 4 100 count

FREEZER POPS - 2 bags



2015 VBS Registration Form

IGNITE! Where God's Fire Burns Bright!

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information

Are parents helping with IGNITE! Where God's Fire Burns Bright! ? _____ If yes, where? _____

TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I give permission for my child to be in photos used for publicity and on the website (NO names or personal information will be used).

SIGNATURE

DATE

SUMMER Sounds

Atchison Library Lawn
The fun starts at 7pm.

June 16

A Bit of Celtic!

From Kansas City and The Renaissance Festival comes **BUBBLE AND SQUEAK**.



June 23

A Little Folk Music

Smooth guitar and vocals from **STEPHANIE GLENN**. Sit back, relax, and listen.

June 30



March and Swing!

Summer isn't complete without hearing the **ATCHISON COMMUNITY BAND**. Aaron Edwards takes the baton to lead the group in rousing marches and overtures!

*Rain location for all concerts is the Masonic Temple,
121 ½ North 5th Street, elevator is available.*