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**First Christian Church**

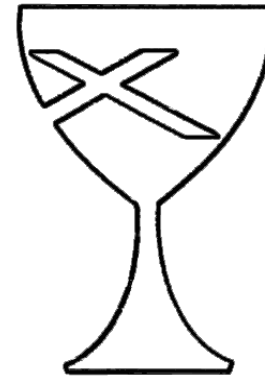
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*Sent With Love To You!*

## Life Together

I saw something curious at a church I visited a number of years ago. I don't remember the exact details of how it was set up, but the idea has stuck with me ever since. Essentially, it was a very large cork board (about five feet tall and twenty feet long) that was placed on a wall in a back hallway. The board functioned as a type of craigslist for the church where people would post items or services offered as well as items or services needed. A few of the posts I remember included: "A Few Hours of Light Yard Work Needed for Elderly Couple," "Babysitting Services Offered (Red Cross Certified)," "I Need a Ride to My Doctor's Appointment and to the Pharmacy this Friday," and "Free Couch and Large Television – Willing to Help Move." What a fantastic idea! And yet, it was more than just a good idea. It was a picture of church members seeking to live more of their lives in community with one another.

When we hear about "needs" in the church it is easy to groan and think silently to ourselves, "That's just what I need - ANOTHER thing on my plate!" The reality of life in community, however, is that our plates actually become less full because we are working together. An example of this that comes to my mind is a ministry I started at the church I served in North Carolina. In a nutshell, six sets of parents of young children agreed to start a babysitting rotation on Friday nights. This meant that my wife and I would watch a big batch of children once every six weeks, but it also meant that we had five Friday nights to do whatever we wanted or needed to do. Sometimes it was date night. Sometimes it was shopping or laundry. And sometimes it was just a nap!

We are at our best when we work together and learn to rely on one another. We all have needs and, believe it or not, we all need to give as well. Some of us need a couch and a television and some of us really need to get rid of some stuff! Contributing helps us to keep our particular skills sharp. It also feels good to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Over the next few months, Pastor Russ and I will be talking a lot about the beauty of discovering and using the unique gifts God has entrusted each of us with. Some of the ministries in the church are already moving in the direction of organizing teams of people to share responsibilities and ministry opportunities that have been shouldered by individuals or small groups in the past. Examples of this include music leadership at first service, help running the audio/visual equipment at both services and additional sponsors for junior and senior high youth groups. We have already made significant progress in the first area (music leadership), some progress in the second area (audio/visual), and only a little in the third (team members to help with junior and senior high youth groups). I guess you could consider that my first post on the cork board, "Team Members Needed to Assist with Junior or Senior High Youth Groups (Contact Pastoral Team or Bullocks if interested)."

Whether it's youth, property, worship or something more behind the scenes, I would ask each of us to prayerfully consider where God is calling us to serve and to then reach out to present leadership to help you get plugged into present ministries or even start a new one! I would also like to include a special note to the person I recently heard say, "All I do is bake cookies." Your cookies are important so keep on baking! After all, what kind of church would we be without cookies?

In Christ, Pastor Matt

P.S. I would like to say a special thanks to Vicki, Russ, Cindy, Brooke, Markelle, Joe, Sharon, and ALL of the other people who helped make VBS an amazing success this year!

## 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, August 8, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, August 10, 2016

This issue will include worship information for August 14 & 21. The deadline for the next newsletter is August 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include worship info. for August 28 and September 4 as well as the September calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. 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



## 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.

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 @ First Christian Church.

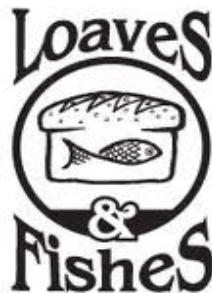
**Needs for August, 2016:** Tuna Helper, Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni, Canned Tomatoes, Canned or Boxed Soup, Crackers, Pancake Mix, Syrup. If you have extra produce from your garden you can share with the folks attending the food pantry.

*Monetary donations are accepted too!*

## Schedule for Loaves & Fishes

Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church. 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.

August 13    November 5    December 10



## Remember In Prayers

Rose Bahr, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Karen Casey, Matthew Carpenter, Larry Coder, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Laura Draper, Bob Dunn, Jesse Evans, Cheryl Germani, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Mercedes Hoffman, Tammy Jackson, Bessie Jones, Beverly Kennedy, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Jeff Kuhnert, Laney Ledbedder, Bettie Linscott, Naesha Low, Ryley Martin, Kim Matthias, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Bryan Meyer, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Jeff Sinclair, Becky Smith, Karen Tollefson, Lillie Truman, Amy West, Mick West, 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

|               |  |                 |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| July 17, 2016 | 9 a.m. – 88                                  | 10:45 a.m. – 78 |
| July 24, 2016 | 10 a.m. – 192 (combined service VBS program) |                 |

## Visitors July 17 & 24

Erin Leon, Brian Rodina, Joe & Angie Hausner, Miri Pickman, Max Ball, Linda Genail, Nic, Sara, Ayden & Addy Rebant, Sophia Renfro, Gretchen Jasper, Rick Thompson, Karley Stark, Joni Dunn, Christy, Ian, Aiden & Bella Kearney

# WILD ABOUT GOD – VBS 2016

What a wild time we had learning about God!

While thank you goes to many volunteers, special thanks to:

**Markelle Mikkelson** for her daily media productions of “Joe On the Go!”

**Joe Bullock** – our very own “Joe On The Go!” The kiddos loved the daily previews!

**Debra Mikkelson** for her skills in outlining science demonstrations & snacks, etc.

**Rachel Cooper** for her creative original writings of our VBS curriculum

**Brooke Genail** for her photography talents & final production – check out You Tube!

**Pastor Russ Cooper, Jason Drury, Joseph Cooper, Cameron Drury, Caitlin Drury** – The band rocked! Everyone loved the music!

**Cindy Hoverson and Kevin Dykstra** – The Bible Stories took on a new life with Ms. Cindy and her assistant, Kevin. Never a dull moment!

**Sharon Bullock, Meghan Greenly Ronda McDaniel** – crafts of tie-dye shirts, lion pillows, snakes, picture frames, CD whales, marshmallow shooters – all put to good use!

**Sarah & Brad Lee, Madison Lee, Christy Kearney** – although very warm; the games were always a big hit – including anything to do with water—try out Wethead sometime!

**Patty & Roger Phillipe, Rochelle Schuetz, Rhonda Shell, Lucille Rawson** – snacks that always hit the spot, kept us going, and followed the daily themes.

**Stacie Dougherty, Angie Hausner, Gavin Rebant, Dessiree Jessip** – Science...ROCKS! Was the egg raw or hard boiled? Smelling a liquid to identify what it is..... always a good time in Science!

**Gavin Rebant & Tom West** – audio/video

**Mya Lacey, Mattie Dougherty, Hailey McConnaughey, Christen Lacey, Amanda Drury, Bridgett Kelly, Ally Keimig, Heather Matthias** – crew leaders are invaluable in keeping things on time and groups in the right places! These gals were awesome!

**Gary Wohlgemuth and the Lions Pool staff** – makes for a great ending to VBS with a pool party!

The average was 52 kiddos an evening and 30+ helpers. Our highest attendance was 58!

We filled “The Belly of the Whale” with our service project of 92# for the food pantry and several items of school supplies to be shared.

Check out the You Tube presentations for our week:

FCCVBSFINAL2016  
FCCVBSD12016  
FCCVBSD22016  
FCCVBSD32016  
FCCVBSD42016

Thank you to everyone who contributed in so many ways. A BIG THANK YOU to Rosie for all her help of printing off information and many other tasks that happen behind the scenes.

See you all next year! Vicki Jones, CE Chairperson



Sunday, August 14, 2016

10 AM in Wolf Hall

Fill out registrations for 2016/17 Sunday School Classes  
Enjoy an ice cream sundae with toppings

*Rumor has it “Joe on the Go” will make an appearance!*

Classes will begin on Sunday,  
August 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:00 AM

Classes: Pre-K & K; 1st & 2nd Grades; 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades;  
Middle School (6th - 8th grades); High School (9th - 12th grades).

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS FOR 2016/17

Committee: Marilyn Albright  
Van Hurst

Dean Boggs  
Barbara Carlson Guinn

Funds available for disbursement: \$14,394, through the FCC Scholarship and McAdow Scholarship funds. The Scholarship Committee unanimously agreed on \$1,000 given to each of the ten applicants attending the schools they have chosen. The scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at both the 9 and 10:45 am services

**First Year Applicants:** PXs., Graduation Requirements, Essay, Application, Member of FCC:

**Tom West:** Highland Community College Tech Center

**Emily Kiehl:** Kansas State University

**Heather Vanderweide:** Northwest Missouri State University

**Makenzie Dougherty:** Emporia State University

**Amber Kelly:** Kansas State University

**Second Year Applicant:**

**Riley Aversman:** Kansas State University

**Third Year Applicant:**

**Bridgett Kelly:** Kansas State University

**Fourth or Fifth Year Applicants:**

**Jacob Bullock** is 5<sup>th</sup> yr. student but only applied less than 4 times: Kansas State University

**Audra VonSenden** is 5<sup>th</sup> year student in Grad School: University of Kansas School of Social Welfare

**Kristen Zacharias** is Grad. Student but received only 3 years: Washburn School of Law

# Save the Date!

**FCC Homecoming \* October 22 - 23rd**  
Stay tuned for more details.

Please contact the office if you are interested in serving on the planning team.

**Christian Women's Fellowship**  
**(C.W.F.)**

CWF will have it's Sewing Group meet on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and join in on the sewing. We are working on various sewing projects so join us if you can.

Our August meeting is the 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with Betty Donaldson giving the lesson and Linda Stecher as our hostess.

Blessings,  
Susan Cummings, CWF President



# Letters of Thanks

First Christian Church,  
Thank you so much for letting us have our parents 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was a beautiful place to have a beautiful celebration.

Thank you, The Montgomery Children and Grandchildren

Thanks for the use of the church for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It was wonderful.

We would like to thank everyone who send cards and congratulations to us at this time and in prayers for healing during the past year. Our sincere appreciation!! This is truly a family church!

Ray and Pat Montgomery and Family

Letters of thanks have been received for recent donations given from the budgeted Outreach funds:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Avant Ministries, Kansas City, MO | \$284.47 |
| Project Concern, Atchison, KS     |          |
| Phillips Seminary, Tulsa, OK      | \$284.47 |

Dear Pastor,

Thank you! Sometimes we just don't say it often enough. I want to make sure you know how much I – and all the ministries of the general Church – appreciate your congregation's support of Disciples Mission Fund. Your congregation is one of the top 250 in the denomination for DMF giving January to May 31, 2016.

Because of you, I am thankful.

The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President

# And The Lord Added

On Sunday, June 19, 2016 Emily Kiehl came forward and transferred her membership into our church family. Emily resides at 431 So. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Atchison with her parents and she is a recent graduate of AHS. She will be attending Kansas State University this fall. She is engaged to Quentin Rivers who is serving in the ARMY and stationed in Georgia.

Hank Olson joined our church by transfer of membership on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Hank and wife Kristi (Moxley) Olson live at 119 No. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Atchison with daughters, Elena and Jerene. Hank and Kristi were united in a private ceremony recently but will have a ceremony here at First Christian on Saturday, July 30 with Pastor Russ officiating in front of their family and close friends.

## 2016 New Members – 17

## Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- The family of **GARY DEAN MOXLEY** who passed away on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kansas City Hospice House, Kansas City, MO. Funeral services for Gary were held on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at First Christian Church with Rev. Matt Broxterman officiating. Burial was held at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Diana and Family at 1111 Pacific Ct., Atchison.
- **JACK** and **JOYCE VANDIVER** on the loss of his sister, **JUDY A. JOHNSON** who passed away on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Medicalodge. Graveside services for Judy were held on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Jack and Joyce's address is 712 W Street, Atchison.
- The family of **RUTH A STEIN** who passed away on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Atchison Senior Village. Graveside services and burial will be held at 1 pm on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Troy, KS

9 a.m. People of Praise Service  
9:30 & 10:00 a.m. Adult SS Classes  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, July 31, 2016

*Scripture:* Mark 10:13-16  
*Sermon:* Like A Child Pastor Matt

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

**9:00 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Roger Phillippe  
7<sup>th</sup> Street – Patty Phillippe  
Santa Fe – Lavern Fitkin

**10:45 Elders:** Todd Stillings and Vicki Tate

**10:45 Servers:** Kevin Dykstra, Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kay &  
John Dolenz, Michelle Stanton, Matthias

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Buddy Baldrige  
7<sup>th</sup> Street – Sharon Baldrige  
Santa Fe – Janet Pruet

**10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Brooke Genail and Heidie Hennen

**Acolyte & Helper:** Parker Kottman and Kylee Kottman

**Worship Leader:** Sharon Sowers

Sunday, August 7, 2016

*Scripture:* Colossians 3:12-17  
*Sermon:* "Where Do We Start?" Pastor Russ

**9:00 Servers:** Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith,  
Amy Smith, Carol Hink, Rick & Peggy Stark

**9:00 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Helen Birkinsha  
7<sup>th</sup> Street – Ronda McDaniel  
Santa Fe – Pat West

**10:45 Elders:** Sharon Baldrige and Cindy Hoverson

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

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Mary Anna Dove  
7<sup>th</sup> Street – Sharon Sowers  
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis

**10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Patty Phillippe and Michel Fobbs


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

**Worship Leader:** Keith Rawson

**Shut-In Communion:** Team 1-Todd Stillings and Diana Moxley  
Team 2 – Jacque Pregont and Peggy Montgomery



# August 2016

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
|  | 1<br>1-3 pm Food Pantry<br>7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall   | 2<br>5:30 pm Membership Ministry Team in Chapel                             | 3<br>4:30-6 pm Food Pantry                         | 4   | 5<br>8 am – 12 noon OFFICE HOURS – Amy Oswalt in office for Rosie<br>10-11:30 am Food Pantry | 6  |
| 7 <i>2016/17 Scholarships</i><br>9 am POP Service<br>9:30 Friendship Class<br>10 am Logos SS Class<br>10 am KAIR Radio<br>10:45 Worship<br>12 noon – 5 pm Tate Family in Wolf Hall | 8<br>1-3 pm Food Pantry<br>4 pm Christian Visitor deadline with info. For Aug. 14 & 21<br>7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts in Wolf Hall                    | 9<br>7 pm Elders, Deaconesses and Deacons Meetings<br>7:30 pm Board Meeting | 10<br>4:30-6 pm Food Pantry                        | 11<br>8:30 am – 3 pm CWF Sewing Day   | 12<br>10-11:30 am Food Pantry  | 13<br>First Christian Church will prepare and deliver meals for the Loaves & Fishes Feeding Ministry Program |
| 14 <i>SS Rally Day</i><br>9 am POP Service<br>9:30 Friendship Class<br>10 am Sunday School Rally in Wolf Hall<br>10 am Logos SS Class<br>10 am KAIR Radio<br>10:45 Worship         | 15<br>1-3 pm Food Pantry<br>7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts In Wolf Hall  | 16  | 17<br>4:30-6 pm Food Pantry                        | 18  | 19<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>10-11:30 am Food Pantry   | 20<br>2-4 pm 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Mary (Seever) Zimmerman in Wolf Hall                  |
| 21<br>9 am POP Service<br>9:30 Friendship Class<br>10 am Youth and Logos Sunday School Classes<br>10 am KAIR Radio<br>10:45 Worship  | 22<br>1-3 pm Food Pantry<br>4 pm <i>Christian Visitor</i> deadline info. 8/28 & 9/4<br>September calendar<br>7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts In Wolf Hall | 23  | 24<br>4:30-6 pm Food Pantry<br>5:30 Peacemakers    | 25  | 26<br>10-11:30 am Food Pantry  | 27   |
| 28<br>9 am POP Service<br>9:30 Friendship Class<br>10 am Youth and Logos Sunday School Classes<br>10 am KAIR Radio<br>10:45 Worship  | 29<br>1-3 pm Food Pantry<br>2 pm CWF Meeting in Wolf Hall<br>7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts In Wolf Hall   | 30  | 31<br>4:30-6 pm Food Pantry<br>5:30 pm Peacemakers |  |  |  |



# BIRTHDAYS

2 - ELAINE FRAKES, BROOKE GENAIL, BRODY KOTTMAN, BRENNEN PRUETT

3 - CAROLINE DRURY, ANDY PURDY

4 - ELMER BRAUER, ALYSSA LAWRENCE, GABRIEL RANDOLPH, EDITH SMITH

5 - JERRY BLUNT, JANET ENZBRENNER

6 - DANNY FITKIN

7 - DALE ERHART

8 - ERIK CUMMINGS, DAVID GATEWOOD

9 - DANIELLE (BLANTON) COLLINS,

9 - ROSIE TROWER

10 - RHONDA SHELL, JENNA WILLIS

11 - J.R. BARE, MADALYNN STOUT

12 - MARY ANNA DOVE

13 - DEBBIE CHOWDHURI

14 - ASHLYN PIPER

15 - GAIL FOX, CLARK PREGONT

TINY KIBLER, KEITH RAWSON, JOSIE RENO

18 - MILES GREENLY

21 - DANIEL CARPENTER, BONNIE ROBERTS

22 - EARNESTINE ENGEMAN

23 - ALISON ENZBRENNER, ALICE SMART, ARCHER WILLIS

24 - TIFFANY HALE, LARRY KIBLER, DOROTHY SCHLETZBAUM

25 - CAMERON DRURY

26 - ABRIE-ELIZABETH CARLISLE

28 - KIM MATTHIAS, JO SHELL

30 - SARA-GRACE CARLISLE, KEVIN DYKSTRA



# ANNIVERSARIES

2 - MICHELLE & BOB HENRY

3 - CAROL & ROD HURST

8 - SHANE & TRACY STONE

13 - JOE & KATHY BARE

14 - JERRY & KATHY BOTTS

24 - JUSTIN & HEATHER MATTHIAS

24 - WILLIAM & DEBORAH MURPHY

25 - RON & CAROLYN RODINA