

*The
Christian
Visitor*

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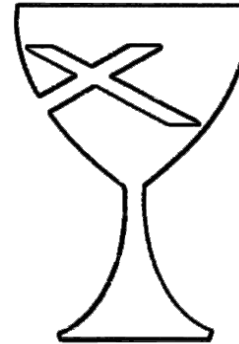
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Sent With Love To You!



Defying the Summer Slump...

...has been a challenge for American Churches for several generations. We are a mobile people, frequently on the move; and there are many other distractions without leaving home: kids' sports, birthday parties, camps and conferences—all good things, and worthy of our attention. We work and earn our vacations and our retirement; and we deserve to enjoy them.

Meanwhile, the church typically has called a moratorium on ministry, and has lamented smaller attendance and smaller offerings during the summer.

Several years ago I discovered a way to restore some energy and vitality to the traditional summer slump. It came from my father-in-law, who was a Disciple minister, and I've used it in every church I've served since then.

The focus is a series of sermons on the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30. Each one of us will be challenged and encouraged in specific ways to use our own talents to produce something tangible to share with and/or through the church. In previous years it has provided cohesiveness and focus to the summer church life.

At the end of the summer, perhaps at a fellowship event, there will be an accounting of how each of us used our talent.

Read the Parable of the Talents (perhaps in more than one English version), and join us this Sunday as we kick off the "Multiply Your Talents" emphasis for this summer. You might be surprised at what you get out of it!

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, July 20, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, July 22, 2015

This issue will include worship info. for July 26 & August 2 as well as the August calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, August 3 and will include worship information for August 9 and 16. 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, Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Cindy Dooley, Bob Dunn, Shelly Edgmon, Dee Gatewood, David Germani, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Phyllis Haynes, Steve Higgins, Jack Higley, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, Beverly Kennedy, Charlie Kottman, Steph Krone, Virginia Lacy, Laney Ledbedder, Joan Lemke, Naesha, Lexa & Kameron Low, Alan Martin, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Byran Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Rick Moranz, Kay Norton, Linda Roberts, Marvin Roberts, Sr., Dorothy Schletzbaum (cards may be sent c/o Elaine Schrader, 12667 274th Rd., Lancaster, KS 66041), Kathy Scott, Robena Seever, Jim Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Sharon Sowers, Roxie Stalder, Eric Szymanski, Piper Garrison TeBeest, Diana Terry, Amy West, Dixie Williams. [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

June 28, 2015	9 a.m. – 74	10:45 a.m. – 62	SS - 20
July 5, 2015	9 a.m. – 68	10:45 a.m. – 60	SS - 20

Visitors June 28 & July 5

Vicki O'Connor, Colin & Emma Robinson, Chayla & Joy Rutledge, Xavi Pregont, Margie Campbell, Wyatt Roediger

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!**

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 July: peanut butter, jelly/jam, jello, spaghetti or pasta and sauce

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

July 25, 2015 September 26, 2015 November 21, 2015 January 30, 2016

Office Hours:

Thursday, July 16th 8 am to 12 noon
Friday, July 17th The Office will be CLOSED

Notes of Thanks

Thank You to each and every church family member who took the time to acknowledge our 50th anniversary. We received so many beautiful cards with such beautiful messages and congratulations. Thank you for the phone calls and the newspaper clippings. We feel so blessed to have so many friends who thought of us in our time of celebration.

We love you! Tony & Margie Wilburn

The Citizens For Community Action wants to thank you for your donation to the CCA Scholarship Fund. All monies go to scholarships that are given during our annual banquet usually the 1st week in June. We work all year by sponsoring events in the community and if you would like information as to how you can help please drop us a line to PO Box 511, Atchison KS 66002. We will be celebrating our 50th year in 2016. This will be a celebration to remember so make plans now to attend.

Thank you for your Support!

Rev. Paul W. Kelley, President, Martha Wilson, Member, Shirley Downing, Member

United In Marriage

Adam Colby Underwood and Michelle Lynn Joy were united in marriage on Saturday, June 13th at First Christian Church with Rev. Russ Cooper officiating.

*Congratulations to
Adam and Michelle!*



2015 – 16 First Christian Church Scholarships To Be Awarded

The First Christian Church Scholarship Committee met on Monday, June 22nd and made the decision to award \$750 FCC Scholarships to the following students:

*Kenny Moranz – University of Kansas
Riley Aversman – Kansas State University
Bridgett Kelly – Kansas State University
Megan Vanderweide – Washburn University
Jacob Bullock – Kansas State University
Rachel Cooper – Stephens University*

The Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at both services.

C.W.F. 42nd Annual Rummage Sale

First Christian Church
301 N 7th St

Wolf Hall (Basement Entrance on Santa Fe St)

Wednesday, September 2nd – 12 noon to 6 pm

Thursday, September 3rd – 8 am to 4 pm

Friday, September 4th – 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday, September 5th – 7 am to 10 am BAG SALE

Start Gathering
Your Treasures!

- ❖ Set-up Racks and Tables in Wolf Hall on Sunday, August 30th @ 4 pm
- ❖ Unpack, organize and price items – Monday, August 31st 8 am to 4 pm, Tuesday, September 1st 8 am to 4 pm and Wednesday, September 2nd 8 am to 12 noon.
- ❖ Clean-Up on Saturday, Sept. 5th 10 am



WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS (Men, Women & Youth)

Youth Group

Sunday, July 26th
4-5:30 pm Outing to Jackson Park

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
which will be our BACK TO SS RALLY

Adult Sunday School Classes

Friendship Class – Sundays at 9:30 am in Choir Room – We will begin a new study in 3 weeks titled: Taking on Tough Issues (A study of integrity based on 1 Corinthians)

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 October 3rd. We will be taking the church bus.

Cost of Trip:

	<u>2 people per room</u>	<u>1 person per room</u>
Stone Castle Hotel	\$152.00	\$152.00
Gas Money	40.00	20.00
Grand Country Show	40.00	20.00
Spirit of the Dance	52.00	26.00
Jim Stafford	48.00	24.00

Coffee break and lunch on the way down. A stop at Ocoala Cheese and lunch on the way home. Shopping at the Landing if anyone wants to and at the outlet mall if anyone wants to. Shopping at Dick's Five and Dime.

Sign-ups for church members by August 1st and a deposit of \$75.00 each due at that time. After the 1st we will open up reservations to anyone. Refunds can be made until September 1st, at which time the final payment is due. After that, no refund unless the space is filled, because we have to make final payment to the hotel and shows. Reservations can be made to Rosie in office or to me.

Jane Amthor, Membership Ministry Team Member, 913-367-0514.

T-BONES GAME

Friday, July 24th

7:05 pm Game Time

(Bus to leave at 5:30 pm)

The Membership Ministry Team is planning a trip to see the Kansas City T-Bones vs. Winnipeg Goldeyes on Friday, July 24th. We have reserved a block of 25 seats. Ticket price is \$9.50 each which is payable now to FCC. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the annex.



Vacation Bible School

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

**EACH ATTENDEE WILL NEED A WHITE T-SHIRT (Mark your name in neckline.)
We could use donations of white t-shirts (all sizes)**

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

Joe Bullock, Tom West - Audio Visual

Crew leaders & Helpers: Denise, Bridgett and Amber Kelly, Heather Matthias, Meghan Greenly, Madison Sanders, Sandi Elliott, Ali Keimig, McKenzie Bell and Mick West

Characters in the skits: Fiona – Maizey Lang, Blaze - Bruce Dolenz, Ruby – Mya Lacey & Flash – Will Lacey

Needs are:

MORE CREW LEADERS NEEDED

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.....

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

Sunday - canned goods and/or crayons and pens

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

Tuesday - kitchen supplies (dish soap, 409, sponges, etc.) and/or notebook paper and blank note cards with envelope (with picture or plain)

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

Thursday - 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, please bring by Sunday, July 12th.

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

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

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

Orange (peach or orange)

Yellow (pineapple, apricot, lemon)

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 - 4 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 - 4 10 oz or larger bags

SNACK SIZED ZIP BAGGIES - 4 100 count



9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, July 12, 2015

Sermon Title: "Five Talents Worth of Stock in Edsel"
Scripture Text: Matthew 25:14-30

9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Sarah & Brad Lee, Stacie & Kevin Dougherty, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Susan Cummings, Leslea Moranz

10:45 Elders: Sharon Bullock and Todd Stillings
10:45 Servers: Dean Boggs, Rusty Randolph, Cindy Jacobson, Susan Cummings, Kylee Kottman, Alison Kuhnert

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

10:45 Preparers: Alison Kuhnert and Carolyn Campbell
Acolyte & Helper: Ben Enzbrenner and Kelley Stillings
Worship Leader: Michel Fobbs

Sunday, July 19, 2015

Sermon Title: "Entrusted with God's Property"
Scripture Text: Matthew 25:14-30

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

10:45 Elders: Vicki Tate and Carolyn Rodina
10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove, Alison Kuhnert, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson

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

10:45 Preparers: Tiffany Hale and Christy Isaacs
Acolyte & Helper: Ryan Soph and Kelley Stillings
Worship Leader: Jan Otte