

The Christian Visitor

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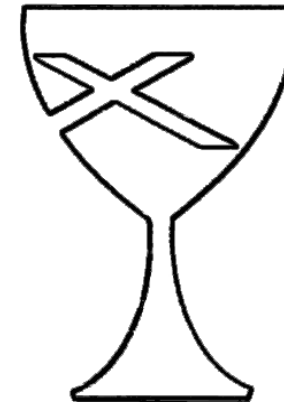
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Sent With Love To You!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RUSS

Can I be transparent with you? Can I share from my heart? I think that's part of what church should be, shouldn't it? My mom always stressed the importance of being honest. She said trust is one of the easiest things to lose and hardest things to gain. Honesty is paramount to both. I also heard a counselor say once that effective communication starts with the phrase, "When this happened, this is how it made me feel". The more I considered her comment, the more I saw the wisdom in it. It laid the groundwork for someone to honestly express their feelings without accusing or attacking someone else.

With these two things in mind, I would like to be honest with you. When I left the church this past Sunday, I was truly disheartened. I had been so excited to share the message God had laid on my heart, "Where Do We Start". During preparation, everything seemed to fit together well and reflect the heart of the Father. I couldn't wait to share it.

Then reality happened. It was scholarship Sunday...a great cause of celebration for the church. Marilyn Albright handed out \$1,000 scholarships to nine members of our church. What a tremendous time. What a blessing God has provided through His provision. I felt so deeply grateful.

Pastor Matt shared a wonderful illustration from the Olympics with the younger ones in our congregation during Children's Moment. It was fresh, it was relevant and it conveyed a memorable message about all of us having a part in God's plan for First Christian. I gave thanks to God as Pastor Matt spoke for the truth he was imparting to our children.

The worship in first service was spirit filled and inspiring. The special music in second service made you want to raise your hands and voice and sing along...so uplifting! Everything was perfect.

And then it was time to share the message. I was pumped! I glanced at the clock as I started so I knew how much time I had to preach. That's when my heart sank. Twelve minutes in first service and fifteen in second. When I had recorded the radio message, it was twenty minutes and I had thought of several other things I wanted to share. As I abandoned my note cards and tried to convey the important points of the message, without many of the scripture references and illustrations, in half the time needed, I felt I failed miserably to convey the message God had given me to share. You only get one chance to preach a message entitled "Where Do We Start?" I left feeling completely defeated.

In the hours since, I have reminded myself of the ground we have already covered. God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours. Sunday was not a surprise to Him. He knew before I was born exactly how Sunday would go. Several of you have encouraged me by sharing that even in the midst of what I shared and how I shared it, God's Spirit still came through with something of value. Thank you for that.

I have discovered in past disappointments, the best thing to do is to claim the promises of God. He promises that His word will never return void. He also promises that He works all things together for good to those who love Him and called according to his purpose. I asked Him to show me that good. Here's what I think He showed my heart. He reminded me of the radio message I recorded. I had shared every passage of scripture, every illustration and every thought. He showed me that maybe this message could reach a greater audience through the disappointment of Sunday because the Christian Visitor goes to hundreds more people than attend in person on any given Sunday.

So, here's my request. If you were present Sunday and you wondered as you were leaving, "What in the heck was he saying?", please follow the instructions below. If you weren't present on Sunday and now you're curious, please follow the instructions below. If God in His sovereignty somehow conveyed something of value Sunday but you would like more, follow the instructions below.

Go to www.fccatchison.net, click on the Sermons tab at the top, click on 2016 Sermons and then click on Pastor Russ' sermon "Where Do We Start?" August 7, 2016. I'm still excited about this message. I believe God wants all of us to know where to start. I will feel a lot better if you listen.

Thanks for letting me be transparent and share from my heart. It is so good to know you have my back.

So Blessed to Serve With You,
Pastor Russ

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, August 22, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, August 24, 2016

This issue will include worship information for August 28 and September 4 as well as the September calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next newsletter is September 5th and will include worship info. for September 11 & 18. 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.

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



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

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, Steve 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, 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 31, 2016	9 a.m. – 93	10:45 a.m. – 73
August 7, 2016	9 a.m. – 132	10:45 a.m. – 79

Visitors July 31 & August 7

Megan Schrick, Diane Briggs, Megan Gilliland, Tanner Blunt, Bruce & Carolyn Gubser, Terry, Kara & Emily Smith, Weston Toplikar, Nicole Ploeger, Kayla Devore, Lonna Anderson

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Please contact the office if you are interested in serving

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

CWF will have it's Sewing Group meet on Thursday, August 11th 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 29th at 2:00 p.m. with Betty Donaldson giving the lesson and Linda Stecher as our hostess.

Blessings,
Susan Cummings, CWF President



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 21st ~ 10:00 AM

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

Acolyte Training

Looking for Acolytes
Children in grades 2-5
10:45 service only

Training will be arranged
for new acolytes

Please contact Kelley Stillings
426-3210 or kstillings@hotmail.com



Membership Ministry Team Events

Church Dinner Out

Friday, August 26th

Metropolitan Restaurant in Leavenworth
6 PM (Bus will leave church at 5:30)

We are asking each rider on church bus to give \$2 for gas. Call the church office, 913.367.3036 or a sign-up sheet is in the annex on the wooden table.

Church Motorcycle Day Trip

Saturday, September 10, 2016
Meet at church – leave 11 a.m.
to Falls City, NE
Couples and Single Riders Welcome

Questions?? Call Joe Bullock, 913-370-1833



Weston, Missouri

Sunday, September 11th

The ticket price is \$15.00

The doors open at 4:30 PM and the show starts at 5. The church bus will leave from church parking lot at 4 PM. Those riding bus are asked to give \$2 each for gas donation.

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DISCIPLES MEN'S RETREAT

The Disciples Men's annual retreat at Disciples Center at Tawakoni is set for September 23-24. The theme of "Walking After God: Insights for Being a Committed Follower of Christ" will be led by Ray Gryder, Director of Men's Ministry for the Christian Church in Virginia. Ray's presentations will be drawn from his soon-to-be-published book.

Two pre-retreat experiences are offered: Come early on Friday to work on the prayer garden at the new chapel—a project of Kansas Disciples Men!—or join a group who will golf at the Augusta Community Course. Retreat check-in begins at 5 pm, with supper at 6 pm. Retreat ends on Saturday with closing worship around 6 pm.

United In Marriage

Kristi Lynn Moxley and Henry Charles Olson were united in marriage on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 2 pm here at First Christian Church. Pastor Russ officiated at the ceremony. A reception and dance followed in Wolf Hall to honor the couple.

Congratulations to Hank and Kristi!



Beans and Rice Ministry

Trinity Episcopal Church
300 South 5th Street
Atchison, Kansas 66002
913.367.3171

Beans and Rice Ministry is open on the **third Thursday of each month** from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** to supplement food supplies for families and individuals.

No names are recorded or personal information given.

This is a small and humble outreach of Trinity Episcopal, not a government or social agency.

We welcome you.

You assist Trinity Episcopal in this outreach simply by spreading the word in Atchison, only if you feel so moved, that the Beans and Rice Ministry is here for those families and individuals that you may know who might wish to receive its benefit.



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

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Pastor Matt will deliver the message

- 9:00 Servers:** Barb Piper, Rhonda Shell, Kevin Dykstra, Gary & Peggy Wohlgemuth, Linda & Ron Tuley
- 9:00 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Wanda McHardie
 7th Street – Kevin Dykstra
 Santa Fe – Floyd McHardie
- 10:45 Elders:** Janie Smart and Dennis Stanton
- 10:45 Servers:** Rusty Randolph, Steve Tate, Heidie Hennen, Tammy Parrott, Linda Stecher, Heather Matthias
- 10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Dennis Stanton
 7th Street – Michelle Stanton
 Santa Fe – Carol Hink
- 10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Peggy Wohlgemuth Kay Dolenz
- Acolyte & Helper:** Ethan Matthias and Tammy Parrott
- Worship Leader:** Lucille Rawson

Sunday, August 21, 2016

- Sermon:** "To Each is Given a Gift"
- Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 *Pastor Russ*
- 9:00 Servers:** Lavern Fitkin, Vicki Jones, Christen Lacey, Jackie Jasper, Mandi & Jason Wells, Heather Matthias
- 9:00 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Roger Phillippe
 7th Street – Barb Piper
 Santa Fe – Carolyn Rodiina
- 10:45 Elders:** Phyllis Walton and Vicki Tate
- 10:45 Servers:** Buddy Baldrige, Jeremy Ellis, Carole Baker, Kylee Kottman, Janet Pruett
- 10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot – Teri Kuhnert
 7th Street – Linda Stecher
 Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis
- 10:45 Preparers & Cleanup:** Margie Wilburn Teri Kuhnert
- Acolyte & Helper:** Adam Caudle and Alison Simpson
- Worship Leader:** Tammy Parrott