

*The
Christian
Visitor*

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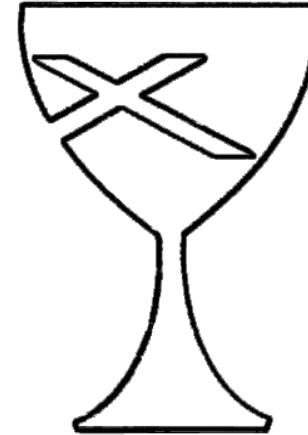
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Sent With Love To You!

His Love Endures Forever

I was purchasing a few items from a local retailer yesterday when I noticed that the young woman behind the counter had a tattoo on the inside of her right arm. In cursive lettering it simply said, "The secret to change..." I couldn't help myself so I asked, "So what is the secret to change?" Without saying a word, she showed me the inside of her other arm, which also bore a tattoo. This one said, "...letting go of fear." We had a very brief, but meaningful conversation and I left the store thinking about how powerful and how profoundly true those words really are.

One of the few things that many psychologists and theologians agree on is this: every human feeling ultimately comes from one of two fundamental emotions - love or fear. The first is positive and constructive and the second is negative and destructive. I don't think it is a coincidence that these are the two primary forces that contend with each other in the spiritual realm as well. Scripture says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear... and whoever fears has not been perfected in love." (1 John 4:18)

A saying you will hear me come back to frequently is, "Any area of my life that is causing me anxiety (or fear) is an area I am trying to control (or haven't entrusted to God yet)." When we try to run the show (in our own lives, at work, at church, in our families, etc.) it generates fear and fear brings out the worst in us. On the contrary, when we learn to "let go and let God," things work out better and we feel better on the inside as well.

As much as we love and try to trust God, change can still be frightening and uncomfortable. I remember moving out of my old house a few years ago. I knew that the new house was better than the old one in at least a hundred ways, but it was still scary. I chose to follow where I believed God was leading my family, however, and I and now I am so thankful I did!

It might seem like a lot of things are changing at our church right now (loud new songs in first service, ministers without neckties in second service, things being moved around a bit, and a complete renovation of the annex right around the corner) and it can be a little unsettling. But we are also growing. In fact, our average attendance on Sunday mornings has increased by twenty-five people in the last eleven weeks (about 15%) compared to what it was the first five months of 2016. Numerical growth is exciting, but what is even more exciting are the people and the families whose lives we see growing deeper and richer in the process.

Lot's of churches want to grow (physically and spiritually), but want to do it without adapting or changing anything. I am thankful that the members of our church are putting faith into action and I believe we are already seeing God's blessing as a result. One thing that is helpful for me during times of transition is to remember that our fundamentals always stay the same. We are a community that was founded on grace and is sustained by God's love. And as we continue to cast aside our fears and grow in our love for God and one another good things will continue to happen.

This journey can be a little scary at times, but I can honestly say there is no one else on this earth I would rather be sharing it with than all of you. Thank you again for being so wonderful and for being so brave.

In Christ, Pastor Matt

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, September 5, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

This issue will include worship information for for September 11 & 18. The deadline for the next newsletter is September 19th and will include worship info. for September 25, October 2 and 9 as well as the October 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.

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: 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.

Needs for September: Pork 'n Beans, Crackers, Oatmeal or Grits, Chicken Broth, Instant Pudding or Instant Jello. *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.

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, Steve Germani, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Mercedes Hoffman, Mike Horton, Tammy Jackson, Bessie Jones, Beverly Kennedy, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Jeff Kuhnert, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha Low, Ryley Martin, Kim Matthias, Ronda McDaniel and Family, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer, Bryan Meyer, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Jeff Sinclair, Becky Smith, Gary Stecher, 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

August 14, 2016 9 a.m. – 126 10:45 a.m. – 91
August 21, 2016 9 a.m. – 123 10:45 a.m. – 93 SS -
55

Visitors August 14 & 21

Megan Gilliland, Tanner Blunt, J Bishop, Bob & Rosie Gaudett, Jeff, Wendy & Isaiah Woolston, Bruce & Carolyn Gubser, Kristy, Jaden, Morgan & Mylah Sumpter, Amy Welker, Parker Penny, LeRoy & Elaine Schrader

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.)

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

CWF Rummage Sale

(See flier enclosed with this Christian Visitor)

You may bring items now for the sale. Call the church office
(913.367.3036) to find out the best time to bring items. Thank you!



Youth Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM in the educational building

Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Pam & Shawn Rizza

1st & 2nd Grades – Vicki Tate & Shanae Randolph

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail & Christen Lacey

Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th Grades) – Russ Cooper

Sr. High School (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades – Debra Mikkelson & Ronda
McDaniel

**SS CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY,
SEPT. 4 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)**



Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30 AM in the choir room in the educational building – Friendship Class
led by Keith Rawson

10 AM in the Memorial Chapel - Logos Class led by Jack Albright



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.

Retreat fees are:

- » \$70 each, for four or fewer from your congregation
- » \$60 each, if 5 or more register from your congregation
- » \$50 each for first-time participants.

In addition, if you are under 50 years old, and are one of the first 10 men under 50 to register, your fee will be refunded to you after the event. Registration forms are available at the church office.

Albright to Celebrate 65th Year of Ordination

Jack Albright will celebrate his 65th year of Ordination from College Heights Baptist Church on August 29th. Jack was ordained on August 29, 1951 in Plainview, Texas.

Congratulations Jack!
We Love You

Membership Ministry Team Event



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.

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



Letters of Thanks

I don't know how to tell you, "you're a wonderful church family." There were so many blessings with the hospitalization at Atchison Hospital and KU Med Center. I choose to look at the positive blessing in this.

- ❖ Work with the wonderful nurses from Atchison and KUMed Center
- ❖ Meeting with Dr. Jessica Stone and Dr. Benjamin Stone as well as Dr. Heather Male and Dr. Alan Fleming head of Oncology and Hematology.
- ❖ Being assisted by the non-direct care staff- kitchen, housekeeping at Atchison as well as KU Med Center.
- ❖ We drew close as a family.
- ❖ We got to spend quality time with our children, their spouses and our grandchildren.
- ❖ Gary took chemotherapy like a trooper, his age and other factors made it too hard on his body and he was unable to finish his treatment.
- ❖ We've found this wonderful place KC Hospice House that Dr. Alan Fleming and other doctors began to envision in the 1970's
- ❖ Pastor Matt brought down communion Thursday July 14th, bless you Pastor Matt. I noticed a change in Gary's breathing. I prayed that God would give us one more day with Gary. For you see, Kristi and Hank were going to have a private wedding ceremony at 11am. God answered my prayer and Gary was able to be there for the ceremony, he died at 10pm that night. Pastor Russ came down and performed the ceremony. Thank you, Pastor Russ.
- ❖ The KC Hospice House staff went out of their way for Gary and for my family and me.
- ❖ Gary Jr. and I got to witness to a RN Ann Brizer, I gave her a copy of Jack Albrights Grieving for the family member (I forgot what you call the pamphlet, Jack). We are still in contact with her today.
- ❖ Pastor Matt and Pastor Russ came to see us in the Atchison Hospital and KU Med Center.
- ❖ We had many "church family" members visit both hospitals.
- ❖ We had a wonderful service for Gary Sr. The funeral dinner was superb thanks to Mary Anna Dove and her committee.
- ❖ I found this quote, "When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where the power is"!

God Bless All of You,

Diana Moxley and the entire Moxley Family

First Christian Church Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for supporting me with the First Christian Church Scholarship as I continue my college education. I am deeply honored to receive your support to further my education in Mechanical Engineering. This scholarship will help me to keep my costs low this year and help me thrive as a student and a Christian.

Thank you again,
Riley Aversman

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! I am so grateful for your constant support throughout my high school years. As my new journey begins, I cannot thank you all enough for the kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers,

Makenzie Dougherty

Dear CWF Sewing Ladies,

The Heath Department appreciates your work and donating in providing our moms and newborns these precious blankets. Thank you for your support.

Connie Zeit, Atchison Co. Health Dept.

Dear First Christian Church Sewing Group,

Thank YOU so much for being a WONDERFUL partner in the Read and Sing to your Bunny Early Literacy Project. It is so exciting to see the new bunnies that your sewing group creates for our project! Thank you for your willingness to share your time and talent with the newborn families of Atchison County. FYI: Our project has now provided 463 "bunny bags" in Atchison! AMAZING 😊

Sincerely, *Brad Weaver*

9 a.m. People of Praise Service

9:30 & 10:00 a.m. Adult SS Classes

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

2nd Part – “Returning To Our Roots”
Based on Jeremiah 6:16

Sunday, August 28, 2016

- 9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Tohnya Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson
- 9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Linda Tuley
7th Street – Rick Stark
Santa Fe – Ron Tuley
- 10:45 Elders: Janie Smart and Jeff Caudle
- 10:45 Servers: Kevin Dykstra, Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kay & John Dolenz, Michelle Stanton
- 10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Tiny Kibler
7th Street – Keith Rawson
Santa Fe – Dub Ehret
- 10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Tiny Kibler & Amy Oswald
- Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Alison Simpson
- Worship Leader: Lucille Rawson

3rd Part – “Returning To Our Roots”

Sunday, September 4, 2016

- 9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Kevin Dougherty, Janie Smart, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Kay & Jesse Greenly
- 9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Helen Birkinsha
7th Street – Ronda McDaniel
Santa Fe – Pat West
- 10:45 Elders: Phyllis Walton and Carolyn Rodina
- 10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Buddy Baldrige, Tammy Parrott, Michel Fobbs, Alison Simpson, Teri Kuhnert
- 10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Mary Anna Dove
7th Street – Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis
- 10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Heather Matthias & Lavern Fitkin
- Acolyte & Helper: Brody Kottman and Kylee Kottman
- Worship Leader: Carol Baker
- Shut-In Communion: Team 1 – Sharon Baldrige and Diana Moxley. Team 2 – Dennis Stanton and Ron Tuley

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	3
4 Labor Sunday 9 am POP Service 9:30 Friendship S.S. 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed NO Food Pantry 4 pm <u>Christian Visitor</u> deadline, 9-11 & 18	6 5:30 pm Membership Ministry Team Meeting in chapel	7 4:30 – 6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7 pm Praise Team	8 8:30 am – 3 pm C.W.F. Sewing Day	9 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	10 8 am Praise Team 11 am Motorcycle Trip to Falls City, NE
11 9 am POP Service 9:30 Friendship S.S. 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship 12:12 pm CE Meeting 2 pm Meadowlark 4-H 4 pm Leave for Cline Opry	12 1-3 pm Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	13 7 pm Elders Meeting 7 p.m. Deacons & Deaconesses Meet 7:30 Board Meeting 2017 Budget Request DUE!	14 4:30–6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7 pm Praise Team	15	16 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	17 11 am – 4 pm Wilson Family in Wolf Hall
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25 Reconciliation 9 am POP Service 9:30 Friendship S.S. 10 am Sunday School 10 KAIR Radio 10:45 am Worship	26 1-3 pm Food Pantry 2 pm CWF Meeting 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm EfM in chapel 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	27	28 4:30–6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Peacemakers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7 pm Praise Team	29	30 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	

September

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - LOIS REID
- 3 - ANGIE GRAY
- 4 - KAMREN THOMPSON
- 5 - IZZY KOTTMAN, RON RODINA
- 6 - BRADLEY SOWERS , DEACON STOUT
- 7 - MARILYN ALBRIGHT, CASEY PURDY
- 8 - DIANA BOATRIGHT, BETTY DETTMER
- 9 - CHEYANNE CUMMINS, CONNIE SWOGGER
- 10 - LILY COOPER, HEATHER MATTHIAS, NIC REBANT
- 11 - SHAWN ADAMS, ETHAN MATTHIAS
- 12 - KENNY MORANZ
- 13 - ALEX LEE, ANN WEBB
- 14 - HEAVYN HENNEN, SHARON SOWERS
- 15 - MARY SEXTON
- 16 - LUCILLE RAWSON, TRACY STONE
- 17 - MAIZEY LANG
- 18 - GRACE CAUDLE, LISA SCHWARZER, MARK VANDERWEIDE
- 19 - STEVE JONES, AUSTIN PIPER
- 20 - JACOB GUNDLACH, CORKY HURST, ROBENA SEEVER
- 21 - LILY HOFFMAN
- 22 - AYDEN REBANT
- 23 - KEN HANF, JOHN KURTH
- 24 - SADIE MATTHIAS, NATHAN RANDOLPH
- 25 - KATHY BARE, BROOKLYNN CARTER, JASON DRURY, KARIN DULABAN, ALAN WILKE
- 26 - RYAN SOPH
- 27 - JEFF KUHNERT
- 28 - DOUG THOMAS
- 30 - DENNIS DITSCH, PHIL WILSON



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - THOMAS & COLLEEN FOXWORTHY
- 5 - JEFF & TERI KUHNERT
- 19 - BETTY & WILLIAM DORSEY, SR.
- 20 - SANDRA & BRIAN ELLIOTT

43rd Annual C.W.F. Rummage Sale



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(Please enter through the south basement door)



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Wednesday, October 5th
12 noon - 6 pm

Thursday, October 6th
8 am - 4 pm

Friday, October 7th
8 am - 4 pm

Saturday, October 8th
7 - 10 am BAG SALE