

*The  
Christian  
Visitor*

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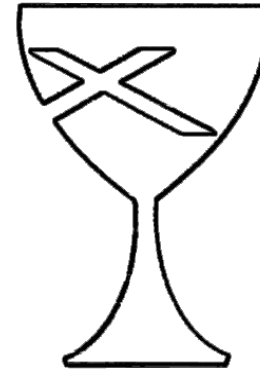
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*Sent With Love To You!*



What do you expect when you go to church on Sunday? How do you prepare **for that**?

In the days leading up to the Jewish holy days, those who participated directly made a lot of preparation. The whole ritual of purification lasted several days—prescribed offerings were made,

prescribed psalms were chanted, ritual washing was performed. And the priests' prescribed vestments had to be washed in specific ways. The preparation was comprehensive. They expected to come before God; and they prepared—**for that!**

Isaiah 6:1-8 is a first hand, eye-witness account of the result of that preparation. The specific occasion was the Jewish New Year—the “Day of Atonement” (Yom Kippur). Read it, and then ask yourself, “What do I expect when I go to church on Sunday? How do I prepare **for that**?”

For example, why do you wear what you wear to church? Jo Lynn's sister dresses “to honor our host.” Does your *manner of dress* reflect your preparation for whatever it is that you expect to find when you attend Sunday morning worship?

Or, do you sit in the same place in church every Sunday? Why?

Why does this church have communion before the sermon instead of afterwards, as some churches do? Now, there are valid reasons for doing communion either way; and none of my questions imply that we should do anything one way or the other. The only question—the ONLY question—is, why do we do what we do? Do you know why?

I hope and pray that the answer to none of the above is “Because we've always done it that way.” That's probably the worst reason in the world to do anything! The writer of I Peter says, “Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.” I PETER 3:15 (MSG)

Do we stumble through our days out of routine and habit? Or are we alert for “God sightings” wherever we go? We generally find what we expect to find.

It's all about our expectations and our preparation for them. What will you expect when you come to worship next Sunday?

**This Sunday's Sermon: “Use It or Lose It”**

**Next Sunday's Sermon: “Your Master's Happiness”**

**Text for both weeks: The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)**

**(BTW, are you multiplying your talent?)**

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](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 17, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, August 19, 2015

This issue will include worship info. August 23, 30 and September 6 as well as the September calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, September 7 and will include worship information for September 13 & 20. 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.

# Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Michael Blair, Alexine Blunt, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Cindy Dooley, Bob Dunn, Dee Gatewood, David Germani, Jason Goodpasture, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, 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, Lila Mercer, Marjorie Merritt, Byran Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Kay Norton, Linda Roberts, Marvin Roberts, Sr., Dorothy Schletzbaum, Kathy Scott, Robena Seever, Doug Sexton, Jim Shipley, Bob Shuck (Twin Oaks Health & Rehab., 757 W Eisenhower Rd, Lansing, KS 66043), Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Roxie Stalder, Eric Szymanski, Piper Garrison TeBeest, Diana Terry, Amy West, Dixie Williams, 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, 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

July 26, 2015	9 a.m. – 104	10:45 a.m. – 57	SS - 20
Aug 2, 2015	9 a.m. – 71	10:45 a.m. – 62	SS - 22

## Visitors July 26 & Aug. 2

Parker Bowen, Nic, Sara, Ayden & Adalynn Rebant, Beth Rizza, Susan (Marlatt) Krug, Christy Kearney, Candis Welch, Emily Kiehl, Alexis Bosshammer, Sarah Gutkowski, Wyatt Bigman

# 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 August:** Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, pancake mix, syrup, boxed or canned potatoes, macaroni and cheese.

*Monetary donations are accepted too!*




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## Schedule for Loaves and Fishes



Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church (PLEASE NOTE WE WILL NO LONGER BE AT 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

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

## Acolytes for 10:45 AM Service

Any child in grades 2-5 are encouraged to become an Acolyte at the second service. If your child is interested, please email Kelley Stillings @ [kstillings@hotmail.com](mailto:kstillings@hotmail.com) and let her know. You can also call the church office and let Rosie know.

Kelley will provide a training session for new Acolytes before the first Sunday in September.

## Christian Sympathy Is Extended To

- The family of **WILLIAM "RED" HARRISON** who passed away on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Services were held on July 30<sup>th</sup> here at First Christian Church.
- To **RICK (HEIDI) HITCHENS** and family on the loss of his mother, **DEBRA FRANS** who passed away on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Funeral services were held on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home

## Notes of Thanks

Thank you notes were received from DoVES and Project Concern, Inc for recent gifts given to them from the FCC Outreach. These monies were made available through the budgeted quarterly Outreach funds.

## Dorothy Schletzbaum 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



Saturday, August 22, 2015  
3:00-5:00 pm  
First Christian Church  
Wolf Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> and Santa Fe  
Cards may be sent to:  
358 Hwy 7, Atchison, KS 66002

## August Birthday

24 – Larry Kibler

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2015  
6:30 pm Elders Meeting  
7 pm Deacons & Deaconesses Meetings  
7:30 pm Board Meeting

## C.W.F.

Our next meeting, which is August 24, at 2:00 pm. Laura Draper is hostess, Elaine Krusemark gives the lesson (we are studying out of a new book that we got at Spirit Fest called Women in the Bible, New Testament), Carole Baker will give the devotion. Please come and enjoy the fun we have.

I would like to repeat the joke that I got at the White Elephant Auction, a book of jokes, Church Chuckles. In this book of jokes there was a joke that applies to our upcoming Rummage Sale; "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a good chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."

Honestly, we need all the help we can get. Our youth is going set up the racks we use on Sunday. Come any day and find a "treasure that someone considers as trash".

*Diana Moxley, CWF President*

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rummage Sale

First Christian Church  
301 N 7<sup>th</sup> St

Wolf Hall (Basement Entrance on Santa Fe St)  
Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12 noon to 6 pm  
Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8 am to 4 pm  
Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 8 am to 4 pm  
Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7 am to 10 am BAG SALE

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

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

Start  
Gathering  
Your  
Treasures!





## Youth Sunday School Classes

BACK TO SS RALLY

will be held on  
Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at  
10 AM in Wolf Hall

New Classes will begin back  
August 16<sup>th</sup>

## Youth Group

No Youth Group Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> but we have planned a Youth Boating Trip on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Be at the church by 1:15 pm. We have reserved a pontoon boat at Lake Perry at 2:30 pm and will also take the Bullock's ski boat. We will arrive back to the church by 8 pm.

Due to space limitations we need to know if you are coming. You may invite one friend on a first come first serve basis. \$3.00 each to help with food and **PERMISSION SLIPS ARE A MUST FOR ALL YOUTH.** You may obtain one from the church (back in hallway of educational building in clear slots on wall) or from the church website: [fccatchison.net](http://fccatchison.net). Respond to the Youth Group FB page, call the office or let Sharon know. We will be taking a cooler with sandwiches, veggies, fruit and water.



*For questions about youth group call  
Sharon Bullock @ 913-370-0845.*

## 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.

## Back In School Rally



*“Created for Greatness”*

*God Has a Plan for Your Life*

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> --- 5:00 - 9:00 pm

On the Mall  
(Between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets)

Food – Games – Music – Prizes

Sponsored by Second Christian Church



# IGNITE!!!! VBS! 2015

A big, big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers with this year's VBS.

Rachel Cooper wrote our VBS material this year from the overview to the Bible stories and daily skits. Rachel very willingly shares her talent. Thank you! Others joined in with ideas for crafts, games, science/discovery, music and snacks. What a fabulous creative group we have! Thank you to all those who made donations in various ways.

**Bible Stories** – Rachel Cooper

**Music** – Russ Cooper, Joseph Cooper, Benjamin Cooper, Tom West

**Sound System** – Tom West, Kevan Birkinsha, Gavin Biehn-Rebant, Joe Bullock

**Skits** – Maizey Lang, Mya Lacey, Will Lacey, Bruce Dolenz

**Photography & Slide Show Presentation** – Brooke Genail and Alex Blunt

**Games** – Sarah Lee, Madison Lee, Kevan Birkinsha

**Science** – Debra Mikkelson, Mark Mikkelson, Anna Mikkelson, also assisted by Gavin, Tom & Bruce

**Crafts** – Christen Lacey, Rochelle Schuetz

**Snacks** – Patty Phillippe, Roger Phillippe, Lucille Rawson, Rhonda Shell

**Crew Leaders:** Jaci West, Matt Lacey, Hailey McConnaughey, Mya Lacey, Markelle Mikkelson, Denise Kelly, Meghan Greenly, Bridgett Kelly, Ali Keimig, Grace Siebert, Amber Kelly, Heather Matthias, Mick West, McKenzi Bell

We ended with a pool party on Thursday evening at the Lions Pool. Thank you to Gary Wohlgemuth and his staff and all the parents whom came to help and enjoy the evening.

We averaged 44 youth per night and 33 helpers.



**What:** Arts and Crafts Fair

**When:** Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 4 pm

**Where:** Wolf Hall @ First Christian Church, 301 N 7<sup>th</sup> St

**Why:** Pastor Jim's Talent Challenge

**How:** Contact Kelley Stillings to reserve a table  
913-426-3210

Please let your friends and family know about Arts and Crafts Fair and plan to come and shop till you drop!!!

## Birth Announcement

Shawn and Pam Rizza announce the birth of their daughter, Harper. Welcoming Harper home was big sister Kate.

*Congratulations to the RIZZA FAMILY!*

## United in Marriage

Anna Robles and Brandon Befort were united in marriage on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> here at First Christian Church with Elder, Joe Bullock officiating.

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to Annie and Brandon!*

**9 a.m. People of Praise Service**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**Sunday, August 9, 2015**

**Sermon Title:** "Use It or Lose It"  
**Scripture Text:** Matthew 25:14-30

**9:00 Servers:** Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Dale Erhart, Rose Webb, Tohny Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Cindy Jacobson

**10:45 Elders:** Vicki Tate & Sharon Bullock

**10:45 Servers:** Jeremy Ellis, Tammy Parrott, Mary Anna Dove, Sharon Sowers, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Dennis Stanton  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Michelle Stanton  
Santa Fe...Carol Hink

**10:45 Preparers:** Sharon Sowers & Carolyn Campbell

**Acolyte & Helper:** Grade Caudle and Kelley Stillings

**Worship Leader:** Sharon Baldrige

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

**Sermon Title:** "Your Master's Happiness"  
**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:** John Jacobson & Helen Birkinsha

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

**10:45 Greeters:** Parking Lot...Teri Kuhnert  
7<sup>th</sup> Street...Linda Stecher  
Santa Fe...Linda Vanderweide

**10:45 Preparers:** Michelle Stanton & Kelley Stillings

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

**Worship Leader:** Lucille Rawson