

*The
Christian
Visitor*

First Christian Church

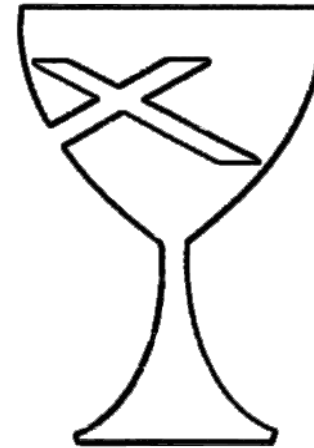
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Sent With Love To You!

THANKSGIVING - 2014

Psalms 100: 4,5 -- "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations."

Giving thanks and being thankful is more about our relationship with God than it is about our life situations and circumstances. As believers our time and space is of eternity and not limited to the short sightedness of this world. All things of this world (the good and the bad) are but passing. Our praise and love for the Lord is eternal. When we love and praise and give thanks to God we are elated and strengthened by the stream of eternity. Nothing can touch us - for it will all pass away. Only our love, hope and faith in God remains.

Even so, I loves turkey, dressing and pecan pie on Thanksgiving day. This is a national free day to pig out and not be sorry for doing so. Let the good times roll. Good will and joy seems to be more abundant on Thanksgiving Day. We seem to bracket our hard feelings and grudges so that love and peace become more abundant. What makes this prevalent is our foundation of faith in God. For only a moment in time we allow God's presence to dominate and direct our lives and our loving.

The love, joy and peace of the holiday seasons remind us how good it is when we live our lives worshipfully in the presence of God. Yes, God is that good. Our lives would be so much more blessed if we lived them as if we were on a holiday extension mode. No, not about the commercial and consumer aspects of the holidays - it is all about the abiding presence of God in our lives and in our relationships with one another. God is truly good to us and for us all the time. Make time on Thanksgiving to make it so! Happy to be your minister, Pastor Lee



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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, December 1, 2014 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, December 3, 2014

This issue will include worship info. December 7 & 14. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, December 15 and will include worship information for December 21, 28 and January 4, 2015 as well as the January, 2015 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.



Young @ Heart for 55+

Monday, December 8, 2014
11:30 a.m. in Wolf Hall

Covered dish luncheon for 55+. Bring \$1 for FCC Food Pantry and paper supplies. We encourage you to bring non-perishable food items as well. Elaine Schrader will provide the program.

Pizza and Movie Night

January 17, 2015 5:30 PM

Mark your calendars!

The featured movie will be "Mr. Poppers Penguins" starring Jim Carrey.



Jim Carrey stars as Tom Popper, a successful businessman who's clueless when it comes to the really important things in life...until he inherits six "adorable" penguins, each with its own unique personality. Soon Tom's rambunctious roommates turn his swank New York apartment into a snowy winter wonderland — and the rest of his world upside-down. Adapted from the award-winning classic children's book, Mr. Popper's Penguins is a cool blast of fun for all ages!

The Membership Ministry Team is sponsoring this event!

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:30 pm Elders, 7 pm Deacons & Deaconesses, 7:30 pm Board

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To:

- ❖ The Family of RICHARD "RICHIE" ALAN SHAVER who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 8th in Phoenix AX at the Banner Desert Hospital. Survivors are his parents ALAN and SHIRLEY SHAVER who live at 4850 E Paseo Way, Phoenix, AZ 85044-5650
- ❖ DORIS and FJ SUTTON on the loss of her sister, MARGARET EMERY of Clayton, New Mexico. Services for Mrs. Emery were held on Saturday, November 15th at the First United Methodist Church in Clayton.

Notes of Thanks

To our church family, thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, memorial gifts, cards and kind words for Glen and our family. Also a special thank you to the ladies who provided a nice lunch for us. All of you are greatly appreciated.

The families of Glen Stecher and Bettie Linscott

Dear Friends,

Thank you! Your gift in the amount of \$282.91 (from budgeted Outreach monies) to the Annual Fund is furthering our capacity to do the work of our mission, which is:

to learn and teach how to be: attentive to God; responsible biblical and theological interpreters; faithful individuals and communities acting with God to transform the world.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Brewster
Stewardship Director
Phillips Theological Seminary



Hangin' of the Greens Service

Sunday, November 30, 2014

We will decorate our sanctuary during the 10:45 am service with the "Hangin' of the Greens" and special readings given as we begin our Advent Season.



All Church Soup Luncheon

The Youth Group will have a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, November 30th with serving to begin at 11:45 am in Wolf Hall.

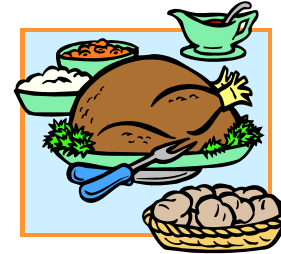
The menu will consist of variety of soups, crackers, dessert and drinks. A freewill offering will be collected for youth mission work this summer.

Dedication of New Life

A dedication service of New Life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14th during the 9 and 10:45 am Worship Services. If you wish to have your child dedicated, please contact Pastor Lee and let him know you would like to participate in this very special service.

The Fellowship Ministry Team will once again host the

All Church Thanksgiving Luncheon



On Sunday, November 23, 2014 serving will begin at 11:45 a.m. in Wolf Hall. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls, dessert and drink. The Fellowship Ministry Team is hosting the dinner and is still seeking volunteers to help with the CLEAN UP.

Church Office

will be CLOSED on
Thursday, November 27
and Friday, November 28
in observance of
THANKSGIVING.



Enclosed with this *Christian Visitor* is an insert and offering envelope. Please prayerfully consider your gift!

Remember In Prayers

Sharon Agee, Lela Blunk, Alexine Blunt, Melinda Calhoon, Brenda Callahan, Daniel Carpenter, Matthew Carpenter, Lorene Clemens, Bryson Connell, Bill Donaldson, Bill, Sr., Betty, Scott and Billy Dorsey, Shelly Edgmon, Earnestine Engeman, Dale Fitkin, Dee Gatewood, Alana Hale, Phyllis Haynes, Steve Higgins, Jack Higley, Carol Hink, Danielle Holmes, Bessie Jones, Charlie Kottman, Ruth Lanter, Laney Ledbedder, Naesha, Lexa & Kameron Low, Karen Martin, Natalie McCullough, Sheila McDaniel, Lila Mercer, Byron Meyer, Marjorie Merritt, Jan Mikkelson, Ann Mixon, Rick Moranz, Dolores Moulden, Kristi Moxley, Kay Norton, Steve Otte, Dennis Petesch, Patty Kimmi Powers, The family of Allie Rebant, Ryan Rebant, Donnie & Linda Roberts, Mike & Bonnie Roberts, Dorothy Schletzbaum, Kathy Scott, Don Seba, Harold & Erma Seever, Stanley Seever, Bunny Shipley, Juanita Shufflebarger, Gene Sittenauer, Becky Smith, Lee Smith, Glen Stecher, Darlene Sullwold, Aurora Taylor, Dorothy Turner, Linda Underwood, Timi Vanlengen, Amy West, Phil Wilson, Nora Wohlgemuth, Debbie Young

Military

Cody Callaway, Ryan Callahan, Joshua Lambert, Nicholas Cline, Mike Quick, Sean McCaffery, Anton Mak, Jesse McGlade, Nick Davison, Curtis Ellis, Ben Carlisle, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Cody Shughart, Robert Dickson, Justin Ruhlman, Quentin Rivers (Rivers, Quentin; 4th Platoon WARHAWKS; C Co. 1-34 INF. REGT; 165th INBDE; 12000 DIXIE RD; Fort Jackson, SC 29207-6019)

Attendance

November 9, 2014	9 a.m. – 121	10:45 a.m. – 84
November 16, 2014	9 a.m. – 78	10:45 a.m. – 77

Visitors on Nov. 9 & 16

Victoria Kelley, Kasey Hamlin, Robin & Allen Reid, Austin Bonnel, Anna & Emily Midyette, Joe and June Bullock

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.

Please call Kay Greenly, Food Pantry Director, 367-6456 or 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 November – We are asking for items that will help in putting together Thanksgiving Boxes – Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes, Dressing (bag or box), Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy (jars), Green Beans, Cream Soups.

Needs for December – Canned or boxed soups, crackers, peanut butter, jelly/jam, jello, spaghetti sauce

Monetary donations are accepted too!

At the Project Concern. Signup sheets for volunteering are on the table in the annex.

November 22nd

January 17, 2015



Congregational Meetings

Sunday, November 23, 2014

To vote on the approval of the Proposed 2015 Budget
Accept Pastor Lee's Resignation effective December 31, 2014

Sunday, December 7, 2014
2015 Board Officers Elected



Christian Education and Youth News

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14 ~ 4 pm in the sanctuary

The youth Grades 1 – 5 will have a program "BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR JESUS". The Pre-K and Kindergarten children will provide a short program and a song too. If you have children or youth wishing to participate please fill out the form below and give to Christen Lacey, Vicki Jones or turn in to the church office. We will announce practice times later on.



I WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FCC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

NAME/S _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

GRADE _____



Youth Classes

- Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Rochelle Schuetz, Jackie Jasper & Ashley Stout
- 1st & 2nd Grades – Kylee Kottman & Heather Matthias
- 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades – Christen and Matt Lacey, Brooke Genail & Christy Isaacs
- Middle School – Debra Mikkelson, Ronda McDaniel & Russ Cooper
- High School – John Jacobson & Linda Tuley

Adult Classes

- Friendship Class – Sundays at 9:30 am in Choir Room
- Logos Class – Sundays at 10 am in Chapel. Led by Jack Albright
- The Letter of First John – In the library at 10 am. Led by Pastor Lee
- Young Adults Class (18 and over) – Sundays at 10:15 am in Room #1 in Balcony.
Led by Bruno Sanchez



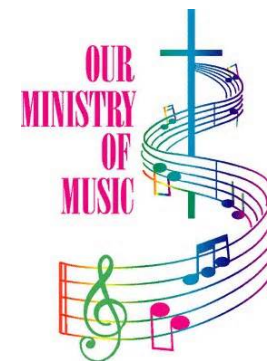
Youth Group

Sunday, November 30 - 11:45 am Soup Luncheon in Wolf Hall. Fundraiser for youth activities. Youth group bring a crock pot of your favorite soup to share with all. Youth Group will go bowling at West Lanes afterwards!

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

Ironic Outcome

The youth band Ironic Outcome will have a practice on Sunday, November 23rd from 2:30 – 4 pm in the resource/band room on 2nd floor of educ. bldg.



POINSETTIAS

The AHS Band will be selling Poinsettias again this year. Cost is \$10. Orders should be placed by December 2nd and the Poinsettia's will be delivered to the church around December 11th. **First Christian has several youth that are members of the band.** All proceeds of the sale of poinsettias through the church will be evenly divided with all youth from here. An order form can be found in the annex. Checks can be made payable to AHS Band. **If you plan to have a poinsettia at the church during this Advent Season (RED ONLY) in memory of a loved one we encourage you order it from the AHS band.**



CHRISTMAS IN ATCHISON

The Salvation Army will be providing food baskets and angel tree items for residents of Atchison County. Sign-ups are:

November 20 th	9 am to 3 pm
November 21 st	9 am to 12 noon
November 24 th	2 pm to 6 pm
November 25 th	9 am to 12 noon
November 26 th	9 am to 12 noon

Families will need to bring proof of income, I.D., and proof of household members to The Salvation Army office at 926 Commercial during one of these times. **If you know of someone in need please SHARE!!**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH will provide gifts items for the Angel Tree. Our Stars of Hope tree will once again be in the annex beginning this Sunday, November 23rd. Take a star or two of suggested gift items and bring back to the church by December 18th. Suggested items are:

Baby Toys, Barbie Dolls, Baby Dolls, Make-Up or Jewelry for Girls, Trucks or Cars, Basketball, Football, Soccer Ball, Board Games (or any toy you think appropriate for children and youth ages 0 – 14)



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

The CWF will have their annual Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 1st at 12 noon. Co-Hostesses Susan Cummings, President and Diana Moxley, Vice-President will provide the meat. All ladies are asked to bring a covered dish to share with all. Husbands are invited to attend. Pastor Lee will provide the Christmas program.



Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

United Methodist Church
5th and Kansas Avenue
November 27th
10 am to 2 pm

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes,
Corn, Stuffing, Roll & Butter,
Dessert

Delivery and carryout
available
RSVP appreciated but not
required 913-367-1391



9 a.m. People of Praise Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Sermon: 77. Let Jesus Lead
Scripture: John 21:4-8

9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Kristi Moxley, Dale Erhart, Rose Webb,
Tohnya Aversman, Roger & Patty Phillippe, Liz
Montgomery

10:45 Elders: Dennis Stanton and Jeff Caudle

10:45 Servers: Jeremy Ellis, Rusty Randolph, Mary Anna Dove,
Lavern Fitkin, Teri Kuhnert, Sharon Sowers,
Lucille Rawson

10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot....Dennis Stanton
7th Street...Buddy Baldrige
Santa Fe...Michelle Stanton

10:45 Preparers: Pat West and Dianna Kruger

Acolyte & Helper: Ethan Matthias and Tammy Parrott

Worship Leader: Sharon Baldrige

Sunday, November 30, 2014

9 am Sermon: 78. Hungry?

Scripture: John 21:9-14

10:45 am: Hanging of the Greens

9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Sarah & Brad Lee, Stacie & Kevin
Dougherty, Jeri Kurth, Carolyn Rodina, Susan Cummings

10:45 Elders: Helen Birkinsha and Keith Rawson


10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Brian Oswalt, Tracie Caudle,
Janet Enzbrenner, Michel Fobbs, Dixie Williams,
Janet Pruett

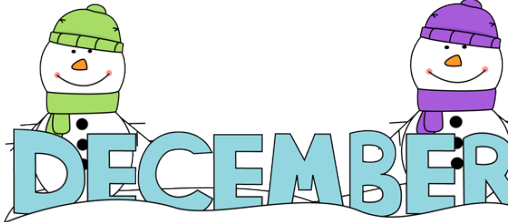
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot...Jeremy Ellis
7th Street...Sharon Sowers
Santa Fe...Teri Kuhnert

10:45 Preparers: Linda Vanderweide and Sharon Sowers

Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle and Kelley Stillings

Worship Leader: Sharon Baldrige

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>December 2014</h1>						
	<p>1</p> <p>12 noon CWF Christmas Luncheon in Wolf Hall</p> <p>1-3 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4 pm <u>Christian Visitor</u> deadline, info. for 12-7 & 14</p> <p>6:30 pm EfM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library/parlor</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 – 7 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30 – 7 pm Peacemakers practice in the sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts in Wolf Hall</p> <p>7-8 pm Cub Scouts in Wolf Hall</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10-11:30 am Food Pantry</p> <p>5 pm Girl Scouts LOCK-IN In Wolf Hall</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Scouts LOCK-IN over</p> <p>9-11 am Praise Team practice</p>
<p>7 Congregational Meetings Elect 2015 Board Members</p> <p>9 am POP Service</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship SS</p> <p>10 am Sunday School</p> <p>10 am KAIR Radio</p> <p>10:15 Young Adult Class</p> <p>10:45 Worship Service</p> <p>4 pm Peacemakers Concert in the Sanctuary - reception</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 am Young at Heart for 55+ Covered Dish Lunch in Wolf Hall</p> <p>1-3 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 pm EfM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library/parlor</p> <p>6:30 pm Elders Meeting</p> <p>7 pm Deaconess and Deacons Meetings, Wolf Hall</p> <p>7:30 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30-7 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30 pm Peacemakers</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 – 3 PM CWF Sewing Group in Wolf Hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10-11:30 am Food Pantry</p> <p>6 pm Baumgartner & Lee wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4 pm Penny Baumgartner and Ricky Lee wedding in sanctuary</p>
<p>14 Baby Dedication</p> <p>9 am POP Service</p> <p>9:30 am Friendship SS</p> <p>10 am Sunday School</p> <p>10 am KAIR Radio</p> <p>10:15 Young Adult Class</p> <p>10:45 Worship Service</p> <p>2 pm Meadowlark 4-H</p> <p>4 pm Children & Youth Christmas Program, sanctuary</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1-3 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4 pm <u>Christian Visitor</u> deadline, info. for 12/21, 28 & 1/4 and January calendar, birthday and anniversaries</p> <p>6:30 pm EfM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library/parlor</p> <p>5:15 pm Habitat for Humanity in Chapel</p> <p>6-7:30 Girl Scouts, Wolf Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 pm Dare to Be Youth</p> <p>5:30 pm Peacemakers</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts In Wolf Hall</p> <p>7-8 pm Cub Scouts Meeting in Wolf Hall</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 am – 4 pm Wilson Family Christmas in Wolf Hall</p>

<p>21 9 am POP Service 9:30 am Friendship SS 10 am Sunday School 10 am KAIR Radio 10:15 Young Adult Class 10:45 Worship Service Chancel Choir Program 5 pm Youth Group Caroling, Christmas Party, Movie</p>	<p>22 1-3 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm EfM</p>	<p>23 8:30-10 am Women's Bible Study in library/parlor</p>	<p>24 Office Closed Food Pantry Closed 8 pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25 <i>We wish you & your family a Very Merry & Blessed Christmas!</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>26 FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</p> <p>27</p>
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Birthdays

- 1 - COLE GENAIL, ELFREDA WALZ
2 - JIM BIRKINSHA, HANNAH-MARIE CARLISLE, JOE FRAKES
3 - KAREN BLUNT
4 - KARIS DOLENZ, WILLIAM "RED" HARRISON, COLETTE HAWK
5 - STEVEN TATE
6 - JASON WELLS
7 - WANDA MCHARDIE
10 - BRIDGETT KELLY
11 - TAMMY ERHART, JEREMY GRAY, DESSIREE JESSIP, SHANE STONE
12 - SHIRLEY SHAVER, MITCH WEST
13 - MELISSA EBLING, LANCE LAURIE
14 - DELBERT BOATRIGHT
16 - SHARON BALDRIDGE
20 - JACLYN WEST
21 - DOUGLAS SEXTON
22 - MICHELLE MOORE
23 - DON PRUETT, SHANAE` RANDOLPH, TITAN REBANT
26 - JADEN CARTER
27 - JOHN HINK, CHRIS WILLIS, HERB WYRICK
28 - BEN GERMANI
29 - JACOB BULLOCK, LEE HENDON, RUTHANNA MARLATT
31 - KEVIN DOUGHERTY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - KAREN & DWIGHT MYER
3 - MITCH & AMY WEST
7 - JACK & SHIRLEY HIGLEY
8 - GARY & FRANCES MASON
10 - AUDREY & RICK BLANTON
14 - JERI & JOHN KURTH
22 - PHIL & CHRIS WILSON
26 - DUANE & DIXIE WILLIAMS
26 - RUSTY & CHRIS WILLIS
27 - TODD & KELLEY STILLINGS
30 - CLARK & JACQUE PREGONT

The Peacemakers

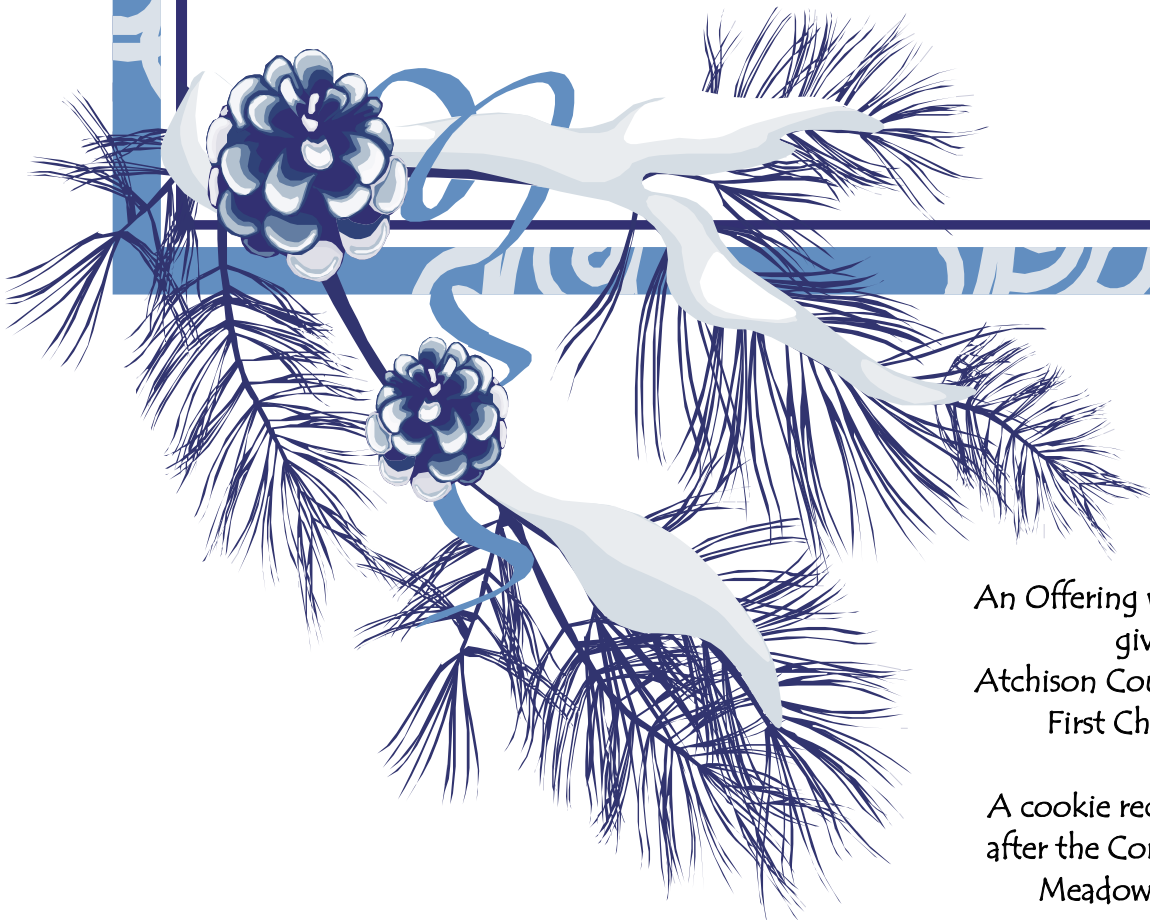
Present

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 7, 2014

4:00 pm

First Christian Church
7th and Santa Fe



An Offering will be collected and given to the Atchison County Food Pantry at First Christian Church.

A cookie reception will be held after the Concert hosted by the Meadowlark 4-H in the annex of the church.