

The Christian Visitor

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Sent With Love To You!

Everything Under the Sun

Our lives, especially in the Midwest, are marked by seasons.

Throughout scripture we find numerous allusions to seasons, both literal and figurative, as an important part of our lives and our world. This has been true from the beginning and will be true as long as our planet continues to orbit around the sun. "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)

Seasons are important because they help us track the passage of time. Seasons help us maintain order and rhythm and serve as mile-markers for growth and progress. Unlike the seasons we observe in nature, however, the seasons we experience in our lives can vary greatly in character and duration. I strongly believe that every spiritual season we encounter contains unique lessons for us to learn and until we learn what they are we won't be able to grow or move into the next one.

I would like to invite you to set aside some time this week to ponder and pray about this fascinating aspect of our spiritual journey. Since navigation always begins by identifying our present location I would encourage you to take special notice of your surroundings? What are the unique characteristics of this particular time in your life? What are some of the blessings and challenges that characterize your current situation and what might God want to teach you through them?

With the beginning of Lent rapidly approaching (Ash Wednesday falls on February 14) we are going to spend some time together this Sunday and in the weeks to come exploring the significance of the Lenten season and seasons in general. If you are not able to make it to service remember you can tune in on KAIR Radio at 10:00 or listen through our website www.fccatchison.net (messages usually post midweek).

In the meantime, be safe and warm and look for things to appreciate. I am thankful that Spring is right around the corner, but there is beauty to be found in Winter as well.

In Christ, Pastor Matt

Like our Facebook Pages!

Check out our 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

Under Groups: Check out our NEW FCC Children and Youth Ministry and FCC Youth Group pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch>

The Churches Website

Check it Out: www.fccatchison.net

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, February 19, 2018 – 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

This issue will include worship information for February 25 & March 4, 2018 as well as the March 2018 calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next newsletter is March 5th and will include worship information for March 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.

Remember In Prayers

Jack Albright, Peggy Blakley, Alex Blunt, Maryia Brant & Family, Karen Buntin, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Cindy Donaldson, Betty & Bill Dorsey, Sr., Billy Dorsey, Jr., Dennis Draper, Marion Ehret, Julie Elias, Danny Fitkin, Steve Germani, Gene Gillispie, Delores Hansen, Lisa Hansen, Wallace Harper, Sr., Karla Harter, Evie Hausner, Phyllis Haynes, Mike Henning, Shirley Hermreck, Mike Horton, Erin Kane, Denise Kelly, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Tiny Kibler, LA Kimes, Drew & Andrea and Family, Jeff & Teri Kuhnert, Edith "Edie" Kurtz, Laney Ledbedder, Paige Miller, Pat & Ray Montgomery, Diana Moxley, Emma Lou Niemann, Sheri Oswald, Steve Otte, Kelli Royer, Ann Ryan, Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Margaret Smith, Gary Stecher, Bob Stephenson, Eric Szymanski, Haley Thompson, Roger Tollefson, Dennis Walker, Amy and Mitch West [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, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas, Daniel Collins, Craig Miller-Kuwait, Matthew Bounds-Afghanistan.

Attendance

January 28, 2018	9 a.m. – 108	10:45 a.m. – 53	SS – 55
February 4, 2018	9 a.m. – 105	10:45 a.m. – 56	SS – 49

Visitors Jan. 28 & Feb. 4, 2018

Robyn Owen, Dan Ferris, Elizabeth Lemmon, John Kasten, Nathan Huber, Kylie Hays

Atchison County Food Pantry@ FCC

The food pantry is open on Mondays, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm and Fridays, 10:00-11:30 am & is located in the basement entrance off of Santa Fe St.

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.

Suggested items for the pantry:

Cereal, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Boxed Potatoes, Pork 'n Beans, Noodles and Rice Side Dishes, Cornbread Mixes, Hamburger, Chicken or Tuna Helpers. It takes around \$1500 monthly in donations to restock the food pantry, and our numbers are up, and our need is growing. **And of course, volunteers to stock the shelves and work in the pantry.** If interested contact, Linda Stecher, 426-4359.



Loaves & Fishes Schedule for 2018

Saturday's, February 17, April 21, June 23, September 1, October 27, December 29

Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church. Sign-up sheets for volunteering are on the table in the coffee room (near 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. If you have questions, contact Barb Piper, 913-255-2461

Beans and Rice Ministry



Trinity Episcopal Church
300 South 5th Street
(Enter the red doors on the east side of the church!)

Third Thursday of the Month
February 15th; March 15th
3:00 – 6:00 PM

*Immediate opening
available:*

NURSERY ATTENDANT POSITION – PART TIME

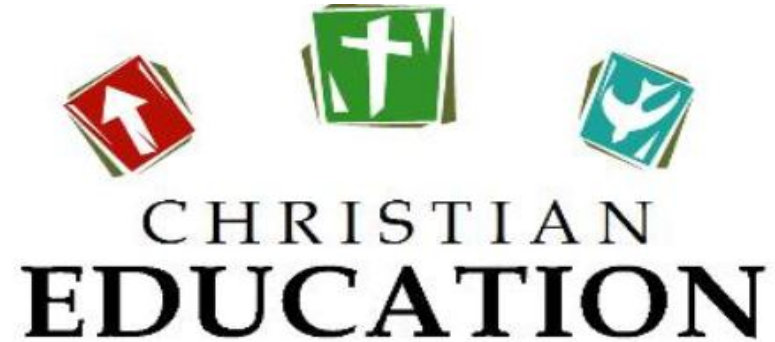
- Provides care to children by feeding, changing, comforting, and playing.
- Experience with infants and toddlers (preferred)
- CPR & First Aid for Child and Infant (will train)
- Assist in spirit- led teaching of nursery curriculum
- Assist in maintenance of nursery equipment and supplies
- Schedule varies: approximately 4-6+ hours / week
(Sunday morning worship & special events)
- \$9-\$10/hour (based on experience; online training available)
- Age: 16 years and older

**To inquire
about the
position or
request an application...**



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M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

10:10 AM – 10:55 AM

Classes: Nursery
Pre-School & Kindergarten
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades
4th & 5th Grades
Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th Grades)
Sr. High (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades)

Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Adult Class

An exciting ministry for Young Adults (18-40ish) is happening now! Our current study is GRACE by Max Lucado. Our Sunday morning class meets upstairs next to the high school room from 10:10 - 10:55 AM Please join us!

Pastor Matt

Friendship Class

The Friendship Class is studying Life Lessons: The Book of James by Max Lucado. Class is held in the choir room each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:30 AM Everyone is welcome.

Keith Rawson

Logos Class

10:10 AM in the Memorial Chapel. Led by Jack and Marilyn Albright

Koinonia Class

10:10 AM in the library/parlor (next to Wolf Hall). Led by Carolyn Rodina. Our study is on THE BOOK OF JOHN.

February Youth Service Project

You Are Invited To
The All Church
Valentine Brunch

Wolf Hall
February 11th ~ 10am-11am
NO CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Calling all Middle School and Sr.
High Youth:

Youth will serve brunch
to benefit the Food Pantry
And cleanup after brunch

Valentine Brunch Menu
Pancakes and Sausage

Drinks

Coffee, Orange Juice, Apple Juice

**Freewill Donation to
Benefit the Atchison
County Food Pantry @
First Christian Church**



February Youth Group Event



Ice Skating & Dinner
Bode Sports Complex & Golden Corral
St. Joseph, MO
February 18th
3pm-7pm

Signup deadline: February 12th
Requirement: permission slip
Cost: \$10.00

May want to bring money for drinks & snacks at Bode's

<http://www.stjoemo.info/index.aspx?NID=240>

CHI RHO/CYF SPRING RETREAT

March 2-4, 2018

Disciples Center @ Tawakoni

Registration form, permission slip and fee must be turned into the church office by February 14th at 4:00pm.

Cost is \$65. First Christian Church will pay ½ the fee. The other ½ is the family's responsibility of \$32.50. Scholarships are available upon request at the church office. There will be no late registrations excepted.

Youth will be expected to pay for 1 meal on the way there and 1 meal on the way back. (Fast food)

Registration forms will be available at the Movie Night, January 29th, Sunday School and also at the church office.

Direct questions to Sharon Bullock, 913-370-0845.

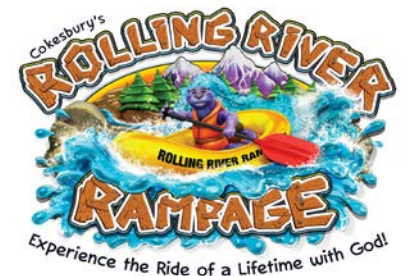
*While it's cold outside,
let's think of a warmer time.....*

VBS July 22 – 26, 2018!

Rolling River Rampage – Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! Youth will find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace on the river! The curriculum promotes a deeper relationship with Jesus which ties into our congregational goal for 2018. The theme verse is “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. (Isaiah 43:2)”

Daily Bible stories and activities will center on:

Jesus call the Disciples (Matthew 4: 18-25)
Jesus Accepts Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
Jesus Walks With Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10)
Jesus Shares a Special Meal (Luke 22:14-20)
Jesus Makes a Promise (Matthew 28:16-20)



Our VBS will be from 6 – 8 pm, running Sunday through Thursday evening, July 22-26, 2018. Ages are 4 year olds through 8th grade. Community service hours are available for high school youth.

Many volunteers are needed for the different areas of VBS—Bible stories, crafts, music, science, snacks, decorations, photography, crew leaders, etc. Please contact Rochelle Schuetz or leave a message with the church office to join our river crew!

KEEP CALM AND PADDLE ON!

Christian Sympathy Is Extended To

- ❖ HARRY and JENNIFER KIEHL, III and FAMILY on the loss of his father, HARRY EDGAR KIEHL, JR., who passed away on January 31, 2018. Funeral mass for Mr. Kiehl was held on Saturday, February 3rd at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Praise the Lord for a new water well and three new believers in Tanzania! The Lord is using drilling for clean drinking water as a way to share the gospel! These villages are not only receiving clean drinking water for the first time but they are also receiving the hope and healing of the gospel. The Lord is reaching the unreached around the world and we are privileged to be a part of the work He is doing!

As always, thank you for your support. Your gift of \$372.66 from your Outreach Ministry Team helps make this possible.
Scott Holbrook, President of Avant Ministries

Members of First Christian Church,

Thank you for your kind donation of 1,221.05 pounds of food in 2017 to the Atchison County Food Pantry @ First Christian Church. We continue to serve the hungry of Atchison County because of your generosity.
God's Blessing to you! Linda S. Stecher, Director

Thank you for your generous donation from the Outreach Ministry Team.
May God Bless You!
Atchison Juneteenth Committee

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Phillips Seminary of \$372.66 from your Outreach Ministry Team. Your donation enables extraordinary happenings at Phillips Seminary.
Malisa Pierce, Stewardship Director @ Phillips Seminary, Tulsa, OK

Food for Thought...

Is God worth 10% of our time?

Our automatic response is yes, right?... But how much time do we actually give him... our lives are so busy... so when we prioritize our time... is He worth 10% of it...

FYI : 10% of our day is 2.4 hours... 10% of our week is 16.8 hours... 10% of a 30 day month is 72 hours... (or about the same time we spend preparing and/or eating our meals)

Here is a challenge for you... keep a log or a time sheet for 30 days (one only you will see)... track the time you spend in prayer, in fellowship, in worship, in church meetings, in Bible study or Sunday school, working the Food Pantry, in choir/praise team/peacemaker practice, visiting those who are in the hospital or nursing homes, helping with a children or youth church event, caring for the church property, mentoring, sharing the Good News or in whatever capacity you give your time to Him...

Wonder if mine will reach 10%...

WOW!

The Renovation Team did an amazing job planning and hosting Family Movie Night! Meghan Greenly led the event with Ashley Stout assisting. Thanks ladies!

We were able to have it in the Annex thanks to Property and Grounds! These guys relocated the TV for us. It made for a perfect setting. Thanks guys!

Sharon Bullock did a presentation on upcoming retreats, mission trip and summer camps. Thanks Sharon!

If you weren't able to attend, we highly recommend you plan to attend the next one!

Soup and Sermon

LENT is approaching, which means "Soup and Sermon" Luncheons will begin Ash Wednesday, February 14th and run until April 4th. The time is 12 noon each Wednesday.

Now is the time for us to prepare ourselves and pray that the community will come together as one body in anticipation of Easter. All meetings will be at the Atchison United Methodist Church, 501 Kansas Avenue. The Soup and Sermon series is sponsored by the Atchison Ministerial Alliance.



A member of the Atchison Ministerial Alliance will provide a sermon each week with a different church providing homemade soups. Crackers, relishes, desserts and drink will also be provided. A freewill offering will be collected each week.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Jack and Marilyn Albright
913-367-4754

While we grieve the loss of a loved one, it can be helpful to share our thoughts, our feelings, our triumphs and our failures with others who are having the same experiences.

We would like to invite you to join us at our grief support group. We meet at Paolucci's Restaurant, 113 S 3rd St, Atchison, KS. Please join us at one or both of the following times:

First Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM for dinner.
Third Thursday of each month at 12:00 PM for lunch.

Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Trainings

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:30 PM

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
7:30 PM

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF met on January 29. We discussed our Annual Rummage Sale for 2018, and Soup and Sermon which we will prepare the soup and serve on March 28 at the Atchison United Methodist Church. We continue to save the Best Choice labels, stamps, cards and medication bottles (**we are no longer saving over the counter bottles – only clear prescription bottles**). Our next meeting will be February 26 in Wolf Hall at 2 p.m. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend! We have a great lesson, wonderful refreshments and amazing fellowship.

In Christian Love, President Lavern Fitkin



90th Birthday Celebration

Ray Montgomery's family would like to invite his church family to help celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM in Wolf Hall. NO presents please! Cards are encouraged. If unable to make the celebration send cards to 1401 Kansas Avenue.

Black History Service

We invite you to a special worship service to celebrate



**Sunday, February 18, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
301 North 7th Street

A skit will be given by local youth and special music will be provided by the **Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir**, as well as congregational singing. Communion will be served. An offering will be collected and will go to the CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION program and the ATCHISON JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE.

A cookie and punch reception will be held following the service in the annex of the church hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team of First Christian.



Week of Compassion Special Offering

An insert and offering envelope is included with this newsletter. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

DRIVERS NEEDED

The Atchison Community Health Clinic is seeking volunteer drivers for patients who need transportation to out of town doctor or hospital appointments. If anyone can offer any help at all, please contact Faye Miller, at the clinic at 913-367-4879.



Sunday, February 11, 2018

9 AM People of Praise Service
9:45 AM Friendship SS Class
10:10 – 10:55 AM Adult SS Classes
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya

9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Kevin & Stacie Dougherty,
Janie Smart, Carolyn Rodina, Kay & Jesse
Greenly

9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Kevin Dykstra
Santa Fe – Patty Phillippe

11:00 Elders: Sharon Baldrige & Phyllis Walton

11:00 Servers: Steve Tate, Tracie Caudle, Heidie Hennen,
Diana Moxley, Janet Pruett, Susan
Cummings

11:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Dennis Stanton
7th Street – Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe – Carol Hink

11:00 Preparers/Cleanup: Dixie Williams & Dianna Kruger

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Gabe & Rusty Randolph

11:00 Worship Leader: Mary Hoffman

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First Sunday of Lent

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya

9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Carol Hink,
Rick & Peggy Stark, Shawn Adams

9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Barb Piper
Santa Fe – Carolyn Rodina

11:00 Elders: Jacque Pregont & John Jacobson

11:00 Servers: Nick Tate, Dixie Williams, Amy Oswald,
Alison Simpson, Sharon Sowers

11:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Teri Kuhnert
7th Street – Linda Stecher
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis

11:00 Preparers/Cleanup: Carole Baker & Amy Oswald

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Brody & Kylee Kottman

11:00 Worship Leader: Tammy Parrott