

The Christian Visitor

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Sent With Love To You!

This Lenten Journey

(continued)

The Lenten season has been an important part of my faith walk for many years. Lent is a time of spiritual intentionality, an opportunity to establish new disciplines and draw closer to God through our own experience of sacrifice. Lent is an important reminder to us that our spiritual journey sometimes involves suffering and struggle. We are also reminded, however, that redemption and resurrection are what we have to look forward to and that our difficulties are only temporary.

The last few weeks have been tough ones for our community. We have experienced significant loss and it has caused us to consider ways that we are being called to respond. How can we be sources of encouragement to those around us who may be feeling hopeless and alone? The last few weeks have reminded me of something very important. They have reminded me that one of the most powerful ways to grow deeper in our own relationship with God is through service and ministry to others.

Time alone with God, fostering our personal relationship with Him, is incredibly important, but sharing the love and grace of God with others is also very important – maybe even more so. I would like to invite each of us to make encouraging and ministering to others a part of our Lenten journey this year. If you haven't already there is still time! If you do, I promise you will find blessing and encouragement yourself.

I am so thankful to be on this journey together, with all of you...

In Christ, Pastor Matt


A Journey Through Lent

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

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, Melinda Calhoon, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Betty Donaldson, Cindy Donaldson, Betty & Bill Dorsey, Sr., Billy Dorsey, Jr., Marion Ehret, Danny Fitkin, Michel Fobbs, Gene Gillispie, Delores Hansen, Lisa Hansen, Wallace Harper, Sr., Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Mike Henning, Shirley Hermreck, Mike Horton, Erin Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Tiny Kibler, LA Kimes, Drew & Andrea and Family, Jeff & Teri Kuhnert, Edith "Edie" Kurtz, Laney Ledbedder, Lila Mercer, Clay Miller, Paige Miller, Pat & Ray Montgomery, Diana Moxley, Emma Lou Niemann, Sheri Oswald, Steve Otte, Kelli Royer, Ann Ryan, Jack Reichart, Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Edith Smith, Jim Smith, Margaret Smith, Gary Stecher, Bob Stephenson, Eric Szymanski, Haley Thompson, Roger Tollefson, Tracie Turpin, 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, Ben Carlisle-Kuwait.

Attendance

February 25, 2018	9 a.m. – 113	11:00 a.m. – 86	SS – 94
March 4, 2018	9 a.m. – 96	11:00 a.m. – 79	SS – 75

Visitors Feb. 25 & March 4, 2018

Wyatt Roediger, Reece Rutledge, Sierra Kenney, Tracy Powell, Ashlyn Piper, Jennifer Cavin, Kali Gillispie, Markus, Kyla, Madi & Lakelynn Owens, Mark Miller, Grace Hale.

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 (Wolf Hall). Please use 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 of course, volunteers to stock the shelves and work in the pantry. If interested contact, Linda Stecher, 913-426-4359.



Loaves & Fishes Schedule for 2018

Saturday's, April 21, June 23, Sept. 1, Oct. 27, Dec. 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
March 15th; April 19th
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...**



CONTACT:

First Christian Church of Atchison Office
M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Administrative Assistant – **Rosie Trower**
e-mail: fccatch@sbcglobal.net
phone: (913) 367-3036



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

10:10 AM – 10:55 AM

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

NO Children / Youth Classes on March 11th

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

“The New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament; the Old Testament is revealed in the New.”

Ruth is a true story of love, devotion, and redemption. If you are seeking Jesus . . . SURPRISE! You’ll find Him in our study of the Old Testament Book of Ruth.

The Bible is our text ... come join us at 10:10 AM in the library/parlor (next to Wolf Hall). The study should take 5 weeks - beginning on March 11th and continuing through April 15th. Led by Carolyn Rodina.

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*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 (rochelle33_jones@hotmail.com) or leave a message with the church office to join our river crew!

KEEP CALM AND PADDLE ON!



Baptism & Affirmation Class

Sunday, April 29th 1:00—4:00 PM

OR

Sunday, May 6th 1:00—4:00 PM

Pastor Matt will lead the baptism and affirmation of faith classes for children and youth, 5th grade and up. These classes prepare the child for baptism or if they have been baptized in another church, it will prepare them to affirm their faith.

*The baptism service will be held
on Sunday, May 20th
at 10:00 am during a
combined worship service.*

(Parents who wish to discuss baptism for children younger than 5th grade are encouraged to contact Pastor Matt.)



Food for Thought...

**Our
church family
is a circle of strength
and love. With every new
connection, the circle grows.
Every joy shared adds love.
Every crisis faced together
makes the circle
stronger.**

ref. calvarydenver.org

Thank You

The Montgomery Family would like to thank First Christian Church and the wonderful people for helping us celebrate dad's 90th birthday. It was a smash hit. Thank you very much!

The Montgomery Family



The Children and Youth Ministry Team is beginning to use Signup Genius for volunteer recruitment. This program will send folks in our email database a list of volunteer needs and give you an opportunity to sign up to help where needed.

We appreciate all of you and your dedication to the Christian Education of our children and youth.

If Rosie does not currently have your email address on file or you do not receive an email from Signup Genius, please call the church office (913-367-3036) or stop by the Christian Education information counter and supply us with your current email address.

Our children and youth thank you for volunteering!

From the 4th-5th Grade Sunday School Class...

Our lesson this past Sunday was on Giving Generously. We talked about the fact that although we as kids did not have money to give like adults do, we could give of our talents and time.

We learned that picking up trash helps the environment and our community.

We discussed other ways we could give generously like: volunteering at the animal shelter – helping in the food pantry – helping our neighbors with yard work like raking leaves – running in a marathon or doing a walk for charity to raise money – helping our families around the house like doing chores.

We can also donate some of our clothes and toys for other kids that may need them.

Grace, Ella, Kelsey, Richard, Miles & Nathan

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.



To my First Christian Church family,

I am completing a half marathon on April 5th in Bentonville, AK. I am running for the National Pancreas Foundation in memory of my late husband, James Wilson. James suffered from severe pancreatitis for many months before passing away January 16, 2017. Please consider helping me raise donations for this very worthwhile foundation. Check out the link below to find more information and to make a donation. I am grateful for all of your support.

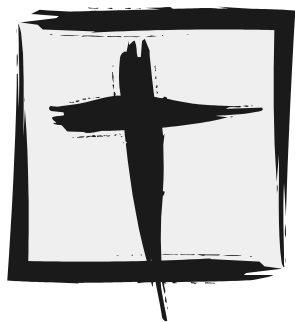
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Thank you,
Michelle Wilson



SOUP AND SERMON

hosted by and held each week at
Atchison United Methodist Church
501 Kansas Avenue



Warm up with
homemade soup
provided
by local churches.
Listen to a sermon
by area pastors.
Enjoy spiritually
uplifting music.



Wednesdays during Lent

February 14 through April 4, 2018 Noon to 1:00 pm

All are welcome!

Join us over your lunch break!

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.



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:00 AM. Set your clocks ahead one (1) hour and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Trainings and Meetings

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
6:30 PM

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
7:30 PM

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars will expire if not directed by March 31ST. Don't know if you have choice dollars or not; log into your online account to view and direct them or call the Thrivent office at 913-367-0700 for assistance. Hurry, the deadline is quickly approaching!



Sunday, March 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
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 Servers: Sally Webb, Brooke Genail, Tohnya
Aversman, Cindy Jacobson, Patty & Roger
Phillippe, Liz Montgomery, Deborah Myers

11:00 Elders: Cindy Hoverson & John Jacobson

11:00 Servers: Steve Tate, Tracie Caudle, Dennis Stanton,
Janet Pruett, Lucille Rawson, Heidie
Hennen

11:00 Preparers/Cleanup: Carole Baker & Mary Hoffman

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Layne & Jaime Tate

11:00 Worship Leader: Carole Baker

Sunday, March 18, 2018

9 AM People of Praise Service
9:45 AM Friendship SS Class
10:10 – 10:55 AM Children, Youth & Adult SS Classes
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

11:00 Elders: Janie Smart & Joe Bullock

11:00 Servers: Nick Tate, Dixie Williams, Alana Hale,
Susan Cummings, Mary Hoffman, Sharon
Sowers

11:00 Preparers/Cleanup: Carolyn Campbell & Vicki Jones

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Nathan & Rusty Randolph

11:00 Worship Leader: Dennis Stanton



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Deadline

Deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018 – 4 p.m.
Published: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

This issue will include worship information for March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 as well as the April calendar, birthdays and anniversaries.

FYI – We will be going to a ONCE A MONTH newsletter beginning in April. The deadline will be the 15TH of each month. Please plan accordingly.

The deadline for the next newsletter is **April 15** and will include worship information for April 29, May 6, 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.

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday, March 15 and Friday, March 16

8:30 AM – 1 PM

Rosie will be on vacation these days and Helen Birkinsha will volunteer in the office. Thank you Helen!

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Palm Sunday

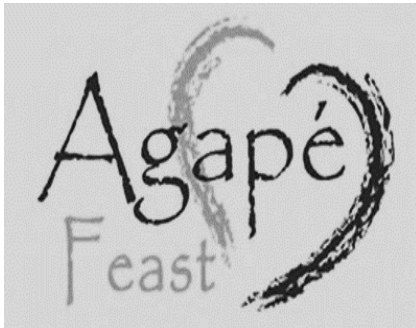
March 25, 2018

9:00 am People of Praise Service

10:10 am Sunday School Classes

11:00 am Traditional Worship

CHILDREN & YOUTH Palm Leaf Parade at both services!



Maundy Thursday Service

March 29, 2017 ~ 6:00 pm

Agape Feast in Wolf Hall

We will meet in the annex and then proceed to Wolf Hall on the Santa Fe Street side to begin the service with the washing of the hands. The service of the Agape Feast will then begin. Reservations are requested due to the specialty foods we must order. A sign-up sheet is located in the annex.

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

March 30, 2018

7:30 pm in the sanctuary

The Tenebrae Service is a service of shadows with the extinguishing of candles. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir.



GOOD FRIDAY

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

The 24-Hour Prayer Vigil will begin at 8:30 pm on *Friday, March 30, 2018* and continue through 8:30 pm on Saturday, March 31, 2018. The Vigil will help focus our spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter – time for prayer and reflection of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. The chapel at the church will be set up as the PRAYER CENTER with a prayer guide available as well as communion. The VIGIL is set up into ½ hour intervals (**BUT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE SLOT IF POSSIBLE**) and you may sign up on the sheet in the annex or call the church office @ 913-367-3036 and Rosie will help find a time for you.



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

6:45 am Sunrise Service - Outside (Location TBA)

7:30-9:00 am Easter Breakfast in Wolf Hall

9:00 am People of Praise Service

9:45 am Friendship Sunday School Class

10:10 am Children Easter Egg Hunt

10:10 am Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Easter Lilies

If you plan to share an Easter Lily with the church in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please contact Rosie at the church office, and let her know if you will be having it sent from a flower shop or bringing in yourself and the occasion or memorial. The Worship Ministry Team asks that the LILIES be brought in for **EASTER SUNDAY ONLY**. *Thank you for sharing!*

First Christian Church Children & Youth Ministries

Summer Camps Sign-Up Rally ~ March 11th ~ 10:10am-10:55am

Christian Education Meeting Room

- Sharon Bullock will host a rally to answer questions and sign up children and youth for summer camps.
- The Disciples of Christ Regional Office offers a 1/4 scholarship for camp. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 30th.
- Our church will pay 1/2 of the cost of summer camp for active children and youth.
- All registrations must be completed in paper form and turned in to our church office. Deadline to sign-up is April 23rd.
- Camp Schedules and application forms are currently available at the Christian Education Information Counter.

**Sign up
for
Church
Camp!**



NOTE: A second rally will be held on April 8th if you are unable to attend the March 11th one.



Palm Sunday is March 25th

Children will have a "Palm Leaf" parade through the sanctuary at both services.
All preschool through 5th grade children that wish to participate are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Sunday, April 1st ~ 10:15am

For preschool through 3rd grades, meet in the Christian Education meeting room for the event.

April Youth Group Event

Power Play, Barry Road, Kansas City, MO

Sunday, April 22nd ~ Noon-5pm

Permission Slip and Power Play waiver required. Cost \$10.00. Deadline to signup is April 16th. (sorry, no exceptions)

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Graduation Reception ~ Sunday, May 6th

Church Annex Between the 2 worship services

There will be a cookie reception to honor all graduates of high school, GED, Jr College, College, EFM & Master's Program.

If you have a child or yourself that will be a graduate, please call the church office and let Rosie know.

Baby Dedication ~ Sunday, May 13th

There will be a baby dedication during both worship services. For more information, contact the church office.

Sunday, May 20th

Sunday School classes will be held at 9:00 am. Blended Worship Service at 10:00 am

All Church Picnic ~ Sunday, May 20th

Jackson Park Shelter House ~ Noon

Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and paper products will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish and lawn chairs. There will be inflatables and games for children and youth.



KCYF Mission Trip ~ June 2-10 ~ Houston, Texas

Youth will be aiding in the reconstruction process after the hurricane devastation. Youth must be 14yrs of age and have completed 8th grade (Disciples Home Mission Requirement). Adult Sponsors: Joe & Sharon Bullock