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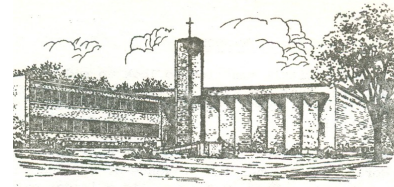
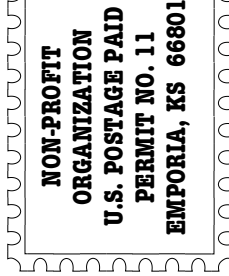


Monday thru Thursday ~ 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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ASCENDED
INTO HEAVEN

And He's
Coming
Back Soon!



Christian Church News

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."





Listening to the news and reading the paper we can't help but recall the words of Thomas Paine: "These are the times that try men's souls." It is certainly the case in matters of faith. In times like these when our faith is tested and we fear we have more in common with Thomas than with Peter, we need to remember that our strength is not in ourselves but in God.

I read once, that during the first Gulf War, Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom sent President George Bush this message: "This is no time to go wobbly, George." That's a good message for you and me, especially when we are under siege.

In 2 Kings we read the story of King Hezekiah and his encounter with Sennacherib and his Assyrian army. Jerusalem was about to be overwhelmed by Sennacherib. The people were in dire straits. But King Hezekiah handled it well. Sennacherib arrogantly and belligerently called into question both the capabilities of Hezekiah and the relevance of Yahweh. The Bible says that Hezekiah promptly discarded his

sackcloth. He made no attempt to put on a brave face or issue propaganda to his people. Instead, in humility, Hezekiah prayed and sent messengers to Isaiah, asking for advice. Hezekiah, showing great wisdom, understood that the problem was not just a military or political matter—it was a spiritual matter, requiring a spiritual response. Sennacherib directly taunted God, so Hezekiah urged the Lord to deliver His people.

And Hezekiah got a wonderful response. Isaiah reminded Hezekiah that Yahweh is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, the Lord of history and the Covenant God of His people. God, because of who He is, would defy the defiant and defend the defenseless.

Like Hezekiah, we need to know where our resources lie. When we face reality and seek the Lord, as Hezekiah did, God sends His Word. Nothing can stand against or in opposition to God's Word.

Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O LORD, are God. ~ 2 Kings 19:19

Blessings, Pastor Bob

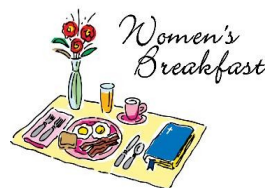
KDW RETREAT REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Mark your calendars for October 6-8 or October 8-10, 2010 for the KDW Retreat at Tawakoni. The theme is "The Servant's Hands". Joyce Ferguson from Nebraska will be the Keynote/Bible Study Leader. Joyce asks that each person bring a faith-based item that has personal significance for a time of sharing. Be watching for more information on this year's retreat and check out the registration form on the Regional Website.



GRADUATIONS!

Graduate Recognition will be May 16. We do not want to miss the opportunity to honor graduates connected to our church family on May 16. Pastor Bob will be honoring each graduate during the worship service. In order for us not to miss anyone, please contact the church office or Jaylene Arnett at 343-2182 by May 12. We need the name of the graduate and the school they are graduating from. If it is college, we need the degree and major. We hope all graduates will be part of the worship service on May 16!



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The 2010 May Friendship Breakfast is scheduled for May 7th at First United Methodist Church, 9th and Merchant. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. followed by a presentation of Young Church Women United and/or Valiant Women awards and the program "Living the Vision", based on the book of Nehemiah. Again, this is an opportunity for fellowship with sister Christians we do not see on a regular basis. Most of us have friends from the various churches in Emporia, and this is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and fellowship together. The cost of the breakfast is \$4.00. Please call reservations to Jean Miller by May 3. (342-6963)

PRAYER REQUESTS**LOCALLY**

Nicholas Bacon, Penny Boese, Marlene Bowman, Bill Denson, Cheryl Dunning, Erwin Family, Jason Hart, Rachael Hush, Daniel Kimberlin (*nephew of Jill McGrath*), Ted Kline, Ramona Langley, Freida Ott (*friend of Mary Schaeffer, cancer*), Lois Schrock (*mother of neighbor of Sandy Wells, cancer*), Micky Spyres (*brother of Penny Boese*), Don White, Leon Wildberger (*friend of Penny Boese*)

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 Please call the office at 342-1582 if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list. Thanks!

NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY...

Pray for those defending our nation: missionaries; and victims of war, hunger, disease and natural disasters. Pray for those suffering and in need around the world! Also, pray for our city and county leaders.

PRAYER CHAIN

We care about you! If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our existing DWF prayer chain, please call Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.

SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

The **NEW SUMMER 2010** Secret Place devotionals are here!! If you are interested in any old copies of the Secret Place Devotionals, I have some available in the church office free of charge. The new copies still sell for a \$1.00 donation each. ~ Christy

FROM NAOMI ROSE FAMILY...

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your many words of compassion and expressions of caring following the recent death of our mother, Naomi Rose. We have all lived away from Emporia for many years now, but the warm embrace of our primary church family was felt immediately and the love and comforting words are so appreciated. Thank you all so much.

~ Susan Rose, Sally Johnson & Sherry Trommer



**THANK
YOU**

ATTENDANCE RECORD

April 18, 2010 ~ SS - 21 / Worship - 93
 April 25, 2010 ~ SS - 19 / Worship - 109



Attendance and Offering Report

GIVING RECORD

April 18, 2010
 Offering - \$1,203.00 / Capital - \$170.00 / Easter ~ \$25.00
 April 25, 2010
 Offering - \$2,103.89 / Capital - \$185.00

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember that if you are unable to fulfill your turn as a greeter, nursery volunteer, worship leader, children's message giver, server, etc., **please find your own replacement and let the church office know.** Thanks!



Monday thru Thursday
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Friday ~ Closed

PASTOR'S HOURS/CONTACT INFO

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. / Fridays & Saturdays are by appointment. / 620-342-1582 (Church) / 620-757-6298 (Cell)
 944 Whittier-Emporia / E-Mail: bobcolerick@yahoo.com

I  Mom

Mother's Day ~ May 9th
Honor Your Mother...

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

We are now publishing two newsletters per month. The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:

May 10th & 24th / June 7th & 21st / July 12th & 26th

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporium.org. Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.

**ANOTHER NEW BABY!**

Congratulations to Jamie LeClear on the birth of Gavin Charles, born April 15, 2010. The proud grandparents are Mike & Nancy LeClear.

**WELCOME!**

...Seth Ryan Tilton, son of Jim and Melissa, brother of Tyler. Twelve years old, Seth is in the 6th grade at Lowther North Intermediate School. He likes football and basketball and dreams of a career in

business and banking. Seth comes by Confession and will be baptized on May 9, 2010.

...Ethan Matthew Francis is a Senior at ESU, from Chapman, KS. Ethan is studying Music Education with an Instrumentation Emphasis. He plays clarinet and saxophone. Ethan comes by Confession and will be baptized on May 9, 2010.

LEARNING CENTER NEWS!

Learning Center Preschool would like to invite the families of First Christian to our Spring Sing-A-Long on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! Plan to come for some fun and silly songs to sing-a-long to!

ALSO, the Preschool Classes will be celebrating the last days of Preschool with a picnic and train ride in Soden's Grove on May 20th & 21st. We want to thank Bob Hush for providing the train rides!!!

**MAY 2, 2010**

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Joe & Bonnie Denson,
Marie Harding

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker / Robert Chatham
(S) John & Cindy Lexow

Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

MAY 9, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Briana Becker

Children's Message ~ Donna Breshears

Diaconate ~ Carl & Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons & Debbie Peck

Elder ~ Fred Miller

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson / (S) George & Ruth Ford

Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson

MAY 16, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Cindy Lexow

Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow

Diaconate ~ Nancy LeClear, Guy & Janece Bacon, Jake Dalton

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson

(S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard

Nursery ~ Janelle Norton / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Fred Miller

MAY 23, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck / Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

Diaconate ~ Carl & Lana Richardson, George Arnett, Joyce Cress

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick

(S) Leta Moore & Joan Shumate

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding



LIBRARY NEWS

We have these new books ready to check out:

When the Heart Cries by Cindy Woodsmall in memory of Aloha Preston from D.W.F.

When the Soul Mends by Cindy Woodsmall in memory of Naomi Rose from D.W.F.

And The Word Came With Power by Joanne Sheller from K.C. Rider.

The Ultimate Gift by Rene Gutteridge from Elmaleda McMinn.

Two Readers Digest Condensed Books from Joan Shumate.



The following children's books from Norma Leonard:

The Red Fairy Book by Aundrew Lang

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

The Contented Little Pussy Cat by Frances Ruth Keller

Don't Feed the Monster on Tuesday by Adolph Moser

The Joy of a Peanuts Christmas by Charles Schultz

**DWF NEWS**

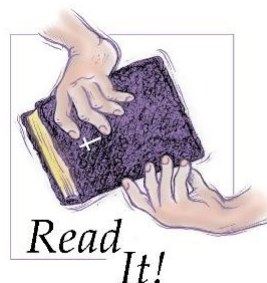
We have just three meetings of the DWF Day Group left this church year, and they are some of our favorite activities.

On May 12, we will meet for lunch at Sterling House, allowing us to visit with Betty Bowman. The tentative menu is roast pork loin, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, pie, and coffee or tea. The cost will be \$6. It would be nice if we could contribute a little extra for the staff who will do extra work to serve us. We will meet at Sterling House at 11:30 a.m. Please call Jean Miller if you plan to attend, as they need to know how many extra meals to prepare. (342-6963) Also, please bring your "blessing box" offerings to this meeting.

On June 2 (Note the change from second Wednesday to first Wednesday) we will have a covered dish salad luncheon at Presbyterian Manor. Marie Wood and Janet Wells will be our hostesses. (And Robert will undoubtedly be our host!) Bring a salad and table service and plan to enjoy the company of some members who cannot ordinarily attend DWF meetings. We will eat at 12:00 noon.

July 14th will be our final meeting of this church year. We will meet in the clubhouse at Holiday Resort at 10:00 a.m. for brunch provided by the officers. The library staff will present reading awards for this year. Again, we will be able to have members with us who cannot ordinarily attend.

All our women are welcome at meetings of DWF. Women, please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend. Our Day Group is small in number, but we enjoy a wonderful fellowship!



Read
It!

May 2

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 9

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22:5

John 14:23-29

May 16

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-21

John 17:20-26

May 23

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-35

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole
24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Brooke Douglas
02 Chris Parsons
02 Janet Wells
06 Bob Duncan
07 Joan Shumate
08 Michelle Harding
08 Jan Jones
08 Winona Rhoades
11 Shelley Findlay
11 Cindy Kuhn
15 Jami LeClear
15 Grant McClellan
16 Slay'tn Davis
17 William Calvert
18 Tracie Parsons
18 Gene Pruitt
21 Bob Foster
23 Brandon Hopkins
25 Robert Hush
25 Loren Merry
26 Brittany McWilliams
26 Alexa Sunderman
27 Robert Wells
27 Joseph Wright
28 Larry Gamblian
28 Nathan LeClear
30 Sylvia Barb
31 Dennis Kelly



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