



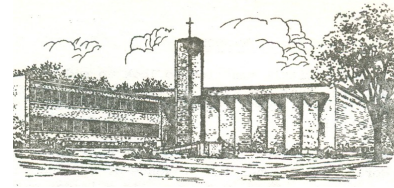
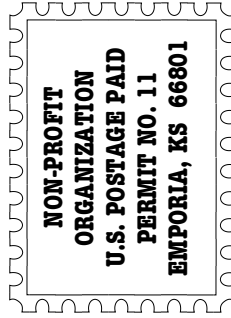
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**Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Monday thru Thursday ~ 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Closed Fridays

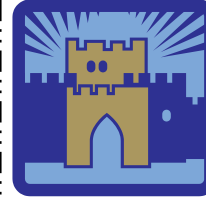


# Christian Church News

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
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## COMING EVENTS!

March 3rd ~ Lenten Series Continues



# "JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM"

— coming March 6 and 7. (See Page 4)




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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."*





Music is one of my favorite joys in life. I'm not a big fan of some types of music, like jazz—but I do enjoy a spirited rendition of “When the Saints Go Marching In.” Or Dire Straits’ type of heavy metal—but some of their songs speak to me. Jimmy Buffett is a favorite but some of his lyrics are “R” rated.

The music I really like is what we sing in worship. All the church songs seem to resonate not only in my mind but also in my heart and brain. Sometimes, you may recall, I will use the words of a hymn in a sermon. That's because the words and the melody combine to plumb the deepest thoughts, the most earnest desires of our soul. Many songs speak of a beloved pickup, a loyal dog or a lost love—subjects of temporal concern, but the hymns and songs of Faith testify to eternity. It's like someone (sorry, I don't know who) wrote: *“Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul.”*

I'm not sure how music came into the world. Genesis, chapter 4, seems to indicate that Jubal, the father of those who play the flute and harp, surely had something to do with it. Perhaps others long ago

heard the songs of the birds, the tunes of the wind in the trees, the rhythm of the ocean or stream, the tones of the animal's voices and tried to duplicate them. How ever we got from there to here, then to now, I'm glad because I see the Hand of God in the words we sing and I hear the Voice of God in the melodies we make.

I am thankful for music we experience here. From the hymns we sing to the chimes we hear, the anthems to the newer praise music, music truly has power to lift our spirits, change our minds, open our hearts and consciousness to possibilities. Music seems to be able to open doors of opportunity. It sweeps us into another world—a world that ought to be and might be. There is something about the whole experience of music that lifts me up to a higher plane, perhaps even closer to God. It's like the old hymn “Higher Ground” says:

*“I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan's darts at me are  
hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful  
sound,  
The song of saints on higher  
ground.”*

So, sing a song with me, and not just on Sunday. Let the words and melodies flow from God's heart into your heart.

Blessings, Pastor Bob



## RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday, March 12th ~ 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 13th ~ 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
First Christian Church Basement

Be sure to bring your items to the church as soon as possible and leave on the stage in the basement. Clean out your closets and get rid of all that stuff you haven't used for a long time. Someone else might be able to use it! All proceeds will go to the Building Fund! If you have questions, call Barb Gimple at 343-2144.



## NEEDED: TRANSPORTATION CARE ASSISTANT



RCIL approved for up to 6 hours weekly. This is a paid position at \$8.00 hourly. Transportation needed for Doctor's visits, Cancer Care, Grocery Shopping, picking up prescriptions. Will not need full 6 hours weekly. Most transportation will be weekly visits to Cancer Care Center. You will not have to stay for time there, just drop off and pick up. Contact Penny Boese at 620-366-0440 or come by 1007 East Street, Apt. 7 (first apartment upstairs).



**PRAYER REQUESTS****LOCALLY**

Nicholas Bacon, Marlene Bowman, Cheryl Dunning, Jason Hart, Nadine & Hopper Family, Daniel Kimberlin (nephew of Jill McGrath), Ted Kline, Ramona Langley, Naomi Rose, Don White

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 Please call the office  
 at 342-1582 if a  
 name needs to be  
 removed from the  
 prayer list. Thanks!  
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**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 SPRING 2010** Secret Place devotionals are here!! There are still some past copies also available in the church office for \$1.00 donation each. ~ Christy

**What a Blessing! THANK YOU!**

I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, flowers, and all the delicious meals that Cameron and I enjoyed while I have been recovering from breaking my leg in December. Your concern has helped to speed my recovery. Thanks for everything!

~ Sandy Heller

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

February 14, 2010  
 SS - 27 / Worship - 96  
February 21, 2010  
 SS - 19 / Worship - 59



Attendance and Offering Report

**GIVING RECORD**

February 14, 2010  
 Offering - \$4,258.50 / Capital - \$567.50  
February 21, 2010  
 Offering - \$1,014.00 / Capital - \$100.00

**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.  
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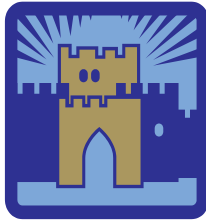


**LENTEN SERIES**

MARCH 3, 2010 ~ Our Lenten Study Series continues! The study is based on the film "Cherishing God's Creation" and will explore how we are part of God's creation and emphasize our role in protecting God's precious work. The series continues on Wednesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper in Fellowship Hall followed by the study. (**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** ~ Don't forget to pick up your copy of "The Power of the Cross" devotional booklet for Lent. Quantities are limited, so one copy per household, please.)

**"Journey To Jerusalem"**

is coming to first Christian. God is the Master of opportunity. Time after time doors are opened, clouds are parted, chances are extended. "Journey to Jerusalem" is one of those doors of opportunity and we hope you will come, participate and experience the way God has been revealed to us through the events of, and leading up to, Easter. You will be taken back thousands of years as God made plans to rescue His beloved people. You will see and hear how faithful men and women have experienced, first hand, God's Presence. You will relive actual events that changed the course of history. You will be there as lives are forever shaped.



The Journey, perhaps of a lifetime, begins in just a few days...March 6 and 7. If you've ever wanted to know more, come. If you've ever longed to "be there," come. If you've ever sought meaning, come. If you've ever desired insight, come.

**Just Come!**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

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

March 8th & 22nd / April 12th & 26th / 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.fcemporio.org](http://www.fcemporio.org). Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Church Women United World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Friday, March 5th. There will be a social time at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. All women (and men) of faith are invited to attend this ecumenical service. The theme is "Let everything that has breath praise God".

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Carol Rhoades has completed the 2009 Historian book. It is in our library, so stop by and read it ~ it's very interesting!

Donna Breshears has given us two new books by Karen Kingsbury. *Take One* and *Take Two*.

Betty Hilton has given us the book *Great Lakes* by Andrea Bolshaar and Susannah Hayden.

We have the new February/March *Reminisce*, the January/February *Disciples World* and also the March *Guidepost*. They are available on the book cart in the hallway.

We have books about President's on the book cart as well for February in honor of President's Day! Do some reading this week!

~ The Library Staff

## UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE



### **FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

Candlelighter ~ Janelle Norton  
Children's Message ~ Judy Moore  
Diaconate ~ Carl & Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons,  
 Debbie Peck  
Elder ~ Judy Moore  
Greeters ~ (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian  
 (S) Marlene Hanson & Mary Morriss  
Nursery ~ Betty Richardson  
Organist ~ Donna Breshears / Worship Leader ~ Fred Miller

### **MARCH 7, 2010**

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker / Children's Message ~ Tim Norton  
Diaconate ~ Nancy LeClear, Guy & Janece Bacon, Jake Dalton  
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson  
Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker & Robert Chatham  
 (S) John & Cindy Lexow  
Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller  
Worship Leader ~ Cindy Lexow

### **MARCH 14, 2010**

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore / Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller  
Diaconate ~ Carl & Lana Richardson, George Arnett, Joyce Cress  
Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett  
Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson / (S) George & Ruth Ford  
Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller  
Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore

### **MARCH 21, 2010**

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons  
Children's Message ~ Marie Harding  
Diaconate ~ Tim Norton, Janelle Norton, George Ford, Joan Shumate  
Elder ~ Cameron Moore  
Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson  
 (S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard  
Nursery ~ Janelle Norton / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller  
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

## BIBLE READING / ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



February 28th  
 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
 Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Luke 13:31-35

March 7th  
 Isaiah 55:1-9  
 Psalm 63:1-8  
 I Corinthians 10:1-13  
 Luke 13:1-9

March 14th  
 Joshua 5:9-12  
 Psalm 32  
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 21st  
 Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Psalm 126  
 Philippians 3:4-14  
 John 12:1-8



### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

03 Bill & Carol Hopkins (1973)  
 18 George & Ruth Ford  
 22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

02 Glenna Gamblian  
 02 Rosemary Robinson  
 04 Keith Douglas  
 06 Breann Frevert  
 06 Tina McCurdy  
 07 Alta Burd  
 07 Reagan McClellan  
 08 Lindsay Ewy  
 08 Dianna Lewis  
 11 Robert Chatham  
 11 Imegene Marsh (1922)  
 17 Betty Lyons  
 17 Elizabeth Willard  
 20 Bertha Kelly  
 20 Emily Lauxman  
 20 Gary McCurdy  
 21 Nikki Simmons  
 23 Virginia Crouch  
 23 Marjorie Jones  
 26 Emily Lowe  
 28 Don Lill  
 29 Dorothy Matile  
 29 Craig Richardson  
 31 Randy Kelley  
 31 Mary Volland



**CALENDAR PAGE**  
**SEE WEBSITE FOR**  
**CALENDAR EVENTS!**