

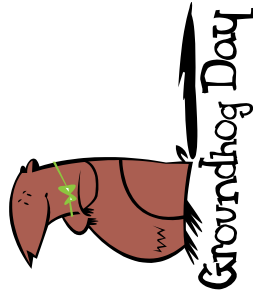
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Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

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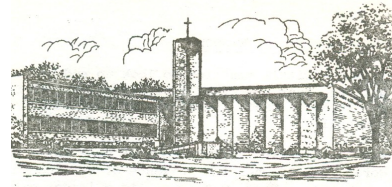
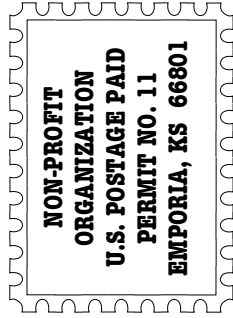


Monday thru Thursday ~ 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Closed Fridays



Groundhog Day

*Tuesday,
 February 2, 2010
 Hoping for an
 early Spring!*

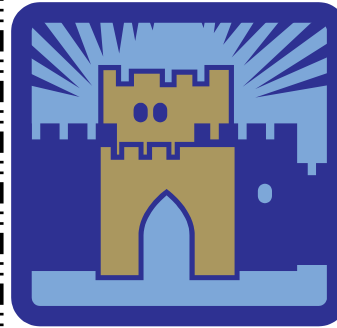


Christian Church News

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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NEWS FLASH!!! NEWS FLASH!!! NEWS FLASH!!!



“Journey to Jerusalem ” is coming to FCC. Make plans now to experience the emotion and the passion of Jesus’ journey from teacher and prophet to Savior on March 6-7. Together we will “be there” with those who witnessed the dramatic events of that first Easter.

More later...



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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.”





I know it is hard to read the Bible and know for sure what it is talking about. It's been said that you can prove anything using the Bible. There is a degree of truth in that statement but not when you read and use the Bible as it was intended. We've all seen on TV how politicians have had excerpts from their speeches and appearances "cut and pasted" to make them seem to be saying something they aren't. That can be done with the Bible—but not when it is read and studied within the context the passage(s) was written. We make the Bible say what **we** want it to say and mean when we put our "spin" and meaning on the words without considering the context in which the words were written. When we read and interpret the passages of the Bible letting the particular circumstances and purposes of the passages speak to our hearts the Bible is remarkably true and helpful.

For instance...some might think the Bible is contradictory when we consider Peter's observation that Christians are to be "**a royal priesthood.**" (1 Peter 2:9) and then read what

Malachi said of the priests: **"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction — because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty. But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty. "So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law."** - Malachi 2:7-9 NIV.

Someone might conclude there is some contradiction in these two statements following a cursory reading of the passages. Yet, each passage must stand alone and be read, applied and interpreted in light of the time and purpose for which it was written.

Once again, we are called upon to be faithful in interpreting the scriptures understanding that God's call to each of us will always be truthful yet tailored to the work God has set before each one of us.

According to a story I read once, sailors aboard a Royal Navy vessel mutinied in 1931 because of pay cuts instituted

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COMMITTEES AT WORK!

Our church family is a busy group! There are numerous committees and groups meeting, planning and working at any given time. As Moderator, I want you to know of some recent appointments:



The Pastoral Relations Committee works with the pastor and the congregation to continually build up the relationship between the two. The two newest members are Nancy LeClear and Larry Gamblian (whose terms will expire December 1, 2012). The other members are David Meierhoff (term expires 12/1/2011) and Kathy Harris and LeRoy Garnett (whose terms expire 12/1/2010). Their role is similar to a maintenance crew—smoothing out any bumps before they become big ones!

Another important committee is the Nominating Committee. This year's committee consists of: Chairman Marlene Hanson, John Lexow, Judy Moore, Jean Miller, Carl & Rita Headrick, Larry & Donna Breshears, Guy & Janece Bacon, and Tony & Cindy Kuronya. They have the task of finding the leaders for the congregation for the next church year. Their suggestions will be presented to the Administrative Council in early April and voted on by the congregation on April 25th. These are the engineers and planners, who do their tasks with an eye on the future. Please prayerfully consider their requests when they ask you to serve in a leadership role.

And, we're doing some major road improvements! After using our current Bylaws and Constitution for four years, we've seen some areas that can be improved. I've appointed Fred Miller, Glenn Gimple and Marie Harding to look into revisions which will benefit our church. Pastor Bob and I have met with them a couple of times already and are encouraged by the suggestions being made. You are welcome to call any of us to get more details, or to give input. The main change is that we are looking at going back to one "Board" (one governing body, instead of both Administrative Council and Ministry Leadership Team). Comparing this committee to a road construction project reminds me of the workers who make major changes to the already existing roads.

We are all "constructing" together as we build God's kingdom on earth. Thanks for all each one of you do to support the church. The next meetings of Administrative Council are March 11th and April 8th. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 25th for our important congregational meeting!
~ Cindy Lexow

PRAYER REQUESTS**LOCALLY**

Nicholas Bacon, Marlene Bowman, Cheryl Dunning, Jason Hart, Nadine & Hopper Family, Ted Kline, Ramona Langley, Naomi Rose, Don White

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

There are some devotionals still available ~ current and past copies for \$1.00 each in the church office.
~ Christy

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE FEED

Troop 157 will be hosting a pancake feed on February 13, 2010 from 7 a.m. to Noon here at First Christian Church. Mark your calendars now, plan to attend and bring a friend!

**DWF NIGHT GROUP NEWS**

The DWF Night Group is collecting the following items for Plumb Place in Emporia: Twin size blankets, mattress covers, pillows, ladies' casual clothing such as sweats and also shoes. We would like to have these items by Monday, February 8th at our next DWF Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Contact Judy Moore at 343-1028 for more information or to contribute.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

January 3, 2010
SS - 12 / Worship - 47
January 10, 2010
SS - 23 / Worship - 70
January 17, 2010
SS - 22 / Worship - 101
January 24, 2010
SS - 33 / Worship - 103



Attendance and Offering Report

GIVING RECORD

January 3, 2010
Offering - \$1,589.00 / Capital - \$305.00
January 10, 2010
Offering - \$2,668.75 / Capital - \$715.00
January 17, 2010
Offering - \$1,795.50 / Capital - \$188.00
January 24, 2010
Offering - \$2,471.00 / Capital - \$146.42

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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by the British Government. This was part of the worldwide effect of the Great Depression. The story said that it was the Royal Marines stationed onboard who protected the ship and its officers from the mutineers and that this is why, even today, Royal Marines are quartered on board a ship *between* the officers and the crew.

Perhaps it should be a matter of honor for you and me, 21st Century Christians, to serve as faithful stewards of "the Word" *between* those who would attempt to alter the Bible to make it serve their own purposes and ideas.

Blessings, Pastor Bob

OPERATING FUND CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Ministry announces the Annual Operating Fund Campaign will begin on Sunday, January 31, and conclude on February 21.

We appeal to each worshipper at Emporia First Christian Church to help illuminate the beacon of faith by participating in a financial commitment for the coming church year. Following this campaign, a budget reflecting the estimated giving will be prepared. This budget will be voted on by the congregation at its annual meeting on April 25.

Operating funds are used to pay salaries, utilities, ministry expenses, and other day-to-day expenses of the church. Separate funds are used to pay the building mortgage (Capital Fund) and special projects (Memorial Fund).

Plans for the Operating Fund Campaign include stewardship messages from Pastor Bob on January 31 and February 7, a personal mailing during the first week of February, testimonials by fellow worshippers, and a consecration and celebration service on February 21.

Please practice your faith by attending worship regularly, actively supporting activities of the church, participating in prayer and expressions of thanksgiving, and preparing to make a commitment to Emporia First Christian Church for the continuation and expansion of God's ministry in the coming year.

~Fred Miller, Stewardship



Beacon of
FAITH!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

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

February 8th & 22nd / May 10th & 24th
 March 8th & 22nd / June 7th & 21st
 April 12th & 26th / July 12th & 26th

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

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



LIBRARY NEWS

We have the following new books:

The on blossom street series by Debbie Macomber ~ "Married in Seattle", "Be My Valentine", "Promise Texas" given by Betty Hilton.

"Prairie Country Fair" by Freda Chrisman, Lynn Coleman, Christine Lynxwiller and Tammy Hancock Murray.

"Attic Treasurers" by Wanda Brunstetter, Tammy Shuttlesworth, Janet Spoeth and Pamela K. Tracy.

"Callie's Mountain" by Veda Boyd Jones also from Betty Hilton and "A Simple Gift" by Karyn Witsmer

"Hearing God's Voice" by Henry and Richard Blackaby given by Donna Breshears

"Dragon Light" by Donita K. Paul. This is number 5 in a series given by Karen Garnett.

Also, the new Reminisce and Guideposts are here!

~ Library Staff

UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE



FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Cindy Lexow
Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate ~ Tim & Janelle Norton, George Ford,
 Joan Shumate
Elder ~ Fred Miller
Greeters ~ (N) Glenn & Dorothy Boyce
 (S) LeRoy & Karen Garnett

Nursery ~ Tim Norton

Organist ~ Donna Breshears / Worship Leader ~ Vicky Allen

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons
Children's Message ~ Marlene Hanson
Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Joe & Bonnie Denson, Marie Harding
Elder ~ John Lexow
Greeters ~ (N) Robert & Janet Wells / (S) Joyce Cress & Lola Farr
Nursery ~ John Lexow / Organist ~ Donna Breshears
Worship Leader ~ Donna Breshears

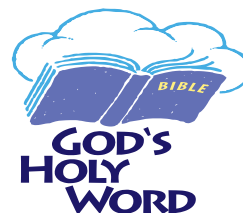
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Candlelighter ~ Janelle Norton / Children's Message ~ Judy Moore
Diaconate ~ Carl & Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons, Debbie Peck
Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian
 (S) Marlene Hanson & Mary Morriss
Nursery ~ Betty Richardson /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

BIBLE READING / ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



February 7

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 14

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43

February 21

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 28

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

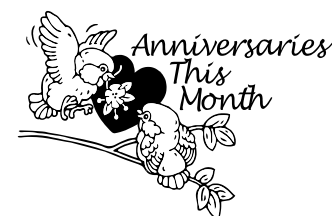
DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 13, 2010

Boy Scout Pancake Feed

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Ash Wednesday Service



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

05 Jim & Judy Moore
 17 Fred & Jean Miller (1963)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 Kat Dorcas
 10 Pauline Hall
 12 Marlene Bowman
 14 Rikki Sunderman
 15 Margie Coffman
 16 Royal Garnett
 16 Norma Leonard
 17 Doris Douglas
 17 Mindy Williams
 18 Viola Miller
 21 Barbara Wilhite
 23 Ina Goad
 23 Steve Pruitt
 25 Tyler McClellan
 25 Joshua Shumate
 28 Roycean Garnett

