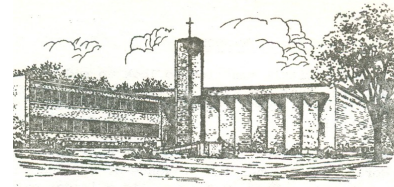


Christian Church News



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 13, 2010
Boy Scout Pancake Feed
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Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Ash Wednesday Service
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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."



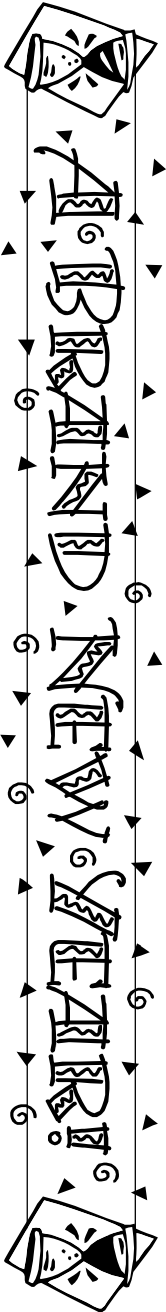
First Christian Church

202 East 12th Avenue / Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 342-1582 (Church Office)
(620) 342-8585 (Fax)
Web Page: www.fccemporia.org

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Monday thru Thursday ~ 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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I'm kind of an oddball. One reason for this is that I think New Year's Resolutions are a good thing. I mean... what better time? At the end of football season? No, baseball is right around the corner. At the end of summer? No, leaves will begin to fall soon & you'll need all your resolve to make yourself rake them. See? Excuses why we can't (won't, don't) do something are copious and let's face it, we are pretty good at making excuses and thinking of whys and reasons we just can't do what we want to do and think we should do.

The start of a New Year is a good time to make resolutions, and this year let's keep those resolutions! Impossible, you say? You'll never reach those goals, you think. It can't be done. You're not good enough. You're not smart enough. You don't have enough talent. You don't have enough determination. (Did I miss any?) It's impossible. Just give up! What we should be saying is "Just do it!"

Any of this sound familiar? The world is always ready to stomp on your dreams and goals. For every reason you could succeed, there are

always a dozen reasons you'll fail. Yet I believe it's the brave few who turn a deaf ear to what someone has called the "nattering nabobs of negativism" and keep on plugging away at their goals that actually end up accomplishing the impossible.

Thomas Edison. I read he tried thousands of fiber strands in his electric bulb before one held the light without burning out. The Wright Brothers. I'm sure they had a lot of bumps and bruises at Kitty Hawk, NC, before their flying machine left the ground for any significant distance. And my favorite... how many failures were there before Preparation H? We never hear anything about "Preparation C" or "Preparation G." People will always laugh at you, and scoff, until, one day, the impossible comes true.

The New Year is a great time to begin. Remember, you can do it! Some determination and a little discipline is all it takes to make your dreams and plans become reality. I like what Joan Esherick says: "New Year's resolutions are nothing more than goals in disguise." Most of all, I like what God says: **"For nothing is impossible with God."** (Luke 1:37 NIV)

Blessings, Pastor Bob



PANTRY NEWS

The Learning Center Preschool families of our church had for their Christmas project to supply canned goods for the church pantry. They contributed approximately 70 items of food for the pantry. On behalf of the pantry committee, we want to thank you for your contributions and assure you that it is appreciated and will greatly help to feed some of the less fortunate people of our community. Thanks again for your generous gifts!!

NEWS ~ Vicki Cole has volunteered to help with the food pantry! We welcome her and are glad to have her working with us! We are making some minor changes in the distribution of the food items and believe that it will run smoother.

We are still needing donations. If you prefer to donate cash, give to Dorothy or Vicki or Christy in the office and we will purchase the items needed. If you wish to donate items, we are asking that you give from the following list: canned vegetables (corn and peas are needed at this time), canned meats, cereal (boxed or oatmeal), canned fruits, mac 'n cheese, Jell-o or puddings, boxed "helpers" or toilet paper. We will let you know as we go along other needed items.

Thanks for your continued support this past year for this much needed church mission ~ it was appreciated! Blessings!

~ Dorothy Boyce & Vicki Cole



WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Ladies please join us @ A.S.K.

"Ask and it will be given to you, Seek and you will find, Knock and it will be opened to you." ~ Luke 11:9

An Emporia City-Wide Intercessory Women's Prayer Group

When? October 10th / Where? Plumb Place, 224 East 6th Ave.

When? 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

This is a multi-denominational group. **NO** child care provided. For more information call Joy Brooks @ 342-4124 or Cheryl Griffin @ 343-1448

PRAYER REQUESTS**LOCALLY**

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

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.

Our prayer/concerns/joy list continues to grow. Please call the office if a name can be removed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**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

THANK YOU

Thanks for the prayer and concerns for my grandson, Garrett Truskett. He has returned from Iraq on January 6, 2010! May God bless each of you as He has truly blessed us. ~ Wilma J. Lindsey

**GIVING STATEMENTS**

Your giving statements are now available on the table outside the church office. If you can't pick up your statement in person, call me in the church office at 342-1582 and I'll put it in the mail. Thanks for your contributions to support First Christian Church through 2009! ~ Christy

ATTENDANCE RECORD

December 20, 2009
SS - 33 / Worship - 103
December 27, 2009
SS - 14 / Worship - 40
January 3, 2010
SS - 12 / Worship - 47
January 10, 2010
SS - 23 / Worship - 70



Attendance and Offering Report

GIVING RECORD

December 20, 2009
Offering - \$2,298.25 / Capital - \$195.25
December 27, 2009
Offering - \$1,794.75 / Capital - \$421.25
January 3, 2010
Offering - \$1,589.00 / Capital - \$305.00
January 10, 2010
Offering - \$2,668.75 / Capital - \$715.00

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



REMINDER!

When purchasing anything for the church, please fill out a blue sheet in the basket on my desk. After completing the information and having it signed by the proper person for authorization, please put it in Robert's box for payment. Thanks for your help!

~ 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!

LENT ~ AN OPPORTUNITY

The days of Lent afford Christians the opportunity to assume a spiritual discipline that includes gathering for services of praise, prayer, and meditation in preparation for the celebration of Easter. In only a few short weeks we will gather for an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary on February 17th. Then for each of the Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent, beginning with a light supper, we will offer a time of prayer and study, leading up to a celebration of glory and triumph in the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning. Plan now to be a part of this meaningful experience.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is a communication link between the church congregation and the pastor to serve the Lord effectively. If you have "praises" or "concerns" about your pastor, please feel free to contact one of following people on the committee:

LeRoy Garnett ~ 342-4585 / Dean Grisell ~ 342-8341
 Kathy Harris ~ 342-5350 / David Meierhoff ~ 342-2197
 Bea Stine ~ 620-412-2198

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

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

January 25th / April 12th & 26th
 February 8th & 22nd / May 10th & 24th
 March 8th & 22nd / June 7th & 21st

LIBRARY NEWS

Everyone should start the new year by reading a good book from our library. We have the following new books:

Share the Dream and Build the Team by Donald W. Morgan. This gives ten keys for revitalizing your church.

The Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren. Growth without compromising your message and mission. These two books were given by George Arnett

On Earth As It Is In Advertising by Sam Van Eman given to the library from Cindy Lexow.

Dragonfire by Donita Paul. This is one in a series book, the Dragon Keeper Books. This is book number 4 given by Karen Garnett.

God Help You ~ a wonderful children's book given by Barb Gimple.

A Christmas Star by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer given from Dorothy Boyce.

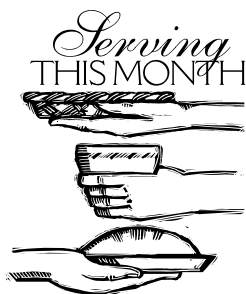
We also have the new November/December issues of Disciple Magazine, Guideposts and Reminisce.

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.



UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE



JANUARY 17, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore

Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

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

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker/Robert Chatham
(S) George & Ruth Ford

Nursery ~ Richard Becker /

Organist ~ Donna Breshears / Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore

JANUARY 24, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ Donna Breshears

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

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson

(S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard

Nursery ~ Janelle Norton / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ LeRoy Garnett

JANUARY 31, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow

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

Elder ~ Cindy Lexow

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick / (S) Leta Moore & Joan Shumate

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

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

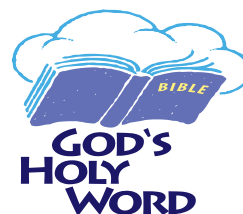
Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett

Greeters ~ (N) Tim & Janelle Norton / (S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

BIBLE READING / ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 24

Nehemiah 8:1-10

Psalms 19

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30



FROM THE HISTORIAN

I am currently working on finishing out the 2009 Historian book. If you have any contributions for 2009 to be included, particularly photos of events in October, November or December I would like to have them as soon as possible. Call me if you have any questions at 342-3067.

~ Carol Rhoades

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

21 Forrest & Mildred Steeves

28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Ruth Ford

01 Bonnie Schaefer

02 Betty Bowman

02 Pat Mercer

05 Quentin Coffman

05 Betty Foster

05 Bessie McCartney

09 Travis Milner

09 Ted Williams

10 Erma Mae Jones

10 Nancy Mayer

11 Kindra Garnett

11 Leonard Werner

12 Allyson Lauxman

15 Colter Richardson

15 Treva Stuck

17 Glendon Iverson

18 John Lexow

21 Brenda Hall

22 Charles Wilhite

25 Jeanne Canaday

26 Marie Kelley

26 Curtis Rhoades

26 Tyler Tilton

28 Sadj Davis

29 Ed Mercer, Jr.

29 Stanley Smith

29 Joe Witten

30 Robert White

31 Tim Norton

31 Walter Spencer

31 Kerry Thornton

