

Christian Church News

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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YOU ARE INVITED!

October 20th to 24th ~ Learning Center Preschool (LCP) Book Fair!

October 25th ~ LCP Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to Noon!

October 31st ~ Halloween Party in Fellowship Hall AND
“Haunted House” in Fellowship Hall by ESU Students from 6-8:00 p.m.

November 4th & 5th ~ LCP Family Portrait Days!

November 7th ~ Church Women United meeting @ First Christian Church

November 10th ~ DWF Night Group Meeting

November 12th ~ DWF Day Group Meeting

Weekly Bible Readings

Oct. 19-25, 2008

Matthew 22: 15-22

Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 2008

Matthew 22: 34-40, 41-46

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Nov. 2-8, 2008

Matthew 23: 1-12

Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

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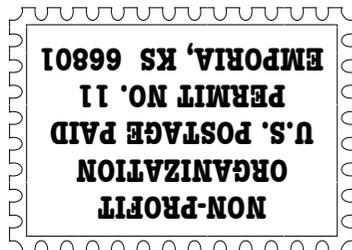
“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



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We hear a lot about justice—and injustice today. Political candidates take pains to convince us that they are concerned about injustice in various parts of the world and in our own country. News reports remind us that justice is still just a dream. And history books are full of instances of injustice.

That justice is served and injustice made right—and prevented in the first place—is something all Christians should be concerned about. Of course, injustice can and does take place anywhere around the world. But perhaps we see its ugly face most often today in Third World nations where poor people are kept indentured to landowners, often large corporations. The land may be rich and in some instances rich in minerals. The poor and unrepresented work long hours to produce a crop only to be paid barely enough to live long enough to work another day. Others reap the benefit of their backbreaking work and the poor, mistreated and un-cared about, remain that way generation after generation.

In Rwanda and the Congo, for example, right now, people go hungry even though rich volcanic soil produces an abundance of crops. The poor and abused people are driven from their homes to disease-ridden camps where life centers around finding and making charcoal to boil water to drink. Women and children are called “mules” because they carry 150 # bags of charcoal for less than \$1 per day. Injustice—it’s a reality!

This situation—and many like it—still occur right here in the U.S., although it is not as prevalent as in other nations. Still, the Bible reminds us that justice and the prevention of injustice, anywhere, should be a priority for every Christian. Jesus fought injustice everywhere He went, and we need to continue that work when and wherever we can. It is up to us, no matter whether we are rich or poor, to see to it that what we control and/or influence is used justly.

Proverbs 13:23 points out that “A poor man’s field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.” NIV.

There is much unfairness in this world. We may not have the resources or the strength to confront a multi-national corporation, even though some have, and been successful. Our hearts go out to those who suffer injustice because we may have been there or known someone who was a victim. We may not be able to do a lot but we can do something: write a letter (or several); give to a worthy cause; support those who actively work toward a better lot for those who are mistreated; say a prayer, and many other actions.

It has often surprised me how just opening ourselves to see injustice, and just learning about it, can end up being so effective in righting wrongs. Once again, as you have heard before, get involved. Sometime, bring something you’ve heard about that doesn’t sound quite right to you to the Lord. Pray about a situation you’ve heard about. You might be surprised at what a difference it makes.

BLESSINGS, Pastor Bob



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PANTRY



Thanks so much for being faithful to support our food pantry. With your generous donations we have been able to fill the pantry. Please continue to remember us, either with non-perishable items or cash donations. We appreciate your help blessing those less fortunate. ~ Betty Hilton & Marjorie Rose

NEED A RIDE?

If you would like a ride to church on Sunday, please call the church office at 342-1582 by Noon on Friday.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES COMPLETED

As you know, our Newsletter Advisory Team (Ann McNeese, Jean Miller, Cameron Moore, Anita Imhoff and Pastor Bob) have been working on updates to our newsletter. After several sessions of planning and discussions, we made our recommendations for policies pertaining to content, organization and format to the Ministry Leadership Team at its most recent meeting. Approval for these policies was granted. We are now ready to unveil our new newsletter, beginning, in part, with this issue of the newsletter.

Part of these policies related to content are printed below. For the purpose of making our newsletter more interesting and readable, we ask that, when you submit items or articles for the church newsletter, this information be used:

Content

- The newsletter should contain only news. Recipes, poetry, or cute sayings are not appropriate content. They distract readers from our real message.
- Each item needs to include the name of the contributor, title or contact person.
- Each item will be included in one newsletter unless otherwise specified by the contributor.
- Our mission statement will be included in each newsletter.

- All articles need to be brief and straightforward. They need to contain the 5 W’s of journalism (who, what, when, where, why). Sentences need to be short. Paragraphs should contain 1 to 3 sentences. Use conversational language.

- Acronyms (DWF, WNPT, etc.) need to be used after the first whole name, [i.e. Disciples Women Fellowship (DWF), Wednesday Night Prime Time (WNPT)]. Acronyms may then be used in the body of the article. Strangers don’t know our “church speak”.

- One article per event per newsletter
- Articles need to be positive and uplifting in tone.

- When an article is submitted, please check it or accuracy of information, clarify and verify the information (dates & day of week match, names, titles and spelling). Secretary or editor (s) should not be asked to verify your copy.

- The Newsletter Advisory Committee reserves the right to edit for grammar, spelling, punctuation and appropriateness of content. We also reserve the right to adjust the length depending on available space.

Each newsletter gives the deadline for the following newsletter. You can assist in presenting information in a timely manner by meeting those deadlines when submitting articles.

We hope that you will find these updates helpful and our newsletter inviting to read. You will be seeing some new areas of information as well as rearrangement of current areas of information.

We will be having a “Name the Newsletter” contest as soon as we have worked out the details. Put your “thinking caps” on and get your creative juices flowing.

Thank you for your patience and encouragement.

~ Anita Imhoff, Communications Chair

AMONG THE MEMBERS

Please pray for...



LOCALLY...

Brandon Ayers, Bill Bowles, Will Calvert, Doris Douglas, Fran Grisell, Jason Hart, Becky Lauxman, June Meyer, Terry Ott, Freeda Paasch, Violet Pauler, Helen Price, Jim Resch (*friend of Sandy Heller*), Mary Schaefer, Elizabeth Wells, Don White

(Our prayer/concerns/joy list continues to grow longer. Don't forget to call the office if a name can be removed. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.)



NATIONALLY & GLOBALLY...

Pray for First Christian Church in Olympia, Washington in the New Beginnings Process

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 & those affected by the layoffs at Tyson Foods.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you are a "friend in the hospital" and would like a visit or to be on our prayer list, call the church office and let us know! Also, if you do **NOT** want your name published in our church newsletter, but would like to be remembered in prayer, let us know that too!

LETTER FROM...

BILL & DOROTHY BOWLES

Dear Friends,

After nine long months and ten times in the hospital with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the sinus and frontal lobe of the brain, Bill has received the good news that there is no longer any signs of the cancer.

We are so grateful for all of the prayers, concerns expressed, calls, cards and visits. All these have inspired us and helped us through this difficult time.

Many times we have been reminded of our ministry to and the ministries we have received from the churches that we have served together in the fellowship of love and hope.

Your caring love has meant so much to us. Thank you!

Bill & Dorothy Bowles
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PASTOR'S HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fridays & Saturdays are by appointment
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday - 8 a.m. to Noon

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

LeRoy Garnett ~ 342-4585
Dean Grisell ~ 342-9341
Kathy Harris ~ 342-5350
Bea Stine ~ 620-412-2198
Robert Wells ~ 342-7164



Attendance and Offering Report

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Attendance

October 12, 2008

SS - 37 / Worship - 71

October 19, 2008

SS - 33 / Worship - 83

Stewardship Report

October 12, 2008

Offering - \$2,193.00 / Capital - \$490.50

October 19, 2008

Offering - \$1,954.50 / Capital - \$315.00



HAUNTED HOUSE

Students from Emporia State University will be hosting a "Haunted House" at the First Christian Church during the Halloween Fun Night on Friday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m. The Haunted area will be the large room directly behind the stage, south of Fellowship Hall.

The college students want to develop some Halloween magic and yuck with a pinch of fright along the way. Most of us like the thrill of the unknown, the pleasant tingle that runs down your spine when presented with the creepy unknown.

Their "house" has been having problems with spiders, bats and even a few rats but they probably won't bother any of the children. We will give each child a small light to hold during their visit and a gift for being brave. "Happy Haunting"!

~ Students from ESU
& Robert Chatham

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN:

DWF NEWS

November will be a busy month for the day group. On November 5th we will prepare food for the Emporia Ministerial Alliance coffee at 10:00 a.m. Betty Hilton, Marjorie Rose, Sandy Heller, and Jean Miller will assist in the serving.

On November 7th at 2:00 p.m. First Christian Church will be hosting Church Women United in celebration of World Community Day. We will need cookie donations from both DWF groups. We want to encourage our members to attend the meeting to help serve our guests and be available to collect the offering.

The next meeting for the DWF Day Group will be November 12th at 1:30 p.m. Vel Lukert will be the study leader. Wanda Davis will serve as hostess.

KANSAS DISCIPLE WOMEN

Notes from the KDW (Kansas Disciple Women) Business Meeting during the Regional Assembly held October 17-18. New Officers were elected for the 2008-2010 term. Elected were:

- Cindy Baldwin - President
- Belinda Amend - 1st vice President
- Alexis Jones - 2nd Vice President
- Donna Breshears - Recorder

DWF NIGHT GROUP

DWF Night Group will be doing "Christmas Child" again this year. Here are gift suggestions we will be collecting at our next meeting on Monday, November 10th:

School Supplies ~ pens, pencils & sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps, ink pad sets, writing pads, paper, solar calculators, coloring & pictures books, etc.

Toys ~ small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch's, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

Hygiene Items ~ toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other ~ hard candy, lollipops (double bag all candy), mints, gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

A Personal Note ~ In a separate envelope, you

may enclose a note to the child & a photo of yourself & family. Include your name & address so the child can write back. **4**

DO NOT INCLUDE ~ Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers or aerosol cans.

If you would like to help, please put the items in a shoebox with the box and lid wrapped separately. Also we have to send \$7.00 for freight with each box. You can get the "Boy/Girl" labels that must be on the boxes from me. ~ Karen Garnett, Rachel DWF Group

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

The following books have been given to our library recently and are ready to check out:

- "Pray For Our Nation" by Oliver North
- "Understanding The End Times" by RBC Ministries
- "True Freedom" by Oliver North
- "Dear Charlie" by Christopher Kimball
- "Crown of Thorns" by Sigmund Brouwer
- "Jesus" by Walter Wasegerin, Jr. given by George Arnett
- "Storm Warning" by Billy Graham given by Dorothy Matile
- "Between Sundays" by Karen Kingsbury given by Jan Jones
- "Life Changers" by Robert Schuller
- "Eternal Thoughts From Christ the Teacher" by Richard Cushing
- "Damaged Disciples" by Ron & Vicki Burks
- "How To Be Your Best" by Norman Vincent Peale
- "Christy" by Catherine Marshall given by Jan Hicks from her mother, Polly Hicks

We received notice that October was the last issue of the Disciple magazine due to financial problems.



Hello, again! I write these comments once a month for our newsletter, and it seems this past month has flown by! Our church family is

similar to our biological family in many ways—time together is joyous; there are many different personalities and perspectives within the group; encouragement for efforts and achievements is appreciated; comfort for difficulties and losses is one of the supporting beams of the relationship; priority is given to having time and energy for each other; and, spending time together deepens and enriches the relationship.

I'm not sure if there is a season of the year that isn't "busy", but I do know scheduling becomes more important as we get closer to the holiday season. Just as our families are checking schedules in order to pencil in the times we can see one another...the church schedule is also filling up! It becomes so important to share facts of schedules, plans, etc. to lessen miscommunication or missed connections.

Our church is blessed to have many activities and ministries in which you can participate. The worship, service and fellowship which occur when we gather are truly holy. Every activity involving our church family reminds me that we are God's children, and we are on this earthly journey to fulfill the Great Commission. We tend to have fun, and deepen our relationships as we do so! If you are able, I challenge you to participate in one additional event in the next month with the

church family. Your presence will be a blessing, and you will be blessed by the participation.

I want to remind you of some things that are currently in progress: First, the New Beginnings process continues—the leadership team is reviewing the comments and suggestions shared by members during the cottage meetings. You will be hearing more about those suggestions in the near future.

The Wednesday night fellowship time now begins at 6:00 pm. A meal is served, followed by LeRoy Garnett leading a Bible study on the Prayer of Jabez. Activities for children are also provided. Fellowship Ministry Team is hosting a Halloween party, open to the entire community, on Halloween, from 6 to 8 pm. This is an outgrowth of the Trunk 'R' Treat which has been popular in past years. Drop in and share in this safe, fun Halloween setting.

Within our church family there are those who are experiencing illness, hurts and losses. As we minister to one another, both formally and informally, we grow in faith. God's plan is majestic and grand, but also tailored for each of us! I pray God's peace and comfort is with you in the coming month. Join in for worship, service and fellowship as frequently as you are able to do so. God Bless!

~ Cindy Lexow, Moderator



NEWSLETTER ON LINE

Our Web Page is at www.fccemporia.org.
Call the church office (342-1582) or e-mail ttllpit@yahoo.com if your name can be removed from the newsletter mailing list.
Thanks!

LEARNING CENTER

PRESCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Saturday, October 25th ~ 7 a.m. to Noon
Come support the Preschool!
- **BOOK FAIR**
October 20th thru October 24th
- **FAMILY PORTRAIT DAYS**
November 4th & 5th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Skip breakfast at home!
Come and share our delicious pancakes!

What?

Learning Center Preschool Pancake Feed

Where?

First Christian Church ~ Fellowship Hall

When?

Saturday, October 25, 2008
7:00 a.m. to Noon

Tickets available in the church office.
~ Submitted by Nikki Simmons

November Anniversaries

- 15 LeRoy & Karen Garnett
- 16 Fred & Ilda Kline

November Birthdays

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| 01 ~ Jaylene Arnett | 14 ~ Rayanna Breshears |
| 02 ~ Glenn Greenlee | 14 ~ Carolyn Meierhoff |
| 03 ~ Vicki Thornton | 14 ~ David Meierhoff |
| 04 ~ George Arnett | 15 ~ Anita Imhoff |
| 04 ~ McKenna LeClear | 15 ~ Vel Lukert |
| 04 ~ Carol Rhoades | 16 ~ Adam Ewy |
| 07 ~ Brandon Adams | 16 ~ Chuck Ewy |
| 07 ~ Jamie Osage | 17 ~ Jennifer Dalton |
| 08 ~ Rick Frevert | 21 ~ Randi Dalton |
| 08 ~ Adam Harding | 22 ~ Margy Gibson |
| 08 ~ Jerry Marshall | 23 ~ Marie Harding |
| 09 ~ Brett Schaefer | 23 ~ Laurie Kurzen |
| 10 ~ Bill Coburn | 24 ~ Carolyn Kuhn |
| 10 ~ Duane Ginavan | 25 ~ Dana Witten |
| 12 ~ Bonnie Iverson | 28 ~ Richard Headrick |
| 12 ~ Edith Rowlands | 30 ~ David Harding |
| 12 ~ Jacquelyn Wamser | 30 ~ William Hopkins |
| 13 Shirley Ayers | |

FLINT HILLS SENIOR LIFE FAIR

Wednesday, October 29th
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
~ Harvest House ~
Flint Hills Christian Church
1836 E. Hwy. 50, Emporia
Attendance is **FREE!**

*There will be health screenings, educations sessions, entertainment and exhibits.
Matt Jones, Emporia native will be speaking at 12:45 p.m.*



October 26, 2008

Candlelighter(s) ~ Allyson Lauxman
Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett
Diaconate ~ Tim Norton, Larry Breshears, Joyce Cress, Bonnie Denson, George Ford, Dean Grisell
Elder ~ Janet Wells
Greeters ~ (N) Glenn & Dorothy Boyce
(S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright
Nursery ~ Betty Richardson / Organist - Sandy Heller
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

November 2, 2008

Candlelighter(s) ~ Tim Norton
Children's Message ~ Nancy LeClear
Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick, Lola Farr, Dianna Lewis, Hal Lewis, Ardie Lauxman
Elder ~ John Lexow
Greeters ~ (N) Robert & Janet Wells
(S) LeRoy & Karen Garnett
Nursery ~ Barb Gimple / Organist - Sandy Heller
Worship Leader ~ LeRoy Garnett

November 9, 2008

Candlelighter(s) ~ Emily & Morgan Lauxman
Children's Message ~ Dianna Lewis
Diaconate ~ Karen Garnett, Alan Richardson, Betty Richardson, George Arnett, Becky Lauxman, Larry Gamblian
Elder - Robert Wells
Greeters - (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian
(S) George & Ruth Ford
Nursery - Janelle Norton / Organist - Sandy Heller
Worship Leader - Jean Miller

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!

