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MAY BIBLE READINGS

June 14, 2009

2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-18
1 Sam 15:34-16:13
Ps 20
Mk 4:26-34

June 21, 2009

Job 38:1-11
Ps 9:9-20
2 Cor 6:1-13
Mk 4:35-41

June 28, 2009

Mk 5:21-43
Wis Sol 1:13-15
Ps 30
2 Cor 8:7-15

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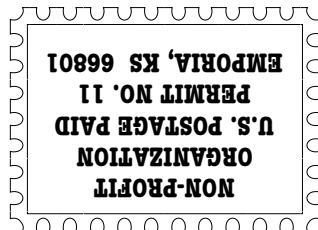
"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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For the last two weeks I have preached about the Holy Spirit. You might say that I have a passion for the Holy Spirit because I am sure that the most neglected, ignored, misunderstood and underutilized of all God's blessings is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please don't think that I am boasting in saying that I have a passion for the Holy Spirit. I am not. I am saying that I believe that the Holy Spirit is the key to unlocking an abundant future for the Christian and the Church.

It's about as basic as saying that with the Holy Spirit the Christian/Church will prosper and without the Holy Spirit the Christian/Church will deteriorate. The energy of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to the successful mission God has in store for us.

To me, the Holy Spirit is the spark, the force that must be ignited in us to accomplish anything good. We cannot depend on others or on ourselves instead of or without the Holy Spirit.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is the meaning and end of Pentecost. When we look at the basic events of the Day of Pentecost we see a great rushing wind, tongues of fire and all known languages spoken and understood. That's the Holy Spirit.

That's what the Holy Spirit does. The Holy Spirit comes to us with the force and potential of a mighty wind. The Holy Spirit ignites within us a fire, a passion to do the mighty works God has planned for us. The Holy Spirit speaks the language of communication that convinces, persuades motivates and reassures.

Richard Holloway, Scottish writer, former Bishop of Edinburgh, Scottish Episcopal Church, once said something that gives us insight into the work and method of the Holy Spirit: "...is waiting eagerly to respond with new strength to each little act of self-control, small disciplines of prayer, feeble searching after Him".

Like the song goes, the Holy Spirit is the "wind beneath our wings". When we try to do things on our own, we are powerless, but as Jesus intimates in Matthew 19:26: "...with God all things are possible". Invite the Holy Spirit to be a part of your life.

Blessings, Pastor Bob

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MISSION PROJECTS**

From preparing the meals that will be distributed to the poor by 50 non-profit agencies to planting shrubbery and mowing lawns, the 2009 Indianapolis General Assembly will offer ample opportunities for Disciples who want to share their witness through mission. The Office of Disciples Volunteering of Disciples Home Missions is planning mission projects in Indianapolis starting as a pre-event from Sunday, July 26 through Wednesday, July 29. During General Assembly, work projects are planned for the afternoons of Thursday, July 30; Friday, July 31; and Saturday, August 1.

The projects will include working with a food recovery agency, at residences for former prisoners transitioning back into society, various homeless shelters, and a collaborative blitz event to spruce up economically depressed areas of the city. For more details, contact Brenda Tyler in the Office of Disciples Volunteering at 317-713-2642 or toll free 888-346-2631 or btyler@dhm.disciples.org or visit the 2009 General Assembly web site. Click on the "Mission Opportunities" link.

**NEW STUDY MATERIAL
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

"Just Women Magazine" published by Disciples World will be printed quarterly in full color, 32 pages with the spring edition an Ecumenical Bible study with nine lessons for use throughout the year. Delivery is in January, April, July and October.

Included with be theme articles, your women's perspectives on faith, multi-generational conversations, healthy living, stewardship and Disciples history are all part of this new magazine. Woman to Woman Worldwide study material, devotions, meditations and prayers, social action and justice ministries as well as news and notes from the International Disciples Women's Ministries help make this an invaluable tool for the women of the denomination.

Cost is \$19.00 for one year, and if 15 copies are delivered to one address, the cost drops to \$17 for one year. One copy will be ordered for our church library.

~ Library Staff

PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCALLY

Penny Boese, Wanda Gibbs, Jason Hart, Dr. Charles & Nadine Hopper, Reba Oliver, 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 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.

FYI - CHANGES ARE COMING!

Starting July 1, 2009 we will be publishing the church newsletter only one time per month. More details will be forthcoming!

Also beginning July 1, our office hours are changing! I will be in the office from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Due to my vacation schedule the office will be closed the rest of the Friday's in June (12th, 19th and 26th) If you have questions, call me in the office at 342-1582. Thanks!
~ Christy

40 + 40 = Mary Morriss

Saturday, June 13th
Come anytime between 1-4 p.m. at Best Western Regency Room 3021 W. Highway 50, Emporia

No gift, except the one below:

The plan is to CELEBRATE Her special day, just ONE DAY LATE, We've included a card, you'll FIND, To share a memory to REMIND Our birthday girl of a special TIME. So jot a line or three or FOUR And we'll collect them at the DOOR!

NEW ADDITION

Matt & Wendy Booker are the proud parents of a new baby girl named "Briley Kate" who was born May 28th. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 8.6 oz. and was 18" long. Briley has two big sisters at home, Baylee & Brenna and the proud grandparents are Carl & Rita Headrick. Congratulations and we welcome Briley!

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

In the latest Christian Messenger both Pastor Bob (38 years) and Bill Imhoff (58 years) were recognized on the list of Ordination Anniversaries for 30 years or more service. Congratulations to them both for such dedicated service!

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to Winona & Curtis Rhoades for their faithful and productive work on the church's flower gardens ~ they are beautiful!
~ Pastor Bob



Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m. to Noon

PASTOR'S HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays are by appointment.

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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

ATTENDANCE RECORD

May 24, 2009

SS - 23 / Worship - 79

May 31, 2009

SS - 27 / Worship - 77

June 7, 2009

SS - 29 / Worship - 87

GIVING RECORD

May 24, 2009

Offering - \$ 2,628.50

Capital - \$ 359.00

May 31, 2009

Offering - \$ 1,783.00

Capital - \$ 387.50

June 7, 2009

Offering - \$ 2,914.75

Capital - \$ 466.25

PANTRY NEEDS

Our pantry is running low again. We would appreciate any donations you could make. We could especially use boxes of cereal, cans of meat and fruit, canned vegetables (except green beans), peanut butter, jelly and pastas (canned or dry) at this time. Thanks for all you do to serve our community by donating food to the pantry.

~ Dorothy Boyce

LIBRARY NEWS

We are happy to welcome Karen Garnett to our library staff. She is a wonderful addition to help us in the library.

We have been given several new books for our library lately. From George Arnett:

- Heavenly Crown by Heather Whitestone McCallum and Angela Hunt
- Epiphany by Paul McCusker
- Self Incrimination by Randy Singer
- 2 Die 4 ~ The dangerous truth about following Christ by Ryan Dobson with Brian Smith
- Beyond the Picket Fence by Lori Wick
- The Second Coming of Babylon by Mark Hitchcock
- Living Spaces ~ Bringing style and spirit to your home by Marlee Ledai
- Mistaken Identity by Josh McDowell and Ed Stewart
- Charade by Gilbert Morris
- Time Lottery by Nancy Moser

From Bernice Rider:

Blue Horizon by Irene Bennett Brown

From Barbara Gimple:

Summer on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber (This is book #4 of a series)

From Janelle Norton:

Living Somewhere Between Estrogen & Death by Barbara Johnson

This is a wide variety of books - ones you would like to check out. Come visit us. ~ Luella Hush

READING CERTIFICATES

Reading certificates will be given at the DWF meeting in July. Please have your reading lists turned into the church library by July 1. Remember, books you have read (even though they weren't from our church library) can be counted on your reading list. ~ Luella Hush

DWF NEWS

On July 8, we will meet for brunch at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse at Holiday Resort. The Day Group officers will provide the food for this event. Both of these events were well attended last year, and the residents of Presbyterian Manor and Holiday Resort who are unable to attend many of our meetings were especially grateful for the opportunity to take part. Please put both of these meetings on your calendars now! ~ Jean Miller

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.

ANNIVERSARY

Loren and Novella Merry will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 20, 2009. Their children invite friends from the First Christian Church to celebrate with them at a reception held in their honor at Dianne Heins, 1224 W. 18th Ave, Emporia from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

WEEK OF COMPASSION RESPONDS TO STORMS IN MIDWEST AND SOUTH

Week of Compassion (WOC) has responded to communities across the Midwest recently following storms that have sliced through the mid-section of the country. The Ozarks Lakes area of Missouri recently received a grant for tornado recovery. WOC also sent a grant to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Marion, Ill., where 18 families from the congregation sustained damage from an inland hurricane on May 8. The church itself also lost its roof. The storms also damaged the roof at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Carbondale, Ill.

A grant from Week of Compassion also is helping with tree replanting at the homes of those affected by a recent tornado in Murfreesboro, Tenn. WOC, the relief and development fund of the Church, continues to welcome contributions, which go in their entirety as donors directly to them.

~ From Disciples.org

PENTECOST OFFERING RECEIVED MAY 24 & 31 HELPS NEW CHURCHES

As the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) geared up for the Pentecost Offering on May 24 and May 31, Disciples discovered how their support truly raises up the New Church

Movement. Because of generous support to the New Church Movement, Disciples have been able to start 602 new churches since 2001.

More than 40,000 new Disciples have been reached through these new churches, and the momentum continues to grow. The goal for Disciples is to start 1,000 new churches by 2020. By supporting the Pentecost Offering, you help expand the efforts of the whole church to reach that goal.

"Expanding the Table" was this year's theme for the Pentecost Offering. New Church Ministry, with the oversight of Church Extension, seeks to support Disciples as they expand the table to reach new mission fields, journey to new frontiers and touch more lives. Each year, half of the annual Pentecost Offering is used to support New Church Ministry, which serves the wider church through recruitment, training and coaching of new church planters. Equally as important, half of the money collected through the Pentecost Offering remains in the Region of the contributing Disciples congregation to support local new church efforts.

For more information about the Pentecost Offering, call Charlie Wallace, New Church Ministry, (800) 274-1883 or visit the New Church Ministry Web site at www.newchurchministry.org to obtain additional information.

~ From Disciples.org

SUMMER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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VBS IS COMING!

First Christian Church
Saturday, July 11th
2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Music / Crafts / Recreation / Snacks
Bible Study and Drama
Family-friendly ~ Families welcome!
(preschoolers must be
accompanied by an adult)
For information call 342-1582

Join us for exciting Bible learning
in ancient Rome!

BLOCK PARTY!

The Neighborhood Back-To-School
Party will be held at Eastside Memorial
Park (9th & East Street) on July 25th
from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a free meal, drawing for
adults, free bag of school supplies for
children. Come and celebrate with First
Christian Church as we prepare for
another school year!

~ Submitted by
Disciples Kitchen Team

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

I need any information for the next
newsletter **NO LATER THAN MONDAY,
JUNE 22, 2009.** ~ Christy

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Boys Machine Pitch Softball 2009 (7 & 8 year olds)

Game Date	~	Time	~	Field
Mon, June 15		7:30 PM		NE
SR Coffman Construction vs FCC				
Wed, June 17		6:30 PM		NE
FCC vs Doc's Auto (Council Grove)				
Mon, June 22		7:30 PM		NW
Emporia Orthodontics vs FCC				
Wed, June 24		6:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Mitchell-Markowitz Construction				
Mon, June 29		6:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Flint Hills Optimist Club				
Wed, July 1		7:30 PM		NE
Dairy Queen (Council Grove) vs FCC				
Mon, July 6		7:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Get Back To Health Chiropractic				
Wed, July 8		6:30 PM		NE
FCC vs SR Coffman Construction				
Mon, July 13		6:30 PM		NE
Doc's Auto (Council Grove) vs FCC				

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

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

SERVING SCHEDULE

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June 14, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Briana Becker

Children's Message ~ Nancy LeClear

Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick, Lola Farr, Dianna Lewis, Hal Lewis

Elder - Jaylene Arnett

Greeters - (N) Robert & Janet Wells / (S) Betty Hilton

Nursery - Nikki Simmons / Organist - Sandy Heller

Worship Leader - Marie Harding

June 21, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Allyson Lauxman

Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

Diaconate ~ Karen Garnett, Alan Richardson, Betty Richardson, George Arnett,
Becky Lauxman, Larry Gamblian

Elder - Carol Rohling

Greeters - (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian / (S) Leta Moore & Joan Shumate

Nursery - Rita Headrick / Organist - Sandy Heller

Worship Leader - Robert Wells

June 28, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick, Debbie Peck, Glenn Boyce,
Nancy LeClear

Elder - Fred Miller

Greeters - (N) Carl & Lana Richardson / (S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery - Tim Norton / Organist - Sandy Heller

Worship Leader - Cindy Lexow

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!

NEW BEGINNINGS

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NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

As part of our Outreach to the community through our New Beginnings program, the church is sponsoring two machine-pitch 7 & 8-year old teams through the Emporia Recreation Commission summer program. One team is boys baseball and the other is girls softball. All games will be played at the 9th & Whittier complex.

Everyone is encouraged to support "our" teams by attending some of the games. Save the schedules below, note some games you can attend, and cheer for the First Christian Church teams. Even more fun, call a couple of other church members and go to some games together.

Here is another opportunity to participate in our New Beginnings theme, "Reaching Out To You" in our community.
 ~ Marie Harding,
 New Beginnings Co-Chair

SCHEDULES

First Christian Church Sponsored Summer Youth Ball Teams through Emporia Recreation Commission. All Games Played At 9th & Whittier
 NW = Northwest Field
 NE = Northeast Field

Girls Machine Pitch Softball 2009 (7 & 8 year olds)

Game Date	~	Time	~	Field
Tues, June 16		7:30 PM		NW
Dairy Queen (Council Grove) vs FCC				
Thurs, June 18		6:30 PM		NW
Noon Rotary Club vs FCC				
Tues, June 23		NO GAME		
Thurs, June 25		7:30 PM		NW
McKinzie Pest Control vs FCC				
Tues, June 30		6:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Farmers & Drovers				
Thurs, July 02		7:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Dairy Queen (Council Grove)				
Tues, July 07		6:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Noon Rotary Club				
Thurs, July 09		NO GAME		
Tues, July 14		6:30 PM		NW
FCC vs Noon Rotary Club				
Tues, July 14		7:30 PM		NW
FCC vs McKinzie Pet Control				
Thurs, July 16		6:30 PM		NW
Farmers & Drovers vs FCC				

Boys 2009 Schedule
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ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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Judy Moore / Bob Colerick
Bob's Birthday



It takes a lot of hands to feed us all.



Good Food & Fellowship



A Table for each Birthday Month