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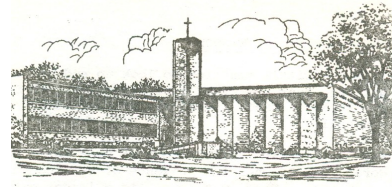
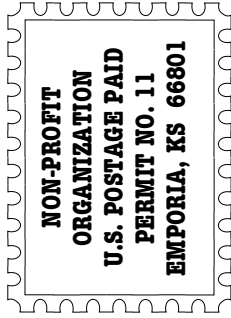
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# Christian Church News

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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### **CONGREGATIONAL "POTLUCK" DINNER!**

- WHO:** Everyone!  
**WHAT:** Congregational Dinner  
**WHEN:** Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
(after congregational meeting)  
**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall  
**WHY:** In celebration of our wonderful, generous church family. (The Stewardship/Finance campaign ended during Lent. We didn't want to detract from the Lenten season by having a celebration then ~ but, let's do it now!)  
**HOW:** The Church will provide the meat main dish (bar-b-que meat from Bobby D's--choices of brisket, turkey, pulled pork & ham). YOU bring your favorite side dishes and desserts!



*Church Potluck*



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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."*





Mosaics are some of the most beautiful works of art ever produced by man. Mosaic is the art of creating images with an assemblage of small pieces of colored glass, stone, or other materials. Mosaic can be a technique of decorative art, an aspect of interior decoration, or of cultural and spiritual significance as in a cathedral. The mosaic artist takes small pieces, normally roughly cubic, of stone or glass of different colors, known as tesserae, and "puts them together" to create a pattern or picture. There are many beautiful mosaics all over the world, including a famous one of the Transfiguration of Jesus located at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai, and, the Zodiac wheel on the floor of the synagogue in Sepphoris.

Basically, mosaic art consists of thousands, perhaps millions, of little stones or pieces of glass, in beautiful shades of blue, green, yellow and other colors arranged to make a form or picture. Look closely at a piece of mosaic art and you will see individual stones arranged delicately and precisely. Step back from the art and you see a beautiful image. Each little stone or piece of glass is absolutely essential to the continuity of the image.

The church is like that. Each of us is a small, colorful and essential piece of

the picture. Leave out even one small piece and the picture is distorted and incomplete. Like mosaic art, we come together as a church made up of individual pieces which combine to form a picture.

When we come together we form a great picture of God. That picture is not as beautiful as it could or should be when anyone of us is missing. And if people see the picture that we are, and they do, what does it say about our church?

Psalm 100 tells us that we should all shout for joy to the Lord, that we should enter His courts with praise. Why? ***For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.***

Let's make the mosaic that we are be a beautiful picture of the God of grace and glory.

Blessings, Pastor Bob



### **HELPING KANSAS CHRISTIAN HOME**

KCH could use: Glue sticks, markers, crayons, electric razors, disposable razors, deodorant, and body powder, mouthwash, toothpaste and brushes for dentures, nail clippers, perfume or cologne, nail polish and remover and audio books.

### **KDW RETREAT REGISTRATION AVAILABLE**

Mark your calendars for October 6-8 or October 8-10, 2010 for the KDW Retreat at Tawakoni. The theme is "The Servant's Hands". Joyce Ferguson from Nebraska will be the Keynote/Bible Study Leader. Joyce asks that each person bring a faith-based item that has personal significance for a time of sharing. Be watching for more information on this year's retreat and check out the registration form on the Regional Website.

### **CAROLYN KUHN ~ TEACHERS HALL OF FAME**

*Congratulations!* Congratulations to Carolyn Kuhn who will be inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame in June of this year! Carolyn, who is well deserving of this honor, taught children for 35 years in the classroom before retiring in 1994. Even then her attachment to children continued. She has received many honors for her efforts, among them being a Kansas Master Teacher. When you see Carolyn, congratulate her for this wonderful honor!

### **CONSTITUTION/BYLAW CHANGES (Continued)**

- Simple majority to pass a motion
- Changed: No limit to terms listed
- Deleted: No requirement to post agenda prior to Board meetings
- Added: Moderator appoint members to fill vacancies of Trustees
- Changed: Nominating Committee ~ size may be up to 12 persons (7 required still)
- Changed: Nominating Committee ~ attempt to nominate all Ministry Team chairs
- Changed: Trustees authorized to expend memorial monies up to \$2,500 on a project without approval of Board (was \$1,000)
- Changed: Amendments approved by simple majority of the quorum of the Board. Must be presented at one meeting and voted on at the following meeting.

**PRAYER REQUESTS****LOCALLY**

Nicholas Bacon, Penny Boese, Marlene Bowman, Bill Denson, Cheryl Dunning, Erwin Family, Jason Hart, Rachael Hush, Daniel Kimberlin (*nephew of Jill McGrath*), Ted Kline, Ramona Langley, Freida Ott (*friend of Mary Schaeffer, cancer*), Lois Schrock (*mother of neighbor of Sandy Wells, cancer*), Micky Spyres (*brother of Penny Boese*), Don White, Leon Wildberger (*friend of Penny Boese*)

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 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**

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

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you Curtis & Winona Rhoades for your gardening "magic." The church's flower beds are truly magnificent ~ thanks to you... and God!



Beautiful Flowers!

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW BABY!****NEW BABIES!**

Congratulations to Tracie & Dan Bowers (daughter of Tim & Janelle Norton) on the birth of Riley Jean Bowers, born 4-12-10. Riley was born in Topeka and weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. Welcome to the world Riley!

AND... Congratulations to Royal and Ashley Garnett (and Traeger) on the birth of Porter Audine Garnett born Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Newman Regional Health. A healthy baby, she arrived at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and 18 inches long. The happy grandparents are LeRoy and Karen Garnett. Welcome Porter!

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

March 28, 2010 ~ SS - 37 / Worship - 106  
 April 4, 2010 ~ SS - 22 / Worship - 154  
 April 11, 2010 ~ SS - 19 / Worship - 85



Attendance and Offering Report

**GIVING RECORD**

March 28, 2010 ~ Offering - \$3,056.85 / Capital - \$392.50  
 April 4, 2010  
 Offering - \$2,872.50 / Capital - \$522.50 / Easter - \$257.50  
 April 11, 2010  
 Offering - \$2,382.68 / Capital - \$537.00 / Easter - \$104.00

**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!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS!

*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](mailto:bobcolerick@yahoo.com)

**MEN'S PICNIC!**

Sunday, April 25, 2010 / 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Gage Park Shelter House (near horseshoe pits)  
 Topeka, Kansas

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, table service provided. Bring covered dish & lawn chair. Cost is \$7 per person.

RSVP to:

Dick Hall @ 913-651-1331 / Larry McDaniel @ 785-246-0374 /  
 LeRoy Garnett @ 620-342-4885 / Richard Sack @ 913-682-1121





### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

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

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.fccemporium.org](http://www.fccemporium.org). Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.



### FROM THE LIBRARY...

You will notice some changes have been made in our wonderful library. We have two new book shelves from memorials for Rosalie Stanley and Naomi Rose, who were faithful

workers in our library.

We have been rearranging books so you may need to ask before you find what you want. The older church newsletters have been placed on the top shelf of the M-3 Meeting Room or the Kumjoinus classroom. The current ones can still be found in the library.

Autobiography and biography books have been moved to a different area to make room for more fiction books on the east side. We are so happy to have this extra room and it will be easier to get the books in and out of the shelves. We think all of you who use the library will enjoy the new arrangement. Come visit us and see our changes.

Mission books are featured on the hallway library cart. Check one out to read!

~ The Library Staff

### NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome our newest members, Richard & Joyce Kellison, who transferred their membership from the Marion Christian Church on April 11, 2010. Welcome! The Kellison's live at 708 Sunnyslope.



ALSO... Welcome to new member Marguerite Johnson (mother of Marie Harding & Sally Johnson). Marguerite resides at Holiday Resort.

Welcome  
Our New  
Members



### APRIL 18, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ LeRoy Garnett

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

Elder ~ Fred Miller

Greeters ~ (N) Robert & Janet Wells

(S) Joyce Cress & Lola Farr

Nursery ~ John Lexow / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear

### APRIL 25, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore

Children's Message ~ Nancy LeClear

Diaconate ~ Tim & Janelle Norton, George Ford, Joan Shumate

Elder ~ John Lexow

Greeters ~ (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian

(S) Marlene Hanson & Mary Morriss

Nursery ~ Betty Richardson / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore

### MAY 2, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

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

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker / Robert Chatham

(S) John & Cindy Lexow

Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

### MAY 9, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Briana Becker

Children's Message ~ Donna Breshears

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

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker / Robert Chatham

(S) John & Cindy Lexow

Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Pianist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

## Congregational Meeting



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Emporia, Kansas will be held on SUNDAY, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the general operating budget (which is an insert to this newsletter), to elect elders, diaconate, trustees and members of church leadership as proposed below, and to vote on the recommended changes in the bylaws and constitution (summary sheet and a letter from the moderator about the changes are also included in this newsletter).

### PROPOSED OFFICERS AND LEADERSHIP

(Approved by Administrative Council 4/8/10):

Moderator: Cindy Lexow  
 Vice Moderator: Jaylene Arnett  
 Treasurer: Fred Miller  
 Secretary: Barb Gimple  
 Trustee: George Ford  
 Trustee: Nancy LeClear  
 Elder: Donna Breshears  
 Diaconate: Vickie Cole, Jeff Cole, Larry Breshears,  
 Jill McGrath, Glenn Boyce, Betty Richardson,  
 Alan Richardson, Marvin Reece, Jeanice Miller,  
 Karen Garnett

Christian Education Committee Co-chairs:

Marie Harding & Vickie Cole

Communication Committee Chair: Judy Moore

Evangelism Committee Co-chairs: Cameron Moore & John Lexow

Facilities Committee Co-chairs: John Harding & Janelle Norton

Membership/Fellowship Committee Co-chairs:

Marlene Hanson and Janece Bacon

Outreach Committee Chair: Jean Miller

Stewardship Committee Chair: Donna Breshears

Worship Committee Chair: Barb Gimple



### April 18

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-40

John 21:1-19

### April 25

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

### May 2

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

### May 9

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22:5

John 14:23-29



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

02 Dean & Fran Grisell (1950)  
 04 Walter & Wilma Spencer (1992)  
 08 Jon & Laura Breshears (2000)  
 14 Robert & Luella Hush (1957)  
 15 Russell & Christy Jarvis (1995)  
 23 Neil & Virginia Kelley (1950)  
 26 Lucas & Brittany McWilliams

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 Dana Sunderman  
 05 Merle Baxter  
 07 Briana Becker  
 07 Jan Stevenson  
 08 Debbie Davis  
 08 Duane Robinson  
 08 Desstani Russell  
 12 Dale Rohling  
 16 Betty Tholen  
 20 Diana Schaefer  
 21 Fred Kline  
 21 Tammie McDiffett  
 21 Mark Schaefer  
 22 Joyce Cress  
 22 Penny Fleming  
 24 LeRoy Garnett  
 24 Gale Kelley  
 24 Bill McClellan  
 24 Betty Richardson  
 25 Andy Kuhn  
 25 Mark Shumate  
 26 Orville Brooks  
 28 Opal Sager  
 29 Wilma Lindsey  
 30 Gail Coburn  
 30 Wanda Davis

**CONSTITUTION:**

- Deleted the Ministry Leadership Team & its meetings & changed to only one (1) governing body
- Changed governing body from Administrative Council (15 members) to Board (15 members)
- Make up of Board: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of Elders, Chair of Trustees, Chair of **each** Ministry Team, Senior Minister
- Changed: from Moderator Elect to Vice Moderator
- Changed: Combined Membership/Fellowship Ministry Teams into one, reducing Board to 15 rather than 16
- One (1) vote per position on the Board... However, is one (1) person holds more than one (1) position, only one (1) vote for all positions held.
- Each serving 1 year at a time, except the Treasurer serving 2 years & Senior Minister ongoing
- Deleted: Participating Member / Added: Active Member
- Added: Dual membership ~ here and another city
- Changed: Quorum at congregational meetings from 75 to "1 more than 50% of previous calendar year's average worship attendance"
- Changed: written notice of annual meeting (date, time, place, list nominees & proposed budget) only required to be in official publication ~ no separate mailing
- Deleted: absentee ballots (which had been provided for by those too ill to attend)
- Changed: amendments adopted by simple majority of those voting

**BYLAWS:**

- Changed: Make up of governing body as noted in Constitution
- Changed: Board will meet monthly & added planning, visioning & implementing as duties
- Changed: Quorum ~ 1 more than 50% of average Board position attendance for the previous 12 months (computed at beginning of each fiscal year); figure to be approved by the Board at its first meeting and used throughout the fiscal year. Quorum of Administrative Council was 10 (ex: Average attendance of Administrative Council 09/10 to date = 11.8, rounded to 12 div 2 = 6 + 1 = 7 quorum)

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ALWAYS have the opportunity, and are continually encouraged, to attend meetings, work on committees, propose ministry ideas, and give feedback on current ministry.

They can do so by communicating to the leadership group itself (attending meetings), or by communicating with any specific leader individually. We don't want to overwhelm you with too much information. If you don't have any questions after looking at the enclosed summary sheet, that's fine. But if you do, please pick up copies of the proposed Bylaws and Constitution and look at them in detail. (They are in the parlor or can be obtained by calling the church office to have a copy mailed to you. If you want to compare the *current* documents to the proposed documents, we'll even provide you with a copy of the current constitution/bylaws if you don't have your copy available. Again, simply call the church office and ask.)

If you want to talk with someone who has detailed knowledge about the proposed changes, you may want to speak with any of the revision committee members: Glenn Gimple, Fred Miller, Marie Harding, Pastor Bob (ex-officio) or me (ex-officio).

But, please give these changes your prayerful consideration. Also look at the two other sheets in this newsletter which give you official notice of the congregational meeting, and present the proposed nominees and the proposed budget. I think we have a great church family and I'm very impressed with the work of the Nominating Committee, as well as the work that was done by the constitution/bylaws revision committee.

Plan to join us at the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (immediately following worship). Bring your favorite side or dessert dish and stay for the Celebration Dinner immediately afterwards (the main meat dish is being provided by the church). Thanks!

*Cindy Lexow, Moderator*

**Don't forget!**  
**Potluck after Annual Meeting!**  
**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Bring side or dessert**  
**to share!!**



church continue to be more effective in our ministries.

Another big change, which we experimented with this year, was to ask the Nominating Committee to select the chairs for each of the ministry teams. This is brand new—we have never done this before! Some of the reasons I (and the current leadership team) had for trying this are:

The task of finding committee (ministry leadership team) chairs can be a daunting task. When left on the shoulders of one person (the moderator), the chairs tend to be the people the moderator knows best and/or the people who have served as committee chairs in the past.

I personally believe that one reason some capable church members have declined to serve as moderator is because they dread the task of filling the committee chairs.

Placing the task onto the Nominating Committee broadens the reach and consideration of who will be asked to serve as committee chairs, which truly helps us develop leaders within the church.

Proposing the names of the committee chairs through the Nominating Committee moves the process into early spring, and will help ensure better transition between outgoing and incoming committee leaders, as there will be approximately three months remaining of the current year, in which they can observe and get ready for their role as chair to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Because we have shown that it can work to have ministry chairs chosen through the Nominating Committee, that is part of the recommended change. Another thing that was proven to us through the New Beginnings process is the importance of having a leadership team that is relatively small, which permits true interaction among the team members in discussing issues, visioning, and implementing plans for the ministry of the church. This has also been an advantage of the Administrative Council and the Ministry Leadership Team, separately.

A leadership group of more than 18 members tends to lessen the ability for the individual interaction within the group meetings. Thus, in order to keep the leadership groups the size of current leadership teams, we have omitted the member-at-large category and the diaconate representative category. It is our belief that the diaconate will actually become MORE represented under the new constitution/bylaws, as all chairs become voting members. Church members

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Dear Church Members,  
Included in this newsletter are the official notices of three important topics which will be presented at the April 25<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

- A summary sheet of the recommended changes in our Church Bylaws and Constitution;
- The proposed slate of nominees;
- The proposed budget.

Our Church adopted our *current* bylaws and constitution in December, 2005 and those documents became effective on July 1, 2006. The 2005 documents, to *very briefly* summarize, led to the creation of the Administrative Council and the Ministry Leadership Team. The current documents have provided appropriate structure for the last four years. It was anticipated the documents would need revision after a few years of implementation of the new structure. That time has come and your church leadership is now requesting that you approve the changes we are recommending.

The new documents would create ONE governing body of the Church—which we propose to refer to as the Church Board. The new Board would consist of 15 voting positions. Those positions are:

Senior Minister, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer  
Chair of Trustees (or designee appointed by Chair of Trustees)  
Chair of Elders (or designee appointed by Chair of Elders)  
Worship Ministry Chair\* (\*or appointed designee), Stewardship  
Ministry Chair\*, Outreach Ministry Chair\*, Membership/  
Fellowship Ministry Chair\*, Facilities Chair\*, Evangelism Chair\*,  
Communication Ministry Chair\*, Christian Education Ministry  
Chair\*

The Board will meet monthly (as opposed to the Administrative Council, which was only required to meet quarterly). We believe a somewhat odd discrepancy developed by not having ministry chair members allowed to vote on the business of the church. The business of the church IS the ministry of the church, and one of the most important changes is to bring the ministry teams back into voting power, administratively, within the church structure. One of the feedback results from the New Beginnings process that our church family did last year was to remind us that we want to keep ministering to our own family, but also to reach out and minister to others beyond the walls of our church. We believe that having the same small number of leaders, with monthly meetings, and with the ministry team chairs included, will help us as a

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