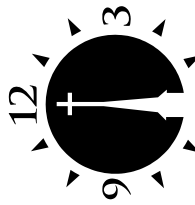


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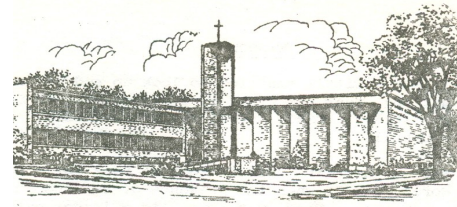


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UPcoming EVENTS

Monday, October 4th
DWF Night Group Meeting
Wednesday, October 6th
NEW BIBLE STUDY
"Simple Life Action Plan"



October 6th-8th and 8th-10th

KDW Retreat at Camp Tawakoni ~ Register Now!

Friday, October 8th ~ 5:30 p.m.
F.U.N. Night starting with Finger Foods!

Saturday, October 9th
Learning Center Pancake Breakfast



PANCAKES!

Monday, October 11th

Next Newsletter Deadline!

October 22nd-23rd
Kansas Regional Assembly in Salina

Saturday, November 13th
Gala/Auction ~ Disciples Center @ Tawakoni



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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."





We live in a scary world. We may not have the same things to be afraid of that our grandparents did, but there are plenty of frightening things out there. Everywhere you look, world politics, climate change, weapons proliferation, the economy, advancing age and illness, and change are realities that sometimes scare the pants off us.

There is an ancient legend from India that tells of the "Spirit of Plague" who passes an old man sitting under a tree. The old man stops the "Spirit of Plague" to ask, "Where are you going?" The "Spirit of Plague" answers, "To Benares, to kill one hundred people." Later, the old man heard that ten thousand people had died of the plague in that city. When the "Spirit of Plague" passed by again, the old man again stopped him. "You lied. You said you would only kill one hundred people." "I did not lie," the "Spirit of Plague" responded. "I killed but one hundred. Fear killed the rest."

We are reassured by the Gospel but we can't help but be worried and anxious about the power of evil forces—and the unknown. Paul declares in Philippians 1:28, that we should live our lives **...without being**

frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

That can be advice but putting it in to practice is the hard part. What are we to do? Paul helps us answer that question and further reassures us at the same time when he urges us to encourage each other, to comfort each other, to have fellowship with each other, to show tenderness and compassion toward each other. He tells us we should not act out of selfish ambition or vain conceit but in humility. And finally, he tells us we should act as Jesus the Christ would act...

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in h u m a n likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!"



~ **Philippians 2:6-8**

As Christians living in a dangerous world, we are implored to stand together in faith as one body and to remember and live the faith of the Gospel. Good words to live by!

Blessings, Pastor Bob

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE CHURCH!



E-mail Addresses

To send an e-mail to Pastor Bob, our Senior Minister, write to: **bobcolerick@yahoo.com**

To send an e-mail to Robert, our financial secretary, write to: **fccfinancials@yahoo.com**

To send an e-mail to Christy, our church secretary, write to: **fccoffices@yahoo.com**

To send an e-mail to Suzanne, our Preschool Director, write to: **fcclep@yahoo.com**



E-mail Addresses



Pancake Breakfast

PRESCHOOL NEWS!

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is coming up on Saturday, October 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tickets are now available from the preschool, preschool parents or in the church office!

There will also be gift baskets that will be raffled off the day of the breakfast so... **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!**

We are also having a calendar fundraiser. This is a sponsor-supported 12-month calendar that includes monthly coupons as well as preschool events for the year. Calendars will be available for purchase at the pancake breakfast; all proceeds will go directly to the preschool.



Buy A Calendar!

If you are interested in helping in some way with either of these activities, please contact the preschool teachers; we'll put you in contact with our great parent volunteers who are doing the planning, organizing, and man-power needed to stay on top of everything that isn't happening IN the preschool classroom! ~ Miss Suzanne

PRAYER NEEDS / SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

Please Pray For...



LOCAL REQUESTS

Nicholas Bacon, Gwen Boese, Penny Boese, Marlene Bowman, Bob Coburn, Doris Douglas, Cheryl Dunning, Jason Hart, Lois Housley, Marjorie Jones, Faye Kincaid

Please call the office at 342-1582 if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list. Thanks!

& Helen Spencer (*friends of Mary Schaeffer*),

Daniel Kimberlin, Arlene Kramer (*bone cancer, friend of Headricks*), Ramona Langley, Emily Lauxman, Elmaleda McMinn, Bernice Rider, J. Smith (*Iraq*), Micky Spyres, Jan Stevenson, Unspoken request for someone with severe back pain, Don White, Leon Wildberger, Scott Woodworth

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL REQUESTS...

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, county and national leaders. Continue to pray for our nation and our community.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be added as a person who will pray on the DWF prayer chain and be notified when people need prayer OR if you have a prayer need for yourself or anyone else, please contact Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.



NEW SECRET PLACE!

The new Fall Secret Place has arrived! Stop by the church office if you would like a copy! Past editions are still available in the church office as well. New ~ \$1.00 / Past ~ FREE!



Devotions Available

ATTENDANCE/GIVING / CONTACT INFORMATION



Attendance and Offering Report

ATTENDANCE RECORD

September 19, 2010~ SS- 32 / Worship - 95
September 26, 2010~ SS- 25 / Worship - 82

GIVING RECORD

September 19, 2010 ~ Offering - \$1,733.00 / Capital - \$163.00
September 26, 2010 ~ Offering - \$2,987.00 / Capital - \$335.00



Just a Reminder...

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



Church Office Hours

PASTOR'S HOURS and 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



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day he rested."



REGIONAL MEETING

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY COMING UP

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Salina, October 21-23, 2010, and you are urged to attend. The theme this year is **"Proclaiming! Claiming! Naming!"** There will be speakers, workshops, fellowship and worship. Please consider attending—your heart will be blessed and you will be glad you went. See Pastor Bob for details.

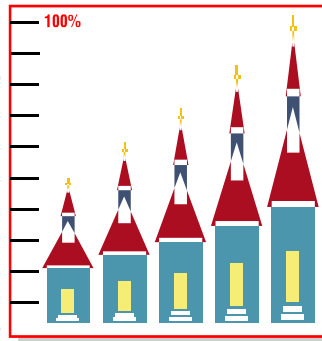
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - WHY?

Members of our church family have a history of giving faithfully to the operation of Emporia First Christian Church. Nearly a decade ago, it was determined that our church building was in need of substantial renovation. The operating budget had no provision for this expense. It was decided to conduct a separate campaign to raise funds for major repairs and renovations to the building. We knew at the time that repeated capital campaigns would be necessary in order to pay the mortgage payments we incurred in the completion of our building project.

Emporia FCC has continued to choose to separate the operating fund from the capital fund. Your faithful gifts to the operating fund (used for day-to-day operations of the church) are not used to make payments on the renovation debt, nor to provide necessary current facility repairs. Therefore, this separate campaign is necessary.



*Thanks for
your Support!*



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

~ Fred & Jean Miller

OCTOBER 3, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Janece Bacon

Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow

Diaconate ~ Karen Garnett*, Guy & Janece Bacon,
Jake Dalton

Elder ~ John Lexow

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

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

OCTOBER 10, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

Diaconate ~ Carl Richardson*, Lana Richardson, Marvin Reece,
Glenn Boyce

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson
(S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard

Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore

OCTOBER 17, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ Debbie Peck

Diaconate ~ Janelle Norton*, Joan Shumate, Alan & Betty Richardson

Elder ~ Fred Miller

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

Nursery ~ Sarah Richardson / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Donna Breshears

OCTOBER 24, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Karen Garnett

Children's Message ~ Marlene Hanson

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker*, Jeff & Vicki Cole, Jeanice Miller

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff
(S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ John Lexow / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Fred Miller





Celebrating a

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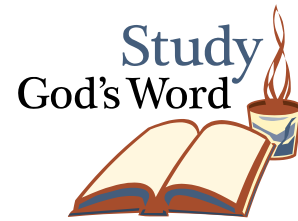
15	Torchy Duncan
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20	Karen Garnett
21	Ardie Lauxman
23	Kourtney Hopkins
23	Virginia Kelley
24	Steve Coffman
26	Mabel Henry
29	Mary Ginavan



**DISCIPLES CENTER
GALA DONATION
NEEDED**

Donations of auction items, appetizers and desserts are needed for this year's Gala/Auction to benefit Disciples Center at Tawakoni on November 13, 2010. Anyone interested in making a donation or any group wanting to support this fun event should contact Stephanie Switzky. steph.switzky@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Also, please make your reservations for tables of eight so you can be part of this great event to support the region's outdoor ministry program. Your support will make a huge difference for the great children and youth who attend camp each year.



Our new Bible reading schedule takes us through the Bible in a year and breaks down our daily readings into categories:

Sun. ~ Epistles
Mon. ~ The Law
Tue. ~ History
Wed. ~ Psalms
Thu. ~ Poetry
Fri. ~ Prophecy
Sat. ~ Gospels

Enjoy reading His Word daily!

October 3

Sun ~ Hebrew 5-7
Mon ~ Num. 29-32
Tue ~ 2 Chron. 11-15
Wed ~ Ps. 117-118
Thu ~ Prov. 28
Fri ~ Jonah
Sat ~ Acts 3-4

October 10

Sun ~ Heb. 8-10
Mon ~ Num. 33-36
Tue ~ 2 Chron. 16-20
Wed ~ Ps. 119
Thu ~ Prov. 29-30
Fri ~ Micah
Sat ~ Acts 5-6



**THIS MONTH'S
ANNIVERSARIES**

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

12	Keith & Doris Douglas
22	Bill & Gail Coburn (1988)
26	Carl & Rita Headrick (1973)

Congratulations to Keith & Doris Douglas who are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary on October 12th! Blessings to you both!

Celebrating a



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Richard Becker
02	Kathy Harris
04	Mary Ellen Phipps
05	Julia Giger
08	Debra Peck
10	Kelley Giger
11	Dennis Douglas
14	Morgan Goad
14	Harold (Hal) Lewis
15	Mike Calvert

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

A correction from the last newsletter! Thirty-three women read 405 books NOT 4 or 5 books. Sorry for the mistake!

We have the following new books ready to be checked out:

- **1022 Evergreen Place** by Debbie Macomber given by Barb Gimple.
- **Blue Ridge Brides** by Laura Bliss, **Ohio Weddings** by Beth Loughner and **Silver Mountains** by Pamela Griffin all given by Jeanice Miller.
- **The Brides of Webster County** by Wanda E. Brunstetter given by Janece Bacon.
- **Story Teller** by Robert L. White. He was a former member of our church. The illustrations in the book are by Marcus Hanson, Marlene Hanson's son.

Cindy Kuronya has given us the following: Two CD's **Simply Saxophone** and **A Heavenly Time**, and a DVD ~ **A Man, A Piano and A Hymnal** all by Brad White, who was at our church recently for a concert. Pastor Bob has given us a set of cassette tapes of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments.

~ The Library Staff

LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

LCP Pancake Breakfast is coming soon! We would really appreciate your support! You can...

- Volunteer to help sell & collect tickets
- Volunteer to help cook or serve pancakes
- Volunteer to help "bus" tables
- Purchase pancake tickets and come enjoy a great breakfast!
- Make a donation; you get to put your name in for a gift basket drawing!

FCC attenders can sign up to help at church on Sunday morning. Tickets for the pancake breakfast and the gift basket drawing can be purchased from Learning Center Preschool families, Ms. Christy in the church office or at church on Sunday from a LCP Advisory Board member. Any way you can help out is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

~ Miss Suzanne

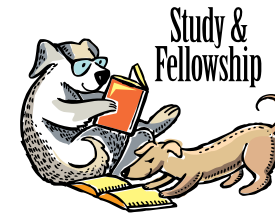


DWF NIGHT GROUP NEWS **LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE!**



The Night DWF Group will be collecting the following items at our next meeting on October 4th. The items will be taken to the KDW Retreat for their service project. If you would like to donate any of these items, please get them to the church office before October 4th. Questions? Call Debbie Peck at 342-1877. Remember, the registration form for retreat is available on the regional website. Register early!

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| 1 WASHCLOTH | 1 WIDE-TOOTH COMB |
| 1 NAIL CLIPPER | 1 BAR OF SOAP (BATH SIZE) |
| 1 TOOTHBRUSH (IN PKG.) | 6 STANDARD BAND-AIDS |
| 1 HAND TOWEL (16" X 28" ~ NO FINGERTIP OR BATH SIZE) | |



NEW STUDY!!...JUST FOR YOU!

Have you ever longed for a simpler time? Certainly anyone who reads "Reminisce" magazine remembers the "good old days" and how we used to be before everything in life got so complicated. I suspect that most of that is just wistful thinking. Our lives were probably as complex with as many thorny issues as they are today, only the particulars are different. John Denver had the right idea in his 1974 hit song "Country Boy." Today, we can't all go back to the farm, or play a fiddle or whittle but we can't help but think that maybe he had the right idea.

If you've ever struggled with any of the above then Wednesday, October 6th is a day you need to circle in red! That is the day we begin a program named "Simple Life Action Plan." We will begin with a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30.

Research reveals today's adults feel their lives are overly stressful and misguided, not allowing time for what really counts. This study leads individuals to establish priorities and apply the principles of clarity, movement, alignment and focus to four key areas of life: time, relationships, money and God. If you have ever cried out "Simplify, simplify, simplify," then this program is for you!

STEWARDSHIP BYTE

Trust is the most important factor in knowing God and His will for my life and growing His Kingdom and myself as a steward.

**PANTRY UPDATE!**

Thank you for your generosity in giving food and funds to help stock the pantry! The following is our “staples” list of items we like to have to make up food bags. Please give cash donations to Dorothy Boyce or send to the church office. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!! THANKS!**



Cereals - Boxed & Oatmeal Packets	Chicken & Tuna, Canned/Pouches
Fruit - Canned	Macaroni & Cheese
Non-Perishable Foods	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Popcorn (Microwave)	Ramen Noodles
Rice & Beans (Boxes or Bags)	Soups, Various Canned or Packets
Toilet Paper	Veggies - Various Canned
Pork & Beans	Small Sample Items - Various

(Cash donations are appreciated for the purchase of items needed.)

The holidays are coming and the need will be great. Count your many blessings and give generously to bless others throughout Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks for all you do!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

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

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

October 11th & 25th / November 8th & 29th

**NEWSLETTER ON LINE**

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporio.org. Click on “News” and select the edition you’d like to read.

MEMORIZE THE WORD!

“God is light; and in Him there is no darkness at all” ~ 1 John 1:5

**F.U.N. Night!**

Come to Fellowship Hall and enjoy a Fun night with your friends and family at First Christian Church. Remember our old F.U.N. groups? F~fellowship; U~unity and N~nurture! We’ve decided to have a game night for First Christian members, families and friends.

On **Friday, October 8th at 5:30** we’ll gather in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite games and finger food. We’ll have a lite meal of finger food, and lots of fun playing various games. Transportation can be provided—just call the church office or Cindy Lexow.

This gathering is strictly for fellowship (well, and maybe to hone your game skills!) — if this is well-received by our church family, we’ll do it more often!

~ Jill McGrath and Cindy Lexow



CALENDAR PAGE
SEE WEBSITE FOR
CALENDAR EVENTS!